

# RESQCATS™

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



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## President's Message

Written on August 10, 2017



Jeffyne and "Opal"

I cannot believe that it is already time to bring you up to date about all that is happening at **RESQCATS**. Time sure flies when you're busy from dawn to dusk taking care of stray and abandoned cats and kittens.

**RESQCATS** is celebrating its twentieth year and while there has been no time to throw a party and truly commemorate that milestone, it is something that I am proud of and think about every day. Twenty years! That's a long time! And over 2750 total adoptions! There are more than a hundred adoptions this season already. That's a lot of lives saved and changed for the better. I believe that each rescued cat or kitten pays their good fortune forward and makes a difference for the people who adopt them.

Every new arrival has a story...I know some of them and it is probably better that I don't know others...it would break my heart. I will never get

used to hearing some of the circumstances the cats have experienced before coming to **RESQCATS**. My time is better spent saving, caring and loving them. But some stories cannot be ignored or forgotten. Serendipity was found on the recycle belt at the Santa Maria recycling plant. She was cold and suffered from a broken tail and foot. Tenzing Dash was picked up by a hawk or owl and then dropped. His body was bruised and had several gashes and puncture wounds from the bird's talons and beak. Opal was discovered at the Santa Monica dump at six weeks old; she weighed only 12-1/2 ounces (she should have weighed at least one and a half pounds). She was anemic from fleas, dehydrated and extremely weak. Clete and Clover were found in a lady's backyard and she decided to sell them on Craigslist so that she could buy football cleats for her son! Monty, Penelope, Kona, Topsy and Violet were born to a tame mom who became ill and could not nurse her babies, so Deanna Koens, a **RESQCATS** foster, bottle fed them until they were old enough to be adopted. Penney, Sebastian and Pluto were taken in by a kind lady when their stray mom moved in and gave birth in her house. Smart cat!

In addition to taking in strays and rescuing kittens from Craigslist, **RESQCATS** helps with feral cats and their kittens. We also reach out to people with moms and litters who don't realize the importance of spaying the mother cat. We offer to care for the mom and her babies, provide all her medical needs and spay her before she is returned if the family agrees to relinquish the kittens. The kittens are spayed and neutered prior to adoption. That way we stop the reproduction cycle.

Since spaying and neutering is the cornerstone of rescue, **RESQCATS** reaches out to the community to provide funds for other organizations such as ASAP (Animal Shelter Assistance Program) and Care4Paws. It takes all of us working together to have an impact on the pet overpopulation effort.

Most of you only see the adorable photos of cats and kittens when they become available for adoption. But there is a lot that goes on before you see those cute kittens posted on Facebook, Petfinder and our website. All medical needs must be met and that may be as simple as following our protocol which consists of a physical examination, Felv/FIV test, fecal exam,

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worming meds, vaccination, spay or neuter surgery and a microchip. Or, in some cases, the condition of a cat or kitten may require emergency care and a hospital stay followed by intense monitoring. Others need the expertise of a specialist such as an orthopedic surgeon, eye doctor or cardiologist. **RESQCATS** provides any and all medical care in order to save lives. Every life is precious and I cannot imagine doing it any other way.

Then there is the daily routine of housing the felines at **RESQCATS**. A small group of dedicated volunteers show up each day and spend several hours cleaning up the party mess that the cats and kittens seem to have every night. I often say, "They clean up everything but the cats' beer cans!" I am in awe that anyone would volunteer for this particular job! But maybe it has something to do with the volunteers' good hearts, desire to make a difference and, as a last part of their mornings, spending time with precious kittens. I mean honestly, is there anything better than a cute kitten! I am indebted to the morning crew for their dedication. And then there are fosters! Susan Leroy, Deanna Koens, Monica Gonzalez, Marci Kladnik and Kat Foote...what would I do without you! Their commitment is 24/7 when it comes to caring for bottle babies, sick kittens and pregnant moms! The volunteers are the heart and soul of **RESQCATS** and I am grateful for the precious gift of their time.

I spend a good amount of time looking for ways to create awareness about **RESQCATS**. After all, it is about finding all these felines homes! Facebook has been a great way to educate people about what we do, and it has been an important resource in raising funds. Word of mouth has enabled us to find homes for the cats as happy adopters have spread the good word about **RESQCATS**. The Montecito Pet Shop has been successful in helping place hundreds of cats and kittens, allowing me more time to rescue and save additional lives.

Speaking of fundraising, here's a preview of what is coming up! The second "Cat-Men-Do" calendar is in the works along with our photographer, Cata Esteves from Cat Therapy Café. Daryl Metzger is busy sorting through hundreds of his photographs in search of the best twelve photos of the year for our first **RESQCATS** Cats and Kittens calendar for

those of you who want kitten photos without the cute guys! I can't imagine that, but we want to make everyone happy! And, finally, my book, *Cat Tails, Heart-Warming Stories about the Cats and Kittens of RESQCATS* will be coming out this fall...just in time for the holidays! And 100% of the proceeds from the book will go to **RESQCATS**!

In the meantime, **RESQCATS** needs your support now. That is the purpose of this newsletter. It is still kitten season and we are counting on your support. Although, I have said before that asking for your donations is the most difficult part of my job, it remains a necessary task. I am much more accustomed to giving to the cats and people who surround me; receiving your generous contributions is something I am still learning to accept. But I realize that none of what we do at **RESQCATS** would be possible without each of you.

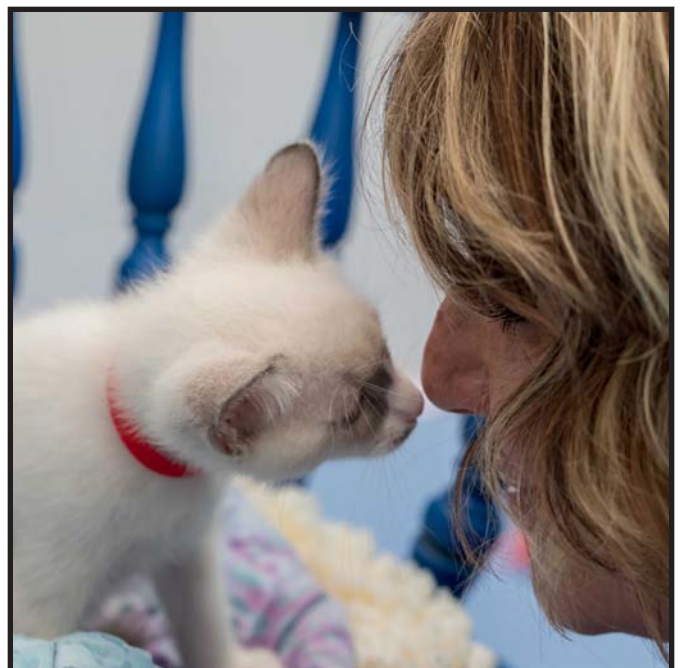
I hope you find it in your hearts to continue to help by sending your tax-deductible donation to **RESQCATS**. It is appreciated more than words can express. And it makes a huge difference in the lives of all the felines lucky enough to come through our doors.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,



Jeffyne Telson

President **RESQCATS**, Inc.



Jeffyne and "Luna"







## *It's finally happening!*



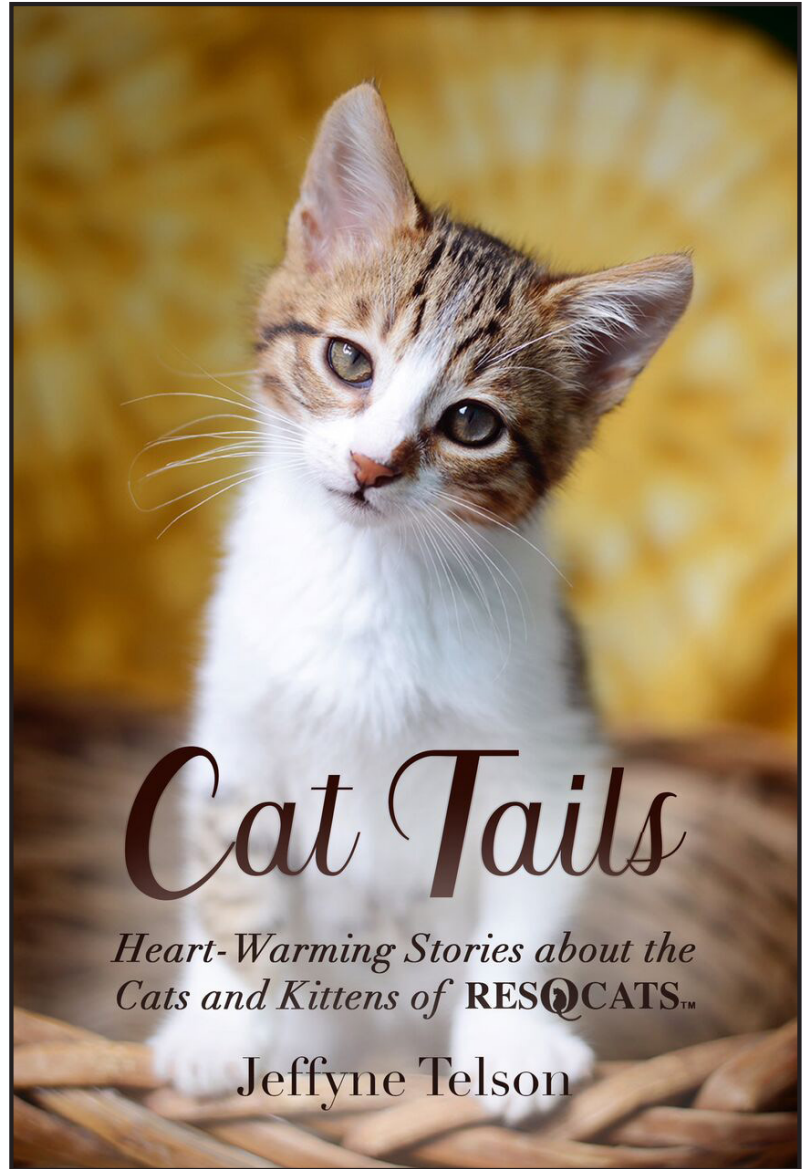
As you read this newsletter, my book entitled, *Cat Tails: Heart-Warming Stories about the Cats and Kittens of RESQCATS* is in final production stages. It will be out in the fall...just in time for the holidays.

When I first began RESQCATS, twenty years ago, I began publishing newsletters three to four times a year to raise funds for the cats and kittens in my care. I sent the newsletters to previous adopters and people that I thought would be interested in donating to the organization. The first publications included information about RESQCATS, donor recognition, statistics, and an occasional short story about some of the rescued cats. In those earlier years, newsletters were rarely more than eight pages.

But as time passed and RESQCATS became a recognized name in the community, the length of the newsletters increased. It seemed I had a lot to say...and many more stories to tell! I also took every opportunity to educate readers about spaying and neutering, the cornerstone of all rescue groups. I began to express my thoughts and opinions about some of the challenges I faced. And as my confidence grew, I felt more comfortable sharing my opinions on subjects that I felt passionate about in the rescue world. Today, newsletters are no less than twelve pages and some are sixteen pages long!

I had always felt vulnerable expressing emotions about animals because I feared being told that I was too sensitive. I discovered that writing about the cats and kittens was a way to share my feelings of affection, joy and grief in a manner that was non-threatening. Writing offered a way to articulate my thoughts without feeling judged. Putting pen to paper gave me the opportunity to share my experiences of love and loss safely; that ultimately helped me heal from the grief that so often accompanies rescuing animals. I also began to realize the life lessons that the animals were teaching me. Sharing my insights with readers became a creative and therapeutic outlet.

For years, a good friend (who will be revealed in the book) encouraged me to write a book about RESQCATS. For a long time, I resisted the idea. I lacked confidence that I could undertake such an endeavor. But she had read and praised the stories in the newsletters. She was touched by the articles about the special cats and how they influenced my outlook on life. She continued to try to persuade me until finally, I took her up on the challenge. I set it



Cover photo of "Kaden" by Cata Esteves. Book cover and design by Demi Anter.

as a personal goal and committed to writing a book but without a clue as to the enormous undertaking. As you read this book, you will come to understand that when I make a pledge to do something, I follow through! It has taken four years for me to complete the book.

Time constraints were a major factor in bringing the book to completion. The busy kitten season at RESQCATS consumes nine months of the year. My days are very long..."dawn to dusk" is how I best describe them! It is difficult to find the time to write

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even the newsletters during the kitten season, much less write a book!

In recent years, I have taken the winter months off and spend them at my second home in Oregon. It is there that I can rejuvenate myself and vacation with Mitch, although most of my time off in the last four years has been spent writing, rewriting, editing and perfecting this book. It has been a challenging learning process and one of the four most difficult things I have ever done in my life. If you are curious about the other three, well, here they are: getting Mitch to marry me, hiking the Grand Canyon from rim to rim in a single day, and completing a college chemistry class in a five-week summer session! I have imposed on Mitch and his down time by asking for his feedback and guidance in finding the right words to communicate exactly what it is I want to express. He has been there by my side the entire time and this book would not have been possible without his dedication, time and patience. During the third winter of working together, Mitch realized my willpower was as strong as it had been when I dreamed of starting RESQCATS. I remember saying to him, "If something happens to me tomorrow, it's my hope that my book will be published." Mitch understood my determination and has made tremendous effort and sacrifice to help fulfill my dream. I am grateful for his devotion, patience and love.

I had many stories about special cats and kittens from years of writing the RESQCATS newsletter. As I reviewed them, it was extremely difficult to choose which ones to expand on for the book. While I have chosen only a few from the hundreds of cats and kittens to share with you, I am indebted to all of them. They have taught me some important life lessons about courage, unconditional love, patience, acceptance and joy.

It is my hope that this book will encourage you to expand your compassion for animals and discover a greater appreciation for the important life lessons they teach us. If I touch the heart of even a single reader, then I feel I will have accomplished this goal.

**100% of the proceeds from the book, *Cat Tails: Heart-Warming Stories about the Cats and Kittens of RESQCATS* will go directly to RESQCATS.**



## The second Cat-Men-Do calendar is coming soon!

And here's a sneak peek at some of our models and RESQCATS kittens.



Lukas and "Honey Bun"

Thanks to Cata Esteves who is donating her time to take all the photos. She's very busy with the first cat café in Santa Barbara which just opened in June, so we are excited that she offered to take the photos for us. To top it off, the sessions of the guys and kittens are being held at Cat Therapy! What a great atmosphere for the cats AND the people!

Visit Cat Therapy at 1213 State Street, Suite L, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 and visit their website: [www.cattherapysb.com](http://www.cattherapysb.com)

You may meet some of the RESQCATS there that are available for adoption, too!



Chuck and "Colette"



And now...  
**A Few Words from Mr. Jeffyne**  
*Other Ways You Can Help*

When Jeffyne began **RESQCATS** twenty years ago, her mission was to rescue, care for and adopt out stray and abandoned cats and kittens. That objective has not changed much over these past two decades...but the size and scope of the work that the organization does certainly has!

In the beginning, it was our hope that we could support the organization from our personal resources; perhaps with the help of a few small fund-raisers from time to time. However, over the years, as **RESQCATS** has continued to grow and take in more and more abandoned cats and kittens, the need for additional resources has also grown making it necessary to seek out new and innovative fund-raising ideas.

For the first three years of **RESQCATS**, Jeffyne produced an annual calendar that featured personally drawn pencil illustrations of some of the past year's cats and kittens. (Did you know that Jeffyne has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design from Texas Tech University?) Unfortunately, while the calendars were beautifully done and professionally produced, they did little to generate the additional income needed to cover the mounting costs of a growing organization.

In the summer of 1998 Jeffyne began the first **RESQCATS** fund-raising newsletter. That original edition was just four pages; black and white with a little splash of red ink for contrast. We ran Xerox copies off ourselves at the local printing store and mailed them to the first adoptive families, a few friends and others who we felt would be interested in supporting Santa Barbara's newest cat rescue organization.

Since those initial fund-raising endeavors, **RESQCATS** has continued to expand and is now the second largest cat rescue organization in Santa Barbara County. As of this writing, the organization has rescued, cared for and adopted out more than 2750 cats and kittens to responsible individuals and families in the Santa Barbara area. Needless to say, the costs of operating **RESQCATS** have also continued to rise. In fact, in 2017, **RESQCATS'** operating expenses are expected to be twelve



Mitch with "Whisper," "River," and "Fantasy"

times more than what they were in our first years of operation.

From the very beginning, the vast majority of the costs of operating **RESQCATS** has been for food, litter, supplies, medications, spay and neuter surgery and, of course, the highest level of veterinary care for the cats and kittens. However, as a result of overall cost increases during these twenty years, the average amount that the organization spends for each cat or kitten has steadily increased from less than \$95 per animal in 1997 to well over \$450 today. Despite these cost increases, Jeffyne has maintained the adoption fee as low as possible. In fact, it has only risen from \$55 to \$100 in twenty years. Of course, it doesn't take a math wizard to figure out that **RESQCATS** needs to raise an additional \$350 for every cat and kitten that Jeffyne cares for in order to stay in business.

So where does that additional money come from that the organization requires? From all of you, of course! From the generous support you provide through the three-times per year **RESQCATS**

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## *A little black kitten goes with everything!*

Every year, I panic when a litter of black kittens arrive. This kitten season, RESQCATS has seen litter after litter of black kittens!

Safari and Emmi arrived at RESQCATS pregnant. Each gave birth to a single tabby and four black kittens. Most recently, a lady rescued a mother cat and her litter of seven. When the woman asked for help, I readily agreed and she brought them to the sanctuary. The kittens were only four weeks old. She arrived with them in a cute basket and a blanket covered it. I was excited to see them, but when she pulled back the cover and I looked inside, I said, "Oh no, they're all black!" The lady asked,

"Is that a problem?" I could only utter the words, "They're all black." But I thought to myself, "Yes, it could be."

Understand, the problem is not with me...it is with people who believe all the old myths about black cats. They are perceived as bad luck or associated with witches, black magic and the devil.

I dread hearing all the reasons that people give for not adopting black cats. I hear the same excuses all the time...and it's very frustrating! It is not uncommon for a potential adopter to say (or write on their adoption application), "Any kitten is fine, just not a black one." Or, "I want a kitten, but not black."

So I wonder why that is? Do black kittens and cats have less to offer in the way of love, companionship and joy? Are they not as worthy of finding a forever home as an

orange tabby or tuxedo or calico kitten? Are my efforts to rescue cats and kittens, regardless of color, only to be met by people who have a list of what they are looking for in a kitten based only on appearance? It is not

as if I can manufacture the kitten to fit the dreamed up requests; they look the way they do when I rescue them...or remove the cover on a basket of kittens! Is human love conditional because of stripes, spots, a fluffy tail, an orange nose or where the white on a tuxedo cat happens to be? And where did all these myths originate that caused black cats to be on the list of the least adopted and most commonly euthanized in shelters because of their color?

Oh, if only I could turn back the hands of time and undo all that superstitious and utterly false folklore!

One of the most common superstitions is that if a black cat crosses your path there is doom in the future. That is about as ridiculous as someone not passing under a ladder or walking down the sidewalk and not stepping on a crack

"or you'll break your mother's

back!" Remember that one? Beliefs in the myths about black cats continue to be part of American culture. But much of the rest of the world, depending on what part, has a much more realistic view.

As far back as 3100 BC, cats were worshipped as gods in Egyptian culture. Cats saved the agriculture crop by hunting and killing mice who threatened harvested grain. The goddesses Bastet and Sekhmet were depicted as cats. When a cat died, some Egyptians shaved their eyebrows





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as a sign of mourning. And killing a cat, no matter what color, was punishable by death!



Black cats have been associated with witches and sorcery throughout history. They were persecuted in the Middle Ages just because of their color. But in southern France, they are referred to as magician cats and bring good luck to owners who treat them with respect and, of course, feed them well!

The Scots believe that when a strange black cat shows up it signifies prosperity.

In nautical history, black cats were chosen to accompany ships on long voyages because they brought good fortune for a safe trip. And I am sure they were great company to a crew of hard-working men who needed a little feline therapy! The wives of sailors often kept black cats for their influence to protect their husbands as sea.

In the English Midlands, black cats are a common wedding gift that symbolizes good luck. In addition, some superstitious stage actors believe that a black cat in the audience on opening night can foresee a successful run for the show.

In my view, the eyes are the most prejudiced organ in our body. So often, humans judge others by appearance...and I think that people do the same thing when it comes to how kittens look. But I believe that love knows no color...and besides, black kittens go with everything!



I want to thank all of you who share my perspective and have adopted some of the adorable black kittens you see here!

Many more purrfectly irresistible black kittens will be looking for people just like you soon.



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Newsletter, your support of activities posted on the organization's Facebook page and website, and at a few local fund-raising events; as well as from a handful of absolutely wonderful contributing local and regional foundations.

In order for **RESQCATS** to continue to provide this consistent level of assistance to the Santa Barbara feline community today and well into the future, we still need your help. But you don't just have to write a check...there are many other ways that you can support the organization. Here are just a few options to consider that will cost you nothing today:

- Include **RESQCATS** in your estate planning
  - Through a bequest,
  - A life income gift, or...
  - A life insurance policy.
- Give appreciated securities.
  - A fast and easy way to make a gift while deriving considerable tax benefits.
  - It is almost always a better strategy to give appreciated securities directly rather than selling them and donating the proceeds of the sale.
  - In fact, many donors find the tax benefits associated with giving appreciated securities actually allows them to increase the size of their gift.
- Gifts of Other Assets such as:
  - Retirement assets
  - Real estate
  - Personal property
  - Certificates of Deposit or other Bank Accounts
  - Savings Bonds
- Charitable IRA Distributions
  - If you are 70 ½ years or older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA is a great way to support **RESQCATS**.
  - This charitable gift option was made permanent by the IRS in 2015.
  - Contributing from your IRA to **RESQCATS** is an easy way to reduce your tax burden and provide an important gift.

While we suggest that you review any of these giving opportunities with your tax-adviser, as Jeffyne always says, whatever the type or amount of the donation that you make to **RESQCATS**, every dollar you give today or in the future makes a difference as we continue to help rescue and care for stray and abandoned cats and kittens.

# *A tribute...*

*by Janet Dewey*

My mother, Gladys, loved cats. I love them, too! Growing up in Amish country, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, we always had cats — indoor, outdoor, strays, cats on walkabouts, visitors from neighboring farms bored with eating mice — you name it.

They always knew they would get two delicious meals a day from Gladys. She fed them organic chicken and liver mixed with dry food. They had bowls of fresh water from her well. In the winter, she shoveled pathways through the snow to her back porch so they could reach the food. In the summer, their meals were placed in the shade of her forsythia bushes.

At one time, she had an indoor cat named Annie. I was feeding a feral cat I inherited when my husband and I first moved to Santa Barbara. That cat was also named Annie. To distinguish between the two, in my Sunday phone calls to Gladys, her cat became East Coast Annie and mine became West Coast Annie. It was all good fun.

At one point, there were 12 regular feral cats enjoying fine dining with Gladys. In all the years she fed them, only one ever allowed her to pet it. When number 13 set up home on the front porch (appropriately named The Lone Ranger because he refused to eat with the others), it was enough. Over the next week, a veterinarian trapped the cats and performed spay and neuter procedures. She told Gladys she had never seen such healthy feral cats. Their fur gleamed and they all had perfect white teeth!

Ten years ago I became a **RESQCATS** volunteer. Conversations with Gladys were now full of new stories. Gladys knew all the resident cats by name. She knew when kitten season was in full swing. She knew that in the winter, when Jeffyne was in Oregon, I did clean-up and painted. She laughed at my progression from early painting when I thought I could simply “paint around the cats” with the result that Spunky had lavender-colored whiskers for the rest of that year.

Winter is the quiet time at **RESQCATS** when the resident cats have the shelter to themselves. That is good because when the wind blows hard and it rains, the roof leaks badly. Jeffyne and I joked frequently about getting a new roof — but Jeffyne spends every penny of every donation on the kittens and cats. A new roof was never in the cards. My mom knew this as well.

Last October, Gladys had a stroke. Physically she was fine but her mind regressed to that of a 3 - 5 year old. I spent November with her and watched her slowly progress. One of her get-well baskets contained a small stuffed animal kitten. She loved it and kept it on her lap all the time, while she struggled watching her game shows and old movies and fought to remember her name.

Gladys is the most positive person I have ever met.

She willed her mind to remember and to recover. Every day brought improvement. Just before Thanksgiving, my sister and I moved Gladys into her new “digs,” a lovely place where she already had many friends. She adjusted immediately — partly due to our assurance that her feral cats would continue to be fed twice a day by the 16-year-old neighboring farm boy, Gabriel. This made her smile and she called Gabriel her “Angel.”

My mother adjusted so well that my Sunday phone calls now had to be coordinated with my sister because Gladys was never in her room! She was at church or playing bingo or meeting friends for lunch or out on an excursion. I returned to Pennsylvania this May for Mother’s Day and witnessed a 99% recovery. Gladys was happy and healthy and quite the social butterfly. I had the best visit!

One week later, she was gone — heart failure. Over 300 people attended her funeral. At the grave, Gabriel was there and we exchanged bittersweet smiles. Gladys was buried with the little stuffed animal kitten held in her hands.

Because of a donation from Gladys, **RESQCATS** will get a new roof. Her love of cats will live on. So, from all the **RESQCATS** whom you knew vicariously, from Jeffyne, and from me, thank you mom!

— Janet Dewey

*Footnote:* All Gladys’ feral cats lived 16 or more years. One remains and she is 18. Gladys’ house was sold “as is” which means this included one cat. The buyers, who also own the adjacent property and knew Gladys, readily agreed. We left them plenty of cat food.



The “feral cat path” at Gladys’ house.



**FACES OF 2017:**

Enjoy the RESQCATS centerfold of kittens!  
 Photos are courtesy of Daryl Metzger and Catalina Esteves (who  
 also opened Cat Therapy, the first cat café in Santa Barbara!  
 Look for some of the RESQCATS moms for adoption there!

***Top to Bottom, Right Row to Left Row:***

Jarred, SweetPea, Domino, Clete and Clover, Bit-O-Honey, Trevor,  
 Monty, Kayla, Sakura and Sochi, Charlotte, Matza and Suzette





## Bonkers for Blankets!

## Some special thank yous...



Did you know that blankets from **RESQCATS** have benefited cats and dogs in countries as far away as China? It's true! There are proud pets snuggling up in them in Germany, England, and Turkey as well.

State-side, they have contented pets in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Minnesota, Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Oregon, Hawaii, and all over California. There is even a Hollywood producer who possesses two — for his adoring cats.

The blankets are made by **RESQCATS** volunteers. The fabric is the softest fleece in varying vibrant colors and popping patterns that make one smile.

Blankets are machine-washable and durable. Pets respond to the blankets immediately because they sense the love that flowed into the creation of each and every one.

Next time you wish to celebrate a special occasion or simply surprise someone with a lasting gift, a cat or dog blanket, or both, would be a great choice! Blankets come in small and large sizes.

Look for them at upcoming **RESQCATS** fund raisers, the **Montecito Pet Shop**, **The Cat House Hotel** and **Lemos Pet Supply** on Guterrez Street in Santa Barbara.

All money raised through blankets goes directly to helping the cats and kittens at the shelter. Thank you for your support and happy shopping!

Thank you to all of you who donated to our 20/20 campaign this summer in celebration of **RESQCATS'** 20th year of operation!

I challenged you to donate \$20, a dollar for each year, to reach a goal of \$2000. If you met that challenge, the \$2000 would be matched by an anonymous donor. And you did it! **RESQCATS** raised \$4000 at the peak of kitten season and in time to make a difference for stray and abandoned cats and kittens in our care.

I am grateful to each of you who offered support and indebted to that wonderful donor who doubled the funds.

A very special thank you to Julie Kaplan for donating a beautiful quilt for **RESQCATS** to auction. Julie has been a long time supporter of **RESQCATS** financially, but she also puts her creative mind to work to create quilts that are beautiful works of art. Her latest quilt raised \$550 for **RESQCATS**! And thank you to Lori James who had the highest bid!







## In memory of...

In memory of **"Muffin,"** our first RESQCATS kitten from 2000. He was such a loving boy and slept with us for over 17 years! We know he is in kitty heaven.

*Jon and Mary Lou Sorrell*



In memory of dear **"MisJef"**...your heart dog and to pay the love forward.

*Love, Sharon and Arden Kysely*



In memory of **"Fellini"** who crossed to the Rainbow Bridge at the age of twenty-five!

*Barbara Hill and Bill Vollero*



In memory of your soulmate, **"MisJef."**

*Jon and Mary Lou Sorrell*



In memory of **Shelly Nestved** and for her mom and dad, **Charlene and Woody.**

*Becki Eaton*



In memory of **Beverly Dorfman**...a sweet friend who adored cats.

*Carol Norris*



In memory of **"Endora"** – who spent 17 years as a RESQCATS resident. We all miss you!



May you find your sweet dad, **"Blossom,"** and lay by his side forever on the Rainbow Bridge. And for my dear friend, **Tricia Krout**, who adopted Blossom as a blind kitten, only to discover that Blossom had no idea she was blind. I know you miss her...so do I.

*Jeffyne*

In memory of my husband, **Fred**, and remembering the love we shared for each other and our four-legged fur kids for over forty years!

*Carol Hunt*



"Angels are never on this earth for very long." In loving memory of **"Kazu"** and for **Rebecca Savill** and her family who loved him enough in his short fourteen months to last any other kitty a lifetime.

With heartfelt sympathy.

*Jeffyne*



"It's impossible to forget a dog who gave you so much to remember." Not a day goes by that I don't think of you, **MisJef.**

I spend my mornings watching the sun come up from the deck that overlooks an ocean that is in constant and peaceful movement. As the sun rises, I look to the sky and heavens. It is there that I hope to see signs of your presence, my MisJef. To this day, I cannot speak your name without feeling tears well up inside. It is as if you left me just today.

But a vision came to me one day not long ago. You were playfully running ahead of me and looked back at me with your soulful brown eyes...just like you always did. Although you never let me out of your sight, I thought you would leave me. But you never got too far ahead without coming back to get me. Perhaps you were letting me know that we are always together and I am not alone. We are joined in our heart and souls for eternity.

# In honor and celebration!

Happy Birthday to **Mel Kyle**...my longtime good friend.  
*Julie Kaplan*



Happy 14th Birthday to "**Suki**" — a cat with 28 toes who was adopted from RESQCATS as a kitten.  
*Marian Jean*



To honor and with much gratitude to all who made it possible for "**Cha Cha**" to turn back from the Rainbow Bridge and with critical treatment and love is healthy again!  
*Julie Kaplan*

In honor of **Susie Browne!**  
*Susan Brown*

## Attention RESQCATS donors!

Here's a new way to make a difference at RESQCATS!

Securities and mutual funds that have increased in value and been held for more than one year are a great way to make a gift to RESQCATS.

As an IRS approved 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization, in addition to cash donations, RESQCATS can also receive stocks or bonds as a direct transfer.

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds that you have held for more than one year, you not only support our mission of rescuing, caring for and adopting abandoned cats and kittens, you can also reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. And, you may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer.

So if you have appreciated securities or mutual funds and would like to reduce your potential 2016 tax liability, please don't hesitate to contact us via email ([jeffyne@resqcats.org](mailto:jeffyne@resqcats.org)) or by phone (805) 563-9424 to learn the simple procedure.

Thank you for considering RESQCATS.



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Sign up on AmazonSmile and choose RESQCATS as your charity of choice. We will receive a percentage of everything you purchase. Amazon shares their donation quarterly and in 2016, their charitable contribution paid for 125 vaccines!

Also, check out RESQCATS' Wish List on AmazonSmile if you want to give directly. I recently updated our list to include probiotics, lysine supplements, dose syringes, Bach Rescue Remedy, feather teasers and much more.

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## RESQCATS™

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

**I am enclosing my tax-deductible donation:**

Angel in Heaven .....	\$1000
Miracle Worker .....	\$500
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Caring Spirit .....	\$100
Supporter .....	\$50
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( ) Please designate my donation towards special needs kitties and the Polar Bear Fund.

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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