

The ResQCats Catsette

A non-profit sanctuary dedicated to the rescue, care and adoption of abandoned cats and kittens

September 2006 Newsletter & FALL Fundraiser

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Scratching Posts Could be Our Next Source of Energy!

Department of Energy Says our cats are likely to be our next source of Energy. They are testing scratching pads & posts as a viable sources. Kittens are known for their unlimited energy. Get your kittens at **ResQCats** while supplies last!

Kitten Smuggling Ring In SB?

Where did your kitties come from? The word on the street is these kittens are being taken for a ride to SB. Be certain of the best cared for and ready to adopt kittens at **ResQCats**. (story on page 4)

July 3, 2006

Local Couple Adopt 1000th Kitten

Wayne and Sandra Kosaka were recognized today by RESQCATS for adopting the organization's 999th and 1000th kittens.

When the Kosaka's arrived to pick up their two new kittens, "Wabi" and "Sabi", at the RESQCATS cattery this morning, they were surprised to find Jeffyne Telson, Founder and President of RESQCATS, and more than two dozen of the organization's volunteers and supporters present to help celebrate the milestone.

In addition to their two new kittens, the pleasantly startled couple was presented with some special "1000th Adoption Presents" that included a giant cat condo, a large bag of Science Diet kitten food, a plastic cat carrier and a gift basket brimming with cat treats, supplies and toys.

Wayne, a graphic designer and Sandra, a color and lighting consultant, named their new family members Wabi and Sabi...Japanese words that roughly translate to "beauty in imperfection" ...a good balance since the Kosaka's personal work requires such precision.

When the Kosaka's made their first foray to RESQCATS during their kitten search they knew immediately upon arriving at the RESQCATS facility that it was the place where they wanted to adopt from. "We loved the way the facility looked, how the volunteers worked with the cats and how well the indoor program functioned. It had a Zen feeling...the spirit was right!"

RESQCATS is a non-profit cat sanctuary dedicated to the rescue, care and adoption of abandoned cats and kittens. Telson founded the organization in 1997 with the goal of helping to find a solution to the growing number of unwanted cats and kittens in Santa Barbara County. Her objective is today as it was then... "to change the world, one cat at a time!"

The RESQCATS medical protocol, established by a local vet, has remained the same for all 1000 adoptions. Each cat has a complete vet exam, leukemia test, upper-respiratory vaccination, flea bath, de-worming medication and is spayed or neutered before he or she goes to their new home.

Telson was very excited to honor the Kosaka's for their 1000th adoption at RESQCATS but her work is not done. She's already looking toward her next one thousand adoptions. "We have nearly 30 kitties at our facility today available for adoption with more litters arriving every week... it's going to be another very busy year." ♦



Jeffyne with Wayne & Sandra Kosaka, guardians for RESQCATS' 999th & 1000th adopted kitties.



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...President's Message...

A lot has happened since you received our Summer 2006 RESQCATS newsletter.

This is our 9th kitten season and as of August 31, we have found homes for 1045 kittens.

There are 23 visiting at RESQCATS now as they proceed through the various stages of our medical protocol and 9 in foster care waiting to come to RESQCATS. 84 stray or abandoned cats and kittens have been adopted so far this year bringing our total number of adoptions to 1045!

As usual, every single kitty has been to the vet for an exam, been tested for Feline Leukemia, de-wormed, vaccinated and spayed or neutered before going to their new homes.

The volunteers who foster kittens have been wonderful this busy season. You can imagine the hard work and number of hours it takes all of us to operate RESQCATS while it is at full capacity. It is virtually impossible to add bottle feeding several litters at 3-4 hour intervals to the already, overwhelming schedule at our facility. The volunteers who foster these kittens make a huge commitment to caring for them every few hours until they are ready to come to RESQCATS...they are truly "Angels-On-Earth!"

- **Phoebe Alexiades** took care of six kittens from the time they were two weeks old. When their mother was pregnant, she was dumped at the Santa Ynez River because she was hungry and eating food that a lady put out for her cat.
- **Susan Leroy** helped a mommy cat who had seven kittens and was not even a year old herself. The mother cat had only three functioning nipples so the smallest kittens in the litter were, literally, starving to death.
- **Rebecca Branscome** bottle fed five two-week-old kittens that her son discovered while plowing the land around his greenhouses.
- **Denny and Bonnie Epperson** helped me with bottle feeding three tiny babies found under someone's bushes so I could get a couple of nights of much-needed sleep. (Ironically, I was preparing to give a seminar on fostering and bottle feeding!)

These special people have saved the lives of all of these kittens this season.

I really want to honor all our volunteers...they are what makes this organization possible...I am in awe of their dedication and commitment!

All of us at RESQCATS eagerly anticipated the 1000th adoption! It finally happened on July 3, 2006 when Wayne and Sandra Kosaka arrived to pick up their new family members, "Wabi" and "Sabi." The couple had pre-adopted them the week before but had to wait to take them home until after their spay and neuter surgeries and some recovery time. That gave us time to plan the SURPRISE!

Over a dozen volunteers showed up at RESQCATS prior to Sandra and Wayne's arrival. They even parked their cars off the property so the nothing appeared out of the ordinary. The volunteers busied themselves in the cattery, going unnoticed by the unsuspecting couple, when they arrived to take their new kittens home.



Jeffyne with Crystal and Sapphire!

There were signs hanging all over the cattery in bright colors that said "1000th Adoption" and we placed a bunch of helium balloons in front of "Wabi & Sabi's" enclosure. I walked Sandra and Wayne into the cattery and told them how hard we had worked to reach the 1000 adoptions milestone. When they walked up to their kitten's enclosure, (still totally unaware of anything), I said, "By the way, you have adopted the 999th and 1000th kittens from RESQCATS and there are a few people here who would like to congratulate you!" At that moment, all the volunteers emerged into full view with applause, congratulations and a few tears of joy!

It was a total surprise for the Kosaka's but they handled all the attention very well. There were lots of pictures taken, congratulatory handshakes, hugs and interviews.

We then invited everybody into my house where the volunteers had set up a potluck breakfast of fruit, breads, coffee, juice and chocolates for all to enjoy.

Wayne, Sandra, Wabi and Sabi left two hours later with big smiles on their faces as well as a basket of toys, the celebration balloons, kitten food, a big kitty condo and an embroidered baby blanket that read "Welcome Home!"

Two weeks later, Wayne, Sandra and everyone associated with RESQCATS got together again for a pot-luck luncheon and an afternoon of celebration...with no surprises!

What a milestone...1000 kitties (and more to this date) have passed through RESQCATS in less than 10 years! There has hardly been time to relish the excitement because there are so many kittens here and so many more on the way. We can't stop working just because we've reached the 1000 adoption milestone!

This also means that I am once again asking for your support. We are only halfway through this year's kitten season. You receive this newsletter because you have been a part of our success with our first one thousand adoptions and now I need your help with (OH, am I really saying this?) the next 1000! Your tax-deductible donation has saved so many lives in the past and will help save more in the future.

Thank you so much for all you do.

Sincerely,

Jeffyne Telson
PRESIDENT, RESQCATS, INC.





The Miracle of Love

This is a special story about a lady who has volunteered at RESQCATS for the past seven years.

Her name is BJ Hawley.

BJ has dedicated 2–3 mornings every week during kitten season to help socialize the kittens that arrive at the facility. Many of these kittens have never felt a human touch or love from a person and are absolutely terrified when they arrive. I have watched BJ spend countless hours with these cats...feeding them off her fingers, playing and cuddling with them until she has transformed these frightened little souls into purring machines. It is through her love that they become wonderful companions for their adoptive guardians.

BJ continues her schedule throughout the year showing up 2–3 times every week after our season to take care of the resident cats. They absolutely love her and gather at the door when she arrives. They all know that when BJ walks in...snacks arrive, they get brushed, lots of love and kisses are given and most important of all...they get their daily allotment of catnip! She is one of our "year round" volunteers.

I remember several years ago when "Snowie" arrived at RESQCATS. She was a beautiful solid white cat with four adorable white babies. Of course, the kittens were adopted immediately. Snowie was also adopted but she was returned within a week because she was so shy. Actually, she wasn't just shy, she was terrified of anything that moved or made the slightest sound in her new surroundings.

It was no wonder...Snowie had lived out on the street for several years and who knows how many litters she had produced. Everyone at RESQCATS loved her but no one more than BJ. Her white fur just seemed to symbolize purity and the innocence portrayed through her big yellow-green eyes touched our souls.

But remember this! None of us got into rescue work with the intention of having to keep unadoptable kitties...most shelters just euthanize them! There is NO WAY I can even imagine doing that, despite there being no ready solution to the overpopulation of animals in this country. But destroying an unadoptable cat that arrives at RESQCATS is never a consideration.

It is a long-term commitment to take on a RESQCATS resident. Many are not that old when they arrive, so we are looking at, perhaps, five to ten years of providing for them. Snowie was only about 4–5 years old when she arrived. Once we realized that she was never going to do well in an adoptive home, BJ stepped forward. BJ loved Snowie and promised to provide her with love, brushing sessions, albacore tuna in water and her favorite "bouncy balls" for her entire lifetime at RESQCATS. BJ has lived up to her promise and more!

Snowie is one of the RESQCATS residents who prefer to be away from the other cats...they have a tendency to pick on her. So Snowie has her own indoor enclosure that is connected to her own private outdoor enclosure by her very own overhead cat trail.

Unfortunately, Snowie's harsh life on the streets has shown up in the form of skin cancer on her ears, nose and forehead. Four years

ago, she had her ears totally amputated due to the cancer. It was such a shock to see her after her surgery...I came home from the hospital in tears and had to emotionally prepare all the volunteers. She had stitches across the entire top of her head and had to wear a special collar so that she would not pull out any of the sutures. She was obviously miserable; however, her vet was wonderful about controlling her pain with medication. But Snowie's full recovery was because of BJ!

BJ showed up every morning for the next two weeks to remove the special collar so Snowie could eat the baby food, tuna and diced chicken she had brought.

BJ has always been there for Snowie through all the subsequent skin cancer surgeries she has needed. She is dedicated to Snowie and that unconditional love is returned every time Snowie sees BJ.

I knew BJ was a very special woman and you would think I would have known her inner thought process through all these years. But she has a quiet personal peace about her. She usually arrives early, does her job, leaves me a note about anything I need to know and leaves. She has offered her advice and opinion on issues that arise about the kittens from an objective point of view. She has consoled me during hard times.

But I don't think I ever really knew her until recently.

I was aware that every morning and every evening for over five years, she had cared for a cat that had been abandoned at a nearby apartment building. His name is "Simba" and he is a beautiful brown tabby cat that has lived outside for his twelve years. During his lifetime, he has been forced to fight with other cats. He could never adjust to living indoors so BJ has tried to make the best of it.

BJ was always concerned when new tenants moved into "Simba's apartment." She needed to get permission from each newcomer saying it was okay for him to stay with the understanding that BJ would take care of all of his needs. She never missed a day taking care of Simba.

It was an unwritten understanding that on rainy days, BJ would not appear at RESQCATS. During each storm, Simba's wet bedding had to be changed and his area had to be weatherproofed.

I don't know why I didn't realize then how much she loved this cat and was dedicated to his well-being. I think hearing about it and seeing it are two very different things.

My vision became very clear about three months ago. BJ was in a panic because new tenants had moved into Simba's apartment and they had pit bull dogs. (Not all pit bulls deserve the bad rap they get...but these and their owners did!) The dogs were not confined and constantly escaped from their yard, ran loose in the neighborhood and threatened Simba. The owners did not seem to care and did not attempt to try to keep the dogs from getting out. Talking to the owners did no good and unfortunately, neither did contacting the landlord.

BJ notified the local authorities about the situation and spent the next six weeks documenting the behavior and escapes of the pit bulls. She took photographs of the dogs on the loose and wrote letters...all to no avail...the authorities did nothing!

BJ was stressed to the point of being sick and I have never heard her cry like she did on the phone one day. Simba had been her responsibility for five years...he was her cat.

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Above: BJ & Simba share a special moment.

Right: Simba looking regal.





“Where Do RESQCATS Kitties Come From?”

Quite often during a tour of RESQCATS people will ask, “Where do you get all of your kittens?” Well, I could go on for a long time telling them all the kitties’ stories but I always think to myself... “How much time do you have and do you REALLY want to know?!!”

Sometimes we don’t know about all the circumstances of the stray and abandoned cats and kittens that arrive at RESQCATS and I know it would break my heart if I did know their entire history.

RESQCATS often works with an organization called CATALYST for CATS. They trap the feral cats; have them spayed and neutered and then they are returned to their original location where someone has been assigned to feed them. Or they are relocated to an area where they will be safe and someone has taken on the responsibility of feeding them. The program is called “trap-neuter-return” or TNR. Essentially, the cats return to their life in the wild since there is no way to tame them; however they do not have to continue having 2–3 litters of kittens every year. If the kittens survive, they are often feral and in six months to a year they will have their own litters. That is how a colony of feral cats begins.

Many times the kittens of these feral moms are discovered while the kittens are young enough for RESQCATS volunteers to tame and socialize. After they have followed the RESQCATS medical protocol and are socialized little purring machines, they are adopted and never have to suffer the harsh life of their ancestors on the streets. About half of the kittens here arrive through CATALYST for CATS.

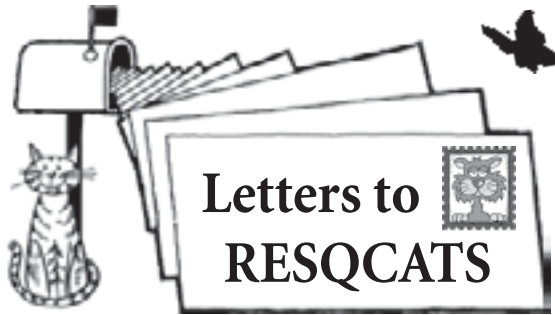
The other half find their way to RESQCATS in one way or another and their stories are endless. I’ll just share a few stories with you:

- A cat was attacked by two dogs and the owner could not afford surgery to save the cat—the veterinarian called RESQCATS and asked us to take her and find her a new home after she performed surgery.
- A pregnant mom and other kittens were left in a box that had been duct-taped shut and dropped off in the middle of a neighborhood street. The pregnant mom gave birth shortly after they were discovered but five of her six kittens did not survive the trauma.
- A stray, pregnant mom showed up on someone’s apartment doorstep. “Katie” was brought to RESQCATS and her eight kittens were born in the soft luxury of a foster volunteer’s bathroom rather than out on the street somewhere.
- Three hungry and crying, two-week-old kittens were found near a drainage pipe by a woman’s dog. There was no sign of a mommy cat.
- A lady was upset when she found a stray cat eating her own cat’s food outside her house. She put the stray cat in a box and

dumped it at the Santa Ynez River. The next day she heard kittens crying and realized, all too late, that the “dumped” mom had a litter of six newborn kittens!

- “Ojee” was left behind when someone moved...he was asking for food from all the neighbors and living in a shed behind someone’s house.
- A litter of kittens was born to a feral mom who was at least 7–8 years old and had probably given birth to two litters a year for her entire life...the neighbors finally got tired of all the kittens growing into cats and having more kittens.
- Five kittens were found by a young man when he went out to plow the land around his greenhouses in Summerland.
- Many kittens have arrived from a colony of 60 plus, non-spayed or neutered cats and kittens, living at a mobile home park in Santa Maria....producing litter after litter each year.
- A young woman went to a house advertising “free kittens.” When she arrived and saw the unhealthy kittens and the conditions the people were living in, the woman convinced them to let her adopt the mommy cat, too. She had no way of knowing that the mommy cat was already pregnant again! She gave birth to six kittens in her closet on July 18...they will arrive at RESQCATS in a few weeks.
- A well-meaning lady rescued two kittens about a year ago, but never had them spayed or neutered. The female got pregnant and gave birth to seven kittens. However, since the mommy only had three nipples to produce milk for all the babies several of them were, literally, starving to death. It was just too much for the mom to handle, so the kittens had to have supplemental bottle feeding for almost a month. Five of the kittens arrived at RESQCATS on July 28th but two are still in foster care and requiring special attention. Both the mother and father have been spayed and neutered and returned to their original guardian. The kittens will be adopted through RESQCATS after they are spayed and neutered! ♦





"We want to thank you for your letters & photos, and please continue, it is really fun sharing these with all of our friends"

Hi Jeffyne,

Thank you so much for everything. I loved seeing the adorable picture of "**Mosley**" in the last newsletter. Soooooo cute!

Mosley is doing great. He's more than fine. I think he thinks that he runs the house. He is king of his domain. He gets into my closet and climbs up my clothes that are on hangers! I love it. He is such a cuddle bug, too. He sleeps with me every night and whines if he is accidentally left outside my shut door.

I hope all is going well for you and RESQCATS.

Love,

Beth Ann Gorsky

Dear Jeffyne,

All because of you, cats and kittens have an earthly Garden of Eden and all because of you, so much love and joy has been given to all the people who adopt from RESQCATS. My "**Chico**" is fat and happy. We play "Hide & Seek" all the time! Did I forget to mention how happy I am that I have my **Chico**!

All the best,

Pat Pellino

Hi RESQCATS,

"**Bicou**" says "Hi" and "Thank You" for finding him a truly nice home!!! He definitely has the run of my house and heart!

By the way, he is about five times the size since you saw him as a kitten when I brought him home!

Thank you again,

Alan Wautier and Bicou

Dear Jeffyne,

Today I am at a loss for words as I try to express our gratitude for bringing the lives of our dear "**Gwinevere**" and "**Gump**" to us. I wonder if you could ever really know just how your living life's work affects so many people. Because of your amazing rescue work, I believe you "rescue" as many human souls as you do feline souls.....Thank you for our little treasures and for being who you are—you are a treasure, too!

Laura and Nathaniel Courtens

Dear RESQCATS,

We just want to thank you again for bringing our wonderful cats into our lives. They are unbelievably affectionate, well-adjusted kittens. The veterinarian even commented on how calm they are...I just wish they wouldn't grow so fast. I don't know how you do what you do...but we sure appreciate it. Thanks for bringing "**Roxy**" and "**Mojo**" into our lives.

Sincerely,

Marcella Young

Hi RESQCATS!

We both wanted to say thank you again for ALL you've done for us. Both "**Wabi**" and "**Sabi**" are doing just fine and "**Sandi-dog**" is adjusting fine also.

We will always remember this special occasion and are happy to be a part of your dreams!

Love,

Wayne, Sandy, Sandi-dog, and Wabi & Sabi (the 999th and 1000th kitties to be adopted from RESQCATS!)

Dear Jeffyne,

I would like to donate \$10.00 from my allowance for RESQCATS! I really enjoyed being your little helper (volunteer) two summers ago. Last year, I got a dog. Her name is **Sadie**. **Sadie** and **Scruffy** (the cat) get along really well. All **Sadie** does is kiss him and it seems like **Scruffy** doesn't mind it.

Love,

Alisa Deen

Dear Jeffyne,

Thank you so much for the cozy blanket you sent to "**Snow**" and "**Shadow**." They use it everyday! It is a great help since the "girls" favorite spot is on my white comforter on my bed. (they are hard to see as both **Snow** and **Shadow** are pure white!)

They are sweet, funny, silly and fun. My house is covered with toy mice which is their favorite toy. They drive me crazy when I am on the computer! That is when they DEMAND my attention! Anyway, I love them very much.

Snow and **Shadow** asked me to send a donation to help other kitties find good homes.

Love,

Pat McCloskey, Snow and Shadow

Dear Jeffyne,

Thank you so much for letting me work at RESQCATS for my work study. I learned so much from you. I now know more of the responsibilities of owning a cat shelter. I enjoyed everything and had so much fun! I owe you so much and admire you! THANK YOU!

Love,

Courtney

Dear Jeffyne,

I cannot begin to tell you how much I am enjoying "**Meisha**." She is getting braver each day. She has begun to play with my two miniature dachshunds—what a delight to watch!

Thank you ever so much for your generosity and all that you do.

Warmest wishes,

Laurie Riley

Dear Jeffyne,

Thank you so much for our kitten...WE LOVE HER! The children named her "**Lily Fern**" (Fern is her middle name!) She keeps us constantly amused. It has been so long since we had a kitten. I had forgotten the endless joy they find in playing with everything. Her favorite toy is the ribbon on the stick that you gave her.

It turns out that the timing was perfect. Our 13 year old lab fell victim to bone cancer just a week after we got Lily so her presence helped to fill the void left by our dog's passing.

Thank you again. The children could not have been more surprised!

Take care,

Eve, Bruce, Frances, George and Fiona Kuesis

RESQCATS Photo Contest Winners



"Most Photogenic" - OJEE

Ojee's guardians are Patti Laut and Mark Smith



Photo by Lora Wreb, Brooks Institute of Photography

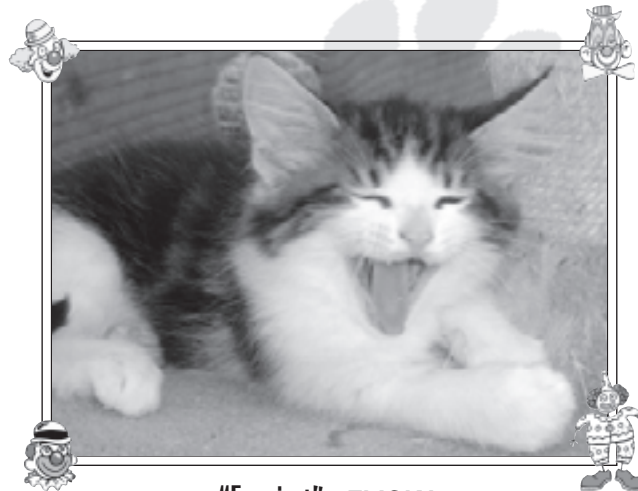
"Most Adoptable" - NEMO

Nemo's guardian is Todd Wilkinson



"Sweetest" - GWEENIE

Gweenie's guardians are Laura and Nathaniel Courtens



"Funniest" - FLICKA

Flicka's guardian is Karen Harvey



"Most Kissable" - SID

Sid's guardians are Sarah & Carlos Grano



"Cutest" - SQUIRT

Squirt's guardians are Walt and Evelyne Chezum

Pussycats

Sometimes he sits at your feet looking into your face with an expression so gentle and caressing that the depth of his gaze startles you.

Theophile Gautier

RESQCATS

Photo Contest Winners



"Best Couple" – PEEKA & BELLA

Peeka and Bella's guardians are
Krista Harris and Steve Brown



"Most Confident" – PEEKA

Peeka's guardians are
Krista Harris and Steve Brown

Honorable Mentions



SHILOH

Shiloh's guardians are the Reed family:
Tom, Marcia and Caitlin



SEBASTION

Sebastian's guardians are
Donna and Ernest Alcorn



B'ELANNA

B'Elanna's guardians are
Lance and Carla Hewitt



How To Enter The Photo Contest!

RESQCATS has a "Photo Contest" for each Newsletter. To be eligible, just mail or email us your cutest and/or funniest and/or sweetest kitty pictures along with your letters. (If you mail, be sure to write your name and your kitty's name on the back of the photo(s)). There is no limit to the number of entries you can submit.

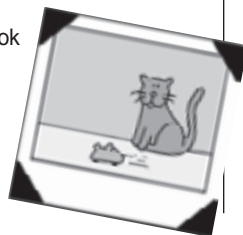
Our volunteers and staff will choose the winners of each category. The winners receive a RESQCATS prize and will be featured in the Photo Contest space.

Because of the **huge response** to Photo Contest, we are having to expand the categories for entries: there will always be one for CUTEST, one for FUNNIEST, and one for the SWEETEST, but to include more of these adorable photos, we will pick a few more appropriate categories for the other great photos.

So have your digital cameras ready for the action. We look forward to the fun of picking the winners!

Thank you for your tremendous response!
Keep up the GOOD work!

(Please note: We prefer to receive digital photos, that have not been adjusted, sent via email to: RESQCATS@aol.com)



The Cat Person's Multiplication Table

One cat needs a friend so then you have two
Somehow a third comes along and what can you do?

The fourth was so sad-eyed and needed a home
But when you picked her up her sister came along.

The neighbor moved out and and guess what – left the cat!
How can people abandon a sweetheart like that?

The kind elderly lady down the block passed away
She left you her darling now he has to stay.

People always find you bringing sad stories and strays
You say "No, I can't!" But in the end, the cat stays.

You're a bona fide **Cat Person**. A huge heart and veterinary bill.
You swear you're getting rid of them all!

(But, of course, you never will.)

– from "Cat Blessings" by Bob Lovka



Some VERY SPECIAL Thank You's!



SmartyKat donated multiple boxes of kitten toys and scratching pads filled with catnip!

Cat Claws donated feather toys for all the cats and kittens to play with while staying at RESQCATS and they each got to choose one to take to their new home. They also donated cardboard carriers for the ride home!

All About Pets (on De La Vina) donated kitten toys and cat collars.

Aspen Pet donated cat collars and toys for all the kitties.

Walt and Evelynne Chezum made a two generous donation to help the kitties at RESQCATS this year in memory of "Sophie," "Cheyenne" and "Sheyna."

Denny and Bonnie Epperson fostered "Midnight," "Milo" and "Tiger." Then they made a beautiful donation in memory of little "Tiger" when he died.

Phoebe Alexiades fostered and bottle fed six tiny kittens until they were ready to come to RESQCATS. She even gave a home to one of them.

Susan Leroy fostered a tiny young mommy cat and her seven babies who were not doing well. Mommy only had three nipples producing milk for all seven babies. Susan had the kittens for weeks, bottle feeding and nursing them back to health.

Courtney Hazard decided to do her work study for school at RESQCATS. She was assigned to go out into the "real world" and see what work was all about. She worked at RESQCATS everyday for an entire week and prepared a report for school. She interviewed volunteers, helped with all the cleaning duties, visited the vet's office, received a behind-the-scenes tour of the Humane Society, helped with the newsletter and assisted with all the duties of taking care of the kitties. She continues to volunteer every Saturday! Her goal is to one day start her own animal shelter.

Rebecca Branscome found five two week-old kittens on her son's property as he was PLOWING! She rescued them, bottle-fed and fostered them until they were old enough to come to RESQCATS.

Susan Bosch donated a 200 disc CD player for the cattery!

Lora Wereb photographed the cats and kittens for the "Pet of the Week" section of the Santa Barbara News-Press so that they could find homes.

La Cumbre Animal Hospital worked for nine years with RESQCATS and saw over 900 cats and kittens. Their dedication was awesome. A very special thank you to **Buck Brillhart, DVM** for his unending support!

Greg Haskell, DVM and Jacqueline Heller, DVM at Adobe Pet Hospital have seen many of the cats and kittens of RESQCATS and helped with some of our very special-needs kitties! THANK YOU!

Bud Stuart, DVM of Fairview Pet Clinic has been wonderful about helping out with the vet exams and Feline Leukemia tests for so many of the RESQCATS kittens. He always refers people to our organization and many kittens find purrfect homes because of him.

St. Francis Pet Clinic sees many of the kittens and cats for exams, testing, and spay or neuter surgeries. The vets and staff are wonderful and I am honored that they would add RESQCATS to their list of non-profit organizations that they help! Santa Barbara would be lost without their help!

The Foster Care Group – I would like to extend a very special thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have fostered kittens for RESQCATS. They have bottle fed kittens through the night, socialized them and just cared for them until we had a space for them.

- ☆ **Phoebe Alexiades**
- ☆ **Rebecca Branscome**
- ☆ **Lorraine Cestone**
- ☆ **Sandra Christeson**
- ☆ **Denny & Bonnie Epperson**
- ☆ **Kristen Grinnell**
- ☆ **Susan Leroy**



Cheyenne, along with her brother "Chumash," found a home with Jeff & Tina Long



Miracle of Love

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She respected that he was an outside cat and did not want to break his spirit by trying to bring him inside. He had a history of cat fights so being face to face with other cats was not an option either.

In desperation, BJ asked if she could have an outside enclosure built for Simba at RESQCATS. She knew he would not do well in one like Snowie's with access to an inside space where he had to see other cats. I said to her, "BJ, we HAVE an outdoor enclosure that none of the cats seem to use. Why don't we set that up for Simba and see how he does?" And that is just what we did.

Simba loves his outdoor enclosure and his access to several of the overhead cat trails that allow him to watch the world below. BJ has provided him with more plush bedding in baskets and carriers than I have ever seen for a single cat. Even the tops of the carriers have bedding. He now lives like a king...grass planted for him to eat at his leisure, more toys than people think about giving to even a kitten, catnip everywhere and a variety of food for his picky palette several times a day. We have plans for his new enclosure that will also provide him an indoor space away from the other cats during rainy season.

Oh, did I mention that Simba is a wonderful cat!!!!

BJ visits RESQCATS every morning and spends no less than two hours with him as well as helping in the cattery.

I have never seen anyone care for and love an abandoned cat like BJ does for Simba. No words could express the beauty of the bond that they share. It is unlike anything I have had the pleasure of experiencing.

Now I feel like I truly know BJ and I am blessed to have witnessed her *Miracle of Love*. ♦

Some ResQCats Shorts!



Rules for Cats Who Have a House to Run!

1. **Doors:** Do not allow closed doors in any room. To get a door opened, stand on hind legs and hammer with forepaws. Once the door is opened, it is not necessary to use it. After you have ordered an "outside" door opened, stand halfway in and halfway out and think about several things. This is particularly important during very cold weather, rain, snow or in mosquito season. Swinging doors are to be avoided at all costs.
2. **Chairs and Rugs:** If you have to throw up, get to a chair quickly. If you cannot manage in time, get to an Oriental rug. If there is no Oriental rug, shag is good. When throwing up on the carpet, make sure you back up so that it is as long as the human's bare foot.
3. **Bathrooms:** Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It is not necessary to do anything—just sit and stare.
4. **Hampering:** If one of your humans is engaged in some activity and the other is idle, stay with the busy one. This is called "helping," otherwise known as "hampering." Following are the rules for hampering:
 - A. When supervising cooking, sit just behind the left heel of the cook. You cannot be seen and, therefore, stand a better chance of being stepped on and then picked up and comforted.
 - B. For book readers, get in close under the chin, between eyes and book, unless you can lie across the book itself.
 - C. For knitting projects or paperwork, lie on the work in the most appropriate manner so as to obscure as much of the work as possible, or at least the important part. Pretend to doze, but every so often reach out and slap the pencil or knitting needles. The worker may try to distract you...ignore it. Remember, the aim is to hamper work. Embroidery and needlepoint projects make great hammocks in spite of what the humans may tell you.
 - D. For people paying bills, (monthly activity) or working on income taxes or Christmas cards (annual activity), keep in mind that the aim is to hamper! First, sit on the paper being worked on. When dislodged, watch sadly from the side of the table. When activity proceeds nicely, roll around on the papers, scattering them to the best of your ability. After being removed for the second time, push pens, pencils, and erasers off the table, one at a time.
5. **Walking:** As often as possible, dart quickly and as close as possible in front of the human, especially on stairs, when they have something in their arms, in the dark and when they first get up in the morning. This will help their coordination skills.
6. **Bedtime:** Always sleep on the human at night so he/she cannot move around!

ResQCats – A Delightful Experience

BY COURTNEY HAZARD (VOLUNTEER – AGE 12)

RESQCATS is a non-profit cat sanctuary.

It is kitten season so there are lots and lots of kittens!

All these kittens deserve a great home...so let's give them one!



Garak was adopted by Lance and Carla Hewitt.

Since RESQCATS has so many kittens, you would really be helping them out by adopting one. There is no reason not to. Here are some of the reasons I think you should adopt:

- If nobody adopts any kittens, then they might be without a good home...so if you adopt a RESQCATS kitten, you would be saving the life of an innocent creature.
- RESQCATS has plenty of kittens so you won't have any trouble choosing one. There are tons of different colors and personalities.
- When you have your own kitten you will never be lonely.
- Whenever you get home your kitten will always be there waiting for you.
- If your house just happens to have mice in it, then chances are your cat is going to catch them! Some people adopt a cat and have it catch mice...so you can definitely count on your cat!
- As time goes by, you can watch your kitten grow! It's a delightful experience to see that. (Trust me; I have three kitties...so I know!)
- Finally, kittens are cute, funny and fantastic!

Adopting a kitten from RESQCATS will be great and remember, you will be saving a life!

Finding a Kitten

The best way to get a kitten is to go into your most remote upstairs closet and whisper into the old coats stored there, "I think I'd like a kitten." By the time you return downstairs, six friends you didn't even know you had, will have left messages on your answering machine offering kittens.

You may even be surprised and find a basket waiting by your back door.



— from: "CATS" by Herbert Kavat



“In Remembrance, There is Life”

Donations made in honor or memory of some very special people and friends of the fur persuasion

“There is no justice in love, no proportion in it – Only a glimpse of an embracing, incomprehensible reality... It is the eternal breaking in on the temporal.”

– Marilynne Robinson

In memory of **“Tiger”** and the fifteen years of joy, laughter and unconditional love he gave to Linda Higbee and Brian Holguin

From your friends at RESQCATS

For Linda and Brian---in memory of **“Tiger”**

From Denny and Bonnie Epperson

In memory of **“Sam”** who was “just very loving and always faithful.”

Love, Mary and Mel Rosenfeld

Thinking of **“Alfie”** and his guardians,

Cindy and Mark Reinhardt

From **“Lexy”**...an angel on Earth to

Hannah and Mark Shuman

In memory of **“Sophie”** and **“Cheyenne”** and all the joy you brought to us.

Walt and Evelyne Chezum

In memory of **“Sheynah”**

Love, Walt and Evelyne Chezum

For **“Polar Bear”** and his guardians, Barbara and John Friar

Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara

In memory of **“Tiger”**, brother of “Midnight” & “Milo”

Denny and Bonnie Epperson

In memory of **“FANNIE”**..a stray dog that showed up and gave us 15 years of unconditional love...we miss you so much

Craig and Lisa Keffeler

In celebration of **“Chico”**

Pat Pellino

Always in our hearts...**“Chessie Blue”**

Rebecca and Morgan MacDonald

For **“Truffles”** and Jim and Sue Young

Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara

In honor of **Susan Leroy**

Jack H. Sheen, MD

For **“Inky”** and Diane and Douglas Scalapino

Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara

Remembering **“Charley”** and thinking of **Joane Sharp**

Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara

In memory of **“Jag”** and for **Kim Dorsey and Mike Augarten**

Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara

In memory of **“Kimo,”** a beloved cat companion to **Coni Edick and Joe Doyle**

From Monica Koegler-Blaha and Debbi Brown

In memory of **“Scamp”**... he was a dear, easy-to-get-along-with cat who walked into my garage 15 years ago...a tiny ball of black and white fluff. I am lost without him.”

Helen Morris

For **“Sweet Little Chelsea”**

Born February 1988

Kitty Heaven: April 25, 2006

Love, Susan Leroy

For **“Mickey”** and his guardians, Rick and Zeina Worth

Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara

In honor of **Susan Leroy**

From Mike Kaia

In loving memory of **“Sam”** and for Mary and Mel Rosenfeld. He was such a sweet old kitty who touched all of our hearts. We loved him so much.

From all of us at RESQCATS

For Hayden, Kelsie, Terri and Steve Telson – Remembering **“Otis”** and all the fun and laughter he brought to all of us with his cat antics! Thank you for loving us all for so many years. “Kasha” will greet you in Heaven.

Born April 14 1994 –

Became an “kitty angel” on July 24, 2006

For **“Miejek”** who watches over me and never leaves my heart!

From Jeffyne

The Big Brave Angel Cat

The big brave Angel cat, folding a rainbow wing,
Stretched out his gentle paw

From Cat Elysium’s door:

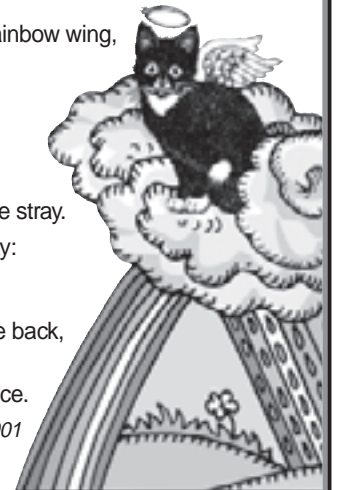
I’ll find, purred he,
A kitten—you were kind—
You must not grieve for me.
This one might do, this timid little stray.

Terrestrial night to my celestial day:

It cannot take my place,
No other could do that,
But though you cannot bring me back,
you might retrace

Remembrance in a kitten’s pansy face.

– Jacintha Buddicom, B 1901



(Dedicated to all the little stray kittens that do not get to stay on Earth very long and break our hearts when they leave)



**Give a book to a friend
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Companies such as these and many others, will match your personal donation to a qualified 501 (c) (3), nonprofit organization on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

So if you'd like to double your support to RESQCATS without having to increase your own donation, contact your company's benefits department and ask about their Matching Gifts program.

If you'll send your company's Matching Gifts forms to RESQCATS along with your personal donation, we'll take care of all the paperwork.

As always, we at RESQCATS (especially the kitties) really appreciate your support!



SOX, MYSTERY & FORREST GUMP
Three of seven fostered & saved by Susan Leroy.

RESQCATS

A non-profit sanctuary dedicated to the rescue, care and adoption of abandoned cats and kittens

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P.O. Box 3852
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(805) 563-9424

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

A Special Wish



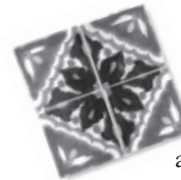
for a complete and fast recovery for
Bill Callahan, DVM
of La Cumbre Animal Hospital
– from All of Us at RESQCATS



BELLA the beautiful.

Wish List!

- * Scoopable Cat Litter
- * Nutromax canned kitten food...chicken or turkey flavors.
- * Friskees, Fancy Feast, etc. canned food for some of our finicky resident cats.
- * Simple Solution for cleaning (gallon size found at Petco).
- * Pet store gift card (Petco) that we can use for needed supplies.
- * Powder KMR (kitten milk replacement).
- * Small fleece or flannel baby blankets.
- * CD's to play on our new 200 disc player– nature, soft piano, harp, soft jazz, New Age, etc. (Old, used or copied CDs are just fine).
- * Bleach for sanitizing.
- * Dryer sheets.



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