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AFFAIR OF THE HEART OF TULSA SCHEDULED FOR JULY 13-15

Now is the purrfect time to put **An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa** on your calendar for July! You can find us in our popular location: Booths #383 & #384 in the first aisle to the right as you come into the QuikTrip Center from the south entrance behind the Golden Driller.

We are enthusiastically finding new items for you to purchase and will have many new Laurel Burch items including earrings. The kitties have reminded us to have on hand all their favorite toys like boogie mice, furry mice, sparkle fish, hypno mice, mylar balls and other great summertime play items.

StreetCats will have lots of cute cat socks that we recommend you buy now so you are prepared in case we have winter next year!

The show is on Friday and Saturday, **July 13-14**, from **9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** and on Sunday, **July 15**, from **11 a.m. until 5 p.m.** We look forward to seeing you and all your friends!



SPOTLIGHT VOLUNTEER: BRIANA HEFLEY-SHEPARD



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As time passed, she began helping with events and running our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/streetcatsinc).

Briana is elated to be the newest StreetCats board member and looks forward to contributing to this organization that she so deeply loves.

Briana's involvement with StreetCats began after adopting **Vera** and **Pimmy** (formerly **Elizabeth** and **Foxy**) a decade ago.

The friendly, fluffy duo still live with her, her supportive husband, their wonderful 5-year-

old black Lab mix, and **Sammie**, another senior kitty who came into their lives two years ago when their elderly neighbors passed away.

The household is excited to welcome their first human child this fall!

In addition to loving on her animals, Briana teaches English as a Second Language at Tulsa Community College and works administratively at her parents' electrical contracting company.

She also runs two creative businesses of her own: Bifftastica, where she makes new items out of old items, and The Alliday Show, an all-handmade arts and crafts show held each December at the Tulsa Fairgrounds.

Mission Statement: StreetCats, Inc., believes that all cats deserve a home. StreetCats wishes to reduce the population of unwanted cats by maintaining "A Stitch-in-Time," a spay and neuter program for feral and stray cats, and by sheltering cats who no longer have people to care for them. We seek adoptive families who value animals and will love and protect our StreetCats.

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT, KATHY BALSIGER

What beautiful days we are having this spring! This was the first year in many that we didn't have to worry about the weather for "My Furry Valentine," and we had a fantastic turnout. Thank you for volunteering, attending and donating for this event, as it would not have been a success without every one of you!

Don't forget to stop by our booth at "An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa" this summer, as we always have exciting new items for you and your kitties! Note that all the funds we raise support the "kitty cause!" We love to hear your adoption stories of former StreetCats, and keep sending those pictures; they are all so dear to our hearts.

Have a great summer. We hope to see you soon visiting us at the Adoption Center or one of our events.

Kathy Balsiger, President StreetCats, Inc.

SPOTLIGHT KITTIES

Meet some new purrsonalities!



Chloe

Chloe is a darling gray and white female around four years old. Around the Adoption Center, she spends lots of her time on the high

perches of our cat trees; because of her gentle personality, she prefers to avoid any "kitty conflicts" that occasionally develop. She is very loving and really enjoys human touch and contact, and she also enjoys playing whenever she finds the opportunity. In a home, we think she should do well with another cat because of her calm demeanor. Chloe has a very well-rounded personality and would be a wonderful addition to your home!

Sunny is a magnificent orange and white long-haired male, about 7-8 years old. When Sunny arrived at StreetCats.

he had a



Sunny

tendency to show his dominant side, especially around other males. His

approach was more mischievous than anything, but some of the other cats didn't understand this! Over the last few weeks. he has mellowed dramatically as he has gotten accustomed to the other cat personalities in the Adoption Center, showing a deep intellect and great interest in bonding with humans, as well as a much better tolerance of the other cats. Give us a call if you would like to meet Sunny, as he is enjoying some special time in a foster home with a Chihuahua, with whom he gets along beautifully! We would be happy to make arrangements for your visit!

Ziggy is a black and white male with an adorable black nose and a white tip on his tail. He is around two years of age.



Ziggy

Ziggy has a wonderful and loving personality but seems to be terrified of other cats. Because of this, he doesn't get as much attention in the Adoption Center. His foster mom said she would have kept him in a heartbeat if she didn't have a full house already. If you stop by to see him, be sure to have the volunteers isolate him in the hall or in Abby's Room; you will be charmed



Kit Kat

by a completely different cat! When alone in a room, Ziggy will rub on your legs, enjoy your petting and attention, and play like crazy. All he needs is a home without other cats (or at least plenty of space if he has feline roommates!) to be at his best.

Kit Kat is a tabby/tortie and white cat, less than a year old. She is also a Manx, meaning she has no tail. Miss Kit Kat will be your new best friend, as she absolutely adores being with people. She is happy to sit in your lap and soak in all your attention, enjoy some interactive play (her youth provides much vitality!) or just follow you around to see what you are doing. She should do fine alone or with another cat; she can take or leave the company of the other cats in the Adoption Center, but must have lots of human attention! Just like the Kit Kat candy bar, she is a real treat.

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MY FURRY VALENTINE A SWEET SUCCESS

If you missed coming to My Furry Valentine on February 12 at the Tulsa Historical Society, you really missed a wonderful event. We had great weather, a fantastic turnout, scrumptious desserts, and beautiful auction items. We made about \$11,000 thanks to ticket sales, donations, tips for our lovely bartender, the quilt raffle, and the proceeds from the wonderful auction items. Of course, we couldn't have held this event without the help of our great volunteers and donors. While we'd like to recognize everyone who attended, there's not enough room in this newsletter! Special thanks go to the auction and food donors as follows:

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HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH A PLAQUE

StreetCats recently lost two cats to illness. **Mack**, a StreetCat that was never adopted, suffered from heart disease; and **Sashee**, originally adopted with **Josie** and returned, succumbed to liver failure.

Even though the two never met, we are sure Mack and Sashee met at the Rainbow Bridge, where they are pain-free and happily playing forever.

StreetCats establishes plaques for people who make donations of \$100 or more in memory of either a pet or a person. The plaques are displayed at the StreetCats Adoption Center in the hallway and in Abby's Room. (Abby was a special needs kitty that belonged to our former president, Nancy Cline.)

If you want to have a plaque in memory of a loved one, you may tell us what you would like engraved on the plaque when you send in your donation, or if you would prefer, we'll get back with you for the information.

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HAVE YOU SHOPPED AT OUR BOUTIQUE LATELY?

You are missing out if you haven't been in to shop with us lately! The StreetCats' Gift Boutique has lots of new items as well as some gently used donated items for sale. Stop and admire our great seasonal window and boutique decorations that volunteer Judy Loyd designs.

StreetCats has the hard-to-find Laurel Burch earrings to accessorize a favorite summer outfit and a scarf to complete the look. We also have our short-sleeved T-shirts available, and many of the longer-sleeved shirts are on sale. Don't miss our other sale items — there might be the purse you wanted the last time you were there!

Of course, you also need to visit the kitties that are looking for homes. Even if you can't adopt one or two or three, they love to have you play with them and give them extra petting and a comfy lap for a few minutes.

STREETCATS ACCEPTS PAYPAL!

Did you know that you can make donations online if you have a PayPal account? If you don't have an account, you will be asked to create one when you pay. It is quick and easy!

Log in to PayPal or use the link from the StreetCats Web site.

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- 2. Pay to: cats@streetcatstulsa.org
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the SEND MONEY button, there is a box where you can put a note. This is helpful if the donation is a memorial or honorarium gift, or if you want your thank you letter to be e-mailed to you or sent to a different address than the one in which your PayPal account is registered.



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MEMORIALS

Ben and Erin Abbott in memory of their friend Georgie

Robert and Carol Albert in memory of their StreetCat girl, Bonbon, adopted 12 years ago

From Paula Allen in memory of life long companion, Dusty

Anonymous friend in memory of Susan Morris

Maureen Ashlev in memory of Chiquita

Beverly Woody Audrain in memory of Vicki Sullivan Staggs

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kitty, Liz

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Sheila Chenoweth in memory of her own dear Abby

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Dorris Doyle in memory of Katty Beyhan

Richard and Barbara Dunlap in memory of the Polen's dearly missed Peaches

Dennis and Sherry Elder in memory of Susan Morris

From Anita Fangmeier, Karla High and Connie Harrell in memory of Henrietta Berroteran's kitty, Circles

Patrick and Estella Franken in memory of their dear feline, Venus Friends of Rodney Sallee in his memory

Anne Gillingham in memory of the Tunnell Family's kitty, Sushi

From Sandy Hames in memory of Susan Morris

Lynn Heller in memory of Victoria

Linda Holland in memory of Judy Loyd's Lady and Sheila Chenoweth's Abby

Linda Holland in memory of Andrea Spears-Kidwell's StreetCat Zaiva

Linda Holland in memory of Lester and Jodi Wise's StreetCat,

Ripley Dr. Robert and Carolyn Hudson in memory of their gentle orange

kitty, Butterscotch Jami L Jones in memory of Marion Eugenia Lamb

Shaun Jones in memory of Mack

The Kattein Kitties in memory of their brother Tippy

Andrea Spears-Kidwell in memory of Samantha's Peaches

Eva Kilbourne in memory of Dawg, Baby, Pandora and Chelsea Elizabeth May LeLeux in memory of Estella Franken's Venus

Frank and Joan Main in memory of Daniel Brown

Darcy Marlow in memory of Lynne Murtha

Robert and Wanda Lee Mays in memory of Susan Morris

Ed McClure in memory of his wife, Ethel McClure

Norma McDonald in memory of Chloe

Carl and Kathryn Melnick in memory of Samantha's sweet Peaches Susan Morris in memory of her kitty, Iris

Dennis Morris in memory of his wife and friend of StreetCats, Susan Morris

David Morse in memory of his wife. Patricia

Phyllis Nethercot in memory of Phil Nethercot and Sampson Samantha Polen in memory of Judy Loyd's Lady and Sheila Chenoweth's Abby

Samantha Polen in memory of Daniel Brown

The Polens in memory of Peaches, who leaves many who loved her at the age of 20

The Polens in memory of Andrea Spears-Kidwell's StreetCat Zaiya (Zena's sister)

David and Samantha in memory of Lester and Jodi Wise's beautiful Ripley

David and Samantha Polen in memory of Billy and Linda's dear "Cat"

The Polens in memory of the Heffern's StreetCats Candy and Beeswax

Joyce Polkinghorne in memory of Miss Kitty

Francis Potter in memory of Pandora

Carlton and Janice Rowton in memory of Rusty and Dusty

Steve and Patti Sellers in memory of Steve Epps

Donna Swaffar in memory of Michael Tibbens

Hollis Ann Sweet in memory of Bernice McShane and Pili, Topaz and Whiney Butt

Nancy Swindler in memory of Toots

Kacee Taylor and Baby O (formerly Oakley) in memory of Pookey and Sassy

Janet Thomas in memory of Dr. Cheryl Kilpatrick's Callie and Annie Jeannine Tomasino in memory of Estella Franken's Venus

Connie Hutchinson, Linda Holland, Barbara Roberts, Nancy Cline and others in memory of Samantha and David Polen's StreetCat Peaches

Volunteers of StreetCats in memory of Ripley Wise

Gene and Sally Turner in memory of Anne Mobley

Sheila Chenoweth, Connie Hutchinson, Linda Holland, Barbara Roberts, Nancy Cline, Joyce DeBoard, Judy Loyd, Jodi Wise, Jennifer Stanford, and Samantha Polen in memory of Barbara Roberts' Grayson.

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Dr. Kristi Wittlich in memory of Audrey Raby's Luna

Dr. Kristi Wittlich in memory of Georgia Wykoff's Lucinda Sandi and Dan

Woolverton in memory of Aleen Benway



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HONORARIA

Sharon Baldwin and Mary Bishop in honor of Daphne, Deon, Darrell Jr. and Delilah

Kathy Bryan on occasion of Dashielle's new home in her home! Ann Canode in honor of Casey

Holly Chandler in honor of Kathy Balsiger

Chesapeake Helpers Society for Beauty and the Beast in honor of Judy Loyd

Dr. Rick and Barbara Cohen in honor of Ricochet

Bill, Mary, Allison, Russ, Jill and Jack Coleman in honor of Aunt Martha Williams at Christmas

Melvin and Pat Craft in appreciation of Church, their StreetCat a.k.a. Juke

Lanny and Nancy Endicott in honor of Lucy (formerly Clary)

Marsha W. Fitzhugh in appreciation of the volunteers of StreetCats David, Cynthia and Parker Foster in honor of Marina Williford, Dog Extraordinaire

Joyce Freshwater in honor of Dr. Cari McDonald and staff of Horizon Animal Hospital

Renee Fuhrman in honor of her mother, Kathy Balsiger's birthday Cynthia Gilks in appreciation of Abraham and of everyone feeding kitties at Thanksgiving

Patricia Hanna in honor of her "kitty lovin' sis's birthday"

John Harper in honor of Jolie Kalbfleisch at Christmas

Agnes Ruth Hooper in honor of her StreetCat, Susie, adopted in 2008 Janis Jennings in honor of Margaret Thayer

Shaun Jones in honor of Murphy and Bob

Shaun Jones in honor of Mack

Myrna Kurle in honor of her dad, Duane Ellingson, on his adoption of "Miss Kitty"

Kay Lorenzen in honor of Janet Persson's birthday

Margaret A. Lowry in honor of the birthday of Jay Richey

Darryl Loyd in honor of Judy Loyd

Steve Ludiker in honor of Vickie Ludiker

Dr. Thomas McCoy in honor of Judy Loyd

Carl and Kathryn Melnick in honor of Samantha Polen and the dedicated care she gave to Peaches, a StreetCat, and the work she does with kitties diagnosed with feline diabetes

Gretchen Mitchell in appreciation of her kitty. Elijah Bo

Sandy Mortimer in honor of MacGyver

James and Barbara Munn in honor of Buddy (former StreetCat, Diego)

Deborah O'Dell in honor of her StreetCats, Cassanova and Sally

Robyn Porter in honor of Stan Hill's birthday

Robyn Porter in honor of Delinda Hill's birthday

Mary Smith in celebration of Patty Hanna's birthday

Linda Sue Stoll in celebration of Chandler's new home

Barbara Swiggart in appreciation of Snickerdoodle

Leah Jane Topper in appreciation of Barbara Cohen and her three cats

Brad Turner in honor of Judy Loyd at Christmas

Penni and Wyman Walker in celebration of Wyman's birthday

Debra White in honor of the Gene Beaver Family

Scott and Dee Williams in honor of Maurine William's birthday

Don Woolverton in celebration of Linda Roberts' birthday

HELP STREETCATS REDUCE NEWSLETTER PAPER!

Slowly but surely, StreetCats is trying to become more "green." Currently, we are looking into options for providing our newsletter to all supporters that would be willing to receive it via e-mail. StreetCats sends out two newsletters by mail each year, which accounts for a hefty load of paper, not to mention expense!

While we aren't sure how soon this will be a viable option, we want to start collecting e-mail addresses for a database. If you would be willing to receive your newsletter by PDF format or with a link to it at our Web site, we would like to hear from you. Please e-mail that information to us at *cats@streetcatstulsa.org*. To make sure we get the correct e-mail with the correct person, please be sure to include your name and your mailing address along with your e-mail address. We will, of course, continue mailing the newsletter to everyone who prefers to receive it that way.

Thank you.

LUCKY KITTIES!			
(StreetCats adopted 10/1/11 through 4/15/12)			
Aaron Amy Bert Chandler Clem Coco Daisy Donald Emily Forrest Genie Ginger Gloria Grace	Holly Hope Jack Jenny Jill Josie Luke Lyla Pablo Patches Pippen Poncho Precious Princess Purrcey	Rudy Salty Sam Sammy Stan Sunflower Tigger Toby Tommy Tommy Tommy T. Trixie Yoshi (now Katy)	

OUR WISH LIST

For StreetCats:

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Please don't forget the wish list for Meals on Wheels:

Scoopable Litter
Unopened dry cat food
Canned cat food

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WARM AND FUZZY STORIES FROM NEW HOMES



Forrest

Pablo and **Forrest** were featured in our last newsletter as kitties to be adopted. Here is an update on those guys as well as two others who have been adopted recently.

Forrest's owner said he is doing fine, and he was snoozing next to her on the sofa while we were speaking. He likes being brushed, and she says he is a wonderful companion. Although his name is still Forrest, she considered renaming him "Pretty Boy Floyd" because he is so beautiful.

Pablo and **Donald** were adopted together from StreetCats, and they share their home with another kitty named **Sheldon**. Their owner couldn't pick between the two, so she adopted them both! Pablo was skittish at first, but now he follows her everywhere. He also likes sliding on the rug in the tiled entryway. Donald makes his new owner laugh. He follows her into the bathroom and splashes her with water running from the faucet!

Yoshi is now named **Katy**; she adapted to her new home almost immediately. Her new mom says: "She is the most fun cat and loves playing with a laser pointer." She, too, likes to play in the sink, sometimes bumping her head on the faucet, though she doesn't seem to mind. After returning home in her carrier recently, she decided that she likes her carrier left out so that she can play in it like a "hut."

GENGHIS GRILL FUNDRAISER JUNE 21

Please support StreetCats on June 21 from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. at the very popular **Genghis Grill** at either one of its locations:

Cherry Street at 1619 E. 15th St. or in the South Memorial corridor on the east side of the street at 10438 S. 82nd Ave. (There is a traffic light where you turn.)

Genghis Grill is a Mongolian stirfry restaurant. The diner makes choices from a selection of meats and veggies, and the chef prepares it fresh! For more information on Genghis Grill, visit www. genghisgrill.com.

You MUST bring the coupon in this newsletter or mention StreetCats so that we will receive 20 percent of what you pay for this yummy food. We will also have fliers at StreetCats, so pick some up for all your friends and family or just make your own copies. The flier makes a great reminder on your refrigerator or on a bulletin board where you work.



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Please Come Support StreetCats Inc!!!!
Go to Genghis Grill on Thursday June 21, 2012

Please mention this Fundraiser or Bring this flyer to your Server!

We will not have a promotional

table at these restaurants, so you won't see us at the front door like you usually do with restaurant fundraisers, but just look around, and there are sure to be StreetCats volunteers and supporters dining with you.

See you on Thursday, June 21!



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THE VISITOR

You are so very handsome
In your tux of black and white
I watch you from my window perch
And you are quite a sight

But I cannot come and join you No matter how you plead For I am happy here inside Of you I have no need

But you do look rather hungry You may even have some fleas So I'll ask if you may come inside That is if you say please!

Judy Loyd4/10/12