



Carol Jane Hine

(1958 -)

Carol Jane Read, a minister's daughter, was born in Johnson City, New York, the youngest of five children. While her parents worked she was cared for by her grandmother and later her oldest sister. She first displayed her interest in animals at a young age when she and her sister would find different animals and bring them home. This penchant for animals stemmed from her grandmother and mom who "were huge animal lovers". At one time, she recalls there were "two ducks swimming around in my mother's bathtub".

She went to live with an aunt in Saskatchewan for a year where she gained enough credits by New York standards to graduate at age 16. While there she met Brian Hine whom she eventually married in October of 1975 in New York and had three children. At the age of 28, the same year her youngest child started kindergarten, Carol enrolled in the nursing program at Douglas College and with Brian's support she managed to balance school with motherhood while also working and graduated.

Eventually Carol combined her nursing training and experience with her passion to care for helpless, abused, abandoned and surrendered animals by establishing SAINTS (Senior Animals in Need Today Society) in 2004. "A one-of-a-kind in Canada," her animal rescue service and sanctuary was developed from her feelings that every animal deserves to live their full life span.

Since establishing SAINTS, Carol has self-published several books about the animals whom she has cared for. She believes: "We can learn from senior and special needs animals because they teach you how to get through the day with some grace, how to live in the moment, and how to not be a victim. They deserve to be revered for their abilities, and for becoming old because they have made it through the hardships, difficulties and life challenges and are still here."

When asked what her biggest accomplishment was, Carol stated: "...personally for me it was learning to live comfortably inside my own skin, and being okay with who I was and knowing I'm a little bit different than your average person, and... being okay with that." She believes it is important to "Live life the best you can. Try always to do your best."

You can read about Carol's dedicated efforts to provide compassionate and dignified care to senior and special needs animal at: <http://www.saintsrescue.ca/>

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