



The Cat People news

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Happy Kern Cats Returns

In the last newsletter, I mentioned how we've been able to issue about \$1,000 in spay/neuter vouchers every month this past summer, thanks to your generosity. We're continuing to do so as our funds permit. Think of it – With your generous support, we've been making a significant impact in reducing the number of unwanted kittens in our county. Recently, we got some good news from Kern County Animal Services. Once more, the county is offering free spay/neuter assistance to cat colony caregivers, thanks to a grant from PetSmart Charities. This program, called **Happy Kern Cats**, is open to residents in the unincorporated areas of 93308 and 93306.

According to Shyanne Schull, director, "Kern County Animal Services is excited to once again be partnering with PetSmart Charities to offer free spay/neuter surgeries to help reduce the pet population. Our statistics continue to show that a large number of feral and free-roaming cats enter the shelter from these two zip codes. We intend to target these specific areas to help reduce the number of unwanted pets entering our shelter and help the plight of feral and free-roaming cats in Kern County."

This time around, County Animal Services is working with the low-cost spay/neuter clinic, Critters Without Litters, to get these so-called community cats altered. For information about participating in this program, call Animal Services at 661-868-7100. Unfortunately, the County does not have traps to lend to the public, but Critters Without Litters has traps to lend to people who plan to use their services. A \$75 deposit is required to ensure the return of a trap. There is no additional rental fee, and you have use of the trap for one week. Other local sources of animal-friendly trap rentals are Gardeners Supply and CLS Pet store.

Once you qualify for help through Happy Kern Cats, you can make appointments at Critters Without Litters to have feral and free-roaming cats altered Monday through Thursday. Appointments can be made just a day ahead of time. In the case of Monday appointments, please call the Friday before.

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This little cutie is Joel, one of three 10 week old kittens recently rescued. He and his brothers are ready for adoption.

case of Monday appointments, please call the Friday before. If you fail to trap the cat, please call the clinic that morning to cancel your appointment. Cats must be brought to the clinic in proper traps. To be spayed or neutered, cats must be at least 12 weeks old and weigh at least three pounds. Multiple cats, one per trap, may be brought in at the same time.

by Marleen Ray

Recent Adoptions

Celeste Burns (Kalle)
Heather Cagle (Andy 2)
Jennifer Heid (Rascal)
Shawn Simmons (Asia)
Sara Talesfore (Princes)

Gift Shop News

As 2014 comes to a close, I'd like to thank our customers for making this the most successful year in sales since I took over as manager. It's quite a rewarding feeling since my staff and I work really hard to keep our shop stocked with a unique selection of gifts for cat lovers, as well as, a wide variety of pet supplies at competitive prices. If you still haven't finished your Christmas shopping, stop by our Gift Shop. Thanks to our volunteers, Keith and John, our shop is all decked out for the holidays. We're sure to have something that would appeal to cat lovers on your gift-giving list. Don't forget to pick up something for kitty's stocking, too. We'll be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday until Dec. 21st. Then we'll be closed for the holidays until we reopen on Fri., Jan. 2nd. We're located at 1930 18th St. in the HP Sears Building near 18th and F Streets

by Marleen Ray



Noah's Ark cookie jars are just one of the many unique items in our Gift shop.

Food Assistance Program

During September and October, The Cat People gave out 810 lbs. of dry cat food and 324 cans of wet food to local families having trouble feeding their cats & kittens regularly. Recently, we added five participants to this program. Now on the average, there are 50 families in need that get food assistance from us every month. Our thanks go out to Cyd Walker and Laura Stockton for donating cat food for this program.

In addition, we'd like to thank Traci McCann for her donation of comforters and pet care supplies. Our appreciation also goes out to Cheryl Roberts and to The Bakersfield Woman's Club for their donations of towels and blankets. These donations will be used to help care for the Hart Park cats and for our fostering efforts.

If you would like to donate food for the Park cats, we could use 16 pound bags of kibble and 22 oz cans of food (no fish, please!). The 16 pound size of kibble is easiest for our park feeders to manage, and the 22 oz can would be most economical for you to purchase. Just drop them off at the Gift Shop or at Petco on Rosedale Hwy any Saturday.

by Marleen Ray



Here are a few examples of the picture frames that we carry at the Gift Shop.



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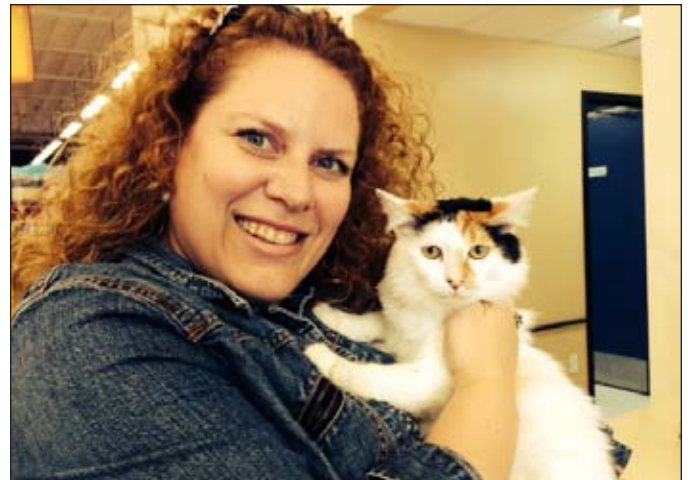
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To contact any of the above personnel please call
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Photo Gallery



Mocci was adopted by the Simmons family.



Kali spent many Saturdays at Petco waiting for her forever home. Finally she found it with Celeste Burns!



Rascal was adopted by the Heid family.



Ginger and Gerry were adopted by the Wilkerson family.

Sanctuary Report

Many of you know of our dream to build a sanctuary/office/gift store/adoption center somewhere in Bakersfield or the immediate vicinity, but some do not. In case you don't know, that's what our "Sanctuary Fund" is dedicated to. We have had some very generous donors in the past and have accumulated a large amount of cash (which is in a restricted account) but we're not quite at the total. We estimate we will need about \$300,000. When we get to half of that amount we can start looking for matching grants -- so you see, we're almost but not quite there!

All of us on the Board, and all our volunteers and supporters, share our dream of a place where adoptable cats can roam free in indoor/outdoor quarters, and where we can run a really spiffy gift shop. In the meantime, please keep those donations coming. Any little bit helps. Our total to date is:

\$133,449.22

The Park Report

Winter is here and thanks to some generous donors, the Habitat cats will be nice and cozy. We wish we could put warm comforters under all the bushes and even bring out doghouses, but at least our Mill Habitat felines will be able to snuggle up on these cold nights. We always need more bedding, so keep us in mind as you clean out the linen closet.

Sadly, we say good-bye to Ivory, a beautiful long-haired white cat rescued by Frieda, over 10 years ago. On that particular day, Frieda was making the rounds to all the park stations when she spotted a frightened white long-haired adult cat at the Monument. Having forgotten her carrier, Frieda put the cat on her lap and brought her in. After countless baths, shaving, and her Auburn Veterinary Hospital stay, Frieda brought her home and has cared for her ever since. In early November, Ivory took her last trip to Auburn after her kidneys began failing and crossed over to that Rainbow Bridge. Thanks to Frieda, little Ivory had a wonderful, loving home for these many years.

In mid-November, Dianna and I picked up two darling eight-week old kittens at the Mill, now named Miller 1 and 2. Hopefully, they will have been adopted by the time you read this. Jill and Cindy brought in a beautiful black short-haired female and she is up for adoption. A little black and white male rescued off of Hill Road has medical issues due to a massive infection so he enjoys the other cats at my house, along with Tree Mama who likes to do the old cat love bite and Chester with the bad teeth.

As always, a big thanks to our tireless volunteers for their faithful treks to the park and concern for our abandoned park cats. It really takes a special person to take the amount of time and effort to do this week after week. Thank you, too, donors, for your financial support, so needed to keep this program going and, mountains of gratitude to Dr. Utt and her incredible staff at Auburn Veterinary Hospital for taking care of our park rescues — you are all the best!

by Barb Hays



One of three little kittens rescued from a horrible fate. Hopefully this little guy will find his forever home after his debut at Petco.



Miller 1 & 2 were found sitting on a curb at the Park. Both just finished getting tested and are not too happy with Auburn tech Della. These two little guys now have a chance.

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In memory of Florence Rocha – Bob & E.J. Rutledge

In memory of our beloved cat, Smokey – Bob & E.J. Rutledge

In memory of Mari Lynn Conley – Dee Daniels

In memory of Ginger, my sweet 24-year-old kitty, who just made her
journey to the Rainbow Bridge – Dee Daniels

In memory of Loretta Rodgers – Linda Underwood

In memory of Gypsy, beloved feline companion of Laura Stockton
and her neighborhood – Nancy Thompson

To honor Robin Paggi on her birthday – Bob & E.J. Rutledge

To wish Robin & Pat Paggi a "Merry Christmas"
– Bob & E.J. Rutledge

To wish my husband, Bob Rutledge, a very Merry Christmas
– E.J. Rutledge

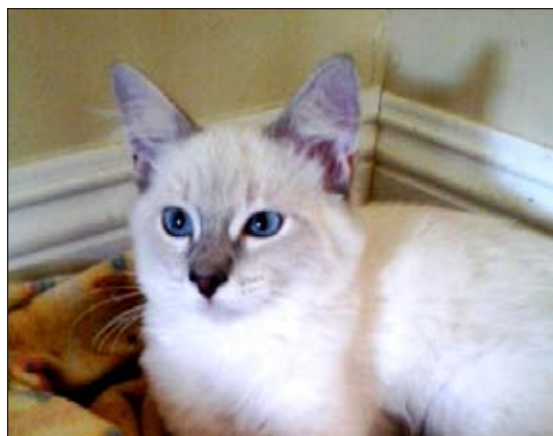
In honor of Natalie's birthday and to help rescue more homeless
cats – Deron Hodge

In honor of Natalie's birthday and to help rescue abandoned cats
– Catherine Willmunder

In honor of Dinah McHone this Christmas season
– Barbara McManus



This little sweetie has been living at the Park for some time. As you can see, she eats well! She has been spayed and if we had room, we would take her in and put her up for adoption.



Dance with the angels, Donald, until we meet again. June 2014 - October 2014. Debbie Jensen.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Count me in! I'd like to help THE CAT PEOPLE provide services to Bakersfield homeless cats. Enclosed is my check for: \$_____ to be applied to:

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