

# RESQCATS™

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



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Fall 2016



## *President's Message*

Written on August 14, 2016



Jeffyne with "Millie" and "Atticus"

Time just flies when you are busy! Kitten season at RESQCATS has been one of the busiest in our history. But it is important that I keep you updated on all that goes on as a supporter of our mission at RESQCATS.

In June, we celebrated our 2500<sup>th</sup> adoption since we began in 1997. That is quite the milestone for an organization with no paid staff and a handful of the most dedicated volunteers on the planet.

Speaking of the volunteers, not a day goes by that I am not grateful for what each one offers in their own unique way. They perform so many different tasks. The early morning volunteers, nicknamed the "Cinderella" crew, show up every morning to clean enclosures, scoop litter boxes, change blankets, pick up toys and scrub floors. It is not an easy job! (It

seems that the kittens have a party every night and we have to tidy up everything but beer cans!) The fosters are busy bottle-feeding orphaned kittens, caring for pregnant moms and mother cats with newborns.

As of August 14, RESQCATS has cared for over 190 cats and kittens and the season is not over. We have placed over 120 (more by the time you receive this newsletter) and the season is only about two thirds over!

RESQCATS also works outside the confines of our doors. We have reached out to the local community by helping to fund medical care, and spays/neuters for feral cats. By spaying and neutering the ferals, fewer kittens will be born to suffer from the perils of street life, hunger and disease. Don't worry; there are still plenty of kittens as a rescuer's work never seems to be done!

Our grants to the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society and Santa Maria Valley Humane Society provide feral cats with flea treatment, tests for Felv/FIV, worming medication, FVRCP vaccines, rabies vaccinations and spay/neuter surgery.

RESQCATS also helps cat owners who cannot afford or are uneducated about the importance of spay and neuter surgery by assisting other local groups such as Care4Paws and their mobile spay/neuter van. We also assist ASAP (Animal Shelter Assistance Program) with funding for spay and neuter surgeries.

RESQCATS continues to monitor and rescue kittens being sold or given away on Craigslist. Many of the kittens that are "rehomed" (which is another way to say "selling") never receive vet exams, vaccinations and certainly are not spayed or neutered. That means they will be reproducing and having their own litters in just a few months. Our intervention assures proper medical care and spay or neuter surgeries for the cats and kittens before finding approved homes.

Our services are also extended to people who own cats that are pregnant or have given birth to litters. RESQCATS provides all the medical care for the mother cats including spay surgery. After the babies are weaned and the mom cat has been spayed, the mother cat is returned to the guardian at no cost to them. The owner, in return, relinquishes

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the kittens to **RESQCATS** so that we can provide each kitten with a vet exam, fecal exam, Felv/FIV test, worming medication, FVRCP vaccination, spay or neuter surgery, micro-chip and any other medical care that may be needed.

Other medical care has included emergency surgery, exploratory surgery, critical care for a kitten with heart failure and urgent treatment for a kitten with pneumonia. Often, comprehensive tests for kittens suffering with undetermined medical conditions are needed in order to prescribe proper treatment.

I share this because adopters and most people are unaware of what is involved in getting kittens healthy and ready for adoption. Adopters see a healthy, bouncing kitten or a sweet mama cat looking for a forever home. However, it may have taken a lot of time and money to arrive at that point. (See our article: *Behind the Scenes at RESQCATS* on Page 10.)

The \$100 adoption fee doesn't begin to cover our actual costs especially for those that need extra medical treatment, specialized surgeries, critical hospital visits or have extended stays at **RESQCATS**. The average cost per cat in 2015 was \$539 per cat!

**RESQCATS** also works with rescue groups that pull from high kill shelters. Every life is worth saving and if there is a space available at **RESQCATS**, we do our best to help the cats that are scheduled for euthanasia. We have partnered with Kitty Devore on several occasions and pulled pregnant moms, mother cats with newborns and kittens before their kill dates. It is a very heartfelt emotion knowing that you were part of saving lives from a high kill shelter.

It's an enormous job doing all that we do to care for the cats and kittens. In addition, there are the administrative tasks: keeping up with paperwork, making vet appointments, planning spay and neuter surgeries, staying informed about those in foster care, scheduling volunteers and fund-raising.

Some days, it feels overwhelming! On those days especially, I make it a point to take a break, find time to breathe and get back to the reason I started **RESQCATS** in the first place. I leave my desk and the computer and quietly disappear into the cattery to spend time with the cats and kittens. Kissing "Stella" on the forehead, rubbing "Zinger's" belly and teasing "Tootsie" and "Reese" with a chaser toy remind me of why I rescue.

The cats are innocent creatures that ground me and bring harmony to my soul. The best hours in my day are spent weighing, worming, vaccinating and loving the cats. They are a mental break from my administrative duties. And they offer me peace from the violence and turmoil that bombards us every day on the national news.

Most importantly, **RESQCATS** offers me an opportunity to make a difference. I recognize that I

am not one to change the world and make a lasting impression in history. But if I change even one feline's life and touch the soul of the person who adopts it, then I have made a difference in the world in my own small way.

Of course, I realize it takes more than just me, the volunteers, the vets we work with and people who adopt. It takes people like you and your generous support. You pay it forward with a donation to **RESQCATS** by changing the life of a cat or kitten that met less than fortunate circumstances. **RESQCATS**, in turn, is able to provide whatever medical care they may need. Then, the adopter's life changes as a new feline friend provides joy, laughter and unconditional love.

So remember, a tax-deductible donation to **RESQCATS** is much more than just writing a check, placing it in an envelope, putting a stamp on it and mailing it....it makes a difference well beyond what you will ever know.

From my heart, thank you.



Jeffyne with "Marilyn"

Jeffyne Telson,  
President and Founder of RESQCATS



# RESQCATS HITS A MILESTONE!

Written on July 30, 2016

In June, **RESQCATS** proudly announced that we had reached 2500 total adoptions since we began in 1997. That is quite an accomplishment for an organization that is managed by a single person and a handful of very dedicated volunteers.

We celebrated our 2500<sup>th</sup> and 2501<sup>st</sup> with the adoption of two sisters, "Topanga" and "Avalon," by Kathleen Glenn during our Summer Fundraiser and Adoption Event on June 25.



Kathleen Glenn with "Topanga," "Avalon" and Jeffy

Later that week, a donor presented a challenge to me. She proposed that she would match the first \$1000 that **RESQCATS** raised for a special event. Her only stipulation was that she wanted to remain anonymous!

I thought, what could be more special than celebrating 2500 adoptions! (By the time this news reaches you, we will be very close to 2600 adoptions.)

So, I began a campaign to raise one dollar for every cat and kitten that had been adopted through **RESQCATS** and asked everyone to help. My goal was to reach \$2500. If that target was met, add \$1000 and we would have a total of \$3500 to help us get through one of the busiest kitten seasons in our history.

I am ecstatic to announce that **RESQCATS** met and succeeded our goal with a total of \$3880!

I cannot thank each of you enough. But, I can assure you that your donations are working to help the cats and kittens in our care.

**RESQCATS** has already rescued 192 cats and kittens. We have placed 122 since we opened in April for the 2016 kitten season

Our fosters are still busy bottle-feeding orphaned kittens and caring for rescued pregnant moms. The

enclosures at **RESQCATS** stay full with nursing moms, kittens from Craigslist, feral kittens that need socializing and strays that were lucky enough to be rescued and end up at **RESQCATS**. It seems as one litter goes out, another needs our help.

I want to thank each one of you for your generosity and for helping **RESQCATS** celebrate an important milestone. It takes all of us to make a difference and you certainly have.

Julie Kaplan  
Patti and Les Hummel  
Lynn Penney  
Jacques Habra  
Randall Ehren  
Sophia Tienes  
Chris Bastian  
Tony Campopiano  
Peter Cohen  
Mary Jane Nirenberg  
Christine Orchard

Carol Hunt  
Cathia Mahaffey  
Shannon Kennedy  
Tanya Burke  
Lois Werner  
Kirsten Tambo  
Valerie Moreno  
Eliane Martin  
Vikki Taylor  
Diane Ledbetter  
Sharon and Arden Kysely



"Avalon" and "Topanga" in their new home

## *Some special thank yous...*

**Diane Ledbetter!** Thank you so much for ensuring that **RESQCATS** reached our goal for the 2500 adoptions with your generous donation. You have made a difference for many years and touched many lives, but I am in awe of you for this demonstration of compassion and dedication.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, **Cathia Mahaffey**, for all you have done for **RESQCATS** over the years, but especially for your bighearted contribution towards helping us reach our goal of raising \$2500 in celebration of 2500 adoptions. You have a heart of gold.

And a special thank you to the person who presented the challenge to me and so generously gave from her heart by matching the first \$1000 raised.

## Letters to RESQCATS



***I have not included letters to RESQCATS in the newsletter in a while. However, it is not everyday that I receive letters like the two that follow and I just had to share.***

*The first is from Zuki, who was adopted from RESQCATS 13 years ago. Every year, her guardian, Marion Jean, packs up Zuki, much to the cats dismay, and brings her to RESQCATS to visit and deliver a donation of \$10 for each year that Zuki has a birthday.*

*This year was no different. It is such a highlight in the midst of the "busy-ness" of the season. Knowing that Zuki has someone dedicated to her for thirteen years is what I wish for all the cats and kittens that are adopted. Zuki is being treated for cancer, but she has a great prognosis and is Marion is thankful for every day she has with her 28 toed kitty! Yes, Zuki has 28 toes!*

Dear Jeffyne and RESQCATS,

Thank you for taking care of me my first two months of life. Jeffyne, you chose a very good home for me. I'm generally quite happy. I miss my adopted brother, "Tailor." But life somehow seems to go on. Mom is even loosening up on the amount of kibble she gives me. It's about time!

Thank you again for placing me in exactly the right place at the right time.

Love, Zuki



*The second letter is from a young lady who adopted "Asher," the only survivor of three in his litter after a very difficult delivery by his mom, "Aries." I was with her when she gave birth and celebrated the new lives. And of course, I was saddened by the loss of two of her babies so I poured all my love into Asher. Asher became very ill with pneumonia several weeks later, so caring for him required a lot of time and watchful attention. It's not just about medicating a sick kitten. It is about nurturing and love, so to put it simply, Asher has a big piece of my heart. I had a brief moment to meet Asher's adopter, Kris Lloyd and I think she knew that he was pretty special to me. The tears probably gave that away!*

Dear human birth mommy,

I am really enjoying my new home in San Luis Obispo, even though I am a little far away. My adoption family has been very attentive as I adjust to a new home and new environment.

Along with a mom and dad, I have a big brother named Chai who is a 2-year old flame-point-Siamese mix. He is warming up to me and we are bonding fast. At first he was grumpy and hissed at me a lot, but today we have been playing and he lets me get close (as long as I don't surprise him!) Our favorite toy to play with is the cat tube.



Asher's new friend, Chia

Making a mess of the rest of the toys is also fun. I like our cat condo. I'm really good at climbing it! It's my favorite place to nap. At night I like to get in bed with mom and dad and sleep on mom's face.



That's what I've been up to since my adoption! I miss my cousins and hope they find loving forever homes. Thank you for taking such good care of me and helping me find my new family.

Lots of love,

Asher







## In memory of...

In memory of my dad, **Spencer Sadler**, who loved all animals; horses, dogs, cats, skunks, raccoons, pigeons, pelicans, seagulls, etc. He shared that compassion with me and I thank him for that side of me.

He loved the James Herriott books: Cats are Connoisseurs of Comfort, he once told me.

In honor of my dapper dad, a true English gentleman, please accept this donation and use it for the work you do at **RESQCATS**.

*Sue Sadler-Pare*



In memory and honor of my beloved pal, "**Lois**" and 15-1/2 wonderful years.

*Sam Kaiser*



In memory of my dear husband, **Fred Hunt!**

*Carol Hunt*



In memory of "**Gomer**" who was 17 years old when my aunt died. He lived to be 21 at **RESQCATS**.

*Diann Mills*



In memory of "**Buckey**." I miss her.

*Love, Rachel Ross*



In memory of "**Wooly Bully**" and the feral cats my mother faithfully cares for and loves!

*Janet Dewey*



In memory of "**Bean**" and for her dad, **Peter Cohen**. She broke all our hearts when she succumbed to FIP, but taught us what it means to fight and be a "FIP Warrior."



In memory of my "**Buckey**," a special girl who taught me about forgiveness, giving second chances and moving forward.

*Love, Jeffyne*



In memory of "**Purr-ecious**"...angels are never on this Earth for very long.

*Love, Jeffyne*



## In celebration and honor of...

It's time to celebrate the best friend, neighbor and kitty sitter ever---**Mel Kyle**. I want to celebrate her birthday by rescuing some kittens with my donation.

*Julie Kaplan*

In celebration of my kitties from **RESQCATS!** "**Web**" and "**Deacon**."

*Penny Huff*

Celebrating SEVEN amazing years with "**Zinnia**" and "**Haley!**"

*Kim and Dean Pananides*

In honor of **Suzanne Shanelec**

*Stuart Sato and Ellen Wall*

In honor of **Susie Browne!**

*Susan Browne*



## FACES OF 2016: A PICTURE SPEAKS 1000 WORDS

I am elated by all the wonderful comments about the photos of the cats and kittens this 2016 season. "A picture speaks 1000 words" is certainly true of Cata Esteves' photos. I would like to thank her for her precious time and dedication. I also invite you to visit her website:

**[www.cataestevesphotography.com](http://www.cataestevesphotography.com)**

She specializes in pet photography so you, too, can have beautiful photos of your pets. And what a great gift idea for the holidays that are just around the corner!







**Page 6 (top to bottom):** Broc, Sven, Gilbert, Pacino, Harmony (*left*); Citrine, Shayanne and her babies, Kaden (*center*); Honey and Ginger, Chester, Belle (*right*)  
**Page 7 (top to bottom):** Marbles, Lucca, Tazzi, Marilyn (*left*); Mikey, Stella, Binks, Felicity (*center*); Mimsy, Peridot, Stitch, Chaucer (*right*)



And now...  
**A Few Words from Mr. Jeffyne**  
*A Road Trip for the Ages!*



“River” and “Fantasy” have joined the family!

Since 2002, I have had the wonderful privilege of helping three different collie rescue groups with four major rescue operations. Some of you may remember my Mr. Jeffyne story from 2003 about the Montana Collies...170 collies and 10 cats that were confiscated on Halloween night at the U.S./Canadian border near Selby, Montana. An unbelievably irresponsible breeder was moving her entire breeding facility ...dogs, kennels, chain-link fences, everything...from Alaska to Arizona in order to set up a new breeding operation. The collies had been crammed into 2 foot by 3 foot by 2 foot crates that were stacked floor-to-ceiling inside a 45 foot cargo trailer. The dogs had been on the road for nine days until, mercifully, an astute U.S. border officer asked to see the contents of the trailer when he noticed icicle of urine forming on the carrier.

When a call went out for help with this massive rescue operation, I volunteered and spent the first two weeks of December in frigid northern Montana feeding, brushing and cleaning up after the collies. As I wrote about my travels some time later, I referred to that experience as “my best gift ever!”

In 2005, I helped at another huge collie rescue in Yolo County, near Davis, California. This time 60 collies had

been confiscated from, what was described as a serial hoarder...an individual who moved from county to county to avoid prosecution for animal abuse.

My third major collie rescue came in 2007 when Houston Collie Rescue was asked to assist local law enforcement with a hoarder who had 56 neglected collies in her possession. With the help of a fellow dog-lover, we were able to transport three of those collies back to California.

And then in 2014, for a second time, I assisted Houston Collie Rescue when this same hoarder/abuser was cited, but this time the total number of collies confiscated was an incredible 139! Once more, a devoted collie lover joined me in the cross-country transport of four of the dogs to Southern California.

I did not adopt any of the Montana Collies, (I think I may have already been caring for 7 or 8 collies of my own dogs...but more likely, the only way that Jeffyne would have allowed me to help in Montana was if I promised not to bring home any dogs!) But, of course, I made up for that canine shortfall when I adopted four of the Yolo Collies, and one from each of the Houston incidents!

Despite the long drives, harsh weather in the north



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and humid conditions in Texas, and the less-than-perfect sleeping circumstances, all of my travels-for-rescues have been unbelievably rewarding experiences.

But none of these important rescue expeditions can compare to my most recent summer road trip with my younger brother. We drove from Southern California to Newaygo, Michigan to adopt two collies from Lake Haven Rescue ...a road trip that we called *Uncle Mitch and Uncle Bob's Most Excellent Adventure*...because that's exactly what it was!

My brother Bob (affectionately known in the family as "Uncle Bob,") and I planned to take a two-week road trip to pick up the dogs. This would be our first road trip together in over 60 years! The last time, Bob and I (and our older brother George), spent more than a day in a car together was in 1953 when our family moved from Baltimore to Los Angeles in an old Kaiser-Frazier station wagon! Of course that trip included my Mom and Dad, our boxer, Vicki, and my pet turtle, Myrtle (who, sadly, did not survive the journey.)

On this excursion, Uncle Bob and I planned to visit a number of national parks and renowned animal rescue organizations, but we also wanted to see some really unique points of interest along the way...such as the world's largest spool of string, or maybe a herd of miniature horses, or the country's biggest pie-eating contest! Nothing was out-of-line for these two "wild and crazy guys!"

Our trek was totally flexible. While we were thinking about driving through Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and enter Michigan from the north, we were wide open to suggestions of other interesting places to visit and even invited our Facebook friends to vicariously join us on our adventure. And to our delight they did accompany us...by the hundreds!

By the time we returned home, nearly three weeks after we departed, we had travelled through 19 states

(well, maybe not all the way THROUGH 19 states. To be totally truthful, we just nipped the corners of Nebraska and Kansas!). Our journey covered a total of 6612 miles, 19 different sleeping arrangements (some significantly better than others!), five national parks (Zion, Bryce Canyon, Arches, Rocky Mountain and the Petrified Forest), one unplanned dog rescue (a St. Bernard we found on the highway on our detour through Nebraska), and two fabulous animal sanctuaries... Best Friends in Kanab, Utah and The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, Colorado.

We also made it a point to see the Oklahoma City Memorial, a stirring tribute to the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Along the way we managed to visit at least a half dozen Nike outlet stores (Uncle Bob is a Nike clothing nut!), the famous Wall Drug store just outside Rapid City, South Dakota and the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site, a former nuclear missile silo also in South Dakota.

Despite our respective dietary concerns, we ate our favorite ice cream (pistachio) EVERY night and had red licorice for breakfast on more than one occasion! And at the end of each day we reported our daily exploits to our growing Facebook followers.

But our greatest joy, and of course, the primary purpose of our road trip all the way from Southern California to western Michigan, was to adopt River and Fantasy... two incredibly sweet collies that had been relinquished to Lake Haven Rescue... a terrific rescue organization run by unbelievably dedicated animal lovers.

To sum up our journey, *Uncle Mitch and Uncle Bob's Most Excellent Adventure* was a trip for the ages...a truly priceless brother and collie adventure!



"Uncle Mitch" and "Uncle Bob"

# BEHIND THE SCENES AT RESQCATS

When kittens become available for adoption, everyone sees cute, healthy, active thriving balls of fur. Young moms have had the chance to fill out after nursing for weeks. They gain their girlish figures back and sport their kitten-like behavior that was lost during teen-age pregnancy and responsibilities of motherhood!

Did you ever stop to think how they got to be so healthy and happy? Do they just show up at **RESQCATS** like that? Or is there more to their stories?

It is hard to imagine what it might have taken to get them to that point. So this article is not only to educate our adopters, but also for our supporters so that you truly comprehend all that you make possible.

What is often overlooked is what goes on behind the scenes at **RESQCATS**. Sometimes our actions enable the cats and kittens to experience a life at all.

While we clearly state that our \$100 adoption donation does not cover our cost, it does help with a cat or kitten's normal protocol including a vet exam, fecal exam, FeLV/FIV test, worming medication, FVRCP vaccination, spay or neuter surgery and micro-chip. It is not inclusive of food and litter which averages about \$1.50 per day for each kitten and \$2.00 daily for adults. Obviously, the expenses for those staples are dictated by the length of stay at **RESQCATS** or in foster care. It can add up to several hundred dollars!

But what happens if...?



"Teena"

What if a cat needs exploratory surgery? "Teena," a mother to six kittens suffered from chronic pancreatitis and needed x-rays, special medication and finally exploratory surgery based on some irregularities in her x-rays. Teena's medical expenses alone were \$1100. She resided at **RESQCATS** from March 25 – June 15, so add in food, litter, worming, vaccinations and medication and you have a pretty large sum! I am happy to report that Teena is thriving in her new home

with a wonderful man who loves her dearly.

What if a kitten shows signs of labored breathing on the weekend? "Asher's" trip to the emergency hospital on a weekend was over \$500. He required x-rays and two weeks of antibiotics to clear his lungs. He is happy in his new home and even has a kitty friend to keep him occupied. (Read his letter to **RESQCATS** on Page 4.)



"Asher"

What if a cat needs emergency surgery and a long hospital stay? "Maliki" required critical life-saving surgery to remove her infected uterus. Surgery needed to be done that day or she would have died. Her surgery, stay at the hospital and after care was \$4490. Maliki came to **RESQCATS** on April 2 and was adopted on July 11. She is enjoying life in her new home as the only cat.



"Maliki"

What if a litter of kittens suffers from an upper respiratory infection and the usual treatment of antibiotics

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does improve their symptoms? A comprehensive test called a PCR should be done to determine what virus or bacteria is present so that the appropriate antibiotic can be prescribed. "Tatum," "Tessa" and "Britt" required the specialized PCR test so that the correct medication could be compounded just for them. The tests and antibiotic were an additional \$355 above the normal medical protocol at RESQCATS. Tatum also required eye surgery to remove tissue from her inner eyelid that ulcerated onto her cornea and added additional costs. She found a wonderful adopter and Tessa and Britt went to their new home together.



"Tessa"



"Britt"



"Tatum"

What if a kitten needs critical emergency care? "Purricious" collapsed at twelve weeks of age unexpectedly at RESQCATS just three days before she was to go home with her adopter. She was rushed to the vet clinic. The veterinarian escorted her to the emergency hospital while administering life-saving air to keep her breathing. Her decline was rapid and while every effort was made to save her, her heart failed. There had been no previous signs or warning and over \$900 was spent trying to save her. I know that everything possible was done to help her, but it was still devastating.

What if a mother cat passes a fatal upper respiratory infection to her kittens? "Destiny" lost all four of her newborn babies. They never had a chance. A few days later, Destiny became so ill that she spent three days in the hospital with around-the-clock monitoring. Her veterinarian did not think she would make it and suggested euthanasia, but her RESQCATS foster mom knew that Destiny was a fighter. She said, "There is not anything they are doing at the hospital that I can't do myself and I want to try!" Destiny's stay at the hospital was over \$1700. Happily, I can report that she is fully recovered. She takes her last antibiotic at the end of August and will be ready to find her forever home by the time you receive this newsletter.

I feel very fortunate that RESQCATS is not forced to make decisions on life-saving efforts based on the cost of treatment. The cats and kittens are provided with any and all the medical care they need. In addition, I honestly feel that the love and attention they receive also plays a part in their healing and recovery.

I believe it is important for you to know the kind of professional attention and devoted care that RESQCATS provides before you take your cat or kitten home.

And lastly, I am humbled by the ones I lose and so grateful for the ones we can save.

### AN ABANDONED STREET CAT

My name is "Chaucer." At least that is what they called me at RESQCATS. I don't know if I had a name before but I sure like having one now...it makes me feel wanted and special. I would like to share my entire story with you, or come to think of it, maybe I would rather forget about it.

I had a collar once; you could see the impression around my neck where it used to be. But, word on the street is that my owner removed it because she didn't want me. So I roamed the neighborhood and ended up at a lady's house four streets away. The back door was open so I went inside and ate her cat's food every day. Thank goodness for that back door as I was not a good hunter. And I was not a good fighter either. I had battle scars and some painful wounds as proof. I was not neutered, so my life was as a tomcat...not a pleasant way to go through this world as a cat.

A nice lady offered to take care of me at RESQCATS. The food bowl there was never empty. I had fresh water and a soft place to recover from street existence. For the first time ever, I felt like I had a chance at a better life.

You might think that I would have emotional battle scars, too. But that isn't the case at all. Everyone at the vet's office adored with me when I went to get neutered, tested and vaccinated. The volunteers at RESQCATS loved me, too. It surprised everybody that I am a head-butter, lap-sitter and purring machine. They wondered how I could be so sweet after having such a rough start in life.

After a few days of recovery at RESQCATS I found a home with a nice lady. Her name is Ashley Merritt. She happens to be the daughter of Darcie Barnes, DVM, who sits on the Board of Directors at RESQCATS. Ashley and her partner, Marten, fell in love with me when they saw my photo of Facebook. They knew I would be a wonderful addition to their family. So I made a three day journey to live with them in Oregon! I even have another feline friend, Cleocatra. My new name is "Babou!" I like it a lot!

I have settled into my new home where I am adored and loved. And I know that I am much more fortunate than many other cats that have walked in my paws because I NEVER EVER have to worry about being "an abandoned street cat" again!



### CAT-MEN-DO!



We found the cutest cats and kittens and some of the best looking guys in Southern California to pose for RESQCATS in the CAT-MEN-DO calendar for 2017!

Chuck and "Mandy," were purr-fect models. This is just one of many of the photos you will see in the calendar. Stay tuned! We will send updates and let you know when they will be available. You will want one for yourself and several for all your friends who love cats and good-looking guys.

And watch for updates on Facebook as they go to press soon!

Your donation will make a difference at RESQCATS and these will make great gifts for the holidays!

## 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
- Magic Maker . . . . . \$250
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( ) Please designate my donation towards special needs kitties and the Polar Bear Fund.

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