



It's "Kitten Season!" Take one home!

## Newsletter & Fundraiser for Fall 2008



Jeffyne with "?"

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## President's Message

Even though writing each newsletter takes a tremendous amount of time...I realize how important it is to keep all of you informed. As contributors, you are what makes this organization possible and I do love writing and keeping you up to date.

Since RESQCATS began our 11th season in April we have adopted 113 cats and kittens out into the community. An additional 8 are ready to go out the door when their purrfect person comes along. Four more kittens will arrive as soon as space is available and a nursing mom and several more litters are in foster care! It's no wonder I have no time to breathe!

I want to give special credit in this newsletter to the volunteers. Their gift of time is a priceless treasure! They work hours cleaning enclosures, socializing cats and kittens, fostering, running errands for supplies, taking kitties to the vets and other endless chores. RESQCATS core volunteers are here all year to help with the daily routine. And we have been lucky to have several young volunteers join us for the summer to help out and earn community service hours for school. Like you, they play an integral part in the success of RESQCATS.

The 2008 kitten season has been one of the busiest in our history. I just cannot believe that with all the spay and neuter surgeries that all the rescue organizations are doing prior to adoptions now that there are still so many cats and kittens!

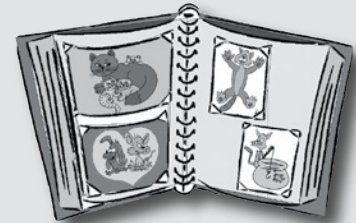
In addition to taking in stray and abandoned cats and kittens, RESQCATS has reached out to several individuals with mother cats and their kittens by offering to pay to have the moms spayed in return for relinquishing the kittens to us. If the kittens are just given away by the owners of the mother cat, there is no guarantee that those kittens will not be having their own litters in Spring 2009! RESQCATS will have the kittens spayed and neutered before finding homes for them. It is just one way we can help stop the pet over-population explosion!

RESQCATS has also approached a local pet store about spaying and neutering all their kittens before selling them. Unfortunately, we have not been successful in that attempt. (see "8 reasons Not to Buy a Kitten from a Pet Store")

The News-Press Holiday Fund has been a blessing to RESQCATS this year. Our expenses have increased dramatically – vaccines are up in cost, the price of litter has gone up 25%, food costs have soared and there just seems to be no end in sight to the increases. In addition, RESQCATS was able to "clean-up" an

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## Halfway through Our 11th Kitty Season!



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## How We Get Cats!

*So often, I am asked, "Where do you get the cats at RESQCATS?"*

*Well, they all have a story!*

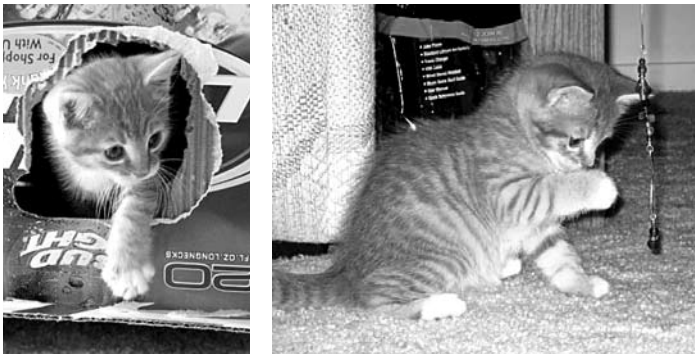
I do not always know the complete history for each of our kitties. I do know their life changes for the better once they arrive at RESQCATS. And they all have a happy ending once we find the purrfect home for them.

Some of the cats and kittens are in good shape and spirits when they arrive, but that is usually because they have been fostered by a volunteer before they arrive at RESQCATS. Some are not so lucky and it takes a lot of work to get them healthy and happy. I am grateful that I do not always know their circumstances...it would be too difficult to think about.

Here is the history of a few of the 2008 arrivals to RESQCATS:

- Several pregnant moms, un-neutered males, young mother cats and all their kittens were relinquished to RESQCATS by a hoarder. They were all living in a condo that had not been cleaned in two years! The adults had never seen another human being except for the young woman who had them. Seventeen kittens were also rescued from her. Some of the adults died and many of the kittens died due to the conditions they were living in despite all our efforts to save them. The ones that made it...are our "miracles."

- **"Harry" & "Hermione"** were found as tiny little kittens outside a storage unit in Goleta.



**Harry**, left, being a boy in the Bud Light beer box and **Hermione** playing with jewelry – what every little girl likes to do. Both were adopted by **Margaret Hennessy**

- **"Mia"** (aka **"Amore"**), who was only seven pounds, was left at the *Santa Maria Humane Society*. She was attempting to nurse two different newborn litters...a total of NINE kittens.
- **"Amy"** was found underneath a house with seven other kittens and three nursing moms!

- **"Missy,"** right, was heard crying and found by a Santa Barbara couple, all by herself, in the bushes of their backyard.

**Missy** was adopted by **Peter Sproul**, along with a playmate for her, **Buddy**.



- Before **"Toby's"** guardian died she asked a vet technician at Adobe Pet Hospital to take **Toby** to RESQCATS to find him a new home.

**Toby** was adopted by **Kathy Bresslin**.



- A litter of five kittens were found in the garbage can in Carpinteria.



- **"Kachina"** and four siblings were born in a garage to a feral mom. The mother cat moved to a home that would offer her food and the owners did not want any of the kittens!

**Kachina**, adopted by **Emily Fleck**, stretches luxuriously in her new home.

- **"Lila"** and her three siblings were left behind as kittens to survive on the streets of Santa Maria when their people moved!

- **"Baby"** and her four kittens were found by Ross Fisher, a RESQCATS volunteer, while making a service call for cable TV. The mom and the ten-week-old kittens were running around outside. The woman had no intention of spaying the mother cat or the kittens due to finances...but she could afford cable TV!



**Baby** was returned to her owner after she was spayed. The kittens were relinquished to RESQCATS.

These account for only a small number of cats and kittens out there that need help...they are some of the lucky ones. They have each, in their own special way, brought joy to all of us while residing at RESQCATS and will hopefully bring joy, laughter and most important of all...unconditional love to the wonderful people who have adopted them from RESQCATS this year! ♦



## The RESQCATS Volunteers

*Every non-profit organization depends on volunteers...they are the core of RESQCATS...they are what makes everything possible on a daily basis.*

Each volunteer at RESQCATS has something to offer in his or her own way.

I have truly come to appreciate the volunteers and their dedication, commitment and compassion for all the cats and kittens that come through our doors in search of something better than the life they have previously experienced. I am amazed at how hard the volunteers work, especially during kitten season when it is so important to follow schedules in order to get everything done.

It doesn't matter whether a volunteer is responsible for cleaning enclosures, changing litter boxes, bathing flea-ridden kittens, fostering, socializing scared kittens or posting ads on Craig's List and Petfinder...it is all equally important in my eyes. It takes all of those tasks to make RESQCATS work well.

For the last few years, RESQCATS has had a Volunteer Appreciation Day when all the volunteers are invited to my home for fun, food and...well, to just be appreciated. I usually do the cooking (many of you are aware that I don't cook often so it is pretty risky for the volunteers to consider eating while they are here!) and we spend the afternoon getting to know each other in a non-working atmosphere, passing out new tee-shirts, RESQCATS cards and our "Believe in Miracles" candle. It is a wonderful afternoon for me to see everyone together and I always hope they leave knowing how grateful I am for their work. It is also our "kick-off" to kitten season.

But I don't think just one day of appreciation and thank you is enough for the contributions they make throughout the year.

So I would like to dedicate this newsletter to the volunteers of RESQCATS! I thank each and every one of you for what you do...you are blessings to the resident cats, to the cats and kittens that come to RESQCATS in search of homes...and most of all to me.

*Thank you...*

*for your warmth, compassion, friendship and laughter*



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AJ Comito  
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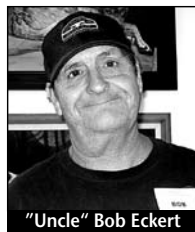
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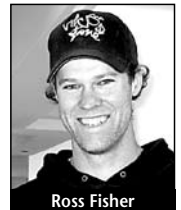
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Jeanette Iwatsuki



Rebecca Branscome



Huyen Nguyen



Jeffyne with Paula & Melodie Haines





Dear Jeffyne,

I took a trip to Las Vegas—and I won some money. When I win, I share!

There is no one I would rather share with than RESQCATS!

Love,

**Pat McCloskey, "Snow" & "Shadow"**

Hi Jeffyne,

"Chico" still makes me happy everyday. He still acts like a kitten with all the crazy things he does. I am so glad he adopted me several years ago.

Love,

**Pat Pellino and "Chico"**

Saturday, May 31, 2008

Hello Jeffyne,

My name is **Jo Goodman**. I adopted a kitten from you last summer (her name was "**Shelby**" before I changed it to "**Cali**"). She is doing great and is the most loving cat I've ever come across. I enjoy her so much. I can't thank you enough for letting me adopt her. I'm considering adopting another kitten so she will have a playmate. Do you have any kittens ready for adoption in the near future? I hope things are going well for you and I hope to hear from you soon.

Thanks,

**Jo**

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Hello Jeffyne,

I just wanted you to know that "**Cali**" & "**Casanova**" have become fast friends and are getting along very well. I've renamed him "**Bagheera**" after the black panther in Rudyard Kipling's "*The Jungle Book*." **Cali** and **Bagheera** play together with gusto, sleep side by side, and groom each other already! I'm so excited that they are bonding! Again, thank you so much for doing what you do. I feel lucky to be able to adopt two fantastic cats that make my life complete. You do wonderful things with RESQCATS, keep up the good work. Take care and I'll send some pictures soon.

Thank you,

**Jo**

Hi Jeffyne,

The girls are getting along fine and "**Sparrow**" seems to be enjoying his new personal harem! All three cats slept with me last night and are able to eat together without squabbling.

"**Bijou**" (named "**Aurora**" at RESQCATS) is a sweetheart and loves to romp with **Sparrow**.

"**Gem**" (short for "**Gemini**" and named "**Nora**" at RESQCATS) is still a bit shy, but coming along. She does not like the *Feline Pine* litter so we had to switch back to clay...a small price to pay for good toilet habits!

I am delaying my trip a day or two to let things settle a bit more...on the road by Wednesday at the latest.

Please enjoy a few coffee breaks on me at **Starbucks** (enclosed was a gift card!)

Thanks for "nudging" me into taking **Nora**. It feels like just the right size for a family.

Keep up the good work!

**Susie & Co.**

June 9, 2008

Dear Jeffyne,

I am writing to thank you for participating in *Open Alternative Schools Work Study Program*. Work Study has been a tradition at OAS for a long time; it enables students to experience working outside of school. I really want to thank you for showing me how everything works at RESQCATS.

I really enjoyed being part of your volunteer experience. It showed me how to vaccinate, socialize, deworm, clean-up and mostly have fun around the cats. The most amazing part was watching how over one week some of the cats and kittens got to be socialized.

Thank you for letting me experience this amazing organization. I really appreciate how much work you put into my learning.

Thanks again,

**Ellen Upton**

### Mother Cat's Purr (Taken from the book: *Cats are Cats*)

Sleep the half-sleep	Or time to pounce,
Kittens dear,	Or time to scat.
While your mother	That's what sleep is—
Cat-naps near.	For a cat.

Every kitten **By Jane Yolen**

Is a cat,  
And you must  
Remember that  
Naps for cats  
Are mostly fake:  
Any time  
Is time to wake,



**Bowie Blue & Calisto**

Once I was a lonely cat,  
just looking for a home.

I had no place to go,  
no one to call my own.

I wandered up and down the streets,  
in rain in heat and snow.

I ate what ever I could find,  
I was always on the go.

My skin would itch, my feet were sore,  
my body ached with pain.

And no one stopped to give a pat,  
or gently say my name.

I never saw a loving glance,  
I was always on the run.

For people thought that hurting me  
was really lots of fun.

Then one day I heard a voice  
so gentle, kind and sweet,

And arms so soft reached down to me  
and took me off my feet.

'No one again will hurt you,'  
was whispered in my ear.

'You'll have a home to call your own  
where you will know no fear.'

'You will be dry, you will be warm,  
you'll have enough to eat,'

'and rest assured that when you sleep,  
your dreams will all be sweet.'

I was afraid I must admit,  
I've lived so long in fear.

I can't remember when I let  
a human come so near.



And as she tended to my wounds,  
and bathed and brushed my fur.

She told me about the rescue group  
and what it meant to her.

She said, 'We are a circle,  
a line that never ends.'

'And in the center there is you  
protected by new friends.'

'And all around you are  
the ones that check the pounds,

and those that share their home  
after you've been found.'

'And all the other folk  
are searching near and far.'

'To find the perfect home for you,  
where you can be a star.'

She said, 'There is a family,  
that's waiting patiently,

and pretty soon we'll find them,  
just you wait and see.'

'And then they'll join our circle  
they'll help to make it grow,  
so there'll be room for more like you,  
who have no place to go.'

I waited very patiently,  
the days they came and went.

Today's the day I thought,  
my family will be sent.

Then just when I began to think  
it wasn't meant to be,

there were people standing there  
just gazing down at me.

I knew them in a heart beat,  
I could tell they felt it too.

They said, 'We have been waiting  
for a special cat like you.'

Now every night I say a prayer  
to all the gods that be.

'Thank you for the life I live  
and all you've given me.

But most of all protect the cats  
in the pound and on the street.

And send a Rescue Person  
to lift them off their feet.'

### President's Message

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unhealthy hoarding situation that had become completely out of control. It has taken us over four months to deal with all the cats and kittens that were relinquished. Their medical bills and other costs for their care approaches \$5000.00! It would have been impossible for RESQCATS to help if not for you as contributors and the Holiday Fund.

RESQCATS has continued to have all the cats and kittens follow a medical procedure, regardless of the rising costs. Each receives a vet exam, is tested for Feline Leukemia/FIV, is wormed and vaccinated and, of course, is spayed or neutered before going to a new home. Our adoption donation has remained the same \$85 it has been for several years so that we

may stay competitive with other adoption organizations. But that difference has to be made up somewhere!

I am hoping you will help make up that difference...and make a difference by doing so with your tax-deductible donation. I know times are tough for all of us and that everyone is very conscious of every dollar, but I hope that RESQCATS will continue to be an organization that you support even during these times. We do still need your help.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Sincere purrs,

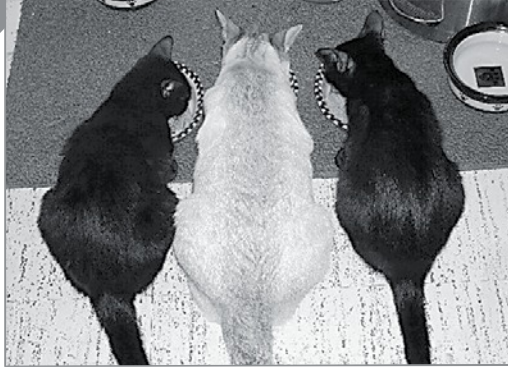
Jeffyne Telson, President  
RESQCATS, Inc.

# Welcome to "RESQCATS Family Photo Album"

Here are some photos of our extended family that we want to share with you.



**Waldo**—Christine Chapman  
& Vick Carillo



**Gem + Sparrow + Bijou**  
—Susie Groves



**Pinto**  
—Larry Lester



"Hey—you don't look so good!"  
**Shiloh** with toy Bear—Joanna Haynes



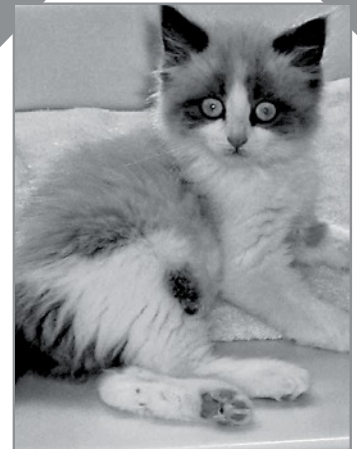
**Shiloh**  
—Joanna Haynes



**Hermione**  
—Margaret Hennessy



**Lucca**  
—Joanna Haynes



**Sinatra**  
—Rebecca Branscome







**Patron**  
-Francisco & Teresa Romero



**Willow & Mia**  
-Joanna Haynes



**Alfie**  
-Francisco & Teresa Romero



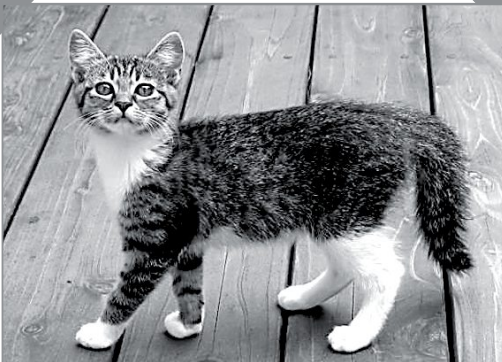
"Just like i thought, they took them all!"  
**Harry**-Margaret Hennessy



**Brandy**  
-Texas Tom Nelson



**Amy**  
-Kyle & Deneane McClung



**Missy**  
-Peter Sproul



**Kachina**  
-Emily Fleck

# Our Indoors-Only Policy / Reasons to Keep Cats Indoors

*Many of you know that RESQCATS has an indoor-only policy for cats.  
This means indoors-only 100% of the time for the cat's entire lifetime.*

Not everyone understands or agrees with the policy but differences in ideas are what makes the diverse world "go 'round" so to speak. I make no exceptions to this rule and people usually understand once I explain the reasons why to keep a cat inside. I always share with the potential adopter that I respect their philosophy of wanting a cat to go out. I explain that they need to do what works for them and their lifestyle and share the names of other organizations that may fit their desire for an indoor/outdoor or outdoor cat. The conversation usually ends on a good note...the person knows the names of other organizations without the indoor only rule and I always wish them luck and invite them to call me if they have any questions about anything even if they adopt from another organization.

Sometimes, however, the call does not go so well and the person on the other end of the phone gets mad at me for my beliefs. I recently had such an encounter with a lady who wanted to adopt a kitten for her 11-year-old daughter. She had e-mailed me about a kitten she saw on the web site. I answered her with a phone call. It was apparent during the phone interview process that she did not believe in indoor-only cats. I literally felt attacked through the phone line by her, but I kept my cool as I explained why RESQCATS had adopted the policy. I gave her examples of the calls I had received over the years from people who had adopted from RESQCATS prior to our "indoor-only" rule. Such calls included kittens at a year old that were hit in front of their house; a cat that dragged itself home without the use of his back legs because it was hit or mauled by a coyote; or cats that never returned home at night. I told her that I personally found an adult cat that I had adopted out to a young lady who had been hit and was laying on the side of the road on Las Positas which is a road that I must travel everyday when I leave my house to do anything. I shared this with the lady in a heart-felt and professional manner. I also told her that I respected her philosophy and understood it because my cats used to go outside. When one of them was hit and killed by a car, they all came back inside to safety. She escalated in her anger and abruptly responded, "Well, if you are going to require that, you should post it on your web site!"

I shared with her that I wanted an honest answer from people and that is why it was not on the web site. Then I thanked her for her honesty. She abruptly said, "yeah, yeah, bye" and hung up!

I felt awful....I had been as professional and polite as I could possibly be. I checked the web site and sure enough it did state our policy. So I decided to write her and share that our policy was actually on the web site and told her where to find it. I wrote that I was sorry that she was so upset with me and our policy but it was differences in ideas in this world that made it so diverse and (as I always say) "go 'round."

Her reply came the next day. She blamed me for making her daughter so unhappy when I would not allow them to adopt just because I was so worried about cars and coyotes when they could provide a safe and loving home. She said I was "ridiculous" and signed off by writing... "Well, its your loss!"

I wrote back one more time and told her that I was actually preventing HER loss! I wished her the very best of luck in finding a kitten for her family and shared that I never doubted for a minute that they would love the cat. I signed "Sincerely, Jeffyne."

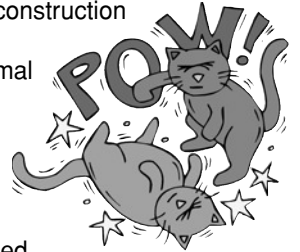
Following are some good reasons for cats to be indoors...



- "In 1992, the Humane Society of the US approximated the average life span of an outdoor cat as 4 years while indoor cats often reached 14-17 years, or even older"

- Your cat won't get hit by a car.
- Your cat won't get lost.
- Your cat won't be frightened by loud blasts of traffic, gardeners working or construction noise.

- It won't be attacked by another animal such as a coyote, dog or cat
- It won't be hurt by the whims of a neighbor that may not like cats and try to harm it.

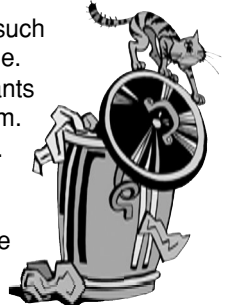


- Your cat is less likely to be infested with fleas, ticks and worms.
- Your cat won't catch diseases from other animals such as feline leukemia, FIV, rabies or immunodeficiency viruses.



- Your cat is less likely to ingest a deadly poison such as antifreeze or pesticide.
- Your cat won't ingest plants that may be toxic to them.
- Your cat won't be stolen.

- Your cat won't wind up at the pound if it becomes lost.
- Your cat won't become ill ingesting garbage or contaminated food left outside.



- Your cat won't become trapped in a place from which it cannot escape, such as a neighbor's garage.
- Your cat won't be exposed to the weather elements such as freezing in the winter or becoming dehydrated in the hot summer.



- Your cat won't eat wildlife such as birds.

Doesn't seem "ridiculous" to me! ♦



Visit our new ResQCats website  
[www.RESQCATS.org](http://www.RESQCATS.org)



*Please take the time to see our new website. You can read past issues for the heart-warming stories and the entertaining photos.*

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

It is beautiful.

Thank you for all your hard work.







**“In Remembrance, Celebration and Honor of some very special people and friends of the fur persuasion”** (*Recognizing all I received through July 15, 2008*)

In memory of “Eddie” and for Sheri Leigh.

*Remember...*

*“Angels are never on this Earth very long.”*

*All of us at RESQCATS*

Remembering “Tony” and all the love you shared for so many years.... for **Rebecca and Walt Branscome**.

*Love, Jeffyne*

In honor of **BJ Hawley** and “**Simba**”

*John and Jean Morrison*

In memory of **Erika Rottger** and for **Mrs. H. Belch**.

*Joyce and Alex Carasa*

In memory **Stan Whitney**...

*With love from his wife, Florence Whitney*

In loving memory of my dear husband, **Walter**.

*Gail Beust*

In memory of my cousin, **John Bjorke**, a great lover of cats.

*Nancy Arch Karlin*

Remembering sweet “**Sudi**”, one special little girl...and for **Aunt Jeanne** who will always have **Sudi** in her heart.

*Love, Susan Leroy*



**Sudi**

In memory of “**Sugar Baby**” and thoughts for **Mark and Silvie Gilman**

*Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara*

For my **Mom**, who is missed so much!

*Jo Bardsley*

In celebration of “**Zuki’s**” fifth birthday!

Adopted from RESQCATS in 2003 by **Marian Jean**

For “**Miejek**.”

*Love, Jeffyne*

In loving memory of “**Tanner**” (**May 1, 1996-July 14, 2008**) and “**Driver**” (**September 8, 1994-January 20, 2008**) and for my dear friends **Sara and Bob Kvass**. May your hearts find peace until you see your wonderful dogs again!

*Love, Jeffyne and Mitch*



**Driver & Tanner**

For our daughter, **Sara Kvass** and in memory of “**Driver**.”

*Keith and Betty Gehr*

In honor of you, my dear friend, and of my beloved “**Driver**.”

*Sara Kvass*

For “**Sam**” who went to the “*Rainbow Bridge*” on July 20, 2006...he will always be missed...

*Mary Rosenfeld*

In memory of “**Olivia**” and for **Debbie and Frank Kendrick**

*Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara*

A love donation in the name for my beloved “**Lexi**”---“my sweet love-forever and always!”

*Hanna Schumann*

Remembering “**Ziggy**” and thinking of **Danielle and Andrew Spitz**

*Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara*

In memory of **Sandy Owens** and thinking of **Lorraine Price** and her family at this time of sadness...

*Chris Peariso & Mo Valencia*

In sweet memory of **Betty Gardner**...she adopted “**Angelina**” ten years ago from RESQCATS and continued to stay in touch and helped so many with her support. She was a wonderful lady who loved kitties...and for her husband, **Art**...she will be missed by many.

*Elizabeth Bainton*

For sweet “**Teddy**” and thinking of **Geri and Chuck Place** and all they gave to **Teddy**!

*From RESQCATS*

In remembrance of “**China**” and thinking of **Jon Coplin and Deirdre Stites** and all they gave to her.

*From Jeffyne and RESQCATS*

In memory of “**Olivia**” and for **Debbie and Frank Kendrick**

*Pet Sitters of Santa Barbara*

## Some Very Special Thank You's!

**Pamela Vincent** cared about a feral mom and her feral kittens when they appeared at her home. Not only did **Pamela** set up a wonderful safe place for them to sleep and eat in her guest house but she provided them with medical care and had them all spayed and neutered. She called RESQCATS to help only in catching the cats and to aid in transporting them to the vet. She was easy and so much fun to work with...the kind of person everyone in rescue dreams about! Her unexpected and generous donation to RESQCATS has gone to help so many. So the kittens and I thank her for that, but mostly I treasure the kind of compassionate heart she has for the animals!

**Susie Groves** adopted not one... but two black sister mommy cats that had been found under a house along with their own mom the three of them were nursing eight kittens. It is hard enough to find homes for the mother cats...everyone usually just wants the kittens...but **Susie** had it in her heart to give a home to both "**Aurora**" and "**Nora**" (now named "**Bijou**" and "**Gem**").

**Sue and Cathi Sadler-Pare** have fostered two litters for RESQCATS so far this season and I have a strong feeling they will be fostering more before the season is over. They opened their home and their hearts soon after losing their dog, "**Greta**," to help tame a feral litter of four and care for two very young kittens found outside of a storage unit. It is such a good feeling to know they are there and that I don't have to worry about anything when they are fostering!

**Susan Leroy** has fostered...I don't know how many litters this season...so many I cannot keep track. Her fostering job is a twenty-four hour seven days a week commitment. She takes many kittens that need special care and medical attention. That requires countless hours of time....something I just don't have. **Susan**, I just don't know what I would do without you! (and a special thank you to her husband, **Donn**, for putting up with it all!)

**Rebecca Branscome** made countless trips to and from RESQCATS as we cleaned up a hoarding situation that had gotten out of control at the beginning of the season. She has also fostered litters this kitten season and somehow always makes time in her busy schedule to help with transporting, fostering or whatever is needed. She is an amazing woman and volunteers with boundless energy!

**Sandy Simmons** made some wonderful cat blankets for the special adult kitties to take home when they are adopted.

**Elizabeth Mazzetti** of *Second Chance* helped with several adult cats from a horrible hoarding situation. The cats had never seen another human except for the woman that they lived with. **Elizabeth** truly gave them a "second chance" by working with them and finding homes for them.

**Dr. Faoro, Dr. Morgan** and **Dr. Lawrence** of *St. Francis Pet Hospital*...well, what can I say but you are all wonderful! They are always there to help: spay feral moms, treat sick kittens, help with exams and testing, treat sick kittens and they do it all with gentle compassion. They really go the extra mile to help so many rescue organizations and I am proud to be one of them!

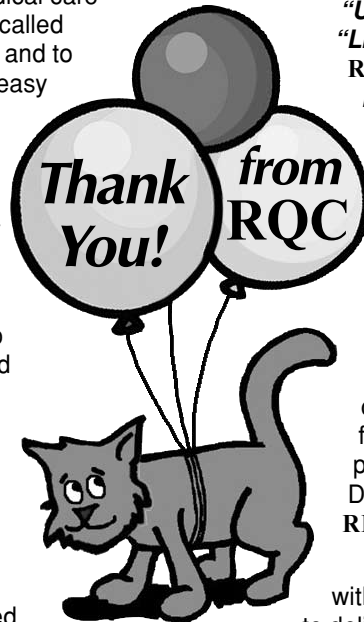
**Pat Hopkins** crocheted wonderful "cat chaser" toys for the kittens. They love them and we all appreciate all the time it must have taken to make them.

"**Uncle**" **Bob Eckert** has spent countless hours with "**Lila**," a frightened two year old cat that returned to RESQCATS when her guardian could not care for her.

**Lila** had never been picked up in the two years she lived with her person....and I walk into the cattery and find **Bob** sitting with **Lila** in his lap. **Lila** has a long way to go....but **Bob** is going to make sure that she blossoms from the frightened soul that she is to a free spirit that can give love just the way she is receiving it.

**Dr. Haskell** and his staff at *Adobe Pet Hospital* dedicate countless hours seeing RESQCATS kitties. They are responsible for the majority of the vet exams and Leukemia/FIV testing. They worked around the clock to treat many of the very sick kittens that came from an unhealthy hoarding environment. It is one of the places you can call and actually get to talk to the doctor! **Dr. Haskell** and his entire staff are truly a blessing to RESQCATS!

**Sue Grafton** and **Steve Humphrey** were so happy with their newly adopted kitten, "**Indy**," that they decided to deliver a surprise to me several days after taking **Indy** home. I returned home one day to find a beautiful gift basket with all kinds of exquisite tasty temptations and a wonderful donation to help the other kitties at RESQCATS. My week had been one with some special challenges and I was pretty broken in spirit....they will never realize how much their kindness and thoughtfulness put life back into my heart! ♦



### To Gain the Friendship of a Cat....



**Valentino**

To gain the friendship of a cat is a difficult thing. The cat is a philosophical, methodical, quiet animal, tenacious of its own habits, fond of order and cleanliness, and it does not lightly confer its friendship. If you are worthy of its affection, a cat will be your friend, but never your slave. He keeps his free will, though he loves, and he will not do for you what he thinks is unreasonable. But if he once gives himself to you, it is with absolute confidence and

affection. He makes himself the companion of your hours of solitude, melancholy and toil. He will remain for whole evenings on your knee, uttering a contented purr, happy to be with you. Put him down and he will jump up again with a sort of cooing sound that is a gentle reproach and sometimes he will sit upon the carpet in front of you looking at you with eyes so melting, so caressing, and so human that they almost frighten you, for it is impossible to believe that a soul is not there.

– Theophile Gautier



# The 9 Most Common Tail Positions and What They Mean

(from *Planet Cat* by Sandra Choron, Harry Choron and Arden Moore)

1. **Hoisted high.** A confident, contented cat holds its tail high in the air. A totally erect tail signals a happy mood or a friendly greeting and cats often send this message as they approach a welcoming person. If the top third of the tail twitches as the cat nears you, this means that he totally adores you!



6. **Puffed up.** A cat with a puffed up tail is severely agitated and/or frightened. He is trying to look bigger in order to ward off danger.



2. **Question mark.** Get out the toys! A tail bent in the question mark position is a sign that the cat is in a playful mood.



7. **Whipping.** Stay away! A tail that is whipping back and forth signals both fear and aggression.

3. **Flying low.** If the tail is positioned straight down and parallel to his legs, the cat may be in an aggressive mood. Be wary!



8. **Swishing.** A swishing tail signals a predatory mood. The cat is usually focused on a particular object...for example, a cat's tail swishes just before he pounces on a toy.



4. **Tucked away.** A tail that is tucked beneath the body means fear or submission and that something is making him nervous.



9. **Cat-to cat.** This is a sign of true feline friendship just like a person putting an arm around a favorite friend.

5. **Twitching.** Tails that twitch just at the tip indicate curiosity and excitement!



## RESQCATS

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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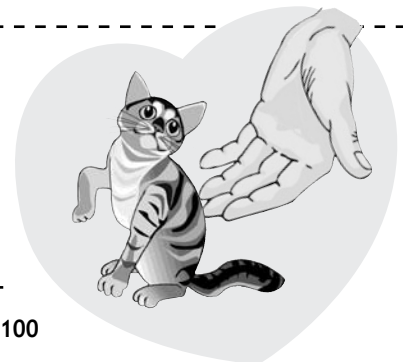
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**Give a Helping Hand!**





## 7 Reasons Not to Buy a Kitten from a Pet Store

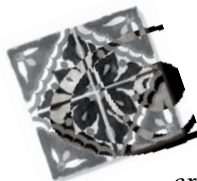
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Pet store kittens come from kitten mills, and kitten mills are nothing but cruel, inhumane breeding factories. These felines deserve our compassion...but buying kittens from a pet store simply allows kitten mills to stay in existence and churn out hundreds of thousands of kittens each year and that add to the number of felines that are destroyed in shelters every year!

The Humane Society of the United States (and RESQCATS) offers these reasons for not buying kittens from a pet store...

1. Pet stores obtain their kittens and cats from brokers, kitten mills and backyard or "accidental" breeders. They are not carefully bred for health or temperament.
2. Cats in kitten mills are caged and continually bred for years, with little or no human companionship. They are killed, abandoned or sold to another "miller" after their fertility wanes.
3. Pet store clerks will never admit that their kittens and cats come from these mills. They focus on sales and making a profit, not the welfare of the cats.
4. Pet store employees typically have only limited knowledge about cats and feline care.
5. Do not be fooled into thinking that a "USDA-inspected" breeder means a "good" breeder. The U.S. Department of Agriculture establishes only minimum care standards.
6. Kitten mill kittens often have medical problems that can lead to pricey vet bills.
7. Pet store kittens are not handled and socialized properly and are often separated from their mother and littermates too early.

**One notable exception...**Please consider giving a home to cats and kittens that are showcased by local animal shelters, breed rescue clubs and other reputable rescue groups at pet stores. Some pet stores offer space to these groups in their efforts to find loving homes for the cats and kittens.



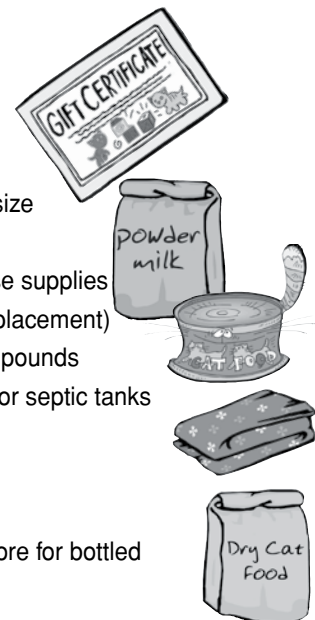
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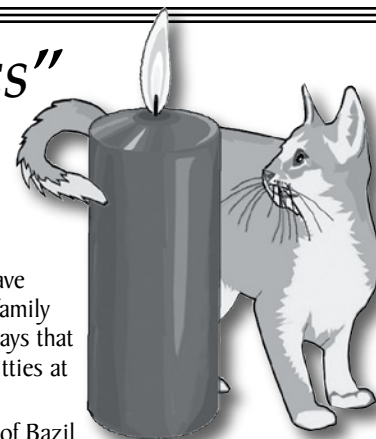
## Wish List!

- ❖ New cat toys
- ❖ Wellness canned kitten food
- ❖ Simple Solution in one gallon size
- ❖ Bleach for sanitizing
- ❖ Pet Supply gift card to purchase supplies
- ❖ Powdered KMR (kitten milk replacement)
- ❖ Advantage for cats under nine pounds
- ❖ Liquid laundry detergent safe for septic tanks
- ❖ Dryer sheets
- ❖ Printer paper
- ❖ Incense—it calms the kitties
- ❖ Gift certificate to The Water Store for bottled water
- ❖ Cosequin capsules for cats
- ❖ Homes for all the cats and kittens!



## "CANDLES" A PURRfect gift for the Holidays

Wouldn't it be nice to have something to give your family and friends for the holidays that would also benefit the kitties at RESQCATS?



Elizabeth Nicholson of Basil Essentials has created a lavender soy candle just for RESQCATS. It is a wonderful gift for those special people in your life that also care about animals. Following is an excerpt from her web site about the candle and RESQCATS...

The RESQCATS Pure Soy Glass Pillar titled "Lavender Bud" is scented with pure Lavender essential oil and 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 label is specially designed for RESQCATS and shares that a donation was made to RESQCATS with the purchase of the candle. "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.

*"Out of the \$22.00 for each candle, \$17.00 goes to support RESQCATS and their amazing work to save the lives of our beloved cat and kitten friends."*

Visit Elizabeth's website to order the RESQCATS candle as a special gift and make a difference for the kitties, too.

[www.BasilEssentials.com](http://www.BasilEssentials.com)

PS: Anyone want to guess what I am giving for holiday gifts?