



Vanity with her kittens

Welcome to Our 10th Kitty Season!

RESQCATS™

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



Newsletter & Fundraiser for Summer 2007

President's Message

Our tenth kitten season is here...and there was no easing into it!

When I returned from vacation the volunteers had a mama kitty named "Isis" and her six newborns awaiting my attention. Isis was fortunate enough to arrive at RESQCATS the week before delivering her precious family of two girls and four boys. As of May 9 the babies are six weeks old and will soon be up for adoption.

Two days later I picked up a sweet mommy cat named "Lotus," her four six-month-old babies AND her six seven-week-old babies along with the daddy cat of the seven week olds! They have already had vet exams, been tested for Feline Leukemia and FIV, received their worming medication and distemper vaccinations, been spayed and neutered. In fact, all 12 of them have been adopted and are in their new homes making lots of people and other kitty buddies happy!

Today, RESQCATS is caring for four litters as young as two and one half weeks and as old as six weeks of age. "Vanity" was looking for food and a safe place to have her four babies when a young woman found her and called RESQCATS. Vanity gave birth only one week after arriving at RESQCATS. Two other moms with litters at RESQCATS are actually mother and daughter and each have their own litter. In addition, one of our foster volunteers has a mom that was found at a plant nursery. She gave birth to two kittens that are now four and one half weeks old.

The wonderful & unusual news about all the litters that we are caring for right now is that they all have their moms with them so they can nurse and grow naturally. This time last year, I was bottle feeding two litters around the clock...so I have a true appreciation for the mother cats. When kittens can be raised by their moms, they are so much healthier and their bodies transition much easier to eating kitten food and learning about the litter box. The mommy cats are usually only kittens themselves, less than a year old, and this is probably the first litter for most of them. It is so cute to see the moms playing with their own babies when they reach about five weeks of age...seems they missed out on some of their own kittenhood by having to be such young moms.

The volunteers have fallen right back into the hectic schedule of flea baths, cleaning the enclosures, socializing kitties and all the many additional jobs we have to tackle to do this properly! Many of the volunteers have been with RESQCATS for several years...I am at a loss for words as to how to thank them for returning year after year to the challenges we face...and we have recruited some new volunteers as well.



Jeffyne holding Peek@U

I want to welcome them to RESQCATS.

We have introduced a new program called "A Home at Last" that will create incentives for people to adopt cats or older kittens. You will read about this fun and creative program in the following pages.

RESQCATS has already adopted-out over 1100 stray and abandoned cats and kittens as we enter our 10th year of operation. I am anticipating a very busy 2007 and I am going to need your help. All of you have made so much possible for the kitties through your past donations to RESQCATS. I wish I could pat each one of you on the back or deliver a hug to you in person, but that is impossible. But there is one thing I can do. I can continue to do what is so important, so much a part of my soul...to make a difference...one kitty at a time.

I hope you will join me by sending your tax-deductible donation to RESQCATS and help us have another successful year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Sincerely,



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A Special Tribute to Mr. Jingles

For those who do not remember Mr. Jingles and his special story, I would like to share it with you.



MR. JINGLES arrived at RESQCATS on Christmas Eve in 2003. A young man had been feeding a stray cat that was found wandering around his office building. The entire staff at Beverly Clark Enterprises fell in love with this poor stray and even set up a bed for him so he could rest during business hours. They called RESQCATS early on the morning of December 23 when it appeared that he had been hit by a car. I gave them the okay to get him to the vet as soon as possible. The young man, Adam Lee, took off from work and rushed him to the hospital.



Within an hour, I received a call from the veterinarian about this poor cat that Adam had named "Mr. Jingles". She said, "Jeffyne, this poor cat is in the worst shape I have ever seen. He does not appear to have any broken bones, but he is

scratched up, sore and probably bruised internally, his mouth and teeth are abscessed and infected, he is at least 8 years old, not neutered and he is FIV positive." My reply was, "Well, we are going to treat him as if he was one of my own cats...I do not believe in euthanizing an FIV positive cat, let's do the x-rays, neuter him, extract any bad teeth and clean the ones that are good and I will be there as soon as I can drive there to meet him." I could only think about saving Mr. Jingles and knew I would have to find an "angel" to give him a home. When I met Mr. Jingles at the vet, my heart filled with sadness...he was so tired and I had never seen a kitty in such bad shape. I gave the vet my permission to do all she could to help him.

I made a phone call to the number Adam had given me and told him everything the vet had shared with me and that we were going to do everything we could to save him. I also shared how difficult it would be for RESQCATS to find a home for such a cat with so much going against him. He said, "That's okay, I'll adopt him if no one else wants him." "But he is eight years old and FIV positive," I replied. Adam said, "That's okay, I will adopt him." I repeated, "His body is bruised and he will need to be on antibiotics for at least a month after he gets home due to his poor mouth and teeth." I still couldn't believe Adam's reply. "That's okay, I'll give Mr. Jingles a home." I thought to myself..."Who is this Adam?" As it turns out, Adam asked himself..."Who is this Jeffyne and can she really take care of all these cats?!"



Mr. Jingles was released from the hospital after surgery to neuter him and a dental to pull bad teeth and try to save the good ones. I brought him to RESQCATS on Christmas Eve to begin his recovery. I set him up in our isolation area where he could begin the healing process and rest comfortably on a heating pad away from the stress of all that goes on in the cattery. I gave him his antibiotics on schedule, kept his food bowl full and fell in love with him instantly. Adam and I talked several times and we set a time for him to visit RESQCATS and Mr. Jingles. I knew the moment that I met Adam that he was one a very special person. He arrived with a huge bouquet of flowers for me and his compassion for Mr. Jingles was a beautiful thing

to witness. Mr. Jingles recognized him and lifted his tired head to greet him... they were obviously made for each other.

Adam allowed me to keep Mr. Jingles for a couple of weeks in order to monitor his recovery before taking him home. My love for Mr. Jingles and being able to care for him brought about some of my own healing. My dad had been in the hospital for critical surgery on the same day that my husband was in for a ruptured disk in his back. Both were in terrible pain and there was nothing I could do to make their pain go away. I felt desperately helpless. But I could help Mr. Jingles and make a difference for him...and that lifted my spirits. For all that this special cat brought to me at such a time, I wished I could have kept him for myself. But I knew he would have a better home as the single focus of attention with Adam.

For the next three years, I kept in touch with Adam and Mr. Jingles.

Adam became my friend and I witnessed how he loved and spoiled Mr. Jingles and truly made up for all his years of barely surviving on the streets. He is the only cat I know that had his own website and he had more toys and beds and condos than any cat I have ever known. All the volunteers knew and loved Mr. Jingles. In fact, he and Adam became celebrities of sorts around RESQCATS. Adam became a volunteer for us and worked every Saturday afternoon for almost two years. Adam allowed Mr. Jingles to return to RESQCATS so I could have the privilege of taking care of him when Adam went on vacation. I was reminded during each visit of all the love and attention that Adam bestowed on his special cat—always giving Mr. Jingles a big kiss on his head when he left for vacation. I felt honored that he trusted me to care for Mr. Jingles while he was away.



I loved being part of Mr. Jingles' life...and with that also came being part of his passage from this Earth to the Rainbow Bridge. Adam called from the vet's office one day and said that it looked like Mr. Jingles had a tumor or cancer. As it turned out, his FIV had kicked in and also kicked his immune system. All efforts to save Mr. Jingles were hopeless. No amount of money, no special procedure or experimental treatment could save him. Everyone that met Mr. Jingles and Adam knew that their bond was very special and they shared in Adam's sorrow when Mr. Jingles had to be euthanized.

Adam allowed me to be with him and Mr. Jingles when the kind doctor "put him to sleep." It was the hardest decision that Adam will probably ever have to make and in my mind it was the kindest and most unselfish one, too.

Adam gave Mr. Jingles a last kiss on his head and then he was

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Believe in Miracles

The Return of a Free Spirit... "Bella"

In the December 2006 newsletter, I wrote about the disappearance and loss of my somewhat feral/abused kitty named "Bella." She lived with me for almost six years after I rescued her from the middle of the street and successfully relocated her to my property. She is the only kitty that was allowed to go outside to roam and showed up every afternoon to rest for the evening in her own enclosure that was built just for her. To confine Bella in any way would have broken her spirit and that would lead to depression and a compromised immune system. I always knew she would have a shorter life because she roamed my property freely during the day...I never imagined she would just disappear like she did.

When Bella didn't come home one afternoon last November while I was on vacation, I was heartbroken but accepted it with the realization that this was how she would have wanted our parting. No suffering or long illnesses...just something to happen quickly. I even wrote, "The moment I heard of her disappearance...I knew she was gone forever. That was who Bella was...a free spirit who would appear as quickly as she would disappear." Looking at her empty enclosure for the next four months was a daily reminder of how I missed her hissing and swatting with each of those feet that housed six toes, not to mention her quick bites. I even asked one of the volunteers to clean out everything except a little sign that says, "Bella's Apartment."

Bella was always the first to appear when any prospective adopter visited RESQCATS in search of their purrfect kitty. Each adopter had already been "raked over the coals" through a telephone interview about "indoor-only" kitties because that is the policy at RESQCATS. She loved to tease people by curling around their legs and encouraging a pat on the head or stroke on the back. Once someone became her prey so to speak, she returned their pats and strokes with a hiss, swat, and sometimes even a bite. Someone's touch in her distant past had obviously hurt her and this was her way of protecting herself.

I was surprised and touched by the number of phone calls from past adopters and visitors who remembered her. I received notes from some people offering sympathy and many donated to RESQCATS in Bella's name. It was a warm feeling in my heart to know she had touched so many lives over the years. Her loss made me realize how much I love the challenge of working with some of those kitties who are possessed with special needs and attitudes.

You cannot imagine my surprise when I returned home from a wonderful cruise in Tahiti and picked up a message from 12 days before that Bella had been found under someone's house! She was wearing a name tag when she disappeared, but I never imagined anyone would dare to pick her up (with the exception of me).

But someone had picked her up, brought her into their house AND gotten close enough to read her name tag and my phone number. She had been gone for 4 months and I thought I had missed the chance of finding her again by not being home to get the call. I returned the call anyway and the people said they had not seen her since she bolted out their front door the same day they left the message. But she was alive! I still had to try to bring her home.

I visited the people who had called about her...they lived about 12 miles away and on the opposite side of Highway 101! How in the world did Bella get there? For almost six years she had stayed close to home...now this! I called for her and talked to her from my heart, but she did not appear. I hoped she was still around even though the family said the last day they saw her was the day they left the message.

I spent the next day designing a flyer about a lost black cat and I printed 500 of them! The more I printed, the better chance of finding her was what kept going through my head. Linda Higbee, Denny Epperson and Sue Sadler-Pare, three of my friends as well as RESQCATS volunteers, and I went to the neighborhood and intended to put up every flyer if we had to. I visited the family again that had called and they said, "She was here this morning eating bread that we put out for the birds." Then the young man walked down the street a few houses and came back to say he saw her dash into some nearby bushes. By the time I got there she was gone! I said, "Are you sure it was Bella?" He assured me it was...tipped ear, red collar, all black. I couldn't find her in the bushes...or anywhere! So where did she go?! Did she just get "beamed up!?"

We decided that the best thing to do would be to set a trap baited with smelly Starkist tuna. We covered the trap with a towel so it would appear safe to Bella and hoped it would work. Then Linda, Denny, Sue and I walked door to door to ask people about her and to distribute the 500 flyers I had printed. In between house visits, I called to Bella hoping she would magically "beam back down."

We decided we had done what we could and agreed on who would check the trap that night and the next morning to see if Bella took the bait so to speak. As we approached the trap on the way back to our cars, we noticed something rattling in the trap. I figured it was the wind blowing the newspaper we had placed in the bottom of the trap so our tuna wouldn't fall through. "Let's just check anyway," someone said. I lifted up the cover expecting to have to reset everything because of the wind.

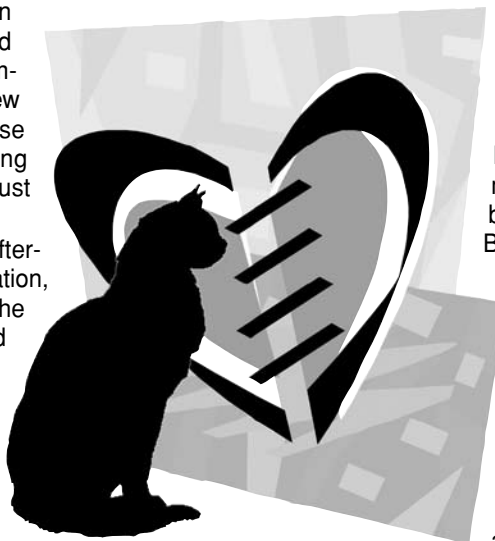
There she was! There was Bella! There was my beautiful Bella—about 4 pounds less of her—but I would take it. I am not sure about the next few minutes...the elation, hugs, excitement. It was on the drive home with Bella that I realized the unexpected miracle I had been given. Bella was on her way home.

We can only speculate that Bella got into a worker's truck at the construction site next door and somehow got hauled up to Goleta. There is no way she could have traveled that distance with her arthritis and there was no reason for her to leave her home with me after all those years. I will never really know what happened.

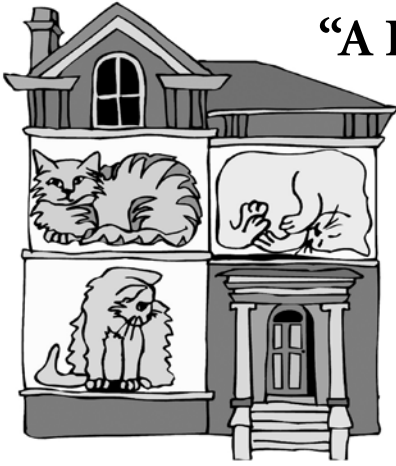
I do know she is home now and she has no plans to take anymore rides! She is never more than a call away, spends a lot of time enjoying her heating pad in her bed and some days she has no desire to leave her enclosure even if her door is open.

We are all excited about Bella's return. We do get to pet her sometimes, but even when she hisses, swatts and bites, we welcome it because it means Bella is home.

I do believe it was a miracle that she survived all that time. I am blessed to have her back. ♦



For all of those who were kind enough to call and write, I couldn't wait to share the news with you. And for those who donated in her name...I have designated your beautiful donations to our Polar Bear Fund for those kitties with special medical needs.



“A Home At Last”

We are proud to announce a new RESQCATS program designed for kitties that may be more difficult to adopt.

We call the program “A HOME AT LAST”

Unfortunately, it is human nature for people to want to adopt only kittens and because they are so cute they're understandably hard to resist. It is not uncommon for RESQCATS to have a wonderful, sweet loving mother cat for adoption. She may try to curl around a prospective adopter's feet or just want to sit in their lap but she often goes unnoticed. Most people would prefer a shy, hiding, hissing, spitting kitten just because it is small. They suffer from the false pretense that they can mold a kitten's personality. They forget that cats are independent and it is much easier to tell the personality of a kitty that is six months or older.

So the volunteers came up with an idea on how to get these kitties adopted by drawing more attention to them in the cattery and also offering some incentives to those who consider adopting them. A theme is picked for that particular kitty's (or kitties') enclosure and we decorate it accordingly. It might be a jungle or black-cats-only theme. There may be paw prints drawn on the floor in chalk that lead a potential adopter to the enclosure. The kitty is often featured as the Pet of the Week in the newspress and we may design special flyers, run additional ads in other papers, and list them on Craig's List.

Then we create incentives! “A HOME AT LAST” kitty may go home with gifts such as a six month supply of dry kibble, a special bed from his themed enclosure, a kitty blanket made by one of the volunteers, lots of toys, a basket, or whatever fun things we can think of.

We have had success with our efforts! RESQCATS recently placed several of these kitties—“Crystal” and “Jonny Gray” (formerly known to us as Sheba and Marcus) with Carole and Jack Beckett; “Coal” (formerly known as Donovan) found a home with Natalia and John Newcomb.

We are open to any ideas for decorating or advertising that you may have. Just e-mail me at RESQCATS@aol.com. Maybe you have something you would like to donate to go home with “A HOME AT LAST” kitty (it should be new or unused) or an idea and/or donation for a themed décor. We would love to incorporate your ideas with ours! ♦



Donovan

Good Vibrations

Studies Show that a Cat's Purr is Good for Their Health

By Karen Lee Stevens

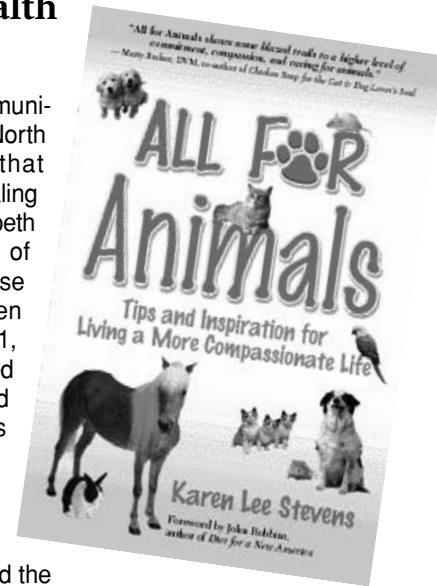
Scientists at the Fauna Communications Research Institute in North Carolina have discovered that purring acts as a “natural healing mechanism.” According to Elizabeth von Muggenthaler, president of Fauna. Cats may purr because it helps to heal and strengthen bones and organs. Since 2001, von Muggenthaler has conducted studies on dozens of wild and domestic cats and combined this with information garnered from a 3,000-word journal article literature search in human medicine, veterinary medicine, and vibration. She has recorded the purrs of five species of cats – the cheetah, puma, serval, ocelot, as well as the domestic cat. Through her research, von Muggenthaler hopes to solve the puzzle of the cat's purr.

“Purring is not just a content mechanism,” she says, “its survival oriented. There's no way a cat would expend that amount of physical energy when it's frightened, injured, or dying.”

von Muggenthaler's research, based upon 30 years of bio-mechanical stimulation research conducted by NASA and others, suggests that low frequencies, at low intensity (such as the purr), are therapeutic to cats. These frequencies can aid in increasing bone mass, the healing of fractures, repair of joints, and pain relief. In addition, tendons and muscles are strengthened, swelling is reduced, and dyspnea (breathlessness) is alleviated. The research further showed that, despite a cat's size or breed, all cats have strong purr frequencies that fall within 20 Hz and 200 Hz. At a range of 25-100 Hz, bones are strengthened and fractures heal more quickly. Vibration at these frequencies has been proven by other researchers to be helpful in the fight against osteodiseases such as osteoporosis in humans.

“Cats,” von Muggenthaler argues, “do not have near the prevalence of orthopedic disease or ligament and muscle traumas as dog do.” She points to research known as “high-rise syndrome” conducted by Dr. Gordon Robinson in 1976, and later reported by W. Whitney and C. Mehlhaff in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association in 1997. They documented 132 cases of cats plummeting many stories from high rise apartments (average 5.5 stories), some suffering severe injuries. Interestingly, 90% of these cats survived. It can be argued that cats are more sedentary than dogs and therefore do not incur the same amount or severity of injuries; however, as von Muggenthaler's research papers note, this is a supposition and is not documented.

Is it possible that evolution has provided felines with a natural healing mechanism for bones and other organs? Researchers at Fauna Communications think so. ♦



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To some blind souls all cats are much alike. To a cat lover every cat from the beginning of time has been utterly and amazingly unique.

~ JENNY DE VRIES

Some VERY SPECIAL Thank You's!



♥ I want to thank all of you who sent a note or said something about the loss of my feral/abused kitty, "Bella". She disappeared in November and I just knew she was gone forever. Many of you remember her as the only RESQCATS resident that was ever allowed outside due to her history. Your calls and notes to express your own memories of being warned about her when she approached you in the driveway or accompanied us on a RESQCATS tour meant so much. I had no idea that she had touched so many lives in one way or another! Your thoughts and notes brought so much comfort to my heart. (P.S. see the Believe in Miracles story!)

♥ **Irene Purdy, Jackie Wax (10 years old!) and "Rosie"** made beautiful kitty blankets for the kitties arriving in 2007!

♥ Thank you **Susan Leroy** for all the hours you spent organizing all my paperwork and setting it up on the computer. You have saved me!

♥ Thank you **Sandy Simmons!** For the beautiful kitty themed blankets you made and for the baskets to go with them for our "HOME AT LAST" program!

♥ **Buddy and Lynne Borderre** made a very special and generous donation to the "Polar Bear Fund" in memory of their special needs kitty named "SweetPea." She was one of those kitties that we all remember, but had a special place that cannot be replaced in the hearts of Lynne and Buddy.

♥ The "**Polar Bear Angels,**" **Paula and Melodie Haines** delivered pillows for the kitty beds, hand made toys for the kittens, special take-home baskets for the special adoptions and lots more for the 2007 kitten season at RESQCATS! They are awesome!

♥ I want to express a very special thank you to the **Volunteers** that put in all those extra hours to take care of EVERYTHING at RESQCATS when I was down with a back injury in January. I am in awe of your dedication and compassion. Each of you inspires me to be a better person.

♥ Thank you, **Roger Smith**, for giving a chance to so many kitties with your continued support and generosity. You are special!

♥ RESQCATS extends a very special thank you to each of you that designated your donation to the Polar Bear Fund after reading the story of "Sayge." It is a special fund for kitties that need extensive medical care beyond the normal protocol. I always hope I do not need to draw from the fund because it means that a kitty is most likely very sick. I know the stories about them seem sad when you read them; however, because of you they have very happy endings! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

♥ I am without words as to how to thank **Mrs. Marguerite A. Jorgenson** for her \$10,000.00 donation to RESQCATS. According to her son, she wanted to know that a portion of her estate had been spent well on behalf of the animals. I am touched, honored and cannot find words to tell her what a difference she has made. Few people are given their angel wings while they are still on Earth, but I am sure she is one of those special people that got hers before ever going to Heaven. ♦



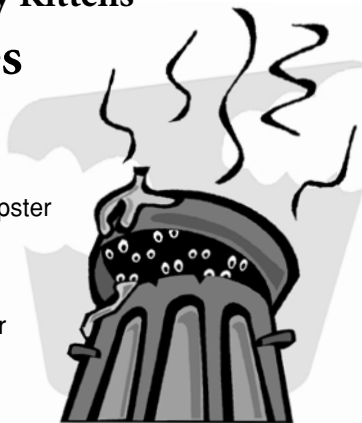
A Saga of Thrown-Away Kittens

Dumpster Kitties

Last November, Matthew Whelox was taking his lunch break when he heard a tiny meow coming from the trash dumpster near the back entrance to his work place. He couldn't believe his eyes when he found the tiny little orange kitten in the dumpster who was obviously looking for food. Had someone put this tiny kitten in the dumpster or did he somehow climb into it in search of a leftover bite of McDonald's hamburger and fries????!!!

Matt called RESQCATS. Little "Fezz" went to the vet, was tested for Feline leukemia and FIV, received his distemper vaccination and after some additional medical problems that were finally resolved, he was neutered. AND Matt adopted him.

Several days after discovering Fezz, Matt was at work having his lunch and heard another cry in the dumpster. Matt pulled another little orange tabby from the dumpster that was obviously related to Fezz. Another call to RESQCATS and the story repeated itself!



If I hadn't seen them for myself, I would not have believed that a few weeks following his rescue of Fezz and his littermate, Matt was on the phone again... "Jeffyne, you won't believe it but I just pulled two more kittens out of the dumpster and I am sure they are related to Fezz!" Once again, RESQCATS was able to help. Between Matt and his girlfriend's family all four of the kittens were adopted!

We have no idea how the four little orange tabbies ended up in the dumpster... but I do know they would still be out there foraging for food and leading a sad life on the streets if it were not for Matt.

All four of the dumpster kitties would be also be about eight months old by now and they would have litters of their own that would also be struggling on the streets. ♦



Fezz, the first dumpster kitty



Jackie, Fezz and Red



Hi Jeffyne,
I have been thoroughly enjoying having **"Theo"** in my life and I want to thank you for all the work you do to protect, shelter and love them.

Here is a picture of **Theo** that you might enjoy.
Thanks again,

Nitin Anand

Jeffyne,
Enclosed is a year end donation to **RESQCATS**.

Our adoption of **"Bogey"** and **"Bella"** in July 2006 has given us so much joy. They have taken over our home and hearts. They are wonderful kitties and know how lucky they are to have us as their slaves!

Thank you for all you do to find homes for the kitties!

Debbie Adams



Bogey & Bella

Dear Jeffyne and Friends,
Today is **"Nefret's"** first birthday and I thought I'd write a note to tell you how much joy and love has been in my life since she came into it. Although she started out as the smallest of seven in her litter, she is now 13 pounds of purring love. All bias aside, she is absolutely the most beautiful, most loving and smartest cat ever. I could brag about her all day, her cleverness, the cute things she does, etc...but I'll say thank you for your good labors in creating an opportunity for humans and cats to have such loving and rewarding relationships. I am sending a couple of photos of when she was so tiny and the regal girl she is now.

With thanks and love,

"Isis Nefret"
(because she thinks she is a goddess)
and **Jean Faison**



Isis Nefret, as a kitten (top) and a goddess.

Jeffyne and **RESQCATS**,
May 2007 be full of many wonderful adoptions. Thank you so much for what you did for me this year. **"Bill"** has been what my life was missing. It's a constant joy to wake up to his little furry face next to mine each morning. He has such a great personality. I couldn't have asked for a better cat.

Thanks again,

Irish, Yvonne and "Bill" Grzanich



Irish holding Bill

Jeffyne,
Enjoy the holiday season. **"Willy"** is still my favorite friend and doing well.

Keep up the good work.

Karen Wilson

("Willy" was adopted from RESQCATS about seven years ago as an adult!)

Jeffyne,
I wanted to wish you happy holidays from me and **"Ferris."** He is such a joy. Thank you for the opportunity to adopt him from **RESQCATS**. I can't wait until down the road when I can adopt another RESQCATS kitty. Ferris is such a sweet and social cat—that must be from the great care he and his siblings received from you and your volunteers.

With love,

Beth and "Ferris"

(Beth returned to RESQCATS in April and adopted a friend for Ferris named "Lulu")

Hi Jeffyne!

I'm all grown up now (1 year, 4 months). I take my job of taking care of my parents May and Justin very seriously, guarding them from moths and spiders, and being their own furry alarm clock in the morning! I hope that you and all my buddies at **RESQCATS** are great!

Love, **Tut**



Tut

Dear Jeffyne and **RESQCATS**,
Wishing all of you a wonderful holiday season! **"Rajah"** (adopted Spring 2006) is getting so big! It was fun to see his brother, **"Fuzzy Navel"** in the last newsletter. Rajah is quite a fiesty, social and playful kitty who loves chasing **"Judah"** (adopted in 2004) in a playful way.

Thank you for all your dedication, hard work and kitty love... **"Raj"** and **"Judah"** thank you, too.

Love, **Nicole Muhlethaler**

Dear Jeffyne,
Thank you for the great card. I am happy that you like the blankets I helped to make for **RESQCATS**. I hope to send you more. Here is a small donation to help. I hope it helps. I would love to see some of your cats sometime.

Love, **Jackie Wax** (age 10)

Hi there,

Well, "**Smudge**" (formerly known as "Bonsai") is fitting in quite nicely.

"**Binky**" (adopted from RESQCATS six years ago!) and "**Speck**" were both terrified of him for the first few days. We let Smudge walk around the house by himself for the first time on Friday and he had a blast!

Binky is already getting somewhat friendly with him. Still a bit guarded, but they have chased each other playfully a few times now and they don't hiss at each other anymore.

Speck is going to take longer. She still hisses and growls when he gets too close. The minimum distance is shrinking a bit, however. When she does hiss or growl, she turns and runs away immediately. She is the current boss of the house and it will just take a little longer for her to accept him.

Smudge sleeps in our guest room at night for now. He is out and about the whole house during day...supervised until he and Speck make friends. Smudge sure is feisty and full of energy. He seems to have two modes:

- 1) full speed ahead...attack anything that moves!
- 2) crashed and sleeping!

He is coming right along, eating well and no problem with his litter box. We already have him on file with our vet!

Erik and Ali



Smudge

Jeffyne,

What you and the volunteers are doing at RESQCATS is beyond outstanding. RESQCATS is paradise to me. If I lived closer, I would love to be a volunteer.

We have "**Crystal**" (formerly "Sheba") and "**Jonny Gray**" (formerly named "Marcus")...we just love them. My husband and I are so glad they have come to live with us. We will be good to them—VERY good!

They are in their room now and soon we will open the door so they can be exposed to more rooms. They are such good kitties. **Crystal** is so funny, pretty and friendly and **Jonny Gray** is so sweet and handsome!

Thank you so much for everything you gave to us. I appreciate it all so very much. It is a lovely gesture...your gift pack (as part of your Home At Last Program) and all the goodies! How dear you are and we are so glad we met you.

Thank you, Jeffyne.

Love, Carol and Jack Beckett



Jonny Gray



Crystal



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.

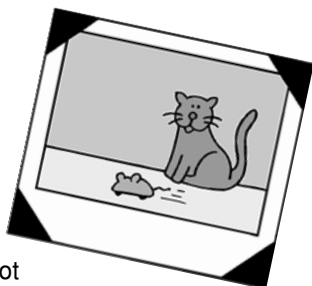
Our volunteers and staff will choose the winners of each category. The winners receive a RESQCATS prize and will be featured in the Photo Contest space. Because of the huge response to Photo Contest, we are having to expand the categories for entries: there will always be one for CUTEST, one for FUNNIEST, 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! Your photos are getting better each issue.

(Please note: We prefer to receive digital photos that have not been adjusted.)

Send to: RESQCATS@aol.com



Please PURR Up A Chair

On May 6, Sheryl and Ed Fierro and Lines Rampant Press hosted and sponsored an event called "Please Purr Up A Chair" as a benefit for RESQCATS. It was held at the University Club in Santa Barbara as a sherry tea. It was an afternoon tea—beautiful petite sandwiches and sweets with butter and marmalade were served along with a special selection of different blends of tea. Then everyone toasted a glass of sherry!

Talented local artists accepted the challenge of creating feline-themed chairs that were displayed at the event and silently auctioned. The creativity displayed by each and every artist took my breath away. Every chair was so unique and each had its own individuality and beauty! I am in awe of that creativity displayed in one room.

We all had a lot of fun and it was a wonderful success and benefit for RESQCATS.

Sheryl (her author name is Porter Evans) and Ed are the author and designer of a new book called "The Well Lettered-Cat!" that you have seen featured in past RESQCATS newsletters. It is a "sophisticated look onto the unique characters of cats," says Mary Anne Miller of catreviews.com. It was also awarded the 2006 certificate of excellence in Gift Books from the Cat Writers Association, Inc. I hope you will take some time to enjoy their web site: www.linesrampantpress.com.

Thank you, Sheryl, Ed, all the chair artists, those who helped host the afternoon and all who attended the benefit on such a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Thank you Cheryl and Ed for your generosity. ♦



Photo Contest Winners



“Most Adorable”
LEO – Susan Leroy is his guardian



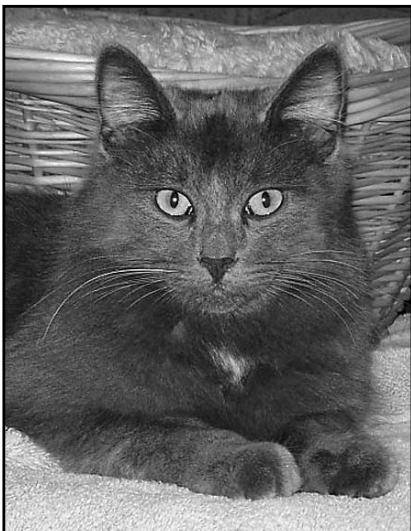
“Most Exotic”
OSCAR – Susan Leroy is his guardian



“Funniest”
SMUDGE – His guardians are Ali and Erik Runge



“Most Curious”
TUT – Guardians are May & Justin O’Mahoney



“Most Handsome”
JOHNNY GRAY – Guardians are Carole & Jack Beckett



“Most Amazing”
Sugar Bear* – He belongs to Jeffyne
*Our “Most Amazing” kitty is two years old and was not likely to survive due to a terrible virus and infection.



“In Remembrance, There is Life”

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

- ❖ In memory of “**Billy**”
From Dan and Nancy George

- ❖ For “**Willy**”—adopted from RESQCATS
From Karen Wilson

- ❖ In memory of “**Bella**” and “**Moonbeam**” (2 RESQCATS residents)
Love, Denny and Bonnie Epperson

- ❖ In memory of “**Chessie Blue**”
From Rebecca & Morgan MacDonald

- ❖ Remembering “**Itzik**,” “**Moishe**” and “**Blackie!**”
From Betty Oberacker

- ❖ “**Jeffyne**, I make this donation in honor of **you**. You are an incredible example of what a difference one person can do, and to show others the way”
Love, Susan Felland

- ❖ In celebration of **Janice Contons!**
Love from your mom, June Stoner

- ❖ In honor of our sweet “**Rico**” who died of aggressive cancer on October, 2006. I still miss that sweet cherub face and wet nose on my eyelid in the morning.
Love, Sharon Sutton & Bob Meltzer

- ❖ In memory of “**Amani**” and “**Sushi**”
Tammy Jensen

- ❖ In memory of “**Muffin**.”
Love, Jon and Mary Lou Sorrell

- ❖ In honor of “**Dan George**.”
Your friends, Jon and Mary Lou Sorrell

- ❖ In loving memory of “**SweetPea**”
Buddy and Lynne Borderre

- ❖ Jeffyne, This is in remembrance of Beloved “**Bella**” and “**Moonbeam**” and designated to the Polar Bear Fund.
Love, Walt and Evelyne Chezum

- ❖ Happy Holidays to RESQCATS!
From “Zorro” and “Xena” Brockway

- ❖ Merry Christmas to RESQCATS!
Purrs, “Chloe” and “Bella” Pfeiffer

- ❖ In memory of Bonnie Epperson’s mom and in honor of our friendship!
From Tina Riegle

- ❖ In honor of Sharon Sutton, Bob Meltzer and their kitties, “**Chocolate & Romeo**”
From Gerry Flake & Kathryn Downing

- ❖ In honor of **Mitch and Jeffyne** for finding us a loving mom!
“Ash & Amber” Krout

- ❖ In sweet memory of “**Bridget**”
“She was my best friend and soul mate.” She went to Kitty Heaven on November 22, 2006 after 21 years together. I miss her but have beautiful memories of her.
Love always, Janie LaBudde

- ❖ In memory of “**Miss Kitty**” who will always be missed.
Marvin and Anna Lou Smith

- ❖ Thinking of “**Sophie**”
Jackie Heller, DVM

- ❖ With love and memories for “**Cinders**”
From the Sacks family

- ❖ In honor of “**Zoe**” and “**Bella**” (adopted from RESQCATS several years ago) and for **Geoff and Jackie Tipper**.
“Aunt” Joan Wright

- ❖ In memory of “**Boots**” and for **Suzie Guimond**.
Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara

- ❖ On behalf of **Lisa Given** and **Brenda Lee** from their “dog person” friend!
Dodi Gauthier

- ❖ In memory of “**Lily**” & thinking of **Christine & Scott Cruickshank**.
Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara

- ❖ To remember “**Sam**” and all he gave to Michelle.
Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara

- ❖ In memory of “**Moocher**”—never a day goes by that I do not think of her and all she gave to me in her love.
Roger West

- ❖ In loving memory of **Mark**, who never met a cat he didn’t love.
Mom (Peggy Nicholson)

- ❖ For **Adam** and “**Mr. Jingles**”...we will always be grateful to Adam for giving Mr. Jingles the best home any kitty could dream of. We are always here for you Adam and we all feel the loss of Mr. Jingles.
From all of us at RESQCATS

- ❖ For my “**Tawney**”...your sudden passage to the Rainbow Bridge has left us heartbroken. It is not the same here without you.
Love, “Sugar Bear,” “Honey” & Jeffyne

- ❖ To celebrate your first birthday, “**Nefret**”
*From the human mom that spoils you...
Jean Faison*

- ❖ In celebration of my son’s two RESQCATS kitties...“**Tank & Mini Marvin**.”
Michael and Jeanne Kew

❖ In memory of **Norma Wallace**—Bonnie's mother.
With love, Denny & Bonnie Epperson

❖ For beautiful "**Tawney**" – to **Jeffyne and Mitch** and for RESQCATS.
Bonnie and Denny Epperson

❖ In memory of "**Wicket**" and for **Susan and Tom Smith**.
From RESQCATS

❖ Please accept this donation as a gift to **RESQCATS** from "**Nikki**." He helped us foster and raise many a kitten in his 15 years. He was a great big brother to them all and he was our Best Friend. For his loud and soothing purr, his short but sweet meow, his spotted wet nose and all the love he shared with us...we miss him so.
Love, Sue Sadler and Cathie Pare

❖ A tribute to "**Amani**"
As a former veterinary technician, who also has a pet sitting and at-home nursing care business, I was a bit concerned when a cat named "Amani Oaja D'Addio" first came to me for care when his Mom needed to travel for work. Amani had been diagnosed with lymphoma and after he become violently ill from the side effects of conventional chemotherapy treatment, his mom decided not to continue to put him through it. Instead, she enrolled him in a clinical trial with a local veterinary oncologist for chemo treatments that were new and experimental. Truthfully, I did not think he would make it through another year, but happily, Amani not only survived...he thrived! That was June 2002...almost five years ago! Very sadly, but ever so triumphantly, Amani Paka crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on March 1, 2007 to join many other dogs and cats that I have cared for, loved deeply, and bonded closely with over the years. He was 18-½ years old! The name Amani Paka means "Peace Cat" in Swahili. His mom got him as a baby just after returning from a trip to Kenya. The name fit him perfectly. He was one of the most gentle, loving tranquil cats I have ever known. Over the 5 years I cared for him, he stayed with me frequently. I loved him as I do my own animals and considered him part of my family. He will always hold a very special place

in my heart and never be forgotten. He is painfully missed by his mom, Terry, (and also by me) but I take comfort in knowing I will see him again. I value the lessons of toughness and perseverance he taught me in the past five years. To look at Amani, you would never know he had so much fight in his spirit, but he did. He was an incredible little guy. Amani Paka's life was a lesson in HOPE—proof that miracles do exist and that the true definition of unconditional love and dedication was experienced between him and everyone who cared for him.

Love always, Tammy Jensen

❖ In celebration of "**Fezzik's**" recovery. Sending love and healing to **Fezzik, Ken and Melissa Dase**
Susan Leroy and Jeffyne Telson

❖ In celebration of "**Theo**" and "**Xander**" and their life with Monica and Jesse

All of us at RESQCATS

❖ In remembrance of "**Shadow**" who will never be forgotten.
Love, Murray Berman and Esta Blood

❖ For "**Miejek**"—I dance with you on the Rainbow Bridge in my sweetest dreams.
Love, Jeffyne

❖ (Note: For those of you that made heartfelt donations in the memory of "**Bella**," ...after long and careful thought, I have designated those donations to the **POLAR BEAR FUND**)

❖ I hope you will take a moment to remember all those special animals we have lost over the years. I discovered a beautiful way to have my special ones with me all the time. It is called a "remembrance bead." It is a beautiful glass bead that suspends a small portion of the remains of my special friend, "**Miejek**," I am including a brochure about "Remembrance Beads" and hope you may also find healing through having one made for yourself or someone you love who has lost a special companion...

Wishing you light, love & healing, Jeffyne



Meghan holding Barnes & Noble, 2 four & half week-old kittens ready to be adopted.



Fuzzy Navel is celebrating his first birthday with his guardians Casey and Jeanine Mahoney.



Jeffyne is administering subcutaneous fluids to 16-year-old Patches as a part of her kidney support regimen.

A Special Tribute to Mr. Jingles

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gone.

I learned that day that Mr. Jingles was the only cat that Adam had ever shared his life with. I think they shared that "once-in-a-lifetime" bond that can never be repeated or replaced. It is especially difficult to say good bye to such a friend. Those of us who are left behind are missing something in our souls that never seems to return. We are changed forever.

If I had to pick one kitty out of the over 1100 that have journeyed through RESQCATS in the last 10 years that was my all time favorite...it would be Mr. Jingles. I think of him and Adam almost every day. I do know, however, that one day, Mr. Jingles and Adam and all the rest of us will meet on the Rainbow Bridge. Until then, Adam, we will always be here for you. ♦



The Legend of the "Rainbow Bridge"

Just this side of heaven is a place called the Rainbow Bridge.

~ Author unknown ~

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to the Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food and water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who have been ill and old are restored to health and vigor, those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing, they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent, his eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face, your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your beloved pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Together you and your special pet cross the Rainbow Bridge. ♦

Matching Gifts Program



Many of RESQCATS' wonderful supporters are employees of large, successful companies such as Starbucks Coffee, Blockbuster Video and Cisco Systems. Did you know that these companies will match your cash donation to any IRS approved nonprofit organization such as RESQCATS? Well they will! Companies such as these and many others, will match your personal donation to a qualified 501c (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. Just 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!



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Theo & Xander



Dedication

This newsletter is dedicated to "**Theo**" and "**Xander**" who are guarded by "angels" named **Monica Weisblott** and **Jesse Dowler**. Theo spent weeks in and out of the hospital when the food scare began due to contaminated wheat gluten in many pet foods. It is truly a miracle that Theo survived...he was so very very sick. Monica and Jesse provided him the best veterinary care, (Theo and Xander are still going to the vet for follow-ups) as well as all the love a kitty could ever hope for!



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Wish List!

- * Wellness Canned Kitten Food
- * Gift Certificate to Cat House Hotel to purchase Wellness Canned Kitten Food
- * Simple Solution in one gallon size
- * Pet Supply Gift Card to purchase Simple Solution and supplies
- * Bleach for sanitizing
- * Powder KMR (kitten milk replacement).
- * Laundry detergent that is safe for septic tanks.
- * Dryer sheets.
- * Homes for all the stray and abandoned animals.



Visit our new ResQCats website
www.RESQCATS.org

Please take the time to see our new website. You can read past issues for the heart warming stories or if you just want to see the entertaining photos.

The designers are **Nathaniel and Laura Courtens**.

It is beautiful.

Thank you for all your hard work.



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