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## **CAT ACTION TEAM Annual General Meeting 2013**

## Welcome, from President Eriena O'Reilly

Welcome everyone, to the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Cat Action Team.

As you will hear today, CAT has had an extremely successful year, in terms of fundraising, donations, grants, and above all, the number of cats neutered in our clinics. We continue to provide aftercare for the cats in our colonies, in the form of food and shelter. On Facebook and elsewhere, we work to find new homes for lost or abandoned cats, to re-unite owners with their lost pets, and to educate the public concerning feral cats -- their needs, and the claims that feral cats have on our compassion.

In the reports that follow, you will hear more about what CAT has achieved in the past year.

Meanwhile, I want to mention that during the late autumn, when so many of us were selling raffle tickets for the Christmas Cheer basket, shivering away as we sat just inside the doors of Canadian Tire or Kent Building Supplies or the Summerside Market, many of us had the extremely rewarding experience of being complimented by one person after another who came up to our tables to buy tickets. They would say things like, "the barn next door to our property was full of sick and starving cats, until the Cat Action Team came in and cleaned everything up!" Or, "I will never forget the way you helped us when our cat was lost!" Or simply, "I just love your group – you do so much good for the cats!"

So I want to say again, what cannot be said too many times: that CAT owes its success to the hard work and dedication of our many wonderful volunteers, some of whom have been with us since the beginning. It is due to their efforts that CAT has grown, since 2001, to become so visible and so highly regarded on the Island.

And now, let us turn to the Approval of the Agenda.