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MAKE STREETCATS PART OF YOUR HOLIDAY PLANS!

Planning for the holidays? Be sure to mark your calendar for these great opportunities to do some holiday shopping and help homeless kitties at the same time:

Nov. 19-21: An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa. QuikTrip Center, Tulsa Fairgrounds.

Dec. 4: Darnaby Arts & Crafts show. Union Intermediate High School, 7616 S. Garnett.

Dec. 10-12: Judy Bailey's Holiday Boutique, Mackintosh Inn Bed & Breakfast, 1404 E. 35th St.

Various dates: Borders Books and Music, 8015 S. Yale and 2740 E. 21st.

See pages 2-3 for more information about these great fundraising events.



Denise spends a little time with 6-year-old Gage, a sweet, declawed female.

MEET VOLUNTEER 'DR. DENISE'

When you come into StreetCats on Fridays between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., you'll enjoy meeting **Denise DaRos-Voseles**. While she works a special shift for us, it is a big help for both the morning and afternoon volunteers to have someone with her experience to help out.

Statuesque and soft-spoken, she is a delight to encounter and loves helping the "kitty" crowd. She knows the Center well and loves working with the cats. No job is too small for her attention.

Denise discovered our Web site about seven years ago and has been an avid volunteer ever since. She places our weekly food orders with Hill's Science Diet (you'll notice none of our cats are going hungry) and takes

items we can't use to Animal Aid for them to sell in their Thrift Shop or use as needed. She also enjoys helping with "My Furry Valentine." She is an associate professor at the Broken Arrow campus of NSU (she's actually Dr. Denise) and has co-authored a book titled *Being With Babies: Understanding and Responding to the Infants in your Care; Best Practices for Care Givers*.

She is the only female in her home, which she happily shares with her husband and three male cats, Hector, Dancer, and Tommy. Her hobbies are reading nonfiction and working out in a gym, but her passion is travel, which she and her husband have done in the U.S. and are now doing all over the world. We're very thankful Denise finds time to volunteer with us in between work and travel.

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.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT, KATHY BALSIGER

Here come the holidays. Time does fly by! What a wonderful Autumn we are having as I write this after that hot, dry summer. We're looking forward to a very busy fundraising holiday season.

Plan to visit our booths at **An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa**, starting Nov. 19, and the **Darnaby Craft Show** on Dec. 4. Of course, StreetCats will again be **gift wrapping for tips at both Borders Books and Music Stores** preceding the holidays. New for StreetCats this year will be **Judy Bailey's Holiday Boutique** in Brookside. Judy has named us to be the lucky recipient of 20 percent of her sales for her show. Then, save the date on that new 2011 calendar for **My Furry Valentine** Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Tulsa Historical Society. Look for the individual articles on each event in this newsletter. We hope to see lots of you in the months to come!

I want to say a special thanks to all the volunteers who help out every day with the kitties and in our own Gift Boutique. I was pleased to see many of you at the volunteer party at the new ONEOK Field for a **Tulsa Drillers** game. While the downturn in the economy affects us, we appreciate all the generous donations you continue to give. With everyone's help, StreetCats is still successfully finding homes for the homeless and sterilizing un-owned cats to help reduce the pet overpopulation in the Tulsa area. Thank you for your support as adopters, donors, and volunteers.

SPOTLIGHT KITTIES



Miles Standish is a handsome and slim tabby with layers of personality. Upon meeting Miles, you may find him quite shy; give him some time to warm up a bit, and he will show you many endearing qualities. One moment, he will look you right in the eye with a gentle and knowing gaze; the next, he will chase a

toy with reckless abandon, enjoying the company of any other cats who will frolic with him. He also enjoys a good window perch and would love to check out the view at your home.

Russdee ("Rus-ty") is a declawed, orange male tabby with a huge appetite for attention. This boy truly craves love from his people



and will show you how much he adores you with tremendous head butts. The first time this happens, you might think he is agitated or upset, but don't be fooled — he is just unable to contain his excitement at having you close! Once his appetite for petting is satisfied, he will lounge about in a carefree manner, but don't worry; he'll be back

for more attention in no time. He'd love to be the only cat in your home, but he'd probably share with just one other.



Hilda is a classic brown tabby with beautiful green eyes. She's a gentle soul who quietly stays out of the fray (although she

loves to play on occasion) and loves it when someone spends quality time petting her. A calm and truly loving cat, she would be best suited to a quieter home. She will likely need some time to adjust to a new home, as changes in environment are very frightening to her, but a content purr and true companionship will be yours in return if you can help ease her through this transition. Hilda is front declawed.

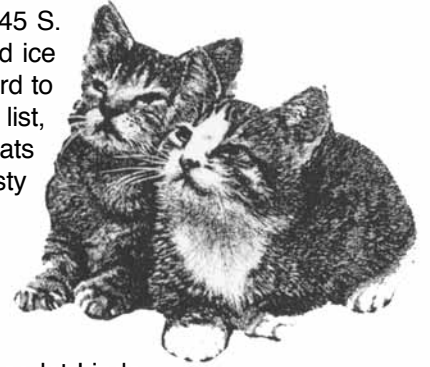
JUDY BAILEY TO HELP STREETCATS

Judy Bailey's Holiday Boutique will be held Dec. 10-12 at the Mackintosh Inn Bed & Breakfast, 1404 E. 35th Street in Tulsa (just off Peoria on 35th Street). This year, Judy has chosen StreetCats as the charity to receive 20 percent of the proceeds. You may remember Judy from her shop "Artistry & Old Lace," which was located in Brookside from 1987-1996.

The handmade items which she designs and makes have a vintage theme and are not found at typical craft shows or other venues. This year's items include handmade greeting cards, vintage linens, scarves, and sachets as well as unusual Christmas ornaments made from wooden sewing spools and small vintage bottles. Judy has also created unique decorative tassels made with all styles of vintage salt and pepper shakers. Shoppers will also find small collages made from antique fabric, buttons, trims and pictures. Please stop by, relax and shop in the Maclintosh Inn in Brookside, and support StreetCats! The craft show will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10-11 and 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 12.

MY FURRY VALENTINE SET FOR FEB. 13

My Furry Valentine will be Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011 at the Tulsa Historical Society, 2445 S. Peoria. The hours are from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Those of you who braved the snow and ice on the ground earlier this year know how much fun this event was, and we look forward to hosting you again. Invitations will be mailed out in January to everyone on our mailing list, so please look for yours and RSVP to let us know you are supporting this major StreetCats fundraiser, which is a wonderful event with many auction items, delectable desserts, tasty drinks, beautiful music, and a gorgeous cat quilt raffle.



If you would like to donate items (must be new and unused) or services to be auctioned off, we need them by Saturday, Jan. 29. Please call **Linda Holland** at 492-8887 if you can help us with event donations. Tax receipt letters will be mailed to you for all donations. Additionally, if you want to donate a special dessert (or two) to be served, please let Linda Holland know, and we'll get back with you. Thank you for your continued support of StreetCats through My Furry Valentine.

AN AFFAIR OF THE HEART OF TULSA

StreetCats will be participating in **An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa** craft show on Friday, Nov. 19 through Sunday, Nov. 21. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. This show is held in the QuikTrip Center on the Tulsa Fairgrounds. We will be in the same location; however, they have renumbered the booths. Our new booth numbers are 383 and 384, in case you need to know.

Shop early for your family and friends for the holidays. We will have new products especially for the show. Hope to see you there!

STREETCATS TO PARTICIPATE IN DARNABY SHOW

We will be participating in the **Darnaby Arts & Crafts Show** at Union Intermediate High School, 7616 S. Garnett, on Saturday, Dec. 4. Show hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a great craft show to buy holiday gifts for your family and friends. We hope you'll stop by the StreetCats booth and stock up on holiday gifts.

SAVE TIME ON GIFT WRAPPING!

StreetCats will again be doing gift wrapping (for tips) at both **Borders Books and Music** stores for Borders purchases. We already have specific hours for the store at 8015 S. Yale, so you can start signing up now for shifts. While we don't have the hours yet for the store at 2740 E. 21st St., we will have those in the near future.

For the store on Yale, we will start on Friday, Dec. 10, working from 5 to 9 p.m. Those will be the same hours for Dec. 13-17 and Dec. 20-23. On Dec. 11 and 18, we will wrap from noon to 9 p.m., and on Dec. 12 and 19, we will wrap from 1 to 9 p.m. Borders has not yet announced its hours for Dec. 24, but we usually wrap from 9 a.m. to closing time that day.

This is a really fun project. If you would like to volunteer to work one or more shifts at either store, please call Kathy Balsiger at 521-4039 or Linda Holland at 492-8887. There is also a sign-up sheet at the StreetCats' Adoption Center and Boutique. Thanks for your help, and come see us when shopping!

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If you're looking for cat-related gifts for your family and friends, stop by **StreetCats' Gift Boutique**. We have the best selection of cat items in town! We stock many gift items like the ones you might find online — but by purchasing locally, you don't have to pay for shipping. Our biggest sellers are **Laurel Burch** purses, scarves, socks and wallets. New to the store are Laurel Burch earrings and luggage tags.

For those cat lovers on your list, we have new jewelry, including lots of earrings; cat socks; Blossom Bucket figurines; cat totes; coffee mugs; and many other purr-fect gifts for that special person in your life!

Don't forget about your feline companion, who is surely in need of a new toy, since cat toys are always disappearing, and they need something new to play with. We have a big assortment of their favorite **mice toys**, or maybe balls that they like to chase. Many love to play with **Da' Bird**, and we have different refills for this special toy. We even have a **cat video** to entertain them while you are away!

Of course, their favorites are the **catnip pillows**, which our wonderful volunteers make with aromatic organic catnip. We have many new fabric designs to choose from, including **OU** and **OSU** for those Sooner and Cowboy kitties!

Don't forget: All proceeds from sales go directly to the care of the kitties, so you are purchasing gifts that support StreetCat kitties.

'STITCH IN TIME' VOUCHERS AVAILABLE

StreetCats continues to issue 75 spay/neuter vouchers each month through the "Stitch In Time" Program for homeless or unowned cats (stray or feral). We are pleased to have **Dr. Suzanne Hurst** of **Kindness Animal Hospital**, 11035 S. Memorial (970-4300), join our program to help with these needy animals.

Please remember that while we do have a waiting list of cats that need to be placed through our Adoption Program, purchasing a voucher to spay or neuter and to get them rabies vaccinations will protect cats and help them live safer lives. It will also help to reduce the population of homeless cats.

Call 298-0104 and leave your name and telephone number if you want to know more about our program. Linda Holland will call you back.

MIMI'S CAFÉ FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

Many thanks to everyone who came to our **Mimi's Café** fundraiser. Management said this was the best fundraiser they have had with local groups, and we earned \$137.11. We look forward to participating with them again sometime in 2011, as they have great food, and it was a fun event.

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Memorials

From Melanie Abczynski in memory of Jan Woolverton
 From Donald and Paula Allen in memory of Dusty
 From Judy Averill in memory of Gladys Averill Duson
 From Patsy Baker in memory of her daughter, Joan
 From Kathy Balsiger in memory of Renee Newman's beloved dog, Aztec
 From Marva Bear in memory of StilJoe, Squeak and Calli
 From Gary and Ronda Blake in memory of Jodi and Clay Wises' cat Al
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 From Tom and Dorothy Donaldson in memory of Dorothy's mother, Julia Bishop on Mother's Day
 From James Donovan in memory of Suzanne Barnes' Molly
 From Randy and Karla Fletcher in memory of Pepe I and Pepe II
 From Terry Griffin in memory of Rosie Sowards
 From Phil and Kim Hagan in memory of Mundaca Mujeres
 From Gwen Hampton in memory of her neighbor, Jean Spears
 From Kristie Harjo in memory of Elmo, our most handsome big, black cat of 15 years
 From Donald and Loretta House in memory of Dianne Daily's 17 year old cat companion, Blue
 From Neta Lutman in memory of "Q"
 From Sheila Chenoweth, Lee Beasley, Judy Loyd, Samantha Polen, Kathy Balsiger, Connie Hutchinson, Linda Holland, Barbara Roberts, Evelyn Gaser, and Lindsey Dickenson in memory of Chad, Chase and Nancy Cline's kitty Sox
 From Dorothy Romer, Suzy Prather, Katherine Tooley, Dale Jeffers, Vonda Pearlman, Bill Schneider, Iqball Khan, Rene's

Heier, Countess Sophie, Bustopher Jones, and Elaine Morris in memory of Pat Phillips
 From Samantha Polen in memory of Donald and Terry Carey's Mijo
 From Samantha Polen in memory of Dale McPherson's Socks
 From Betty Warren Powell in memory of Betty Ann Davidson
 From Marion Richardson in memory of her kitty, Brother
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 From M. Susan Stankeivicz in memory of David Stankeivicz
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 From John R. Thomas in memory of Big Jake
 From Leah Jane Topper in memory of Dr. Rick and Barbara Cohen's cat Tora
 From Sally Ann Turner in memory of June Bateman
 From Erich and Doris Westfield in memory of Nadia

Honorariums

From Donald and Paula Allen in honor of Chloe who chose them for her forever home
 From Jeanne Lesley Bailor in honor of Leslie W. Romine on Father's Day
 From Brad and Lee Beasley in honor of Bullseye and Molly
 From Linda and Daniel Brown in appreciation of Lilli, Daniela, & Balusha & StreetCats
 From Kathy Bryan in honor of Emily and all the other "special needs" kitties
 From Melvin Craft in appreciation of Juke (aka Church)
 From Gary and Pat Crocker in honor of Phil Marshall's birthday
 From Gary and Pat Crocker in honor of Rita Rowe's birthday
 From Pat Crow in honor of Nestle' 19th birthday
 From R.T. and Ellen Jones in honor of Emily Rose, our StreetCat
 From Judy Kidd in honor of Christee Jenlink's birthday
 From Peter and Sally Leininger in honor of Kathy Balsiger and their kitty Star, as seen in Tulsa People Magazine in the May issue
 From Kay Lorenzen in honor of Janet Persson's birthday
 From Renee Newman for Mother's Day for her mom, Kathy Balsiger
 From Janet Smithen in honor of Hefti's 6th birthday



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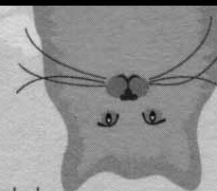
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WARM AND FUZZY STORIES FROM ADOPTED KITTIES

Tuxey Baby now lives with **Karen**, a StreetCats volunteer, and her family. He has adjusted to his new home quite well, although his housemates **Rusty** (also a StreetCat) and **Ginger** were not so thrilled to see him move in. Everyone has settled down now and lives a life of contentment. Tuxey is quite the talker and “asks” for his breakfast each morning. Once fed, he goes back to sleep with Karen’s daughter, **Brenna**, who fell in love with him at our Adoption Center. He is well loved and furnished with many soft things to sleep on.

Bernie (now called **Beamer**) lives with a female companion named **Sunshine**, who is also an orange tabby. He has filled

out and is a wonderful addition to their home. His mom has finally discouraged him from nursing on everyone’s clothing, but while she was on vacation, he stayed with her niece and reverted to his old habits. Maybe he will never quit wanting to be a kitten.

Miranda, once the “office queen” of StreetCats, has adjusted splendidly to her new home with **Richard**. She has a housemate named **Lola**, whom she likes — yes, she does! Richard says she has really softened up and even likes his friends when they visit. We always knew she liked men the best, and now she has one of her very own.

WHAT KIND OF CAT IS THAT?

Tabbies

A cat with stripes is a **tabby**. All tabbies have thin pencil lines on the face, expressive markings around the eyes, and a tabby “M” on the forehead. There are three different tabby patterns. **Mackerel** has narrow stripes that run in parallel down its sides. This is what some people refer to as a “tiger.” **Classic** has bold, swirling patterns on its sides like marble cake. **Spotted** has spots all over its sides.

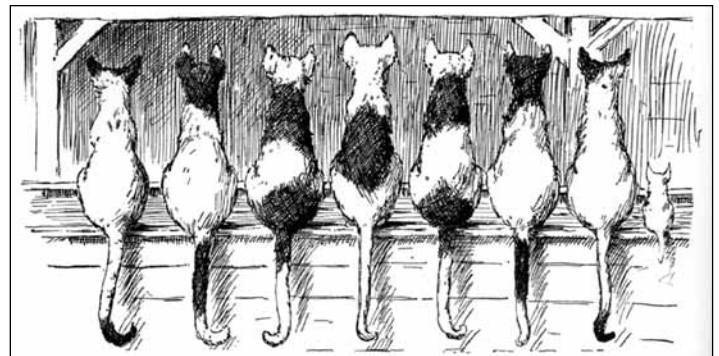
Tabby Colors

Ticked does not have stripes or spots on its body; rather, the tips of the hairs are a different color than the roots. **Brown** has black stripes on a brownish or grayish ground color. The black stripes may be coal black or a little bit brownish. **Blue** has gray stripes on a grayish or buff ground color. **Red** has orange stripes on a cream ground color. **Cream** has cream stripes on a pale cream ground color. These stripes look sand-colored or peach-colored rather than orange. **Silver** has black stripes on a white ground color. The roots of the hairs are white. You can also have a **blue silver**, **cream silver**, or **red silver** tabby (red silver is also known as **cameo tabby**) depending on the color of the stripes. In all cases, silver tabbies have a pale ground color and white roots. To make sure, part the hairs and look at the roots.

Solids and Smokes

If your cat is pretty much the same color all over, it’s a **solid**. **Solid black** is just that: black all over. It may be coal black, grayish black, or brownish black. Black cats can rust in the sunlight, the coat turning a lighter brown or reddish shade. **Solid blue** is gray all over. It may be a dark slate gray, a medium gray or a pale ash gray. **Solid white** is white all over. Sometimes white cats have blue eyes, sometimes they have green or gold eyes, and sometimes one eye is blue, and one eye is green or gold. This last color is called **odd-eyed white**.

If your cat is pretty much solid black or gray, but the roots of the hairs are distinctly white, it is a “**smoke**.” **Black smoke**



is a solid black cat with white roots. **Blue smoke** is a solid blue (gray) cat with white roots.

Cats with White Markings

A **mitted** cat just has white paws. A white spot on the chest is a “**locket**.” A cat with one or more little white belly spots has “**buttons**.” **Bi-color** is about half white. **Harlequin** is mostly white with several large patches of color. **Van** is almost all white with color patches only on the head and tail. **Tuxedo** is a black and white cat with white paws, chest, and belly.

Torties, Patched Tabbies and Calicos

A cat randomly patched with different colors is a tortie, patched tabby, or calico. **Tortoiseshell** or **tortie** is randomly patched all over with red, black, and cream. **Calico** has more white. As a rule, the more white there is on the cat, the larger and more distinct the red and black patches will be. **Calicos** and **torties** are the result of a **sex-linked gene** and require two X chromosomes to appear. Usually these colors will only appear in females. Very rarely, these colors may appear in male cats, but these males are genetically abnormal (they have XXY instead of the normal XY) and are almost always infertile.

Come into the StreetCats’ Adoption Center and see if you can identify all the cats, or visit online at www.StreetCatsTulsa.org.

Information provided by: <http://fanciers.com/other-faqs/colors.html>

ASK THE DOCTOR: PETS, CHILDREN AND ALLERGIES

By Stan Grogg, DO, Professor of Pediatrics, OSU-CHS

The benefits of having a pet usually outweigh the drawbacks of pet allergies for many people. Many people with non-life-threatening allergies live with pets despite having allergies to them. A pet can offer opportunities for socialization and exercise as well as help teach children lifelong lessons in responsibility, compassion and empathy.

Cats and dogs may cause reactions for people who are allergic to animals. Contrary to popular belief, there are no “non-allergenic” breeds of dogs or cats; even hairless breeds may cause symptoms. Fur is not the problem. In reality, allergies are triggered and aggravated by proteins secreted by oil glands. The dander is mixed with the animal’s saliva, and these proteins adhere to fur when animals lick themselves. Problematic proteins are also found in urine. Dander is the microscopic particles of skin, fur and hair that animals continually shed. Such proteins and other substances that cause an individual’s immune system to react are called allergens.

Pets have been shown to boost immunity and decrease the risk of allergies or asthma in several studies. Studies have now shown that children who grow up with animals and are exposed to pets in the first 18 months of life, either in the home or on a farm, are less likely to develop allergies or asthma. These children are also shown to have overall stronger immunity as compared to children who are not exposed to pets.

What to do:

1. Create an “allergy free” zone in your home—preferably the allergic person’s bedroom—and strictly prohibit the pet’s access to it.
2. Use HEPA air cleaners throughout the home, and avoid dust-and-dander-catching furnishings such as cloth curtains or blinds and carpeted floors. Clean frequently and thoroughly to remove dust and dander, washing articles such as couch covers and pillows, curtains, and pet beds.
3. Bathe your pet on a weekly basis to reduce the level of allergy-causing dander (shed old skin cells). Cats can get used to being bathed, but it’s critical to only use products labeled for them. Check with your veterinarian’s staff or a good book on pet care for directions about safe bathing,
4. Don’t be quick to blame the family pet for allergies. You might ask your health care provider to specifically test for allergies to pet dander. Reduce the overall allergen level in your environment by concentrating on all of the causes, not just the pet allergy.
5. Additional treatments for allergies to pets include immunotherapy (allergy shots), steroidal and antihistamine nose sprays and antihistamine pills. It is important to find a healthcare provider who understands your commitment to living with your pet. A combination of approaches—medical control of symptoms, good housecleaning methods, and immunotherapy—is most likely to succeed in allowing an allergic person to live with pets.

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LUCKY KITTIES!

(StreetCats adopted 4/1/10 through 9/30/10)

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And lap a bowl of milk.

And yes, of course, we have them
So lively and so sweet
But just before you make your choice
We've someone you should meet.

For over in the corner
In the shadows watching you
We've kitties that are older
That would love to play; it's true.

They've lost their homes and families
They really don't know why
And though they look a little sad
You'll never hear them cry.

So you may want a kitten
Most anyone knows that
But take some time and look around
And meet our precious cats.

— Judy Loyd