

# RESQCATS™

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



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Spring 2021



## RESQCATS BEGINS OUR 25<sup>TH</sup> SEASON IN 2022!

### President's Message

Written on April 1, 2022



Jeffyne with Ferdinand



Mama Mia and her kittens

April 1st season opening!

Mama Mia arrived with five ten-day-old kittens on February 24th and by the time you get this newsletter, they will have gone through our medical protocol and been adopted.



SweetPea and her kittens.

Happy Spring everyone! You know what that means! It's that time of year when we get very busy with kitten season. And believe me; this one began quite early so I expect a very demanding one.

As some of you recall, RESQCATS often works with a rescue group called Kitty Devore that pulls from a high-kill shelter in San Bernadino. The group is an approved puller by the shelter. Once the five day holding period has passed, Kitty Devore picks them up and they are transferred to RESQCATS. It is my philosophy to save as many felines as I can. I just couldn't live with myself sitting here with empty enclosures knowing that moms with litters, pregnant cats and kittens are being euthanized. A life is a life! They are all worth saving.

When I checked the Kitty Devore site in February, I was surprised to see several pregnant cats and mothers with newborns much earlier than usual. The warmer weather in January caused cats to go into heat, so we were already rescuing moms and babies at the end of February. Yes, that is quite a bit sooner than our usual

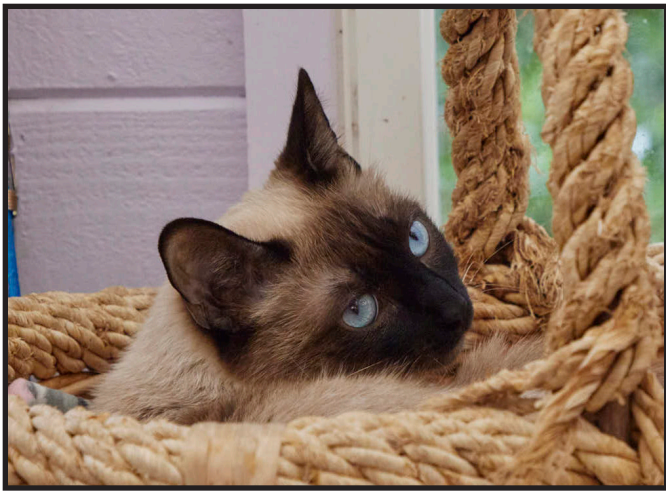
A couple of weeks later, SweetPea and Gracie came to RESQCATS. Both cats were scheduled for euthanasia with unborn kittens unless they were adopted or pulled by a rescue. SweetPea gave birth to five on March 16 and as Gracie delivered four on April 3. The anticipation of birth is so exciting. I always hope deliveries are during the day so I can be part of them.

Then Mimosa and her five kittens arrived. Sadly, as is often the case, all those that came from the shelter have become sick with upper respiratory infections. There is no magical cure for the runny eyes, lethargy, stuffy noses and lack of appetite as the infection is usually viral and has to run its course. But we can offer supportive

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Pregnant Grace



Mimosa

care through supplements, fluids, immune support and antibiotics to curtail secondary bacterial infections. The cats and kittens pick up the virus at the shelter during the required five-day stay. From the streets to shelter life is extremely stressful. Then they make the journey here to yet another new environment which is also traumatic. It appears that the incubation period for the nasty bug is about ten days as once they have been at **RESQCATS** for five to seven days, they break with symptoms. All the cats and kittens from San Bernadino have been symptomatic to varying degrees...some have mild cases but others have been critical. Staying on top of treatment is imperative and can take several hours a day...but I'm on it!

Sweetie arrived in late March after giving birth to six kittens under someone's house. She was discovered by Jazz, a caring twelve-year-old girl who lives nearby to previous adopter named Nevin. I feared for their safety from predators, but Jazz reassured me they were safe for the time-being. But wouldn't you know it...a storm with cold temperatures hit Santa Barbara. Yes, we needed the rain, but what about Sweetie and her babies? On March 28, a chilly, rainy day, Nevin brought the family to **RESQCATS**. Sweetie seems to enjoy her safe, cozy and quiet room here where she can raise her family.

By the time you receive this newsletter, there will be many others with their own stories that **RESQCATS** has rescued.

In addition to what we do under roof at **RESQCATS**, we have found ways to reach out into the community to help other felines. Since the beginning of the pandemic, **RESQCATS** has contributed cat food to Care4Paws every month. The food is then distributed to families in need that are struggling during these times. It seems like a small thing to do, but it's actually a way to ensure cats stay with their families. Times are still tough for so many, but I believe human kindness goes a long way.

In addition, **RESQCATS** helps with provisions for several feral cat colonies. We never turn our backs on those dedicated cat feeders when they ask for help. They are willing to take the time to care for the ferals and sometimes they must venture into unsafe areas to do so! But they take that risk because they care about the cats. The very least I can do is to help with the expense of food!

One of our most impactful contributions to the community has been to fund a spay/neuter event in April. **RESQCATS** collaborated with Santa Barbara Humane to offer free surgeries for cats to the public. It will have an immeasurable impact on the pet-overpopulation problem. Be sure and read the details later in this newsletter.

And of course, this newsletter wouldn't be complete without an update on "Cheddar" and "Brie," the two "specially-abled" kittens from 2021 that we all have come to love. So read on!

But first, let me take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your support. You receive this newsletter because you have contributed in some way and made all that **RESQCATS** does possible.

We face some challenges this season with the rise in costs from food, litter, medical care and spay and neuter surgeries. Many expenses are up 20 - 25% from last year. In the past, you have made a difference at **RESQCATS**. I am counting on you to continue to make all that we do here achievable with your tax-deductible donations.

In a world full of turmoil, uncertainty, cruelty and sadness, this is something you can do that will truly have an impact not only for the cats and kittens, but for the people who adopt them. No matter what your donation, it is anything but small as it gets paid forward in ways we may never realize.

And one last thing...I appreciate you more than words can say!

With gratitude,

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



## *There's a new girl in town!*

Her name is Giselle and she is the latest addition to our RESQCATS residents.

As some of you know, there are 10 resident cats that were deemed unadoptable and reside at RESQCATS. Two others have a permanent home with a foster. RESQCATS is responsible for the lifetime care of all the residents.

The winter of 2021 was especially difficult. The pandemic was still looming over us all and I was unable to spend the winter months at my home in Yachats, Oregon as I usually do. I also lost four resident cats; Talulah, CeCi, The Duke of Earl and Delilah...all within five weeks of each other! But the universe works in odd ways. I was here when they passed and normally I would have been away. I am so very grateful that I could be with each one in those last days.

Loss is not easy for me, no matter how many times I face it. Sometimes I can express my feelings in writing, but other times I just can't find the words to help me through my grief.

I have found that one sure way of healing my heart is to help others. And while it took many months for me to come across a sixteen-year-old cat named Giselle...I suppose the timing was right.

Giselle had been in foster care for a couple of years with a sweet lady through another wonderful organization, ASAP (Animal Shelter Assistance Program.) Sadly, the woman had taken a fall and it was impossible for her to care for Giselle. I happened to meet Giselle in the lobby at ASAP when I was there doing an errand.

Since I had an individual resident enclosure open, I expressed my desire to help with one that would most likely never find a home. My friend and colleague, Becky, at ASAP and I discussed several options, but most of the cats she suggested were younger than I wanted to commit to. While we chatted Giselle curled around my legs and found her way up to my shoulder and perched there. I left ASAP with the notion that perhaps the right match would be found and reiterated that my heart was open to helping a cat in need.

I didn't even make it home before I messaged Becky and said, "I meant what I said about wanting to help, but what I would really like is that cat in lobby named Giselle!"

She told that the shelter thought they might lose her a couple of times, sometimes she just quit eating and they suspected she had cancer... none of that mattered to me. My offer still stood.

Two days later, just before Thanksgiving, a time when we all should stop and feel grateful for what we have and also give back to the world in some small way, Giselle came to live at RESQCATS.

This little girl has settled into her own space. Her enclosure is set up especially for her to help her with arthritis. We call her indoor space the "senior citizen suite." She has a low bed frame so that she doesn't have to jump from high places. Instead she can take a short step up to her bed and crawl into her cozy basket with a heating pad. Decorative tiles hang just above her bed. (I'm still looking for a tiffany reading lamp to finish the look!) She has access to several low level places to sleep. Her kitty condo is multi-level with angled steps so that it is easy for her to get to a ramp that leads to a tunnel. That connects to not one, but two outdoor enclosures. There Giselle enjoys the warmth of the sun on pretty days overlooking the avocado grove.

In the past, RESQCATS has kept several unadoptable cats due to their "frisky" demeanors. Based on her behavior at ASAP, I thought I would finally have a resident cat without attitude, but Giselle does have a little spice sometimes. One of the volunteers suggested that maybe I bring it out in the cats! LOL. Come to think of it, I have been called "spicy" once or twice!

Over the last few months, Giselle has become one of the most loving cats I have ever known. We have little "love" sessions every morning and every afternoon. Her favorite spot is perched on my shoulder. When she hears me enter the cattery, she moves to her condo and waits for me to put her there. Sometimes we dance to soft music playing in the cattery. She purrs. She nuzzles into my neck. And sometimes she turns her head to lick and groom me!

**So please join me in welcoming Giselle.**

May she be a reminder to us that all the cats need homes... even the elderly. Giselle brings out the tenderest side of my soul and I will love her for however long she has here on Earth.

# GISELLE



## *Donation From RESQCATS Allows Santa Barbara Humane to Offer Free Spay and Neuter Surgeries in April 2022*



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As the 25th season at RESQCATS begins, I know that there will be many moms and litters that need my help. As always, I will do all in my power to save as many as I can. But it occurred to me that perhaps there was a way I could do more...more than what we do under roof at RESQCATS.

There are other ways to have an even greater impact; I just wanted to find one. So I put my creative thinking cap on and brainstormed about how I could make a difference for more felines. I came up with an idea, but I needed help to make it work.

I met with Santa Barbara Humane's Executive Director and Chief Veterinary Officer to share my idea. I told them that RESQCATS would like to fund a spay/neuter project. My proposal wouldn't take from their resources as RESQCATS would cover the costs of the project. It was a win-win for both organizations, but more importantly, it would make a difference for an additional 100-120 cats in the community during a two-week event.

Spay and neuter surgeries are crucial to keeping the feline population under

control. We all know that shelters are inundated with kittens when the weather gets warm and cats go into heat. An unspayed female cat can give birth to as many as 180 kittens in her lifetime and if her kittens are left unaltered...well, just do the math! 3.2 million cats enter shelters each year. For the millions of feral cats who don't enter a shelter, their life on the streets is dangerous. They can suffer from communicable diseases, get hit by cars and encounter predatory wildlife. Their kittens will have that same unimaginable life. But it doesn't have to be that way. We can do something about it.

Surgical sterilization is a safe and humane way to prevent unwanted litters. It also offers other benefits to cats. Spaying female cats helps prevent breast cancer and uterine cancer and studies show that a spayed female can live 39% longer. Neutered males are less likely to develop testicular cancer and can live 62% longer than intact males.

I was thrilled to be part of the solution by offering Santa Barbara Humane a generous donation for free spay and neuter surgeries to the public for two weeks in April. I realize it took a tremendous amount of work by the clinical staff. I would like to thank them for working with RESQCATS and for their willingness to participate.

Together, RESQCATS and Santa Barbara Humane made a difference for the cats and the people who love them in our community!

I will update you in our next newsletter on the success of the event!





## And now... A Few Words from Mr. Jeffyne... *25 Years...Where in the World Did the Time Go?*



No matter how I say it, it's very difficult for me to wrap my mind around the fact that **RESQCATS** has been taking care of cats and kittens for 25 years! Where'd the time go? It seems like only yesterday that we poured the concrete for the cattery floor...and here we are, a quarter of a century later and Jeffyne is still at it...still taking care of hundreds of stray and abandoned cats and kittens every year. No matter how I phrase it, 25 years is a very long time to be doing anything, much less operating a non profit animal rescue and adoption organization.

During these same 2 ½ decades that Jeffyne has taken in, cared for and had spayed or neutered thousands of cats and kittens; hundreds of big-name businesses have gone away. Everyday stores and brand names that we thought would be around forever have disappeared from the landscape. Names like K-Mart, Blockbuster, J.C Penney, Sears, Borders Books, Kodak, Pan Am Airlines, Toys R Us...and so many others have come and gone during these past 25 years...but **RESQCATS** is still here doing just what Jeffyne set out to do in the beginning...take care of stray and abandoned cats and kittens.

So why has **RESQCATS** endured while other establishments have failed?

Well, there are most likely a lot of reasons why our small rescue group has thrived for over a quarter of a century, but probably the biggest reason is all of you reading this newsletter. You have continued to support this organization with both your financial and moral encouragement through good times and bad.

We all went through the horror and fear of 9/11 and the financial meltdown of the Great Recession...and then the pandemic and now the terrible war in Ukraine. Throughout all of these world-changing events, you...our loyal donors, our volunteers and our adopters...have steadfastly stood by **RESQCATS**. You stayed with us through this quarter century so Jeffyne could continue to rescue and care for nearly 3,700 stray and abandoned animals. For this and so much more, we **SINCERELY** thank you.

Jeffyne has said it many times, in many ways... "There is no way I could have continued to do the work that I do for the cats and kittens in our community without the help of so many wonderful people!"

It would be great if we could list every individual and family who has ever adopted a cat or kitten; every volunteer who has spent countless mornings cleaning and socializing shy animals; and everyone who has ever made a donation to the organization...but that list would be so long there'd be no space left in this newsletter for the kitty stories and adorable pictures that you love so much. And there's another group to thank and recognize, our terrific Board of Directors who have advised, supported



Mitch with Fantasy and Adonis.

and most importantly, encouraged Jeffyne in the good times and through the challenges.

But operating **RESQCATS** over the years hasn't always been easy. There was a period about 15 years ago when the pressure of rescue almost overwhelmed Jeffyne. She suffered from all the symptoms of passion fatigue...a real malady that affects individuals in both the animal and human welfare communities. She was ready to quit...to give it all up. But after a brief rest, some deep soul searching and some great counsel from some of you, she saw a different way forward...a new approach to handling the day-to-day challenges that faced **RESQCATS**. And just like she always has, Jeffyne found the energy and a renewed vigor to continue her life-long work. She developed a partnership with the Montecito Pet Shop to handle the adoption process which allowed Jeffyne and her team of volunteers to focus on caring for even more stray and abandoned felines.

Since we can't name everyone individually, please let me, the behind-the-scenes, non-face of **RESQCATS**, collectively thank each and every one of you for what you've done for the organization for the last quarter of a century...a **VERY SINCERE** thank you. Because as Jeffyne says in every newsletter, Facebook post and personal note that she writes...she couldn't take care of all these feline tiny faces without **YOU**.

So thank you, thank you, **THANK YOU** for 25 great remarkable years...with hopefully, many more to come!

By the way, over these 25 years, Jeffyne has told me on more than one occasion that she's operated **RESQCATS** longer than she's done anything else in her entire life...except being married to Mr. Jeffyne! (That little enterprise is now into its 37<sup>th</sup> year!!)

## *An Update on Cheddar and Brie*

Most of you remember the story about Cheddar and Brie from the December 2021 newsletter. But for those that don't, let me give you a quick update so that you can truly appreciate these special cats and all they have endured.

In April of 2021, I was contacted about a mother cat that had given birth to two kittens in someone's yard. The lady who found them said that something was wrong with the kittens' legs. I wasn't overly concerned until they arrived at RESQCATS.

When they got here, I was shocked by Cheddar and his sister, Brie's severely deformed legs. Brie's front legs were normal but her back legs resembled

kittens' legs were deformed there could be organ issues, as well. There was the possibility of urinary tract issues and incontinence. I wondered if that was their shielded and compassionate way of suggesting that I euthanize Cheddar and Brie. One vet didn't approach the subject with such filters. He was emotional and caring but was strong in his conviction that it would be best for them to be euthanized.

I didn't follow his advice!

I took them back to RESQCATS. I had grown to love them already, but I also didn't want them to suffer. I questioned myself. Was I being fair to



flippers on a seal. She wasn't able to stand or walk on them. The mobility in her front legs was how she scooted around. Cheddar's deformity was much worse. His front legs were permanently locked at the elbow and his back legs coiled up underneath him like a mattress spring.

I had never seen anything like it and neither had any of the consulting veterinarians or orthopedic surgeon. Both kittens were actually missing some of the bones in their legs. How could that be? Was it a genetic abnormality? Or could it be that the mom suffered an unknown virus during her pregnancy that affected the unborn kittens? We will never know!

Several vets warned me that because the

them? My mind and heart are not always in sync. I was encouraged by a rehabilitation professional who had seen them and said that I had nothing to lose, (except a broken heart if they began to show signs of suffering) And Cheddar and Brie deserved a chance. Neither of us felt they were suffering. So I had a new mission and was determined to give them every chance on the planet!

Cheddar and Brie blossomed at RESQCATS. Yes, it was a lot of hard work creating an environment that worked for them. I ordered specially designed litter boxes for a low and easy entry. I placed carpet and blankets in their enclosure to give Cheddar the traction he needed to move around. It was trial



and error almost daily. On many days I glanced at the adoption board in the cattery and reread a quote that has gotten me through some of the most challenging times in my life. It goes like this: "Obstacles create opportunity." I had to stop and realize the importance of that message. Here...right in front of me...were two tiny kittens that were doing just that. They met every obstacle with courage and ingenuity and success. After all, everything in life is just a matter of perspective.

Their following on social media was unlike anything I had ever seen. I realized that people needed something positive in their lives with the pandemic still hanging over us. Somehow, Cheddar

more. She continuously moves things around and introduces new toys to stimulate them.

The "Cheez Balls," as they affectionately came to be known do get to visit sometimes when Mia is called out of town. The same enclosure is always available for them. After all, it still has their name on it! It's an exciting time when they are here as all the volunteers love them.

It's also familiar territory that Cheddar and Brie remember. Brie scurries down the hallway making sure all is in order just like she always did. And Cheddar finds his comfortable spot on a blanket where he has some traction and entertains us all, including the resident cats. He moves around on his

Cheddar Then...



.... and Today

and Brie offered hope in a world that seemed so uncertain. They also taught me some important life lessons. We are all unique and we each have "special abilities" regardless of our physical and/or emotional challenges. These tiny kittens taught me patience, humility and compassion.

Cheddar and Brie stayed at **RESQCATS** until September of 2021 when they were adopted at six months old by one of our volunteers, Mia Sanders. They have continued to thrive with her! She has a special room in her home set up just for them. Imagine, an entire room dedicated to Cheddar and Brie...filled with toys, ramps, tunnels, condos and

belly using his front legs and muscular shoulders to maneuver. He reminds me of an Olympic swimmer who has mastered the butterfly stroke.

They've grown up now and continue to amaze me with all they can do. Cheddar and Brie truly don't see obstacles...only opportunities.

My love for them continues to grow and they have a place in my heart that is theirs alone. Mia has given them a life I never could and I will always be grateful to her for that.

I thought it would be nice to share some of their grown-up photos from their most recent visit to **RESQCATS** in February 2022. Enjoy!



## In memory of...



In memory of **"Marcus" and "Max"** and for their loving human, Nancy Lee. --- *Patti Pino*

In memory of **May and Bill Allison**, lifelong lovers of animals.

In memory of our dear friend and a wonderful man, **Buddy Borderre**.--- *Dawn and Joel Kaufman*

In memory of **Penny Huff**. --- *Jeff Oien*

In memory of **"Jenny" and "RainBeau."**  
--- *Arleen Talley*

In memory of **"Lucia,"** who was a good soul and withstood amputation of her front leg at the age of 14 with courage and adaptability and cheer. She died at the age of 18. --- *Barbara Hill*

In memory of **Larry Nordgaarden**...much loved husband, brother, brother-in-law, nephew, uncle, friend, well-respected doctor and dad to two RESQCATS kitties named Haiku and Raven. And for his wife, Carol. --- *Marcia Willner, Bill Hanrahan, Greg Campbell, Dr. John and Marianne Taylor, Dr. Jay, Monica, Amy, Joe, Mark and their families.*

In memory of my husband, **Buddy Boderre**.--*Lynne*

In memory of **"Katrina" and "Maggie."** ---*Lyn Brown.*

In memory of **"Miss Grace"** and her sister, **"Booda."**  
--- *Julie Kaplan*

In memory of **"Amber,"** but in honor of Jeffyne, my friend. "I don't have the words...or can't find the words to tell you how much Amber meant to me over the years. I got the BEST kitty that has ever been adopted from RESQCATS and I met you!"  
*Tricia Krout*

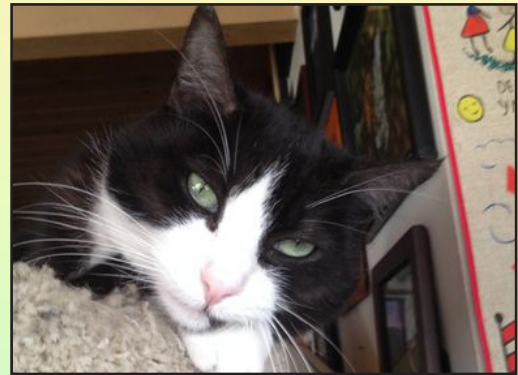


In memory of **"Moji,"** a RESQCATS resident who was not adoptable but spent 8 wonderful years in a forever home with **Deanna Koens**.

In memory of **"Bunny"** and for her human companions **Ron and Leslie Riskin**.

In memory of **"Grace"** and for **Julie Kaplan** who gave her "many many years of love."  
*Carol Hunt and Liz Benishin*

In memory of **"Chloe"** and the best humans she could have ever wished for, **Nancy and Jesus**.



In memory of the incomparable **Betty White**... who loved and fought for animals her entire life.

*Jane Drexler, Terry Taylor, Cathy Dye, Carol Wasserman, Shani Janz Bell, KayAnn Stables, Pam Buckingham, Linda Hess, Rhea Telson, Daryl and Jo Ann Metzger, Rebecca Windenwood, Kelly McLaughlin, Julie Kaplan, Jodie Pilkenton, Richard Erskine, Deborah Smith, Nell Foster, Debbie Bryant, Denise Umland, Judy Sowanick, Wendy Lampl, Kristine Torgenson, Karen Atlas, Barb Kube, Megan Hursey, Amanda Balice, Robin Roe, Alice Green, Kyle and Jerry Orlemann, Pam Snyder, Zoe DiGennaro, Patti Sandoval, Lisa Poore-Cokley, Jacquie Hilliard, Christina Franquet, Arleen Talley, Colleen Robles of Santa Barbara Pet Pals.*

In memory of **"Gracie"** and for the wonderful 12 years she spent with **Mark and Bonny Goetz**

In memory of **"Nefret"** and in Jean's memory...  
*Tenzing Dash and family*

In memory of a long-time friend...all the way back to Junior High...I will miss you, **Linda Sullivan**.



# A Rainbow for RainBeau

Written on March 2, 2022



RainBeau left us today for that place high in the sky that connects heaven and earth, also called The Rainbow Bridge. My heart is broken...once again.

The little orange tabby and white boy came to RESQCATS in March of 2010 along with three siblings at the age of eleven weeks. His siblings were soon adopted, but RainBeau was traumatized and never made the leap from a fearful kitten to one who found comfort with being touched. I have always believed that his uneasiness and distrust of people was because he had seen his mother hit by a car. Even weeks of working with him just never got him to the point of being adoptable.

RainBeau was quick to make friends with other cats, but humans terrified him. As a young kitten, he was especially drawn to a black kitten named Spunky who was in an enclosure next to him waiting to be adopted. I put them together hoping that Spunky would be good for him. They rapidly became best friends. For that reason, Spunky remained at RESQCATS along with RainBeau.

During the following ten years, RainBeau roamed freely in the cattery choosing when to show himself. He would sit at the end of the tunnel leading from the outdoor enclosures to inside the cattery for all of us to admire...but always from a distance. He took many of his meals there during the day, but at night he was comfortable making himself at home inside the main building when no humans were around.

He always got along with other resident cats as they came and went, but he was especially fond of Sampson and The Duke of Earl. I often spied him sitting outside their enclosures as if he was their guardian spirit. He never got into cat fights and I don't think I ever heard him hiss. He was like a "god of peace" to other cats, reassuring new residents that all was good. But RainBeau never felt that same tranquility in himself...only fear and distrust.

It is only in the last two years when a woman we have all come to know and love, Claire, my friend from the UK, visited and performed reiki on RainBeau that he began to evolve. Somehow she reached into his soul and showed him that he had nothing to fear. She reassured him that no one here would ever harm him. Instead we would honor whatever path he chose...to stay at arm's length or to be stroked and feel the kindness of human touch. Claire's work transformed a frightened, now senior cat, into a confident, playful loving one that trusted us...one by one.

I cannot thank her enough for the gift she gave to him... and to all of us. I also want to thank Ryanna Chavez and Makayla Beggs, two long-time volunteers, for helping him to blossom even more over the last two years.

One of the toughest lessons I've learned over the years of rescuing is that **sometimes what I want for the cats and what they want are two different things.**

When RainBeau started showing signs of not being well, I had a choice to make. One, I could traumatize him by taking him to the vet and having tests to find out exactly what was wrong. I suspected hyper-thyroidism and/or irritable bowel syndrome. Both would require medication and regular follow-up vet appointments. My attempts to medicate him would be fruitless because whenever he found a pill in his food that was the only thing he left in his

bowl. Doctor visits would be miserable for him. I felt that putting him through all the tests and exams would break his spirit, as well as, the mutual trust we had built.

The other option was to let him continue to blossom, and to be happy and comfortable for as long as possible. That was what I chose. Yes, of course, I've questioned myself many times about that decision, but I always came back to the same conclusion.

I didn't want to risk the chance of alienating him with the strong likelihood of forcing him back into a world of mistrust and fear. My intention is always to give the cats the best life possible. I searched my soul about what RainBeau wanted.

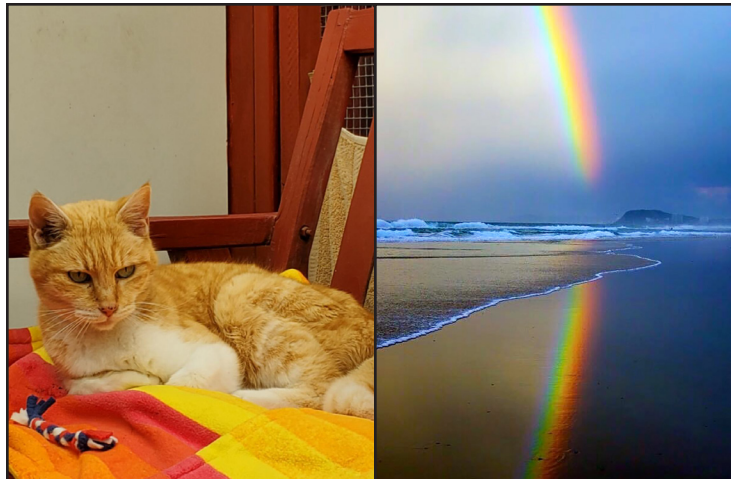
I believe I heard him.

RainBeau left us today. It was time.

Once again, I thank Claire for reaching out to him. She told him that I would make the best decision for him and he needed to trust that. There is no doubt in my mind that he got her message. He didn't fuss when I managed to get him into a carrier and load it into my car. He never let out a meow on the way to the vet...I know he trusted me.

The doctor gave RainBeau a sedative to help him relax and that gave me time to spend with him. I am sure he knew I was there. I stroked his fur, admired his golden eyes and kissed him on the head for the first time...and last time. RainBeau was very peaceful as he slipped away.

I miss him terribly, but I believe he has gone to a place where he will never know fear and one day, I will get to stroke his fur, admire his golden eyes and kiss him all over again.



## *Cat Tails: Heart-Warming Stories about the Cats and Kittens of RESQCATS*

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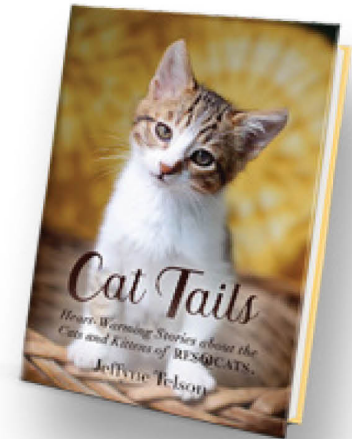
**A book you won't want to miss and 100% of the proceeds go directly to RESQCATS!**

- ❁ RESQCATS founder, Jeffyne Telson, launched her first book in late 2017 and it has sold hundreds of copies.

In 1997, she founded **RESQCATS, Inc.**, as a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue, care and adoption of stray and abandoned cats and kittens. In the ensuing years, with the help of a small group of dedicated volunteers, Jeffyne has grown **RESQCATS** well beyond her dreams into a highly respected organization that has placed over 3000 cats and kittens with qualified families and individuals.

- ❁ “Cat Tails: Heart-Warming Stories about the Cats and Kittens of RESQCATS” is about Jeffyne’s journey of creating a cat rescue, the challenges and opportunities she has faced, and most important of all, the valuable life lessons the cats and kittens have taught her.

- ❁ Her book has not only received a Certificate of Excellence from the Cat Writer’s Association, but also has gotten wonderful reviews:



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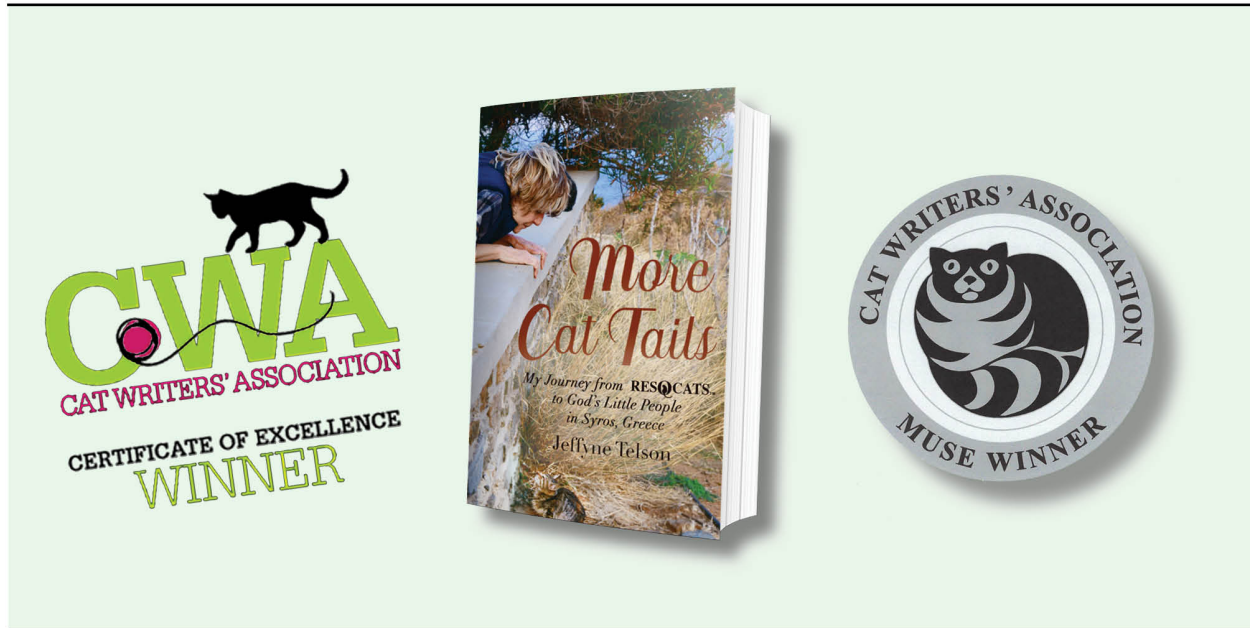
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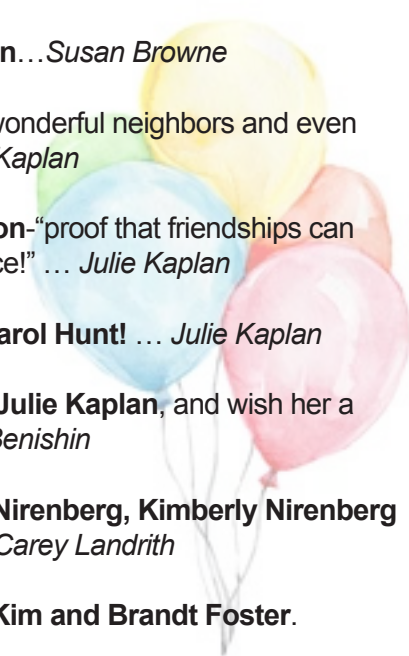
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