

URGENT: Kittens in Crisis

Hi, I am contacting you in the hope that you can help. Three abandoned kittens (about three to four weeks old) have been found today under a house and they are in horrible condition. There were originally six kittens, but three were found dead. I took the three to the vet immediately and found out that they had upper respiratory infection. It was left untreated so long that it led to severe eye infections as well.

The vet thinks that it will be hard to save the eyes on two of them, but one seems to be okay. I am looking for a rescue that might be able to give these poor kittens a second chance. They will take a lot of special care, but they can live a happy life. I will do everything I can to help out on my part. I am not a rescue group so it will be hard for me to try to find homes for blind kittens. If they are taken to my vet then I am willing to pay for half their surgeries as well as all their meds. I can also foster them, but only until November due to my work. Please let me know if you can help out! I am able to send you pictures of kittens.

Thank you so much for taking your time to read this!

P.S: I am located in Los Angeles.

Kevin

That was an email I received on September 17, 2010 from a young man who desperately wanted to help save the lives of the three female kittens.

I called him immediately. At that time, he told me he had contacted over 30 rescue organizations and RESQCATS was the **ONLY** one that had even responded to his plea.

Kevin and I spoke for quite awhile so I could get a clear understanding of what was going on with the kittens. None of it sounded good. I heard a gentle young man on the other end of the phone who was more than willing to do whatever it took to save them.

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RESQCATS Breaks All Records!

We are proud to announce our largest number of adoptions in a single year. Our past record was 172 and when this newsletter went to press RESQCATS had adopted out 186 stray and abandoned cats and kittens in 2010! Our sincere **Thank You** to all of you for making this milestone possible!



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

HOLIDAY ISSUE 2010 Newsletter

President's Message

written on October 31, 2010

FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE! In the last newsletter, I wrote an entire article: "So...Who Gets to Live at RESQCATS?" It was written about the resident cats, their individual stories and how they came to stay here. RESQCATS does not euthanize any unadoptable cats or kittens...if they are too old, too shy, too many health issues, too anything...they just stay. They receive any and all medical care that they require and get lots of love and attention from all the volunteers and from me. It is true that most of the cats that reside here are as I said in the article: "the neurologically damaged, special needs unadoptable ones!" I obviously did not choose them...in fact, no one did...so I have resolved myself to the fact that they deserve to have a life and not be euthanized like many shelters are forced to do. And besides, living at RESQCATS is pretty nice! I love them and care for them for however long they are with me and miss them terribly when they are gone.

But even I have weak moments! I fell in love with two little kittens that I helped deliver right here in my office bathroom. We recently lost our "office" cat, "Fifi," and it has just seemed so empty around the office without her. I really labored over my desire to keep

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Pebbles, Jeffyne and Paisley

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He was already bottle-feeding them and said he would be happy to continue to do so. He also offered to wean them over to kitten canned and kibble food as they got older. Kevin had taken them to his vet and expressed that he was willing to provide them any vet care they needed, offering to take care of that expense. He only wanted to know that they had a safe place to go once his work resumed in November.

I was in awe of his compassion and willingness to help as we spoke and thought to myself...."Who is this person?!!"

Normally, about half of the emails I receive are from people who have every excuse in the world as to why they cannot keep their own cat and why a rescue group should take on their unfulfilled responsibility. Well, it had been a week of calls and emails like that...and now, in this email I find an "angel"...his name is Kevin Kim. I was enlightened to say the least! And there was no way I was going to leave him out there to do all of this caring work without hope that those three surviving kittens would have a place to go.

Kevin sent emails several times a week to keep me updated. He made many trips to his vet for exams, more antibiotics and eye medication. He also took on the responsibility of medicating their eyes three times a day, giving antibiotics twice a day, bottle-feeding, introducing them to regular food and a litter box...and loving them.

After follow-up trips to his vet, Kevin sent an email with some sad news. Of the three kittens, two had major eye problems: one had such a bad eye infection in both eyes that she did not seem to have sight in either eye and another had lost sight in one eye. Luckily the third kitten was fine.

On October 12, Kevin drove from Los Angeles with the three little girls...all plump, playful and happy upon arrival. I am sure it was difficult for him to part with them, but I think he felt good about RESQCATS when he left knowing they were in a good place and that they would be cared for. He shared that he had trapped their feral mom and had her spayed so she would not have more kittens out on the streets of Los Angeles that might suffer the same fate.

Before Kevin left, he asked if we had names for the kittens. I said yes! Nancy Aguirre, a volunteer, had carefully chosen their names and the meaning behind each one. "Petal" is the name of the cute tabby that did not suffer the fate of her siblings...she was the lucky one of the litter. "Bloom" is the little all-black girl who lost sight in one eye and Nancy named her that because she will bloom! And "Blossom" is the black and white one who cannot see with either eye...and believe me, she does blossom with each new day.

My trip to the local vet the next day confirmed all that Kevin's vet had observed. Blossom needed to continue oral antibiotics for another 10 days and eye ointment three times a day for 10 days, as well. The vet also mentioned that if Bloom and Blossom's eyes continued to have chronic infections that the eyes may have to be removed when they get to be five-to-six months old. Historically eyes that have been so damaged often become cancerous later



Top - Petal. Bottom - Bloom, left, and Blossom.

in life. I have no words to describe how bad I felt as I left the vet that day.

All human hearts at RESQCATS went out to these special girls. The volunteers have been amazed at how well Bloom and Blossom are doing. Blossom can chase toys and find her food bowl...though we did have to work a bit on her litter box skills! Amazingly, as the first 10 days went by, I watched her and she somehow seemed to get better, almost like she could see light and shadows. I wondered how she could get on that top shelf in her enclosure! She seemed to track some movements, at least I thought she did.

So back to the vet we went. And yes, the vet even thought she could see a pupil in Blossom's eye and that meant that she may be able to see something!

On October 27, 2010...

Today, I have no idea what Blossom's future will bring. I do know that she will remain with Bloom as her sort of "seeing eye" sibling. I feel we have witnessed an unfolding miracle for Blossom...I hope her sight will continue to improve, but, I also know that

if it doesn't she is going to be just fine. Blossom inspires us all and has no idea of her limitations.

The challenge of waiting to see how all this plays out is excruciating for me! I like to have a plan, have my plan go the way I want it to go, be in control and know the outcome of things. Perhaps that is the lesson for me in all this—Blossom and Bloom are teaching me patience and resilience. And along this journey, I get to experience joy at every little step Blossom makes.

I do hope that when the time is right, that another "angel" will appear at RESQCATS and decide that Blossom and Bloom should have a real home. Then they can be the center of someone's life and love. I can assure you that they will not get adopted separately...this is one very special pair.

Am I hoping for too much? Maybe. But we are, after all, approaching the holidays and that is the time of year when we are all supposed to be filled with hope, be thankful for our blessings and pray for peace and miracles.

Well, I do that all year long...especially the miracle part! We have experienced many miracles this year at RESQCATS. Kevin was one in human form. And now, I think I am watching a Blossom miracle in the making.

PS: November 23, 2010......just want to update you before we go to press with the newsletter.

Blossom and Bloom have continued to improve and even the vets are amazed at how much eyesight has returned to Blossom's eyes. Their impaired vision is not a handicap for them at all! The sisters climb, play, follow and chase toys...they do everything a kitten that sees perfectly does. My hope is for just one more miracle for Blossom and Bloom. They need a person with no hang-ups about how their eyes look...someone who is unobstructed about appearance and status...someone with a pure heart....someone to love them unconditionally. I ask for only one wish for this holiday season...a home for Blossom and Bloom. ♦

Have You Ever Witnessed a Miracle?

Story by Nancy L. Aguirre

Do you even believe in miracles?

Or do you think that every miraculous thing that happens should be written off as a coincidence?

I ADMIT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A BIT OF A SKEPTIC regarding them...but only because I've never seen one. You know the old adage of not believing in something until you've actually seen it with your own eyes. I never doubted other people who have claimed to have witnessed one or have been a part of one, but I just never thought that anything like that could or would ever enter into my own life.

Well, I am now a true believer! Since I began volunteering at RESQCATS I can honestly say that I believe in miracles. Why? Because I have seen them and have even been a part of them - and I want to share those wonderful experiences with you. I know we can all always use some heart-warming stories in our lives.

The first miracle began with a small black and white kitten named "TLC." This tiny little girl came to RESQCATS with her two brothers one Saturday morning in August. She was brought in by a woman who got them from a home where they were not receiving proper care. While her brothers were born in perfect health, TLC was born without a kneecap in one of her hind legs and could only put a little weight on it. The tendons were so tight that she had no mobility in her knee or ankle. She used it mostly for balance. The other hind leg had not formed correctly in the womb either. And she had no claws on either back foot. When she sat down, her stiff back leg went straight up as if she were raising her hand in a classroom. The disability did not hinder her abilities to play or jump and she easily kept up with her vivacious brothers. However, we still had our concerns about how to get this kitten adopted. When you have so many "perfect" kittens available, who is going to want one with a disability? We needed an angel for "TLC." By the way, the initials in her name stood for Three Legged Cat, which we thought was quite appropriate for her. It could also stand for Tender Loving Care which was something she so badly needed in her life.

A week after arriving at RESQCATS, I received a call from Jeffyne while at home and the first words out of her mouth were: "Did you read my email about TLC?" Right away my heart dropped. I thought something bad had happened to her. My nervous reply was "no." The story Jeffyne proceeded to tell me cannot be considered anything less than a miracle.

That morning Jeffyne's schedule was clear and there were no appointments for adoptions so she was more than a little surprised when she walked out to the cattery and found two women waiting to see her. One was a friend and past adopter who had brought another friend with her. Marian Jean had dropped by to deliver a donation in honor of her cat's 7th birthday...Zuki was adopted from RESQCATS seven years ago and it had become a tradition for her to donate on that special day.

Jeffyne happily gave Marian and her friend, Susanne Peterson, the usual tour since Susanne had never been to RESQCATS. The



"TLC" has dual meaning for this kitty, Tender Loving Care & Three Legged Cat who now gets TLC from Susanne.

tour ends inside the cattery where the cats and kittens that are available for adoption reside. Susanne was interested in adopting and took an immediate liking to a darling little female kitten named Kate. She shared that she had been considering adopting a kitten for the past six weeks and this was the one that she wanted. It was wonderful news as we are always happy when we can help create or complete a family so Jeffyne went off to get some adoption paperwork that needed to be filled out. While Jeffyne was out of the room, Marian and Susanne continued down the corridor to the last enclosure of available kittens. And there was little TLC. Susanne went in to meet her and again, fell in love. She asked about this little kitten when Jeffyne returned so TLC's story was told. Imagine Jeffyne's surprise when Susanne said she was interested in adopting her, too. "I feel a special bond to TLC," she said.

Then Susanne told her own story: About 5 years ago, she was out riding her bike and was struck by a drunk driver which resulted in the loss of one of her legs. She now wears a prosthetic one. It is no wonder that Susanne felt an instant kinship with TLC! She then asked, "Can I adopt TLC as well?" Jeffyne said she does not remember if "yes" or the tears in her eyes came first. TLC and her new sister went home about a week later and while her sisters' name was changed from Kate to Sadie, TLC still keeps the name that was originally given to her. It just seems to fit her, don't you think?

Another miracle occurred with a special senior cat. This gorgeous boy was given up by his family when he was 11 years old. His original name was "IHOP" because he was born missing part of one of his hind legs (a horrible choice of names, I think)! We immediately changed it to "Simon." He had been an indoor cat for his entire life and when he was 11 years old, he was put outside to fend for himself.



Always handsome - Simon, has a home

When he could not jump over the fence to get back into his own yard, he was about to be tossed away by his owners when a RESQCATS volunteer, Rebecca Branscome, convinced the family to let her take him. Rebecca planned to take this unfortunate kitty to the local shelter, but just happened to stop by RESQCATS on the way (think she might have had it in the back of her head that maybe he could come to RESQCATS instead of the shelter?) Rebecca was very worried that an 11-year-old cat would never be adopted at the shelter especially in the middle of kitten season. Jeffyne asked to see him and he was brought inside. It was quickly discovered that this cat was not well and needed immediate medical attention, his teeth were bad and he appeared to have some skin problems. Jeffyne looked at me and asked: "How can we get an 11-year-old-three-legged cat adopted?" My reply was that I believed that somebody out there had to want him. Of this, I had no doubt. And somebody had to help him. And although Simon did not fit the RESQCATS mission to help stray and abandoned cats and kittens...we just had to make an exception!

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Thank You For Staying In Touch!



Letters to RESQCATS

Jeffyne,

Just wanted to send a couple pictures of **Feather** that we have now renamed **Bella** because of her beautiful markings. She and my other adopted cat, Billy, are virtually inseparable! Her transition to our home looked like it was an easy one for her as was her new friendship with Billy and of course us. I wanted to thank you again for giving my husband and me the opportunity to come down and visit with the kitties and to see what RESQCATS was all about. We will keep in touch and send you any new pictures we get of Bella. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Christina King



Bella formerly Feather

Hi Jeffyne,

I just wanted to say thank you for **Thor**—he is already comfortable in the house and has totally taken over. When I took him home I put him in a room and a couple of hours later, he and my other cat were already playing with each other's paws under the door. I opened the door and **Jeannie** hissed at him and then licked his ear. Next thing I knew they were curled up together. I am sending a picture from last night... it looks like they are getting along just fine. Thor meets the kids tomorrow and I am sure they are going to love him too.

Thanks Again!

Suzanne



Thor, right with Jeannie

Hi RESQCATS,

This donation is from my "girls" in celebration of their annual vet check-ups. They know the importance of vet care and want to make sure the kittens at RESQCATS get only the best!

"Cha-Cha," "Grace" and "Pumpkin" (and Julie Kaplan)

Dear RESQCATS,

I'm just writing to let you know about my great love affair with **Stash**. We have bonded so much and I can not express to you the joy he brings to my life. He purrs and follows me around the house and sleeps right in the nook of my arm. He talks a lot... I have gotten used to it though. I will send an updated picture soon.

I love him sooooo much.

Thank you for everything!!!

Sofia Benevides

Hi Jeffyne,

I couldn't wait to write and tell you how we are all doing. We had a most exciting Saturday smelling our new place and running around our first introduced room like maniacs. **Sadie and TLC** were so excited they would just jump in the air as they thought they were attacking each other. They had beautiful little basket beds with lush baby blankets but they only wanted to sleep together in the bigger basket and when bedtime came I brought the basket into bed with me and told them a story about their day and off they went to sleep. We all woke up staring at each other at 2am and I decided they were hungry and they were. They ate all their remaining can of food and started to purr up a storm. Then they were asleep again until I woke them at 8am. Today, Sunday, I had time to observe TLC more. She is incredibly cerebral. She has a one year baby toy that she has definitely figured out. It took her an hour but she is a whiz. Sadie is a little talker and fly stalker. She can catch a fly mid air. But TLC is amazing. She compensates for her leg with the other side of her body. Francis Galton studied dog behavior in the Victorian era, not cat. I believe the same observation is correct though. Cats and humans communicate on a different level than a dog with a human. Dogs establish an ingrained liking for the human. Cats understand our human soul and spirit, even at a kitten age. Sadie talks to me when she is hungry or happy or needs to poop. TLC shows me what she needs by walking me to the water or food dish or climbing up my leg to sit on my lap. I love them both and am forever in your debt....

I am again whole of spirit, gain not loss or pain,

Susanne Peterson

Dear Jeffyne,

I like the way Joyce puts it: "**Guilietta** is a force of nature!" As we celebrate our third year with our little girl we want you to know what a magnificently joyful cat she is—she constantly puts smiles on our hearts!

Our love and gratitude to you for making it possible!

Alex and Joyce Carasa



TLC – a RQC miracle kitty

Hi RESQCATS!

Thought you might like and update on how **"Rajah" (aka Speedy)** is doing.

He has adjusted really well and has become my handsome man. He is too sweet for words!

"Zoey," my other cat, has fallen in love with him, too. She has taken on a new role as "big sister." She lays with him often, licks him when he cries, but also has made sure he understand that she is queen of the house.

Rajah has become a beautiful addition to our little family, and I have no one else to thank but you!

I appreciate your love and dedication to these kitties!

Thanks again,

Shannon Crean and Cooper

9/7/10

Dear Auntie Jeffyne,

Just a little over a year ago I was an unwanted homeless baby. I was hungry, scared, lonely and I didn't know if anyone would ever love me and make me a part of their family. But you saved me, gave me food, warm blankets and a place to stay until my (human) mommy found me at RESQCATS and fell in love with me. I got the home I always dreamed of. I am loved! I have a brother and two sisters and a Mommy and Daddy who love me more than anything. Because of you, I have my fur-ever home. Thank you so much,

"Maya" Aguirre (the cat)

9/7/10

Jeffyne,

One year ago today I took home a darling little baby girl who saved our hearts after the loss of our #1 girl, "Bloo." **Maya** has changed our lives and given us more than we could ever have dreamed of. We didn't think anyone could ever fill the void in our lives, but "Maya" has. She is the matriarch of our family and we adore her.

Thank you so much for finding her for us. She is our heart and soul. And we cannot believe it has been one year today!

Thank you,

Jesus and Nancy Aguirre

Jeffyne,

I just wanted to send you a picture of little (but getting so big) Oreo with her best big brother, Andre. She is adorable. The boys play with her incessantly and she and Yammy are the best of friends. She is beautiful and the best gift our family has ever received.



Andre Battle & Oreo

Thank you

Kareem Battle

Hi Jeffyne,

I just wanted to give you an update on **Sorbet**, who I've decided to name **Cassiopeia** (or **Cassie** for short). I thought you would like to know that she is an absolute joy to have in the house. She is loved and adored here, and she's been very well behaved. She'll even stop pouncing around once we go to sleep and will curl up on the bed until morning, which I found pleasantly surprising.

We're still working on our other cat, **Charlie**, who doesn't want to be near her, choosing instead to watch from a distance and hissing if Cassie wanders too close. I assume that behavior is to be expected, but I'm hoping Charlie will come around soon and realize that she has a new playmate.

Cassie also sends her regards, and meows... "thanks for taking such good care of me!"

Thanks for giving me a ball of furry love to take home. I hope all is well with you and with the shelter!

Cheers,

Ben LaBarbera

Hi Jeffyne,

I keep wanting to call you and tell you how wonderful the two kittens that I adopted are. I adopted them in the second week of September. They were named Purrcilla and Pawlie and I believe that you kept two of their littermates. I renamed them **Ozzie and Harriet** as the snowshoe, Ozzie, is a bit daft and Harriet is very prim and proper although she does get into almost as much as Ozzie does.

I have some photos and will try to upload them to the facebook page so that you can see how they have grown. I was worried that my huge orange tabby male might bully them but he adores them and lets them jump on him and chew his ears.

I still have not forgotten my sweet little **Graffiti** (who died the week before I adopted these two) but Ozzie and Harriet have definitely helped me move on. We have all bonded. They actually are waiting by the back door for me when I return from work. They also love breakfast and dinner time.

Thank you so much for letting me come so late that day and even more for letting me take them home after their surgery. They did very well, without any problems.

I have some incredible movies of the two of them playing also and may try to get those to you some day.

Kathleen Horton

Jeffyne and all at RESQCATS,

Here are some gently used and new toys that **"Violet"** (adopted as **"Meeka"** from RESQCATS in May 2009) doesn't need. She is very spoiled and LOVED! And she is "Queen of the house" and of my heart.

I always love reading the newsletter and hope to become a volunteer one day.

All the best and thank you for all you do.

Nicole Comella



Ozzie and Harriet, top



And Now...A Few Words From Mr. Jeffyne

Hoarding—It's not Just About Collecting Baseball Cards, Bottle Caps or Pieces of String!

For the past two seasons, RESQCATS has been heavily involved with a terrible compulsive animal-related behavioral problem...the obsessive collecting of cats and kittens...commonly described as animal hoarding.

NOT UNLIKE THE SITUATIONS DESCRIBED on the reality show of the same name, animal hoarding is now being recognized as more than a dirty little secret relegated to cartoon humor and lonely, single women. Animal hoarding is a real problem effecting, literally, thousands of people with horrible consequences for hundreds of thousands of helpless animals.

The dictionary definition for hoarding (or pathological hoarding or disposophobia), is the excessive acquisition of possessions and the failure to use or discard them, even if the items being collected are worthless, hazardous or unsanitary. When hoarding reaches the compulsive/obsessive level, it begins to interfere with basic daily activities such as cooking, cleaning, showering, and even sleeping.

Classic hoarding behavior can manifest itself in the form of an on-line shopper who purchases hundreds or even thousands of pairs of shoes, or collects piles of useless knick knacks. Or the hoarder could be recognized as the individual who saves everything...from old newspapers, packing string and empty boxes to articles of clothing, pieces of wood or broken tools!

A person who engages in compulsive hoarding is often jokingly described as a "pack rat" or a "junkaholic." But in reality, these people are much more than these cutesy titles conjure up...they have a very serious mental disorder, and this behavior is no joke!

Animal hoarding takes classic hoarding to a different level and is further defined as trying to maintain larger-than-usual numbers of animals without the ability or often the means, to properly house and care for them, while at the same time behaving as if everything is fine.

In the case of the animal hoarder, the "collecting" mentality spills over from the accumulation of worthless, often petty things, to the actual amassing of large numbers of live animals!

While society often looks poorly upon hoarders, compulsive animal hoarding should really be characterized as a symptom of a mental disorder rather than deliberate cruelty towards animals.

Hoarders are often deeply attached to their animals and find it extremely difficult to let them go. They typically cannot comprehend that they are harming their animals by failing to provide them with proper care and regularly tend to believe that they alone can provide the right amount of care for their animals.

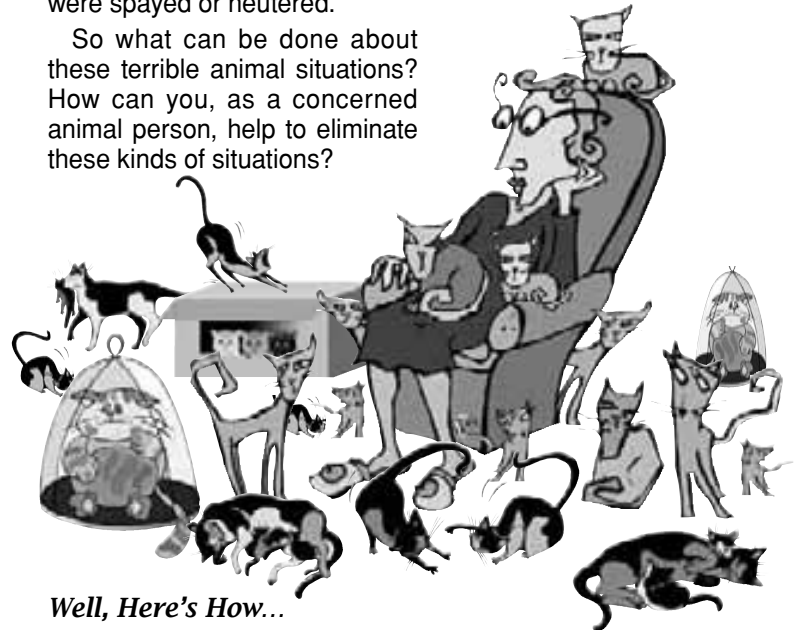
In just the last eight years, I have personally been involved with three major animal hoarding situations...all involving large numbers of collies. One case concerned 55 dogs, a second 66 dogs and the third encounter involved 172 collies and 10 cats.

While two of these situations were described as "breeders-gone-amok," it was obvious that the people involved displayed classic collector/hoarder characteristics...the accumulation of large numbers of animals (collies, in these cases), the inability to properly care for the animals and the lack of understanding that they had a problem at all!

The most recent RESQCATS' hoarding encounter is an on-going problem involving a questionable breeder of "high-end" cats. It involved cats that were being sold for upwards of \$1000 each. The real shame of this situation is that this is all happening at the same time and in the same geographic area where a shelter is euthanizing tens of thousands of "common cats" every year.

This hoarding individual had more than 60 cats on her premises...some in the house roaming freely, but many in outdoor cages with no windows, fresh air or light. Very few of the cats were spayed or neutered.

So what can be done about these terrible animal situations? How can you, as a concerned animal person, help to eliminate these kinds of situations?



Well, Here's How...

- Get educated on animal hoarding...learn all you can about this compulsive behavior so you can properly recognize the symptoms.
- When you see an animal hoarding problem, report it to the proper authorities. Don't assume "someone else will take care of it." Remember, the lives of animals are at stake.
- Insist that the authorities resolve the situation. We all know that our city and county agencies are working hard but animal hoarders are real problems that often need immediate action from properly trained personnel.
- Try to keep in mind that animal hoarding is a mental condition and unless the hoarder gets immediate help and on-going counseling, their situation will continue.

While most of us don't like to get involved in someone else's life or business, keep reminding yourself that unless the hoarder receives assistance through proper intervention and continued counseling and support, the animal hoarding behavior will continue and/or start all over again.

If you have any doubts about what you should do, just ask yourself, "If it's not me who's going to help these defenseless animals, then who? And if it's not now, then when?" ♦



Hi! It's me again!
I'm back with more
fabulously interesting
bits of important
trivia and information
about your favorite pet
species...the feline!

I have hunted far and wide to find you paws-itively delightful mewings that I thought were purr-fect for you to read about...so go ahead and enjoy!

Cat Trivia

- A group of kittens is called a “kindle” and a group of adult cats is called a “clouder.” (*Purr-sonally, I think a group of any cats should just be called...“Purr-fect!”*)
- There are more than 500 million domestic cats worldwide. In the US alone, there are about 53 million. (*My Christmas wish is I hope that they are all spayed & neutered!*)
- Did you know that Americans spend more than 2 billion dollars annually on cat food? (*My purr-sonal opinion is that they should spend more!*)

Famous Cat Quotes

“There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats.”

–Albert Schweitzer, musician & philosopher

“I can say with sincerity that I like cats....A cat is an animal which has more human feelings than almost any other.”

–From a letter by Emily Brontë

Famous Cats

- In the *Peanuts* comic series, Freida has a boneless cat named “Faron” (last appearance Nov 20, 1961) whom she carries with her everywhere – and if she has to go someplace where she can't take the cat ...she makes somebody else hold it...unfortunately for him Snoopy often got trapped into holding Faron!
- Author Lilian Jackson Braun's *The Cat Who...* is a series of mystery titles that feature Siamese felines Koko and Yum-Yum as the title characters. They are very smart and constantly give their owner, Jim Qwilleran, clues about local people and happenings!
- Rita Mae Brown and her feline co-author Sneaky Pie Brown write a series that includes the sleuthing cats Mrs. Murphy and Pewter with corgi Tee Tucker along with their human, Mary Minor “Harry” Haristeen.
- Carole Nelson Douglas writes the *Midnight Louie* Mysteries, in which the jet-black sleuthing tomcat, Midnight Louie, tells his side of the story as he and his human companion, Ms. Temple Barr, solve mysteries.



Word Play

I know that everybody's heard of the saying: **“Cat got your tongue”** but do you know how this phrase came to be? Well, I'll tell you. There are a few theories.

- One of them comes from a Middle Eastern tradition whereby soldiers punished people who were found to be liars by cutting out their tongues and feeding them to cats.
- Another theory stems from the whippings that sailors received which was called the cat-o'-nine-tails. It was said that the sailors who received this punishment suffered so much pain that they were unable to cry out, thus the start of the phrase.
- But this expression really caught on in its most popular usage in the late 1800s when children refused to answer questions that were directly asked of them by their parents. Now we mostly use it as a question towards people who are shy or don't speak forthrightly.

Silly Cat Laws

- In Cresskill, New Jersey, cats must wear three bells to announce their presence to neighborhood birds.
- In Reed City, Michigan, you can't own a cat and a bird at the same time.
- In the town of Columbus, Georgia, cats aren't allowed to yowl after 9pm.
- In Topeka, Kansas, each household can have no more than five felines.

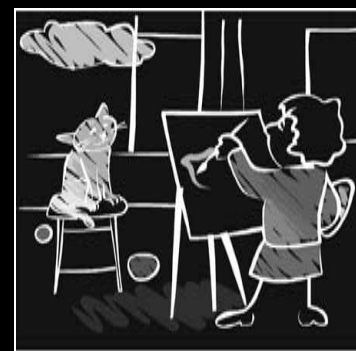


Well, once again, I must end this article as I have run out of time. I hope you found my writings a-mew-sing! I will be back in the next newsletter with more cat news for you to enjoy.

Have a Purrrrfect Day, Chloe



*When we love a cat,
 and touch its life,
 we exercise that
 faculty that could,
 if so directed,
 enable us to
 love others,
 and to touch their lives as well.*



~ Charles Burke



*Aurora's 1st day home with
Chris McAulay*



*Stacey & Yoda in their new
home with
Catherine Steininger*



*Cy was adopted by Crystal
Grady and Issac Clarke*



*Tattoo found her home
with Carrie Grabenauer*



*Bob adopted by Judy Malmgren
RESQCATS volunteer*



*Cleopatra was adopted by
Caitlin Beaman*



*HAPPY HOLIDAYS From
RESQCATS FAMILY ALBUM*

*Welcome New Family Members &
Some Familiar Faces*



*Buttons went home with
Jacquelynn Ybarra*



*Dagny was adopted by
Sarra Bohanian*



*Dusty was adopted by
Sunita Beall*



*Paisley was adopted by
Jeffyne*



*Elvis Percy Singer with his
new family...Michael,
Gabriell & Joseph*



*Farrah & Charlie...now
Pearl & Captain Nemo were
adopted by Carol Van Sande*



*Farrah was adopted by
Carol Van Sande*



*Wynken was adopted
by Billie Purcell*



*DeeDee & Daley were adopted
in '09 by Marca Rowley*



*Darling Gidget
was adopted by
Veronica Lujanoy*



*Windy was adopted by
Crystal, Grady
& Issac Clarke*



*Web was
adopted by
Penny Huff*



Fauna was adopted by
Stacy Cooper



Frenchy was adopted by
Bill & Lynette Pilousi



Harriet was adopted
by **Kathleen Horton**



Raja formerly Chip, adopted
by **Huyen Nyugen**

Photo Credit

We want to thank those of you who adopted kitties from RESQCATS and then took the time to share photos of your new family members with us.

We love it!

I would also like to give credit to Nancy Aguirre, one of our RESQCATS volunteers, who spends endless hours getting the perfect photo of each cat and kitten when they are ready for adoption. Her photos are posted on our website, Craigslist, local newspapers, Petfinder, flyers and at businesses. Now, we can share some of them with you, too, in our RESQCATS Family Album!



Kate has a new name,
Sadie, adopted by
Susanne Peterson



Shadonna went home with
Dion Cherot after giving
birth to 8 kittens



Flash was adopted by
**Dave Thompson &
Nona Perram**



KC & Blaze were
adopted by **Jaime Heer
& Justin St. Peter**



Lulu, formerly **Aurora**,
adopted by **Chris McAulay**



Speedy was adopted by
Shannon Crean



Flora was adopted by
Stacy Cooper



Pebbles was adopted by
Jeffyne



Yoda was adopted by
Catherine Steininger



Stacy & Yoda in their new
home with **Catherine
Steininger**



Zedd was adopted by
Margie Mason, DVM



Jett was adopted by
Mary Littman



Yammie & Oreo
Yammie was adopted 6 years ago
& Oreo was adopted this year by
Laura & Kareem Battle



In Memory, Honor and Celebration of Some Very Special Humans, Canines and of Course, Felines!



In loving memory of **"Sam"**
and in honor of **Jeffyne and Mitch.**

Mary Rosenfeld

For **Sharon Sutton** and in memory of her mother, **Mary Wilson.**

Gerry Flake and Kathryn Downing

In celebration of my third birthday!

"Pumpkin" Kaplan
(the cat)

In memory of **"Jr."**

Joan Wright

In memory of **"Blizz"** and for **Drew Westwick**

Blizz was only about six months old when he left for the *Rainbow Bridge.*

From all of us at RESQCATS who care about you Drew

In memory of **"Zeke"** and for
Bri Allen and Brooke Stockwell.

Zeke (aka "Samantha" while at RESQCATS) was diagnosed with heart failure as a tiny kitten in the summer of 2009. Her ultrasound with a cardiologist revealed three different things wrong with her heart...I will never forget leaving the doctor's office wondering how so many things could be wrong and there was no hope for her condition! Zeke's life would be short as her condition would certainly worsen as her heart problems progressed.

I felt she deserved to have a home with someone who could love her for however long she had on Earth. I could not imagine that anyone could offer that, knowing her circumstances. I was satisfied with the fact that she would have to stay at RESQCATS.



In memory of **"Zeke"**

Then in steps Bri Allen...and Brooke Stockwell! It took them some time to convince me, but they wanted to give this sweet little girl a loving home for whatever time she had...and that is just what they did. Zeke died suddenly on October 13, 2010...knowing love, a home and two human angels.

She will always be remembered...by all of us always.

In special memory of a long time supporter of RESQCATS, **Neil McCarty**, and for his wife, **Toni**, who wanted him to be remembered by all the cats at RESQCATS.

Toni McCarty

For **"Tango," "Dottie" and "Blizz"**

*"Angels are never here on this Earth for very long"...
in memory of some very special RESQCATS kittens.*

For **"Tango"**

Gone too soon.

Life too short.

Loved so much.

Always at my side.

Always in my heart.

Always in my thoughts.

Always and forever.

I miss you...

Your mommy (Nancy Aguirre)

Happy Happy Happy Birthday to **Suzanne Shanelec**

From your friends....

Jaime Fredrich, Cara Mortensen, Carrie Kirby, Kari Bass, Valerie Helzer and Noemi Aguirre

For **"Buddy!"**

Love,

Darlene Wilson

In the last newsletter, I wrote a story called "So...Who Gets to Live at RESQCATS?" One of the cats I wrote about was **Zultan** – this is his story since the Fall 2010 newsletter:

Zultan...Honestly, I never intended to give this little guy up after bottle-feeding him from the time he was only four days old! This brown tabby is not interested in the other cats here...he loves me...I am his world and have been since his rescue off the sidewalk! He is a character...he eats holes in all the beautiful blankets in the cattery just to nurse for gratification because he did not have the luxury of nursing his mom. I bottle-fed on a schedule which is all you can do when you have tiny kittens and are trying to be a mommy substitute. Most often Zultan is the big lump you see under the blankets in the cat baskets or you can find him inside one of the cupboards sleeping. He is always the first to check out the newest fleece bed or condo. Zultan's biggest talent is acting as my assistant during adoptions...always there to help people fill out adoption papers...sometimes he is SO helpful, he gets to go spend time locked up in the front room of the cattery!

Zultan was a resident cat and my favorite cat for over 12 years. He never had a sick day in his life until he suddenly went into kidney failure and was gone within three days. He died on my birthday. But I think it was appropriate for him to go on that day because I truly belonged to him and he did not like to share me with anyone. So now we share a special day of birth, life and loss.

Following Zultan's death was the week that Santa Barbara had such dramatic weather with lots of thunder and lightening storms...the kind I absolutely love. Since we do not usually experience storms of that sort here, we don't see many rainbows either. But that week...rainbows followed all the storms! I witnessed two rainbows in the sky above my house and there is not a doubt in my mind that it was Zultan telling me he had crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. I know he will wait for me under some comfortable blanket in a cupboard there.



In memory of "Zultan"

I cry a lot these days...miss him and I still expect to see him in his cupboard.

For now, I leave his cupboard open here at RESQCATS, filled with his favorite blankets...so his sweet spirit can come and go. *Jeffyne*

For "Zultan"

There will never be a time when I step through the doors of RESQCATS and not expect to see your handsome face peeking out from underneath a blanket or the inside shelf of a cupboard. You were our King and I know that you are standing tall and proud on the highest level of the *Rainbow Bridge*. And if you ever want to visit, I will make sure there will always be a cupboard door open for you with fresh blankets to snuggle under.

You are missed more than you know...

Your friend, Nancy Aguirre

In honor of **Suzanne Wells** and for what she does for the animals.

Alice Harper

In memory of all the "Rainbow Cats."

Nancy Karlin

In loving memory of a gentleman cat named "**Patience**" and for his purrfect people...**Bonnie and Denny Epperson**
Love,

Jeffyne and Linda

In celebration of "**Chloe**" and the eight years we have loved her when we brought her home from RESQCATS on October of 2002!

Joyce and Alex Carasa

For "**Ivy**"

Love,

Linda Higbee

For you, "**Miejek**"...wishing you rainbows.

Love,

Jeffyne

RESQCATS Kitty Cards Can Now Be Purchased Through the Mail!

Our beautiful handmade cards featuring our RESQCATS cats and kittens in their most adorable poses are now available for you to buy!

They come in a set of 10 cards (blank inside) with matching white envelopes.

Each card will feature a different photo of one of our cats (photos may vary in each set).

The cost of each set is \$25.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling.

The cards will be mailed to you in a padded envelope and each set is lovingly wrapped with a pretty ribbon around it. They will make wonderful holiday gifts or you can keep them for yourself. But once you see them, you will want more!

**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
THE RESQCATS KITTIES,
SO EVERY PURCHASE IS A DONATION!**

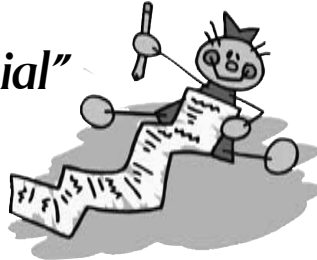


To order each set, please write your check for \$28.00, payable to RESQCATS. Indicate that you are buying cards and the number of sets you want.

Send your request to:

RESQCATS
PO Box 3852 . Santa Barbara, CA 93130

ResQcats' "Very Special" Thank You List...



I have no words big enough to thank **Gennelle Linville** for her support and donations to RESQCATS during a time in the world when so many non-profit organizations are in need of help. Gennelle, I am so very grateful for all the miracles you have given so many kitties this year. My *Thank You* comes from the bottom of my heart.

Caroline Albertson gave a beautiful donation right in the middle of kitten season...that is the time we need the most support. So many dollars go out to care for the kitties and adoption donations only help with a part of the expenses of each one. Caroline, it was purr-fect and so are you! *Thank You*

Thank You to **Petfinder.com Foundation** for the beautiful grant that was awarded to RESQCATS for submitting the most heartwarming story, "TLC – The Special Kitty Who Has a Name with a Hidden Meaning." The money will enable us to help so many and my gratitude is from my heart!

A very special *Thank You* to **Ginny Bowman** for the wonderful cat toys she donated for the cats and kittens at RESQCATS!

Thank You a thousand times for all your support, **Dave Krysiak**! You have no idea the difference that you make at RESQCATS with your generosity.

A special *Thank You* must go to **Nancy Aguirre**, a RESQCATS volunteer. She has made this year at RESQCATS one of the most successful and fun years in our history. If I could give her a title, it would be creative director, photographer, author, assistant...and friend. She has brought so many creative ideas to the organization. We now have a photo board that she updates several times a week, RESQCATS greeting cards, enclosure sheets that cleverly talk about each kitty available for adoption and award banners with photos of featured kitties for "Best Mom," "Most Beautiful Eyes," etc. She even writes several columns for the newsletter and cardboard carriers to give them a personalized touch. And all those darling photos you see on our website...Nancy takes them! I am in awe of her creativity...and of her! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do and all that you are! You have helped make RESQCATS an even better place...for cats and humans, both!

Susan Leroy...you are always there to help rescue and foster. Your job for RESQCATS is most often 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and with no end in sight on a lot of those days. Your dedication to saving the cats and kittens is a precious gift we share and having someone who understands that passion is a cherished treasure in my heart. *Thank You*

Thank You **Bri Allen** and **Brooke Stockwell** for giving sweet "Zeke" the best home she could ever have during her much too short time on Earth.

Lois Dunn of *Charlie's Cat Toys* donated toys to all the kitties and set up her *e-bay* account so that you can buy toys and have them sent directly to the kitties at RESQCATS! WOW! *Thank You*

St. Francis Pet Clinic has gone beyond the call of duty this year with all the special needs cats and kittens that have had special medical attention. St. Francis was the patron saint for animals and that is how I feel about **Dr. Morgan, Dr. Harmon, Dr. Faoro and Dr. Lawrence**...they are all saints! *Thank You*

Greg Haskell, DVM and all his staff at *Adobe Pet Hospital* have helped us save many this year by always being there to help. I am especially grateful for your help with "Shadonna," who got so sick on a Sunday morning. Dr. Haskell made a special trip into the clinic to see her that day...how do I *Thank You* for that and for all your support with so many this year!

Thank You **Darcie Barnes, DVM** from the *Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society* for helping us with so many of the spay and neuter surgeries this year. I do love those beautiful early morning drives to Buellton to bring kittens to you for surgery.

The **Santa Barbara Humane Society** has spayed and neutered hundreds of RESQCATS cats and kittens and has been doing so since 1998! *Thank You* hundreds of times! You help us do it right by having the cats spayed and neutered before going to their new homes.

Susan Boesch has become our volunteer marketing director. She worked hard this year to get the word out there about RESQCATS and what we do. She posts photos and descriptions on our website, posts available cats and kittens for adoption on various sights, sets up tables at events to increase our exposure and creates an email newsletter each month. She is a huge part of our success in breaking our record for number of adoptions this year. *Thank You*, Susan, for your hard work, creativity and dedication.

There are no words of gratefulness big enough to thank all the **RESQCATS Volunteers** for the gift of your time. Your commitment and dedication this year have been outstanding. Every job here is so important...whether you are cleaning enclosures, socializing cats and kittens, photographing them to be posted for adoption, transporting them to vet appointments, fostering or helping with adoptions...know that you can look in the mirror and say, "**I made a difference today.**" *Thank You*

Suzanne Wells fostered large litters of kittens several times this Fall. They arrived from Santa Maria with a mom that had given birth to five litters in about two and a half years. All were sick and Suzanne spent weeks caring for them until they were ready to come to RESQCATS! She truly saved their lives with her care and love. *Thank You*

Thank You **Fred Dawn and Donna Mancuso** for all the years you have supported RESQCATS with your donations...imagine all the kitty lives you have saved and all the human lives you have touched through them. You have made such a difference!

ASK AIKIN

*A New Column
by Aikin Bones*

OK – I'll admit, I got a little jealous that my sister Chloe got to have her own story in the newsletter, so I pitched an idea to Jeffyne about me writing a Q&A story. Being the sweetheart that she is, she said that I could! I had a lot of fun doing the research for this new idea and I hope you enjoy what I wrote. I also hope it will help you with any questions or concerns you may have about your cat or kitten.

I would love to get questions from you, so if you want to ask me anything about us cats – write to resqcats@aol.com and I will do my best to find out the answers you want and get them published in the next newsletter. Here we go...

Q - What is it that makes people allergic to cats?

A - It is not the cat, per say, that the person is allergic to – it is the protein in the cats' saliva that makes people's eyes itch and causes them to sneeze.

Q - How many teeth does an adult cat have?

A - Adult cats have 30 teeth.

Q - How fast does my cats' hair grow?

A - A cat's hair grows at the same rate as human hair.

Q - Is it okay to give my cat milk?

A - No. Most cats are lactose intolerant. Milk products may give them diarrhea, which can lead to dehydration or other serious problems.



Q - My kitten doesn't get affected by catnip like my adult cat does – why is that?

A - Catnip doesn't have any affect on geriatric cats and kittens younger than three months old. Only about two-thirds of adult cats are affected by catnip. The catnip plant contains the chemical, Transnepetalactone, which is a closely related substance secreted by an adult female cat in her urine and that is thought to be the reason why it can cause such a strong effect on some cats.

Q - My cat will only eat dry food. Should I be worried?

A - Not if your cat gets enough water to drink daily. Dried foods are suspected of causing bladder problems because they do not contain enough water in them, so if that is the only thing your cat will eat – make sure enough water is provided.

Q - Is regular tap water okay for my cat? Or should I be serving bottled water?

A - Tap water is fine if you let it sit out for at least 24 hours. There is chlorine in tap water and that may irritate the cats nose, so by letting it sit out, the chlorine will dissipate and the cat will happily drink. If you want to serve bottled water to your cat – Great!



Q - Can I give my cat raw fish, chicken, or meat?

A - No. Salmonella bacteria form quickly on raw meat and poultry and can cause an intestinal disorder. Raw meat can also contain parasites that can lead to Toxoplasmosis, which is a disease that can damage the brain, eyes or other organs.

Both meat and fish are potential choking hazards. With fish, there are tiny bones that can splinter after being digested and become lodged in the intestines. Large bones are also dangerous because they can break the cats' teeth when they are biting into them.

Q - Can I give my cat canned tuna?

A - You can if it is in small quantities and not too often. Too much tuna can result in a vitamin B1 deficiency which can lead to heart problems. Having a B1 deficiency can rob cats of vitamin E which can lead to skin disease.

Q - When do kittens lose their baby teeth? What happens to them?

A - The first temporary set of 26 teeth appear in kittens around two weeks of age. These are referred to as the milk teeth. They are replaced by adult teeth around six months of age.

When kittens lose their teeth, they either swallow them while eating or they fall out. They are very tiny (like a grain of rice or smaller), so you might not see them. Sometimes you may get lucky and find them! They make a great souvenir of your cats' milestone into adulthood!

*Well, I hope you learned something which will help you better understand your cat – and take the best care of him or her that you can!
Thanks so much for reading and remember to send in those questions!!! ♦*

Prayer for Animals in Shelters

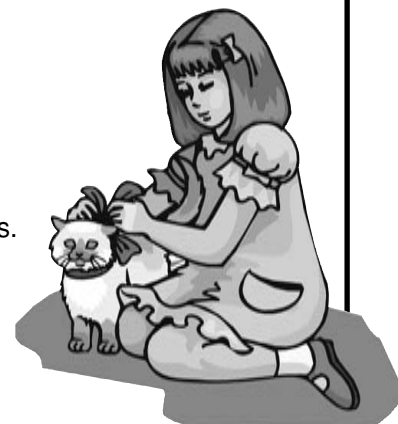
Dear God,

Please bring the right owners to the right pets,
at the right time.

Make matches that will help these sweet ones
in shelters
find good homes
and true families,
where they can love
and will be loved
and cared for
for all the days of their lives.

Amen.

– From the book:
PET PRAYERS & BLESSINGS
by Laurie Sue Brockway
& Victor Fuhrman



President's Message*continued from page 1*

kittens that could be adopted in a heartbeat. It is not as if I need my husband's approval to keep a kitten...he falls in love with all of them especially if they are in our office! I think he would have let the whole litter of four stay if I asked him! It was me having the guilty feeling that I should only keep those that no one else wanted. I even asked for guidance from two dear friends who also happen to be volunteers. Both assured me that it was okay to have some of the light and happiness that I try to give to others when they adopt from RESQCATS

So, with much guilt about keeping two darling, purr-fectly adoptable kittens for myself... "Pebbles" and "Paisley" are here to stay! I call them my little "rainbows" for their calico and tortoiseshell coloring. They have brought so much light to my heart and for once, I don't even mind being in the office filtering through all my paperwork...with a lot of extra kitten help, I might add!

Whew, I feel better just confessing!

Now down to business and the President's message!

RESQCATS has experienced a challenging year with much success. We extended the length of our 2010 season and were able to help even more stray and abandoned cats and kittens by doing so. Our total number of adoptions for the 2010 will be our highest ever. (I will add a P.S. before this newsletter goes to print and give you our final number.) We also surpassed 1700 in total number of adoptions during our 13 years of operation! We placed more adult cats this year than in any past single year... you cannot imagine how difficult that is to do when everyone is so focused on kittens! I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who had such open hearts and gave homes to young mommy cats, abandoned adult cats and even senior cats with special needs!

It is a tremendous amount of daily work and upkeep in the cattery, not to mention the responsibility of caring for all the cats' needs once they arrive. There are vet appointments to attend to, vaccinations to do, medications to administer, spay and neuter surgeries to plan, volunteers to manage and schedule, phones to answer, interviews to do for potential adopters, paperwork to get buried under...and finally...interviewing people in order to find purr-fect homes for all the cats and kittens.

The days are long and hard for all of us. Volunteers help with so much of the daily work at RESQCATS: They clean enclosures every morning after the party the cats seem to have every night. Other volunteers socialize the kitties so they are accustomed to human touch and become the friendly playful kittens everyone wants. A few select volunteers foster kittens and/or their moms and believe me, that is a 24/7 job that requires unrelenting dedication. One volunteer takes photos and another shoots videos of the available kitties so that a third volunteer can post them on the website, Craigslist, Petfinder and U-Tube. Some volunteers run errands to get supplies or pick up kitties after spay or neuter appointments. The list goes on and on. This is what it takes to operate RESQCATS. You all know that!

However, in addition to what we accomplished "under roof" so to speak, RESQCATS also expanded into our community in order to make a difference. We teamed up with Care4Paws, a non-profit organization whose main focus is to educate the public about the importance of spaying and neutering. RESQCATS sponsored spay and neuter surgery for 100 cats in the community in an effort to help with the pet-overpopulation problem. Care4Paws did all the work in scheduling spay and neuter surgeries over several weeks and RESQCATS took care of the costs. We were so happy to work with Care4Paws and very proud of this accomplishment.

Every year, RESQCATS reaches out to individuals who have a mother cat that continues to get pregnant and give birth to litter after litter. The kittens are usually given away by the owner of the mother cat, and most likely, the kittens are not spayed or neutered either. In a few short months, these kittens will start reproducing, too. In order to break this cycle, RESQCATS offers to pay to have the mother cat's physical exam, test for Feline Leukemia and FIV, vaccinations, worming medication, spay surgery, microchip. Then she is returned to her home (unless we can talk the person into letting us find a more responsible indoor-only home for the mom.) In return, the kittens are relinquished to us so they can follow the same medical protocol. When the kittens are old enough and have gone through our many medical requirements, we find qualified homes for them.


And finally, RESQCATS has played an integral part in assisting to rescue cats from a hoarding situation. Sadly, it is another one of those stories about a breeder who has become a hoarder. The cats are in terrible shape— with skin problems, parasite issues and just plain starvation and neglect. Many of the kittens have died due to the poor health of their moms and from inbreeding. It is a devastating scenario and we will probably still be working to help these poor cats when you receive this newsletter in December. That will make this job a four month project and will cost several thousand dollars due to all their medical issue (see *A Few Words from Mr. Jeffyne* on page 6).

So that brings me to the reason I write this newsletter. Number one, I needed to confess to you about "Pebbles" and "Paisley!"

But most importantly, I need to ask for your help in making a difference. RESQCATS has done a lot this year: we topped our highest adoption number in history, helped the community with an additional 100 spay and neuter surgeries, assisted individuals that needed help with their pregnant cats, and played an important role in eliminating the suffering of almost 60 cats and kittens from a sad hoarding situation. I sincerely believe RESQCATS has made a difference in so many ways in 2010.

I invite you to be part of our making a difference. When I go to bed at night, the last thing I do is look at myself in the mirror and say, "I know I made a difference today." It is a sweet thought and sense of accomplishment to end each day feeling that way. Of course, when I get up the next morning to start all over, my first thought is, "I am going to make a difference today!" Now, I am asking YOU to be part of making a difference at RESQCATS. I hope you will consider getting out that checkbook again and sending your tax-deductible donation to RESQCATS. Remember, every dollar helps! Then, before you go to bed tonight, take a look at yourself in the mirror and know...YOU made a difference today!

Thank you...from the bottom of my heart.



Jeffyne Telson, President
RESQCATS, Inc.

PS: Just a quick update to let you know that as of November 23, 2010 RESQCATS has adopted 186 cats and kittens in 2010 and our total number of adoptions is 1737! (And we still have some time to go before the end of the year with several cats and kittens still waiting to find permanent homes!) Thanks to all of you for being such a part of this journey over the last 13 years! We will have a final adoption number for 2010 in our Spring 2011 newsletter!

Have You Ever Witnessed a Miracle?

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So he got his new name and a trip to the vet! Overall, Simon was a healthy cat, but his teeth were badly infected and decayed and all but one had to be removed. The vet felt so bad about all the teeth that had to come out that he polished the single remaining one for free! So, now we had an 11-year-old cat with three and a half legs and only one tooth. Not a very encouraging sales pitch to all the people coming in to look at kittens or young cats. But Simon was such a nice cat and quickly became all of the volunteer's favorites. It was beginning to look like Simon would become a RESQCATS resident cat.

One day, a woman came in with her young daughter and they fell in love with Simon and took him home. "We make the perfect family for "Simon" the little girl replied. We all rejoiced that we had found the perfect home for Simon!!! Then a few days later, Simon was returned as his new family found that they were allergic to him. Now what were we going to do?

It really was looking as if Simon was at RESQCATS to stay. But we persevered in our attempts to find him a permanent home. We chose Simon to be the "Pet-of-the-Week" in the Santa Barbara News-Press. We included a photo along with a short description of him. A few days later, Simon's miracle showed up on RESQCATS' doorstep.

Jeffyne received a call from a neighbor of hers who saw the picture in the paper and wanted to meet Simon. Nancy George and her husband, Dan, had a three-legged cat at their home already and thought that Simon would fit right in with her family. She came to meet him and it was a match! Simon went with his new family and found his forever home with this special couple!

So now I have to ask you...Are these two examples that I described miracles? Or are they simply coincidences? Good timing? How about the right person being at the right place at the right time? Or could it be possible that there is something more? Something a little more grand and beyond our control?

I guess it is up to you to decide...but for me,

I believe in miracles. ♦



Save the Date!

Saturday, January 8, 2011

at

Whole Foods Market

3761 State Street

Santa Barbara, CA 93105

9am to 3pm

It's a free e-waste recycling event to benefit RESQCATS!

Want to get rid of all those broken and outdated computers, TVs, monitors, laptops, cell phones and other electronic gadgets?

Here is your opportunity to clean out all that old stuff, help the environment and benefit the stray and abandoned cats and kittens at RESQCATS.

RESQCATS will receive 60% of the proceeds from the event and that will help us get a good start on the 2011 kitten season that will be here before we know it.

SO PLEASE DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!

If you cannot make it and would like to drop some things off ahead of time or want a RESQCATS volunteer to pick up your donation...just call us (805) 563-9424.

No RSVP required!

Check out www.e-wastefundraising.org

In this Season of Miracles, Please Consider What a Difference Your Gift Will Make!



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

I am enclosing my tax deductible donation :

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| Angel in Heaven | \$1000 | Caring Spirit..... | \$100 |
| Miracle Worker | \$500 | Supporter | \$50 |
| Magic Maker..... | \$250 | Helper | \$25 |

Please designate my donation to the Polar Bear Fund to help kitties with special medical needs.

Make your check payable to:

RESQCATS
P.O. Box 3852
Santa Barbara, CA 93130
(805) 563-9424

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____



ALL NATURAL
Bazil Essentials
 Candles · Soy · Perfume

“Believe In Miracles” Lavender Soy Candle Designed For & Available Only Through RESQCATS

A wonderful way to help support RESQCATS that will make a difference for stray and abandoned cats & kittens

Elizabeth Nicholson of Bazil Essentials created a lavender soy candle just for RESQCATS a few years ago in memory of a special kitty named “Pearl.”

Elizabeth sold Bazil Essentials a few months ago. The new owner has agreed to continue making the candles since so many of you expressed your love for them.

The difference is that they will only be available through RESQCATS!



Elizabeth wrote this about the candle and RESQCATS...

“The RESQCATS Pure Soy glass Pillar titled ‘Lavender Bud’ is scented with pure Lavender essential oil sprinkled with dried lavender buds. Lavender helps create an emotionally calming, relaxing and balancing atmosphere, while also healing the soul, providing nervous tension relief and relieving slight depression. The benefits of Lavender are symbolic to what RESQCATS does everyday with our feline friends, as well as to the way a loving pet can help you in everyday life.”

Each boxed candle can be purchased for \$25

\$18 goes to support RESQCATS and their work to save the lives of our beloved cat and kitten friends
Delivery, Shipping & Handling

If you are local, we can deliver to you.

If you want the candle shipped, please include \$5 for shipping and handling of each candle.

We even have new decorative bags with pretty ribbon so you won't have to wrap them!

To Buy...Send a Check to

RESQCATS, PO Box 3852, Santa Barbara, CA 93130

– indicate on your check how many candles you are purchasing –

Email us at RESQCATS@aol.com

or call us at (805) 563-9424 if you have questions.

A Very Special Thank You from Jeffery...



To one of those behind the scenes volunteers who can certainly look in the mirror each night and know he made a difference!

Keith Flannery donates his creativity, talent and many, many hours to create each RESQCATS newsletter. The newsletter is our main fundraiser so we know that he has helped to raise thousands of dollars for our stray and abandoned cats and kittens.

**And I think you will agree...
 it is the best newsletter out there!**

Wish List



- I wish everyone could experience the unconditional love of an animal
- I wish for a home for all the strays and shelter animals.
- I wish for peace, light, love, blessings and miracles for each of you.
- I wish to make a difference in the world.
- I wish all of you a happy holiday and great 2011!

Dedication

I dedicate this newsletter to all of you who chose to adopt a rescue animal from a shelter this year!

Wishing You Peace, Joy and Harmony This Holiday Season!



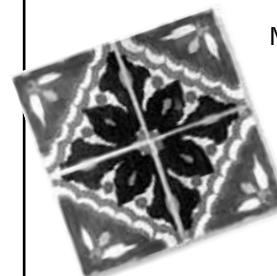
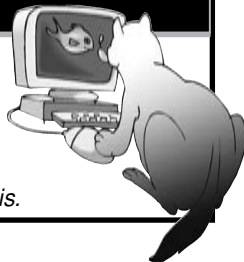
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 the heart-warming stories or
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