

RESQCATS™

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



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President's Message

Written on Oct. 14, 2019



Jeffyne and "Truffles"

Some of you may have noticed that the Fall newsletter I usually send out in September didn't come to fruition this year. I had some tough choices to make and please forgive me for not getting that out, but I needed to be with the many cats and kittens that have been in our care this season. There have been few occasions that less than fifty at any given time were under the RESQCATS roof. It takes many hours and several days (and nights) for me to write the articles and put the newsletter together. There just wasn't time during the summer months to do so and publish a Fall newsletter. But I'll make it up to



"Starla's" babies, "Luna,"
"Stella," and "Venus"

you in this one with lots of info, updates and your favorite...photos!

By the time this reaches you, RESQCATS will have placed over 200 cats and kittens into qualified homes in 2019. But there is much that goes on before the kittens are ready to go and some spend weeks, or months with us so that we can provide all the medical care they need. Pregnant moms such as Starla, Cameo, and Bella are at least a ten-week to three or four-month commitment depending on when they give birth. Coco-Chanel and Koa arrived with one-week-old babies and it was 2-1/2 months before their kittens were ready for homes. All must have vet exams, fecal exams and be tested for Felv/FIV. They are dewormed every two weeks from the time they are four weeks of age. Then they receive their FVRCP vaccination and are spayed/neutered and micro-chipped. There

are health records and dates to keep track of what was done with each kitty and when. Routine vet appointments are always on the schedule. Trips to the emergency vet take precedence. And then there's paperwork to document everything for the potential adopter and follow-up forms afterwards!

Most often, there is much more needed critical

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"Cameo" with her record-setting nine kittens!



"Koa" and her son "Mango"

attention than the simple outline above. Because of where the cats and kittens come from, we often face numerous challenges like nasty parasites, upper respiratory infections, malnutrition, flea anemia, chronic diarrhea and more. Such care and the needed tests and medications can be very expensive. Some require veterinary care from specialists such as internists, cardiologists and neurologists. Others require specialized surgeries to correct a problem or save them! My point here is twofold: one; **RESQCATS** provides any and all medical attention a kitty needs and two; the suggested minimum \$100 adoption fee just doesn't cover it all...even for those that don't need special veterinary medicine. By the time we add in food (a kitten costs a dollar a day to feed while adults are more) and litter, the adoption donation often doesn't even cover food and litter!

RESQCATS also reaches out to people who have cats and litters that may not be able to afford, or don't understand the importance of, spaying. They often advertise on Craigslist as "free kittens" or with a "rehoming" fee. But in most cases, no medical care has been provided. Midnight and Shadow arrived



"Starla"

with seven kittens between the two of them. Their owners had actually mistaken them for males, but when Midnight and Shadow had kittens on the same day in the family closet, well...shall I just say...it got complicated! Both moms and their babies came to **RESQCATS**. We never knew what kitten belonged to which mom, as the two shared the motherhood responsibilities. It was just lovely to see both moms caring for them. **RESQCATS** provided all the medical care, including spay surgery, for Midnight and Shadow at no cost to their owners in return for relinquishing the kittens to us so that we could provide the same thing prior to adoption. It was a happy day when the owners returned to bring their cats back home AND they adopted two of the kittens! Of course, everyone was spayed or neutered so we don't have to worry about them having anymore kittens in the closet!



"Cali" in her new home

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I've said this before, but I'll say it again as I am passionate about this. I cannot bear to have an empty enclosure when I know that a litter in a high-kill shelter, such as the Devore Shelter in San Bernadino or Downey Shelter in Downey, is being euthanized. Newborns, young kittens and pregnant moms die due to lack of space or medical issues that could be treated. Cali and her four six-day-old kittens were scheduled for euthanasia at Devore.



"Katie-Kat" and her kittens



"Peaches"



"GingerSnap"

organizations with their important work of spaying and neutering. It's my way of reaching beyond our own

doors and being part of the solution to pet-overpopulation in our community. Spaying and neutering is the cornerstone of our mission. AND, it's a wonderful feeling to be able to help hundreds of other cats beyond our doors!

I've worked the last twenty-two years saving stray and abandoned cats and kittens and it has greatly influenced how I look at life. I see every living being as a precious gift. And while it is overwhelming at times, emotionally and physically, I always seem to find a way to continue saving lives. I have to admit, however, that sometimes I feel like I can't do enough to make a difference in the world.

There is a quote that hangs in the cattery above a chalkboard that displays the total number of adoptions (almost 3200 now). It's a humble reminder that puts my feelings of inadequacy back in perspective: "Saving one cat will not change the world but surely for that one cat, the world will change forever."

I realize that it takes a lot of people to make even that one cat's world better. It's not just me. It's people who find cats that need help and make a call for assistance. It's volunteers, fosters, adopters and YOU...those who offer such generous support.

And yes, I've said this before, too. It's the part of my job that is most difficult...asking for your donations. I realize there are many organizations to consider when donating and so many are worthy of your hard-earned dollars. But I can promise you that I will continue to do my very best every single day and will always be grateful to all of you for helping RESQCATS do what we do.

Most sincerely,

Jeffyne Telson
President of RESQCATS, Inc.



"Sherbert"



"Papaya"

Monte Gets a Second Chance

When someone calls and desperately needs help with a kitten they've been trying to save, my heart races as I feel that familiar "to the rescue rush" and call to action.

Monte was found in Santa Cruz, California by a caring young lady under some bushes. He was all alone; no siblings or mom in sight. He was a fragile, cold tiny kitten on death's door. Since the lady had vet tech experience, she knew how to bottle feed and eventually wean the tiny boy. But Monte faced some serious health challenges, he was extremely frail. He was cold, underweight and suffered from a severe eye infection. Two different veterinarians didn't think he would survive and both recommended euthanizing him. But the lady was willing to try and at least give him a chance!

The young lady reminds me a bit of me! I don't always accept that euthanasia is an option if there is even a chance of survival. Part of me thinks I can beat the odds, and that does often happen. We just have to give it our very best shot! The woman must have felt the same way. She kept Monte warm, fed him every few hours and tried a number of eye drops in order to treat him. She even administered blood serum into the affected eye. And she took him everywhere she went!

When she happened to be visiting Santa Barbara, someone told her about **RESQCATS**, so she called and asked if we could help. Within hours of her message, Monte was in the hands of one of our foster moms, Deanna Koens, who is experienced in critical care.

Monte's eye looked awful and it was clear that any treatments done previously hadn't worked. Deanna and I realized that he was in terrible pain due to the pressure the infection was causing. Even though anesthesia was risky at his young age, there was no choice but to remove it. Surgery would be expensive, but **RESQCATS** does whatever we need to do with compassion regardless of how much it costs.

When I posted a fundraiser on Facebook, I hoped that people would feel that same empathy and help with his large vet expenses. What I didn't expect was that not only did people donate enough to cover his entire bill, but they fell in love with Monte. I was thrilled to report that surgery was a success and that he recovered like a little champ.

Then, my worry took another direction. Most adopters would see Monte as less than perfect. Finding a home for kitten with one eye seemed like an insurmountable challenge. I'd just about had my fill already this season of hearing things like, "I don't want a black kitten," or "No, I don't want a mom, I only want a kitten," or "I want a Siamese with blue eyes." The wishes of many adopters are sometimes



Monte before surgery.



Monte five days after his surgery.



Monte, now known as Thor, visiting RESQCATS for his vaccinations.

impossible to meet.

I look at the Montes of the world differently. Perhaps it comes from doing rescue for many years. I don't see kitties like Monte as disabled...I see them as "specially-abled!" Monte was like any other kitten with the exception that one very painful eye was gone.

My concern was short-lived, however. I received an email from two very special ladies, Julie Jensen and Kelly Kannenberg. The email was heart-felt, compassionate AND they wanted to adopt Monte. As I read it, I realized, without a single moment of hesitation, that they were the perfect home for him.

It was clear that Julie and Kelly also saw Monte's life lesson.

Monte went home a few weeks later and I hear about him often. He has a new name, Thor, which suits him nicely! And he has taken over not only the house, but he's friends with Julie's police dog, a huge German Shepherd! It probably goes without saying that Thor has won their hearts. They spend hours just watching Thor play and Kelly says he entertains them more than watching television!

It's heart-warming to see how sometimes a tiny little creature, when given the chance, can change peoples' lives.

And just as important is the lesson Thor has for all of us: Just because you may be different, doesn't make you less.

RESQCATS *Reaches Across Borders*

One of my long-time volunteers, Janet Dewey, travels the world and meets lots of people from different cultures. During her travels, she also witnesses how different countries view and treat (or mistreat) animals.

On a recent trip, Janet met a young man named Hector who lives in the old city of Leon, Nicaragua. Hector is the oldest of twelve kids! His mother couldn't afford to keep all her children, so Hector was brought up by his grandmother who is now 99 years old! With the help of his grandmother, Hector was able to go to school and then attended the university. He has a good job as a tour guide for his city and country. Part of his expertise is his knowledge about the local animals. What Janet loved most about Hector is his passion for cats!



Hector and kittens he saved in Leon, Nicaragua.

The local feline population control is not an overwhelming problem in Nicaragua, like it is in so many other countries. However, some people in Leon abandon unwanted cats and kittens and in many instances, do so because they are unwilling to provide medical attention. Hector knows the exact locations where the felines are "dumped." Although his resources are limited, he takes abandoned cats and kittens into his care and nurtures them back to health. He's very fortunate in that he works with a veterinarian who performs spay and neuter surgeries for less than the normal cost in order to help Hector's efforts. But the funds for any medical care for cats in Hector's care

come from his own pocket! Once a kitty has recovered, Hector finds it a home...making room to save others.

Hector's dream is to see and end into all animals' suffering. His immediate goal is to work with his veterinarian on public awareness so that people realize the often harsh fate of the pets they abandon.

When Janet returned from her trip to Nicaragua, she had a strong desire to help Hector and support his efforts. When she told me about his kindness and heroic work, I saw an opportunity to spread the word to other places in the world about the importance of respecting all life...even the abandoned cats in Nicaragua.



Hector making use of the kitten milk replacement bottles!

Janet and I put together a box filled with much needed supplies. We sent soft fleece and flannel blankets along with a cushy bed. We included soft cat carriers so Hector could properly transport kitties to the vet. Nail clippers, brushes and other grooming supplies were a must! Bottles and kitten milk replacement were provided for those abandoned kittens with no mom that were not old enough to eat solid food. Feather toys and balls filled all the gaps in the box. But most importantly, per Hector's request, was a book on how to care for cats and kittens.

We've been collecting items all summer and I'm proud to say that another package will be on the way to the cats and kittens in Hector's care by the time you read about this.

Helping Hector is the right thing to do...and when it comes to love and having a passion for animals...there are no borders!



"Time spent with cats is never wasted."

And now...
A Few Words from Mr. Jeffyne...
Our Dash... It's a Labor of Love

During the holiday season, many of us take a few moments to look back over the last 12 months and ask ourselves some important questions..."Was it a good year? Did I accomplish everything I wanted to? Could I have done better? If I got to do it over again, what would I do different?" These are all great questions, and probably create the kind of reflective thought process we all should be practicing more frequently during the entire year...not just at the end. Questioning what we're doing and why we're doing it is an essential way that we, as human beings, learn and grow.

Some people actually practice this reflective thinking process more than just annually...they take time to evaluate their life on a monthly, weekly or even a daily basis. If you did this, what would you see? Is your life well-lived, or are you just going through the paces?

I recently read a short poem that helped me see my life from a more reflective perspective. This wasn't a classical piece of poetic literature, but rather a little rhyme with a pleasant lyrical cadence that talked about living your "dash." You know, that little fragment of a line between the years of someone's birth and their death...the way it's carved on their gravestone...John Smith lived from 1935-2018.

This wonderful verse by Linda Ellis beautifully illustrates the thought...it's simply entitled...

The Dash

*I read of a man who stood to speak
 at the funeral of a friend.*

*He referred to the dates on the tombstone
 from the beginning...to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of birth
 and spoke of the following date with tears,*

*but he said what mattered most of all was
 the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time
 they spent alive here on earth*

*and now only those who loved them
 know what that little line was worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own,
 the cars...the house...the cash.*

*What matters is how we live and love
 and how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard;
 are there things you'd like to change?*

*For you never know how much time
 is left that still can be rearranged.*

*To be less quick to anger and
 show appreciation more,*

*and love the people in our lives
 like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect
 and more often wear a smile...*

*remembering that this special dash
 might only last a while.*

*So when your eulogy is being read,
 with your life's actions to rehash,*

*would you be proud of the things they say
 about how you lived your dash?*

So I ask myself...how am I living my dash?



My year began on an island in the Aegean Sea. Jeffyne had been selected to be the temporary caretaker at God's Little People Cat Rescue on Syros, Greece and she invited me to join her for a few weeks over Christmas and New Year's. We had a wonderful time together. What could be better than spending the holidays with the love of your life on a remote island paradise surrounded by thousands of cats and kittens.

Jeffyne was, of course, there to do a job, but I had the luxury of just being there. Part of my visit, I was just Jeffyne's willing gofer...go for this, go for that. But I also spent a lot of the day writing and thinking...things I rarely have the time to do at home in Santa Barbara.

I thought about the year that had just passed and about what lay ahead for me. I gave a lot of consideration to what I do all day long...taking care of my collies and giant tortoises. I particularly thought about why I spend so much time caring for animals and so little time doing what other people my age do...reading, napping and generally, taking it easy...basically, just slowing down.

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At first, the question haunted me. Am I out of step with the natural course of things? Don't most people usually start to slow down as they approach their ninth decade of living? Why hasn't that applied to me? Why don't I slow down? It definitely not because I have more energy today than I did ten years ago. I get the same aches and pains that most people my age experience...sore knees, back and shoulders...I feel every bit that I'm getting older. So what drives me... as well as so many other people in the animal welfare community? What pushes us to get up very early every morning to spend the day feeding, medicating and cleaning up after a large number of older and ailing rescued animals. Why do we do it?

Well, it's probably the same reason why any of you who have a passion for your work do what you do...because you love it. It's this passion...this labor of love...that drives Jane Goodall, the renowned English primatologist and anthropologist, now in her mid-80's, to continue her over 55-year study of the family interactions of wild chimpanzees. And it was this same zeal that propelled the late Steve Irvin to explore the wonders of the wild animal kingdom from the plains of Australia to the depth of the seas until his untimely death.

And it's this same enthusiasm that drives most artists, writers and musicians to create, and perform their life's work. The excitement that the artist has for their labor is exactly the same as the gratification that



Mitch with Fantasy, Whisper, Blaez and Adonis

those of who spend our days with animals experience. Our drive is equal...our passion is no less.

When Jeffyne began RESQCATS in 1997, I don't think she ever expected to still be taking care of stray and abandoned cats and kittens more than 22 years later...but she does. And I never expected to be caring for large numbers of collies and tortoises...but I do.

Jeffyne is still taking care of stray and abandoned cats and kittens and I'm still caring for dogs and reptiles because that's our DASH...and our dash is a LABOR of LOVE!

You make such a difference in the lives of felines!

A heartfelt thank you to the fosters who give so much to kittens and then have to give them up to find homes. I realize just how hard that is as we all become attached. But each time a foster brings one back to RESQCATS, they make room to help another.

You all deserve recognition for one of the hardest jobs at RESQCATS. Thank you, Gina Sunseri, Athena Foley, Deanna Koens, Angie Watson, Dana Fritzier, Marci Kladnik, Jamaica Jones and Connie Ferrer. You are all amazing and make such a difference for these little lives.





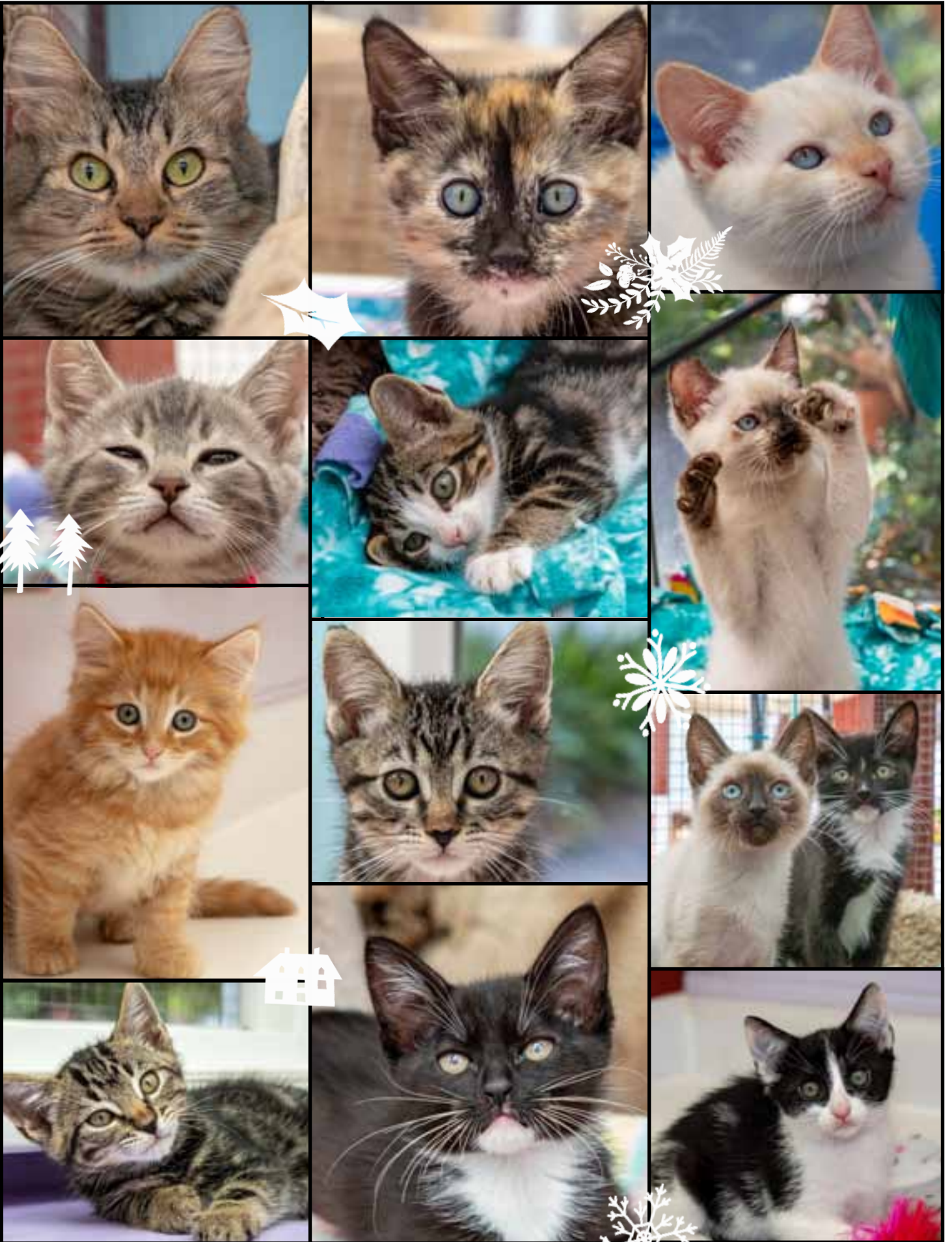
FACES OF 2018

As always...here is the
RESQCATS CENTERFOLD for
you to enjoy and reflect on the
just some of the lives we saved
in 2019!!! Thank you Daryl Metzger
for another amazing year of
photos!

Page 8: Asia, Ben and Jerry, Breeze, Cali,
Camelia, Chanel, Chantilly, Koa, Mara,
Dakota

Page 9: Jasmine, Kizzi, Maliboo, Felicity,
Marvel, Mika, Tator Tot, Tilly, Xochi and
Chai, Toretto, Zebe, Yve





What “No Kill” Really Means

Recently, I was asked to write an article for the opinion section of the local newspaper, The Santa Barbara News-Press. It was an opportunity to share an important message, one that I believe needs to be told!

People in the animal world; county shelters, humane societies and rescue groups have the huge job of saving animals. It's not an easy undertaking and while different organizations have dissimilar ways of going about saving and adopting animals, we all have the same goal, that is, to save them. It's heart-felt and gut-wrenching work that we take very seriously in our desire to make a difference for the animals.

The term no-kill shelter was coined by a group of individuals from the animal community in order to create an effective way to gather data and set a standard for categorizing animals within the shelter system. The goal was to create a no-kill nation based on the definition of an animal's adoptability as defined by the animal's age, health and social temperament. The standards and definitions were set in what is called the Asilomar Accords.

But is no-kill really no-kill?

For me, no-kill means that no animals are killed unless they're suffering and/or in pain and nothing can be done to give them quality of life. Then, humane euthanasia is a gift that we can give them to alleviate their misery.

Some organizations claim they have a no-kill policy as a means to gain community support by using the no-kill language set by the Accords. But unless the organization defines its terms, publishes its statistics and makes the public aware of what they're doing to save lives, the term, no-kill is misleading and confusing to a person relinquishing their pet.

Shelters that use the term no-kill, need to describe what they mean by “no-kill.” I wonder if the general population thinks to Google the definition when they're considering relinquishing their pet? The Asilomar Accords define what is healthy, what is treatable, what is unhealthy and what is untreatable, but the general public isn't always aware of the definition. Therefore, there's a lack of transparency which can result in misunderstanding between the community and animal shelters.

When the average person sees a no-kill policy, the words “of adoptable animals” seems to be left out. Therefore, the person needs to be educated about what no-kill really means. In short, no-kill means an adoptable animal is eight weeks of age or older, healthy and social. If an animal falls short on any of those criteria, it can be killed and the

organization can still call itself a no-kill shelter!

Consider this: a litter of newborn kittens arrives at the shelter with no mother to nurse them. If there is a lack of resources, meaning, “there's no human foster and/or money to provide for them until they reach eight weeks of age,” then the litter can be euthanized. That is NOT no-kill!

If someone turns in their cat that has kidney failure and there isn't an individual to take it, provide care and treatment, it may be deemed un-adoptable and under then Accords definition, the cat can be euthanized. That is NOT no-kill!

Cats or kittens with ringworm, a curable fungus, are often euthanized, even though the condition can be resolved with treatment and time, because there may not be an isolated area to put them without the high risk of spreading throughout the shelter. That is NOT no-kill!

While community standards are different for shelters based on resources, geography and types of animals, it's still imperative to be upfront on policies in a language that people understand. Transparency may make people think twice before they turn in their animals. While many individuals do have legitimate reasons or life changes that force them to relinquish their pets, they may work harder at finding a home for their kidney cat or senior dog if they're not misled by organizations claiming to be no-kill.

My thought on the subject is this. Be transparent to the public and forget about the image of being no-kill when you are misleading the public in order to maintain an image to the community. We can't expect the shelters to do it all, but we can require them to be open and honest.

And let's not forget the independent rescue organizations that take on the responsibility of many animals that shelters deem un-adoptable by definition. They often exceed the community standard and frequently, can offer life-saving attention to an animal. Santa Barbara County is fortunate to have several rescues that take on animals that the shelter cannot.

Again, the work of all animal organizations dedicated to saving lives deserve to be recognized for their heartfelt efforts. But wouldn't it do the public a better service to be more transparent about what no-kill really means, or better yet, come up with a better term because by this definition, no-kill is NOT ALWAYS NO-KILL!



Thank you to our Bottle Feeders!

With gratitude to Eliane Martin who so generously donates every ounce of kitten milk replacement for those babies without moms who need to be bottle-fed. And with more appreciation than words can express to Deanna Koens, Karen Terpstra, Athena Foley and Gina Sunseri for the endless days nights they spend bottle feeding newborns every two to three hours!



In memory...

In memory of **Penny Huff**, a woman of class with a great sense of humor. She was loved by many!
Jean Early, Villa Hizer, Emily Cotton, Lisa Vignale, Walt Bistline, Brenda and Michael Mitchell

In memory of "**Millie**" and with much love and understanding for the Gantz family.
All of us at RESQCATS



Millie

In loving memory of "**Olivia**" and for **Bonnie**.
Jeannette Poling

In memory of my husband, **Pat Wardlaw**.
Love, Penny



Gellie

In memory of **Roy Jaime**, we miss him every day.
David and Susan Stone

In loving memory of my wife, **Beverly Dorfman**.
Steve

In memory of "**Gellie**."
Jim and Aleks Craine

In memory of "**Miss Oreo**" and for my amazing friend, **Julie Kaplan**.
Carol and Cleo Hunt

Angels are never on this earth for very long...in memory of "**Carmella**" and for **Joy Chadwick**.



Carmella

In loving memory of "**Oliver**" who was nineteen years old and passed just six weeks after his mom and dad, **Bruno and Martha Pilorz**.
Paul Pilorz

An "**Angel**" on earth and now on the Rainbow Bridge. You are missed so very much. Rest in peace my love,
Erica Dahl

In loving memory of my cat, "**Bob**" and to honor and thank Andrea Wells and her wonderful staff at Advanced Veterinary Specialists. —*Christine Wong*

In memory of **Pat Wardlaw** and for his wife, **Penny**.
Lyndsey Dupuie

In memory of my late husband, **Fred**. Our five-year "angelversary" was July 3rd. He loved all creatures as I do.

Carol Hunt

In celebration of...

Happy 12th birthday, "**Cha-Cha!**"
Julie Kaplan

In celebration of "**Leila**" and "**Samar's**" tenth year adoption anniversary!
Rachel Ross

Happy Birthday, **Mel Kyle**...I'm so fortunate to have such a special friend, neighbor and kitty sitter!
Julie Kaplan

Happy Birthday, **Susie Brown!**
Susan Browne

In honor of "**Empress Ming!**"
Steve and Melissa Hausz



Empress Ming

For "**Monte**" from "**Lola**" and in memory of "**Pip!**"
Tom Beedon

In celebration of "**Zuki**" and her 16th birthday...adopted from RESQCATS!
Marian Jean

In appreciation of one of your special volunteers, **Janet Dewey**.
Larry and Leslie Godec

In honor of **Peter Cohen**
Porter and Anita Abbott

In celebration of "**Dinah**" and her 21st birthday! She was adopted by Jeannette and Tom Poling when their son, Matt, was only ten years old. Here's then...and now!





Oscar, 2005



Ferbie, 2006



LilyBug, 2006



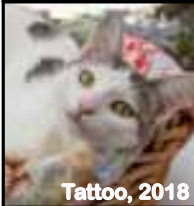
Nefrit + Roxy, 2006



SugarBear, 2007



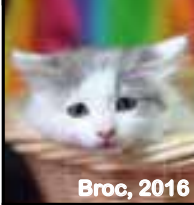
Trinity, 2018



Tattoo, 2018



Moo-Moo, 2018



Broc, 2016



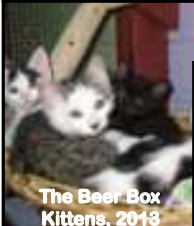
Layla, 2015



Chester, 2015



Bristol, 2014



The Bear Box Kittens, 2013

Rescue Explained

The neglect changes you.
 The abuse hardens you.
 The suffering breaks you.
 The ignorance angers you.
 The indifference disturbs you.
 The injustice destroys you.
On a daily basis...
 Your faith will be tested.
 Your heart will be wounded.
 Your soul will be altered.
On a weekly basis...
 You'll question yourself.
 You'll question your strength.
 You'll question the world.
On a monthly basis...
 You'll fall down.
 You'll get up.
 You'll go on...
On a yearly basis... You'll look back
 You'll see faces
 You couldn't save them.

You'll learn to mourn. To grieve. To sob.
 You'll learn to trust a little less.
 To do a little more.
 To fight a little harder.
 You'll learn to try. To hope. To pray.
 You'll learn to fail. To succeed. To accept.
 You'll learn when to hold on.
 When to give up. When to let go.
 You'll learn who you are.
 What you stand for.
 Why that matters.

Then, at times, you'll forget why you matter.
 You'll question what you're doing.
 You'll wonder if it's worth it.

But... here's the good news...

When you forget, when you question,

when you wonder,
 all you have to do is take a look around
 and you'll see them.
 You'll see their faces.
 You'll see their smiles.
 You'll feel their love.
 In their eyes, you'll see their journeys
 You'll remember their beginnings
 You'll know how far they've come
 You'll remember when they didn't know you,
 When they didn't trust you,
 When they'd given up.
 You'll remember how you healed them...
 How you loved them.
 How they loved you, too.

And as you look back...
 You'll want to move forward,
 For them... and because of them.
 In your darkest hours, you'll look around...
 To find the differences made...
 the hope given... and the lives saved...
 Because you existed.

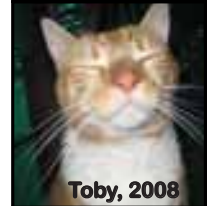
In those moments, when you look into
 their eyes... every doubt will be erased.
 Every question will be answered.
 Every worry will subside.
 Because in that instant...
 in each of your hearts...
 You both share the very same thought:
 "Every bit of pain was worth it... for this
 moment here with you."

And honestly...
 no matter what else happens...
 those moments hold all the strength you
 need to keep going.
 Rescue is pain. Rescue is joy.
 Rescue is worth it...
 because they are worth it.

~ Ashley Owen Hill



Lucca, 2008



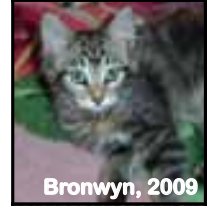
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Beau + Siegfried, 2009



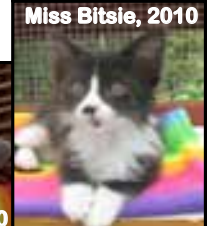
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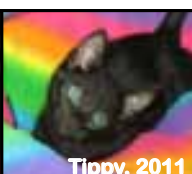
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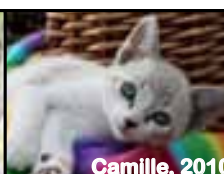
Tippy, 2011



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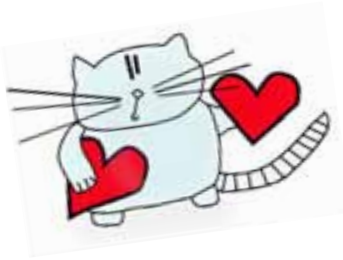
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