

RESQCATS™

A non-profit animal rescue organization dedicated to the care and welfare of stray and abandoned cats and kittens.



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Summer 2016



President's Message

Written on May 27, 2016



Jeffyne with Hansel and Gretel

WOW! Kitten season at **RESQCATS** has begun and we are busier than ever taking care of moms and kittens.

I expect another record breaking year as we begin our 19th season. It is hard for me to believe that my dream from almost 20 years ago has grown into such a successful organization. **RESQCATS** has adopted almost 2500 cats and kittens since we began in 1997 and we have rescued and assisted hundreds more.

We ended 2015 with 207 adoptions; the last kitten was adopted just before Christmas, so it was a long season. **RESQCATS** has already saved almost 100 since opening on April 1st for the 2016 season.

The last few weeks have not been without many challenges, but as always, **RESQCATS** has been ready to tackle every one of them.

The second day that our doors reopened, a cat

named Maliki arrived. A caring lady heard her crying on her property and called The Animal Rescue Team. They responded and took her into their care. Then, Maliki was transferred to **RESQCATS** the following day. It appeared that Maliki was pregnant, but an ultrasound confirmed that she actually had an infected uterus that needed to be surgically removed immediately. She was rushed to an emergency care hospital where she had an operation that saved her life. Her medical expenses are already over \$4000 and by the time you receive this newsletter, her dental surgery will have added additional costs to her bill. (Be sure to read her story on page 12.)

RESQCATS has also responded to rescue groups that have asked for our assistance in saving pregnant cats and mothers with kittens from a high-kill shelter in San Bernadino. We often work with Kitty Devore, a group that pulls cats and kittens prior to their scheduled euthanasia date. It is my philosophy that if **RESQCATS** has a space and can save lives, we do everything in our power to help! I cannot imagine having an empty enclosure here and not saving these moms and babies. Many of you know me well enough to know that I believe every life is precious, so I don't turn someone away when I have the ability to lend a hand.

Sadly, two moms, Starr and Vallory, lost their newborn kittens because they were exposed to an upper respiratory virus at that shelter. Their undeveloped immune systems were not able to fight the virus. At the first sign of distress, Starr's three babies were rushed to the emergency hospital, but nothing could be done to save them. I am always heartbroken on those days...or nights...losing such young lives is not easy. But, I try to remember something my mom told me once. She said, "Jeffyne, angels are never on this Earth for very long." Her words of wisdom help me through such devastating grief and remind me that I just cannot save them all.

Teena, a young mother of six, has been diagnosed with pancreatitis. She is still undergoing treatment and has had several follow-up visits with the vet for progress reports that include blood work and x-rays. Her medical costs are approaching \$1000. She will most likely require exploratory surgery at the time of her spay based on some abnormalities in her x-rays. We hope that by the time you receive this newsletter that she is in perfect health and has found an adopter to give her the life she deserves.

Another mom, Kiara, showed no improvement after

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a week of favoring her front foot. It was originally thought that she may have sprained it and that she needed a few days to recover, but when it did not get better, the vet did a comprehensive exam on her paw, leg and shoulder. He suggested x-rays and said that something in the shoulder area just didn't feel right. The x-rays revealed bullet shrapnel from a 22 caliber gun! She had also been shot with a BB which is still lodged at the base of her tail. The bullet had broken a bone, but it had already healed and nothing more can be done. She was lucky that her lungs or heart were not penetrated, but I can only imagine the pain she must have felt for weeks after being someone's target.

RESQCATS community outreach is an integral part of helping our society become a better place for the felines.

We assist people who have their own cats that have become pregnant. They may love their cats, but either they never thought about getting them spayed and neutered or cannot afford the surgery. **RESQCATS** offers to take the moms and provide our standard medical protocol including a vet exam, test for Felv/FIV, fecal exam, worming medication, vaccinations and spay surgery. If additional medical attention is needed, we provide that, too. And our service is at **no** cost to the owner. In return, the owner of the cat relinquishes the kittens to **RESQCATS** so that we can follow the same procedure before they are put up for adoption. That way, the kittens are not given away or sold on Craigslist, unspayed and unneutered. We provide proper veterinary care including spay or neuter surgery prior to adoption. It is one of the most important ways that **RESQCATS** can reach into the community to help with pet overpopulation.

RESQCATS continues to help with the feral cat population in our county. Since our local trap-neuter-return organization's president retired, **RESQCATS** has assisted in funding medical care for many feral moms including vaccines, flea control, testing, worming and spay surgery. The efforts to continue helping the ferals is on-going. But in the meantime, feral moms are still producing litters and they need our attention. I am determined to be able to provide support for this very important work, thus preventing many unwanted litters from being born. **RESQCATS** also takes in feral kittens. Volunteers spend time socializing them while we provide medical care and then, find forever homes for them.

Readers may not realize that **RESQCATS** is also responsible for twenty resident cats that were considered unadoptable. We do not euthanize unadoptable cats and kittens.

RESQCATS is truly a no-kill sanctuary. I have said this many times during the years, "If the cats that come in are too shy, too feral, have too many health issues... or are just too anything... they stay at **RESQCATS** and we provide lifetime care for them."

Our youngest resident, Serena, is two years old and follows a weekly regimen to treat chronic pancreatitis. Our most mature resident is Precious. She was nine years old and came to **RESQCATS** with "attitude" in 2008 and she is still going strong!

You may notice that this newsletter is shorter than some I have sent in the past. It is just that **busy** so finding time to bring you up to date has been difficult. But, I feel it is extremely important to keep you informed because you make so much possible through your support.

RESQCATS has a wonderful group of volunteers this season who are dedicated to helping with every task from scooping and washing litter boxes to sweeping floors and well, just cleaning up the party the cats seem to have every night! They show up at 8:30 every morning and stay until the cattery is spic and span. Fosters are busy, too, bottle-feeding newborn kittens and caring for litters until they are ready to come to **RESQCATS**. I am grateful to every person who gives the gift of time to help.

And yes, here we are again, the time to ask for your support. This part is always difficult for me...asking for your tax-deductible donations. But it is part of what I need to do to enable **RESQCATS** to continue the work that we do. Your donations are more than just dollars...those dollars are the gift of life for the cats and kittens.

It truly takes all of us to make a difference.

I promise to do my very best every single day and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.



Jeffyne Telson
President and founder of **RESQCATS**, Inc.



Jeffyne with Esprit

*****YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE*****

RESQCATS is in no way associated with a Florida group of the same name. We are working diligently to resolve this situation and apologize for the confusion.



And now...
A Few Words from Mr. Jeffyne
And Then There Were Seven



On March 4th of this year, *Ares*, the most gentle and loving of all our collies, peacefully passed away in my arms. Ironically, on a date that can be interpreted as a time to move forward, “march forth,” our lives actually took a step backwards. Our collie family that just last year was 10, is now only seven.

Ares was one of 19 puppies born to two mothers in the Riverside area twelve and one-half years ago. Fortunately, all the puppies, as well as the adults, were relinquished to Southland Collie Rescue when the people who bred them realized that they could not properly care for 21 dogs. I remember very distinctly, driving to Riverside on that Saturday morning with *Triton*, my big tri-boy, sitting next to me. We were going to just “take a look at the puppies.” Can you imagine...I would drive 140 miles each way just to “take a look” at some puppies. Who did I think I was fooling?! Of course I knew that I was going to adopt a puppy, but I didn’t realize that this dog would make such an indelible impression on so many others...animals and people alike.

Ares was, sadly, not the first collie that we’ve recently lost ...*Journey* and *Atlas* preceded him in July and September last summer.

In addition to all the **RESQCATS** kitties that have shared our lives for the past thirty years, we have also been the very proud pet parents to 27 rescued purebred collies. Well, I say purebred collies, but in actuality, some of our “purebreds” really weren’t.

Wolfie, the first dog that Jeffyne and I had together

was probably a collie-shepherd mix. He was the only dog, along with my cat, Mrs. Muffet, that I brought into our marriage in 1986. I say *Wolfie* was probably a collie-shepherd because his mother, *Connie*, was a purebred rescued German Shepherd that never left the yard. But incredibly, she still managed to get pregnant and give birth to 10 collie-like puppies...we never did figure out who the Daddy was...but for sure, we knew he had to be a collie! Of course, those were the days before we spayed and neutered all our animals.

We have had other “collies” over the years that also weren’t purebreds; included our little *Starr*. We adopted her from Southland Collie Rescue on a day when we weren’t even looking for a dog. We just stopped by to get a “fur-fix” between doctor’s appointments. Jeffyne told the person at the rescue that we already had plenty of dogs. (At that time we had a collie of every color and the only dog that she would even consider would be a white collie.)

Well, wouldn’t you know...just that week the rescue had taken in a litter of four white collies; two with blue merles heads and two with tri-colored heads! Now we were stuck. How could we not “just have a peek.” We met the four puppies and just like that, selected *Starr* to join our canine family.

As *Starr* grew through puppyhood, we began to realize that she was not a full collie at all. She was thinner and her snout was much longer and more slender than our other “Lassies.” Now this was 15 years ago, before

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the days of canine-DNA testing became common, so we just made the assumption that *Starr* was probably a collie-Saluki mix. *Starr* fit right in with the rest of our collie pack and, of course, her unique look never kept us from loving her.

Our third not-so-collie, collie, was actually two; a pair of bonded brothers...*Shep* and *Laddie*.

I discovered these tri-colored-boys on the Southland Collie Rescue web site during one of my all-too-often Internet searches of available collies. At the time we weren't looking to adopt another dog, (of course, when ARE we ever REALLY looking to adopt another dog!) What caught my eye about these dogs wasn't just *Laddie's* sad eyes or *Sheppie's* floppy ears...it was their names...*Shep* and *Laddie*. While these are certainly not exclusive names in the collie world, they were very special to me because our first pair of tri-colored collies was originally named *Shep* and *Laddie*.

When we drove to meet "the boys," (as they soon came to be called,) we took a couple of our collie ambassadors along. We always want to be sure that the new additions will mix in with the rest of the pack.

Well, of course, there were no surprises, the new guys fit in perfectly. After all, *Shep* and *Laddie* were collies... well almost! While they were both very affectionate tri-color boys, just like their earlier namesakes, our new *Shep* and *Laddie* were shorter and squattier than our other collies. Their faces were also "boxier," and *Sheppie's* tail appeared to be cropped. (We later learned that he probably lost his tail due to some kind of trauma.) Again, without the benefit of a DNA test, we concluded that the boys were either farm collies or had a bit of Australian shepherd in their background. But they were "our boys" just the same, and we loved them.

Every one of our purebred dogs, including these "almost" collies, became a member of our family just as soon as they arrived. They were all house dogs which meant that not only did they sleep in the house, they lived in the house! And *Ares* was no exception.

For his entire life our gentle giant was an integral part of the family. When the grand-children were small, *Ares* INSISTED on sleeping with them. Actually, he didn't just sleep with them, he slept on them! And *Ares* wasn't a little collie. He weighed over 75 pounds most of his life.

Whenever we had overnight guests, *Ares* assumed the role of "collie host," and claimed the right to spend the night with them. And it made no difference whether they wanted him in the room or not, his role was to take care of our guests and he took that responsibility very seriously.

Actually, I think *Ares* felt that the guest wing of the house was his area to manage. On a few occasions when I was bed-ridden following knee and heart surgery and confined to the ground floor, *Ares* made it a point to sleep with me. And he was a great sleeper. He'd jump up on the bed, circle once or twice and then plop down

on his side, and not move for eight hours! He made for a wonderful full-body heating pad!

Affectionately dubbed, our "gangly teenager," *Ares* loved and respected every person and every animal that shared his life...from the strangers he met on the beach to the tiny rabbits that inhabited our yard...*Ares* loved everyone.

As I now look back on our more than 12 years with *Ares*, I am no longer sad for his passing. I rejoice for a life well-lived. I grieve only that our sweet boy couldn't have lived with us forever.

As a loving acknowledgment, Jeffyne posted this touching tribute for *Ares* on her Facebook page:



Saying good-bye to Ares

Ares was our gentle giant. Not only was he grand in height and stature for a collie, but he had an enormous capacity to love. He welcomed and accepted all the cats and dogs added to the family in his 12-1/2 years with Mitch and me. He saw it as his duty to keep human guests company when they visited. He slept with them in the guest bed! He offered company to another collie, Skye, after she lost her brother, Atlas, last fall.

He was patient, kind and accepting. He was love in its purest form: without conditions.

Thank you, Ares, for waiting for Mitch as he drove 15 straight hours to be with you so that you would not go alone. My candle here in Oregon was lit all day to help you see the light on Earth and stay until Mitch could hold you. I blew it out last night as you passed to the Rainbow Bridge.

But your candle is lit again this morning to help all of us that miss you find light in our souls.

Today, I will look for rainbows in the Oregon sky. Let me know you are okay through the grandness of a beautiful rainbow across the sky, Ares. I will be watching for you.

— March 4, 2016

Some special thank yous...

Thank you so much to the “**Lucky Fund**” for your generous support. The impact you have on the lives of stray and abandoned cats and kittens is enormous. There are not enough words of appreciation for all that you make possible. From my heart, I am very grateful.



A very special *thank you* to **Laure Pfeiffer** who adopted “Bella” and “Chloe” over ten years ago. She has never forgotten how much RESQCATS relies on donations to help rescue and care for the cats and kittens. She has continuously supported our efforts and helped support RESQCATS since she adopted her girls.



Thank you from the bottom of my heart **Kathleen and Mark Wardman** for their compassion, insight and generosity in remembering that adult cats need support, too. They helped give “**Spirit**” a new life of health and happiness.



Thank you **Joane Petrini** for being the friend that I credit for giving me a clear vision towards my passion of helping stray cats. We began rescuing kitties together on the jetty in San Diego almost 30 years ago. She is someone who truly understands the compassion and struggles of rescue. Although we don’t rescue together anymore... she helped lay the foundation and has continued to offer support emotionally and given so generously to make a difference for RESQCATS.



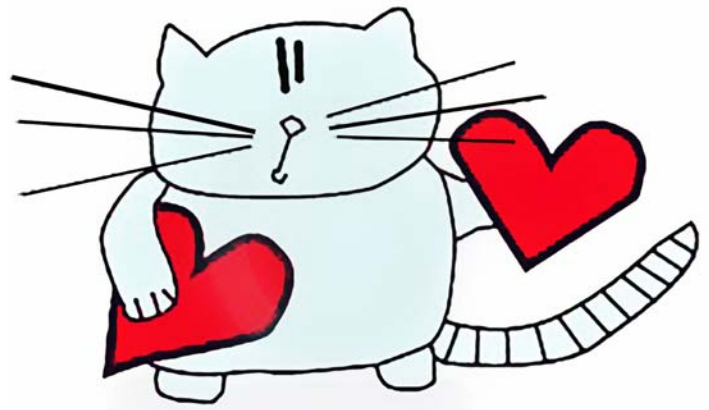
Thank you **Betty Oberacker** for remembering the animals lucky enough to have found their way to you and for honoring them with such bounteousness with your donation. I have designated your gift to the “Polar Bear Fund” which is for those kitties that have challenging medical issues that often require extensive and expensive medical care. We can give them every chance in life because of you.



Thank you **Patricia Bragg** for dedicating your life to helping others’ lives be healthier and for understanding that animals can have a life-changing positive impact on those who adopt them. I so very much appreciate your generous support.



A heartfelt *thank you* to **Pamela Vincent** for what you do for all animals and for the honor of such loving support and generosity for the cats and kittens at RESQCATS. The impact you have is infinite.



A very special *thank you* to **Jon and Mary Lou Sorrell** whose generosity during the last 18 years has changed the fate of countless stray and abandoned kitties at RESQCATS. Mary Lou ...you are a kindred spirit.



Thank you to my long time friend, **Margie Sherburne**, for your loyalty, generosity and moral support. You are a treasure and I am blessed to have you as my friend. There are countless kitties that you have helped over the last 18 years that would call you a friend, too.



Thank you **Nicke and Dick Hetzel**. You do so much for animals in Dallas, Texas and I realize there are many local animal organizations that you are dedicated to helping. I am honored to have your support. Nicke, you are a kindred spirit.



Thank you **Gennelle Linville** for years of support and understanding of what it takes to run a rescue organization...the expenses, emotions and physical demands. The impact you have on all these felines is such a gift. On behalf of the cats and myself...I am very grateful to you. I have designated your donation to “The Polar Bear Fund” for kitties that need extra medical attention above the usual. You are their “Miracle Worker.”



A great big *thank you* to **Lynne and Buddy Borderre** for years of loyal support. The lives you have saved are countless and the difference you have made is immeasurable.



A very special *thank you* to **Cindy and Mark Reinhardt** for eleven years of loyal support. The lives you touch are many, the difference you make is immense and the appreciation I have feel for all you do is beyond the words.

FACES OF 2016: A PICTURE SPEAKS 1000 WORDS

Many of you continue to ask and comment about the most beautiful photos of the cats and kittens posted on our Facebook page and website. I think “a picture speaks 1000 words” and is an essential part of promoting the cats and kittens that are available for adoption. Our photographer is Cata Esteves and I invite you to visit her website. She specializes in pet photography, so you, too, can have beautiful photos of your pets. And what a great gift idea!

www.cataestevesphotography.com

Page 6 (left to right): Blackberry, Pegasus (*top*), Lyra, Nile (*center*), Cairo, Olive, Nairobi (*bottom*)
Page 7 (left to right): Gemini, Kenya, Sunny, Starr, Charlie, Ivy, Honeysuckle, Kiara, Zola, Congo, Hawthorne, Teena





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Thank you Jack and Gretchen Norqual for the beautiful donation in memory of “Mr. Boots.” I am grateful for such generosity.. I can hear Mr. Boots purring from the Rainbow Bridge with approval and pleasure!



A heartfelt *thank you* to **Diane Ledbetter** for your generous and kind heart. You have helped countless lives over the years. I know that there are many other organizations to consider when donating. **RESQCATS** is honored to have your support. You are truly an “Angel in Heaven.”



Thank you so very much **Bruno and Martha Pilorz** for the huge difference you have made for so many felines in 2016. You have given the gift of hope, love, light and many miracles for some fortunate felines. From my heart...I am very grateful.



A most sincere *thank you* to **The Wendy P. McCaw Foundation** for all you do and for changing the lives of stray and abandoned cats and kittens at **RESQCATS**. I am honored to have your support and indebted to you for such generosity.



Thank you Linda Johnson, for your trust and for the beautiful surprise donation. I am in awe of your compassion and generosity. I cannot thank you enough for such the honor of your confidence in me. I promise to live up to all your hopes with this.



A special *thank you* for the gift of precious time, **Julie Kaplan**. The quilt that you made and donated to **RESQCATS** raised \$250 to help a special cat named Maliki that had to have emergency surgery!



Thank you from the bottom of my heart, **Carolina Flores**, for giving “Maliki” the best place on Earth to recover from major surgery. I will never forget your willingness, compassion and love.



A different point of view



During kitten season, my days are spent doing something I love and what I feel that I was put on this planet to do...care for stray and abandoned cats and kittens.

Once the cats and kittens are healthy and have met the required medical protocol, it is time to find homes for them. Fortunately, the Montecito Pet Shop shares in the task of finding homes for many of the kittens so that I can spend more time on the streets rescuing homeless kitties in need and then, dedicate my time caring for them.

I do, however, handle many phone calls and emails in order to pre-screen potential adopters. It is imperative that future adopters realize the lifetime commitment they are making to a kitty. They must share **RESQCATS**'s philosophy about cats living indoors for their entire lifetime and also commit to never declawing them. If a landlord is involved, we require written permission for a tenant to be eligible to adopt.

I recognize that most people are interested in adopting kittens. They are irresistible bundles of furry fun. When **RESQCATS** holds an adoption event, there is usually an endless stream of people looking for kittens. I find the same thing happens when anyone visits **RESQCATS** in search of a new friend...ninety-nine percent of the time, people are only interested in adopting a kitten. I love to be part of making someone happy when they find a kitten and leave with a smile on their face. But very often, I also feel sadness and disappointment at the same time.

Kittens get adopted, but their moms are left behind because...well, I am not sure why. Is it their size? The moms are most often less than a year old themselves. People do not comprehend that in just a few months, their two and one half pound kitten will be the same size as their mom. Repeatedly, mother cats are unnoticed by most adopters.

I have a point to make! Mother cats need homes, too! These young cats have been deprived of kitten-hood in order to nurture their babies. So often, once they have raised their family, the moms burst into playful, fun-loving kittens, only in seven pound bodies in order to make up for all the time they lost because someone did not spay them! They frequently wait weeks or even months for an adopter to come along willing to give them the home they deserve.

I realize that I look at rescue from a different point of view than most people. To me, it is about who needs a home. It is not about adopting the tiniest kitten with the misconception that one can “mold” its personality. In reality, there are many factors that are not in our control that dictate the personality of a cat or kitten.

Time and time again I open my email or listen to a

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phone message from someone stating the precise kitten they want with every detail clearly listed. People request photos of the kittens so that they can see if they like the way a kitten looks. And, they make no mention about personality. Looks dictate what they are attracted to and want.

It reminds me of a poster I saw in a framing shop once. It said "Good Art Doesn't Match the Sofa!" The color of fur seems to be foremost in their minds. That is followed by what the fur pattern is: It has to be marble tabby, tuxedo, calico, and most definitely not black! Many are adamant about not wanting a black kitten. I hear you!

I recall several years ago when I handled adoptions exclusively at RESQCATS. A woman wanted to adopt two siblings. It made no difference to her what one of them looked like, but the second one had to be "just like one over there" in the next enclosure...EXCEPT, as she articulated, "with a fluffier tail, an orange nose, and white paws. Oh, and it needs to be very social as I have two children." I was astounded. But, I politely repeated the "order" back to her to make sure I got it all, and then finished by saying, "You do understand that this is rescue?!" I was never able to fulfill her fantasy. And honestly, I never would have called her back.

Human nature leads us blindly down a path of what is appealing to our eyes. But, there is so much more to beauty than our visual perception.

And let me just put this out there! I rescue! I go into the streets, strangers' homes, under bushes, into car lots and where ever else I need to venture to save cats and kittens. They look the way they do when I get there!

The eyes are the most prejudiced organ in the human body. I cannot manufacture a cat or kitten's appearance in order to fulfill someone's fancy, match their carpet or replace one they may have just lost. Adoption is not like ordering a new car!



Every cat and kitten is different and unique and that is why each is so very extraordinary!

RESQCATS has several resident cats that were not adoptable or never got adopted and I am dedicated to caring for them for their lifetime. It has never mattered to me what color they are, if they are two months old or 17 years. It is my pleasure and honor to give these cats a home. Yes, I occasionally tease that in my next life I will be like most people and have the opportunity to choose whatever kitty I want. But you know what, I am certain that I would still choose the ones that need homes the most!

I don't expect everyone to share my perspective. Perhaps, however, I have given you something to consider. I feel that it is very important, at least to me, to know that I have offered a different way of viewing adoption. Education is part of my commitment to the cats.

So, when you consider adoption, have an open heart and mind. Leave behind all those pre-conceived ideas about size, appearance, age and color.

Your compassion will open doors to a whole new way of adopting. You will make a difference for a rescued kitty and believe me, you will see yourself and the plight of homeless animals in a whole new light.



Left: Sunny and Gemini were adopted as a bonded mother and daughter by Karen Krulevitch and Michael Friedman
Center: Vallory, a mother cat who lost her three kittens to an upper respiratory infection, was adopted by Leslie Lerner
Right: Esprit, a mother of three who lost most of her eyesight, was adopted by Kim Simkins in late 2015



In memory of...

In loving memory of "**Katy**." "She was precious and I miss her so much."

Love, Lyn Brown



In loving memory of my friend for over sixty years, **Lys Healy Carty**.

Dorinda Beaumont



In memory of "**Sarah**," a wonderful dog who loved my friend, **Dave Winslow**.



In memory of my friend, "**Rusty**" and for his devoted human dad, **John Bowie**.



In memory of all my pets, who provided me with such joy, companionship, and love, and who will always be in my memory: **Itzik & Moishe, Felix & Fanny, Candy, and Blackie**. I am privileged to have saved your lives, and you will be with me always.

Betty Oberacker



In memory of a very special kitty, "**Mr. Boots!**"

Jack and Gretchen Norqual



In loving memory of my friend, **Peggy Nicholson**.

Patricia Krout



In memory of my mom, **Jean Foster**.

Nell Foster



In memory of "**Ginger**," a rescued feral stray who lived to be sixteen years old because of her wonderful rescue mom, Jacque!

Santa Barbara Pet Pals



In memory of **Spencer Sadler** and for my friend, **Sue Sadler-Pare**.

Teresa Dayrit

In memory of "**Nut-nut**," who had a happy twenty years because of the love and care she received from the Kommersted-Riche family!

Santa Barbara Pet Pals



In memory of **Sheri Rinfret**.

Kay Segal



In honor of departed **Mike Perry**.

Kathleen Polischuk



In memory of **Mike Perry**....and for his wife, **Lanette Perry**.

Ellen Fenger



In memory and to honor **Mike Perry**.

Carol Leidner



In memory of my longtime neighbor and friend, **Mike Perry**.

Karen Lee Stevens



In memory of **Mike Perry**....a man who touched many lives.

Mary Lou Ingram



From all the girls at Cottage Hospital....in memory of **Mike Perry** and for **Lanette** and "**Lexi**."



To honor the memory of **Mike Perry**.

Edgar and Suzanne Eltrich



In memory of **Rosalie Stimson Phillippi**, who loved all animals and for her family, **Jim and Collette Phillippi**.

Cynthia Trangsrud and all who care about you at Knapp, Petersen & Clarke



In loving memory of "**Oscar**," who was adopted from

RESQCATS twelve years ago...and for his purr-fect people, **Jeff and Irma Singer and his sister, "Rosie."**



In memory of a sweet old tabby cat, "**Spanky**." He brought a lot of joy to his guardians and kitty friends.

Colleen at Santa Barbara Pet Pals



In memory of "**Ally**" and for my dear friends, **Sharon and Arden Kysely**.

Jeffyne and Mitch



In memory of "**Ares**," my gentle giant.

Love, Jeffyne



In memory of "**Miejek**" ...always.

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To honor the memory of a most loved cat, "**Spencer**" and for **Nancy Lee**.

Leesa Easton, Amy Bruhn, W.F. OHalloran, Jr., Linda Montgomery, Maureen McLaughlin, Karen Libutti, Carolyn Johnston, Pat Pino, Paula Wascavage, Cathy Murphy-Daugherty, Barry Hoey, Barbara Marchand, Helen Walsh, Jennifer Kendall, Amy Bruhn and Charles Lynch

In memory and love of my beautiful boy, "**Spencer**" Lee.
Love, Nancy Lee

In celebration of...

In honor of "**Rusty**" and "**Seymour**."
Marlene Debue

In honor of our daughter, **Julie Kaplan**, a cat rescuer and for her three cats, "**ChaCha**," "**Grace**" and "**Pumpkin**."
Becki and Jay Eaton

Happy Birthday, **Julie Kaplan**. The kitties at **RESQCATS** are having a party for you!
Liz Benishin

For my friend and in celebration of her birthday...**Julie Kaplan**.
Mel Kyle

In celebration of **Becki and Jay Eaton**...not just two of the best people on Earth, but the best mom and dad ever. I cherish every minute with them.
Julie Kaplan

For **Liz Benishin**---my loyal friend, a fun teammate on the bicycle and an unconditional friend to felines everywhere. She and her husband have rescued more special needs cats than anyone I know (who doesn't run a rescue!)
Julie Kaplan

In honor of **Mel and Hal Kyle**---great friends, great neighbors, a great kitty sitter and the kind of people you want in your life because you can ALWAYS depend on them!
Julie Kaplan

In honor of **Amy and Glenn Dobson** and the good work they do!



Suzanne and Dennis Shanelec
In celebration of "**Web**" and "**Deacon!**"
Penny Huff

In honor of **Jenn and Josh Glynn!**
Demi Anter

In honor of my friend, **Julie Kaplan!**
Liz Benishin

For my friend of over twenty years! **Margaret Thompson!**
Julie Kaplan

In honor of **Julie Kaplan** and all she does to make the world a better place.
Margaret Thompson

In honor and gratitude for my dear friend, **Nancy Lee**. Thank you for all your help and care.
Helen Walsh

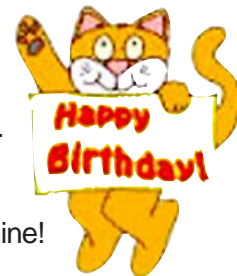
In honor of "**Penelope!**"- our RESQCAT!
Alexandra and Justin Williams

Happy Birthday, **Peter Cohen!** From your friends at Trillium Enterprises.

In honor of our friend, contractor and cat lover, **Peter Cohen**.
Porter and Anita Abbott

Happy Birthday to "my dear, cat-loving friend of many decades," **Liz Benishin**.
Julie Kaplan

Happy Birthday, "**Cha-Cha!**" Number nine!
Julie Kaplan!



Believe in Miracles: Maliki

It began with a loud meow from a cat that sounded like she was in pain. A caring lady heard the cry and contacted The Animal Rescue Team. ART was quick to respond by taking her into their care overnight. The cat was transferred to RESQCATS the following day; just one day after opening for our 19th season.

I named the cat Maliki, which means "my angel" in African. She was a beautiful lynx point Siamese cat with sapphire blue eyes. Maliki appeared to be VERY pregnant; she was about as wide as she was tall! Perhaps her cries meant she was going into labor. But no kittens were born on her first day at RESQCATS.

Malike did not want to eat, but sometimes mothers-to-be don't have an appetite just before they give birth. They are more interested in securing a safe place to give birth. Because Maliki hid under her blankets in her enclosure, I figured she was "nesting" and that her kittens would arrive soon. Twenty-four hours passed and still no babies... and no interest in eating either. Somehow, I knew instinctively that something was wrong. I had an appointment for two of my cats at the vets so I took Maliki along for the vet to examine.

Usually, the veterinarian does a quick ultrasound to check on the babies and can sometimes see how many kittens there are. An ultrasound is a good indicator of how far along the pregnancy is and can determine if a kitten is not in the correct position to come through the birth canal. That could explain her loud cries.

When the vet returned to the exam room, I could tell by her expression that something was terribly wrong. She said, "Jeffyne, I think this cat has a uterine infection. It is urgent that you get her to the emergency hospital where they can do a more precise diagnosis. If this is what I think it is, she needs to have surgery **today** to remove her uterus or she can become septic and can die!"

I went straight to the ER and the vet's suspicions were confirmed. Maliki was rushed into surgery. The doctors removed her uterus and it was so infected that it weighed three pounds! That is one-third of her total body weight! Maliki would have certainly died if she had gone without immediate intervention.

Maliki went home with the surgeon's vet technician, Carolina Flores, who nursed her for four weeks. I am so grateful to her for her compassion. I know that the love she gave to Maliki during that time was an important part of Maliki's healing. When she fully recovered, she returned to RESQCATS.

Maliki's medical expenses exceeded \$4000. And she still has a dental scheduled before she finds a home. I reached out to Facebook followers asking for donations to help cover her expenses...starting the first week of the 2016 season with such enormous costs hit hard. The response was remarkable! I want to acknowledge "Maliki's angels." Thank you for making such a difference! Believe in miracles? You bet I do! It wasn't just fate that saved Maliki, it was something beyond explanation...I call it a miracle.



♥ Maliki's Angels ♥

Stephen Colley
Carol Holley
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Shannon Kennedy

Irma Singer
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David Greene
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