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BIRTHDAY BENEFITS KITTIES



Claire's party helped cats like Rosemary.

Earlier this year, Claire Ashworth celebrated her birthday by helping out our StreetCats. She asked her party guests to bring items she could then pass on to StreetCats for the kitties. Pictured is Claire holding Rosemary, who is a special needs cat who recently was adopted. All the kitties appreciated the donations Claire brought in.

Our Wish List is a great reference for anyone collecting donations for our cats. We are very thankful for the donations.

Wish list:

- Postage stamps
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Cat beds - washable - for the kitty cages at night
- Kleenex
- Wal-Mart (Sam's Club) gift cards - any denomination
- Tall heavier kitchen trash bags
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Clorox bleach
- Dishwashing detergent
- Cat litter - clay
- Canned cat food
- 4 x 6 white envelopes (letter size)
- 4 x 9 1/2 white envelopes (legal size #10)

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS



Evelyn Gaser has been a StreetCats volunteer for 5 1/2 years, working on Thursday mornings, which is the shift that cleans the cages, litter boxes, etc. and opens

the shop. She and her husband Bill have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren along with two cats, Black Velvet and Jon Claude. When she's not volunteering at StreetCats, she enjoys aerobics and gardening. Evelyn and her husband have been wonderful supporters of StreetCats over the years and we appreciate all the work she does.



Norma Ransom is another longtime volunteer, working with us since 2004. She has two sons and one daughter-in-law, and she has one cat named Wendy. Norma found

Mitsi (who is still looking for a home) and hoped to keep her, but *Wendy* didn't like the idea, and she finally had to bring Mitsi to StreetCats. Norma works Thursday afternoons, which is the shift that does most of the dusting and grooming of the cats as well as putting them to bed at night (which can turn into a fun game of cat and mouse *with the volunteers!*) Norma's other

hobbies are gardening, oil painting, and jewelry making. Norma volunteers weekly, and we know she will always be there to spend time with the kitties.

Please consider volunteering for StreetCats! We need people to work in our Adoption Center and Boutique; plan and work at special events; do special correspondence; Web site maintenance; research and apply for grants; return phone calls; provide foster homes for cats; and endless other activities. Please call, e-mail us, or fill out a volunteer application (available at the Adoption Center and Boutique or online at www.streetcatstulsa.org) to help.

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 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

We have now been in our new facility for six months and we love it. The cats also love having more room to chase around. Although our utility expenses have been much more than anticipated, this has been a great move for all of us. If you haven't been in to see us, please come by. Our hours are still Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., and there are lots of kitty kisses available.

We have many events coming up so please look through this newsletter and mark them on your calendars. If you want to help with our Borders gift wrapping, be sure to sign up. If you are more in the mood to shop, come see us at the holiday craft shows in November and December. My Furry Valentine will be February 10, 2008, and we know you'll be looking forward to it — it's a really fun, as well as tasty, event.

Thank you for your continued support of StreetCats — we're still an all-volunteer not-for-profit organization.

Kathy Balsiger, President

--- TROUBLE FINDING THE RIGHT GIFT? SHOP FROM HOME!

Make a tax-deductible donation to StreetCats as a Christmas present to a friend or loved one! StreetCats will send the person a letter letting him/her know you've made a donation in his/her name (no amounts will be given) and you receive a tax-deductible letter also! Just detach or photocopy the form below, fill it out, and return it — along with your check — to:

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ASK THE VET: YOUR PREGNANCY AND THE CAT

Cari McDonald, DVM
Horizon Animal Hospital

Congratulations! You just found out that you are pregnant. It is a moment of great joy and expectations. Then, you start hearing the horror stories from your well meaning doctor, girlfriend or mother-in-law, that you must now get rid of your beloved cat or cats. There is a lot of misinformation out on the subject of Toxoplasmosis with regards to pregnant women. It can be scary and as one of the recent inductees into this group, I can relate to how very easy it is to confuse and terrify a pregnant woman when it comes to the health and well being of her unborn child. I would like to help explain the facts of this disease and give you some simple precautions to prevent an infection for you and your baby.

Toxoplasmosis is an infection from a microscopic parasite whose primary host is the cat family. Outdoor cats that eat undercooked meat or wild rodents have a greater risk of becoming infected than a cat that has only been indoors for more than a month and eats regular cat food. Most infected cats have no symptoms, but can shed cysts of the organism in their stools. This is a source of transmission of Toxoplasmosis to humans, but that does NOT mean that you need to get rid of your beloved pet. Other infections in humans can be caused by eating raw or undercooked meat or eating contaminated produce, drinking contaminated water or handling contaminated soil or meat and then touching your mouth, nose or eyes.

In people with healthy immune systems, the infection is usually a mild, flulike illness. The risk to pregnant women is that the parasite can sometimes cross the placenta and infect the baby. This can cause severe damage to an unborn child. However, in the United States, the risk is still considered minimal. Even in a worst-case scenario where a mother becomes infected and goes untreated, there is only a small percentage of cases where the infection will be passed on to their babies. I am not telling you to take this lightly or not to worry. It is still necessary to take some extra precautions to protect yourself and your baby.

Litter Box: It is best to avoid the kitty litter box all together. You can have a significant other, family member or friend help you with this task, which is best done on a daily basis. If all else fails, (as it did with me) you can pay the neighbor kid a few dollars to do it for you. It also helps to disinfect the litter box itself once a week with a mild bleach solution or very hot water. If you still are the only one left to do it, there are special filter masks you can buy to protect yourself from inhaling the spores, and you should wear disposable gloves.

Food: Make sure meat is well cooked. It should no longer be pink in the middle, and the internal temperature should be at least 160 degrees. Fruits and vegetables should be well washed before eating or preparing. Don't touch your mouth, nose or eyes while preparing food, and always wash your hands before eating. Wash kitchen surfaces after handling uncooked meat. Don't consume unpasteurized milk or raw eggs. Avoid contaminated water. Keep flies and cockroaches away from your food.

Outdoors: Wear gloves while gardening or doing anything outdoors that involves handling soil. Avoid sandboxes or cover them when not in use.

Cats: You want to keep them from getting infected, so it is best to keep them indoors so that they won't hunt down potentially infected mice or birds. Feed them only commercial cat food or well-cooked meat (if they are on a special diet). Keep them off the kitchen counter and dinner table. Wash your hands after playing with your cat. Do not get a NEW cat or kitten, and do not play with strays. It would be best to refrain from rescue activities until after your baby is born.

There are no guarantees against infection from Toxoplasmosis, but the risks can be minimized, and you don't have to lose your purring friend. If you are still concerned, there are blood tests for you and for your cat that can detect infection or exposure. Your doctor and veterinarian can discuss this further for your personal situation. My best advice is to relax, enjoy your pregnancy, try not to worry and love on your cat.

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Betty	Jessie	Rusty
Birdie	Joey	Sadie
Bubba	Jude	Shuga
Carter	Kibbie	Bean
Cupcake	Latte	Simone
Daisy	Lexi	Skittles
Esme	Mr.	Slim
Falstaff	Shivers	Snickers
Freckles	Mr.	Sparky
Fred	Whispers	Tiara
Groucho	Mulan	Tina
Harley	Mya	Toby
Harry	Oreo	Tonka
Hillary	Polson	Truman
Isabella	Reagan	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR 'MY FURRY VALENTINE'

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 10, 2008 for "My Furry Valentine" which is our wonderful silent auction and dessert tasting.

We will again have fantastic items to bid on as well as fabulous desserts, along with wine and punch and musical entertainment.

It will be held at the Elks Lodge, 5335 South Harvard — the same location as last year, since we received many favorable comments about the

additional space for our auction as well as convenient parking.

Look for your invitation in the mail in January — we hope you'll be joining us!

Extra note: If you or your business is interested in donating something for our auction or donating food for our dessert tasting, please call Linda Holland at 492-8887 and she'll call you back. Thank you so much for your support.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS

From Helen and Andy MacKay in memory of T.C.

From Patrick and Estella Franken in memory of Liz

Aliesch's kitty Whimsy

From Katherine Berkenbile in memory of Jan Woolverton's StreetCat Sassy

From Kacee Taylor in memory of Sassy and Pookey

From Jan Woolverton in memory of her StreetCat Peep

From Fred B Graves in memory of Theresa Bowers "Tootie"

From Kathy Potts in memory of Shirley Brooks 25 year old cat, Mehetabel

From Carol Fielder in memory of Jeanne Glenn's dog Traveler

From R.T. and Ellen Jones in memory of Sherry Carlsen

From Frank Lindner in memory of Jerry

From Carol Childers in memory of Frac

From Kacee Taylor in memory of her beloved cats, Sassy and Pookey

From Kathy Balsiger in memory of Nancy's Abby

From Belynda Bland in memory of Inez (Snookie) Broadhurst

From Carey Miller in memory of Davy Miller

From Lisa Ann Wall in memory of Joos

From Kathy Balsiger in memory of Erin Johnson's beloved greyhound, Sandy

From Samantha Polen in memory of the Beasleys' Poco

From Lee and Amy Preston in memory of a very special cat, Omar

From David Morse in memory of Patricia Morse

From Don and Paula Allen in memory of Penny and Rani

From Barbara Jenkins in memory of Judy Flanagan

From Jess & Sylvia Insall in memory of Natasha

From Samantha Polen in memory of Pam Witte's Mango

HONORARIUMS

From Jandra Smithen in honor of Heffti's 3rd birthday

From Pati Wilson and Joe Perry in honor of Cathy Epps for her loving care our their Alex and Snow

From Heidi Kiser in honor of Camille Hulen and Nancy

Cline and in honor of cats Lana and Simone

From Frank Lindner in honor of Lucy and Missy

From Linda & Dan Brown in honor of StreetCats' new home

From friends and family in honor of Claire Ashworth's 13th Birthday, who asked for gifts to be given to the kitties instead of to her!

From Patty Hanna in honor of her sister-in-law, Mary Smith's birthday who shares her love of cats!

From Gary and Pat Crocker in honor of Betty Marshall's Birthday, parent of a special StreetCat!

From Gary and Pat Crocker in honor of Rita Rowe's Birthday, parent of a special StreetCat!

From Louise Rose in honor of Speedy, Willie and Yankee

COOL CAT PUZZLE!

From 101 Puzzles, Riddles and Rhymes for Cat Lovers, © Hyla Hope Harder, Ph.D.

There are several names of cat breeds that begin with the letter 'B.' Listed below are nine such breeds but there is a tenth bogus breed lurking somewhere in the list. Can you find the bogus breed name? If you can spot the interloper, you deserve to "B" congratulated!

Balinese
Bengal

Birman
Bombay

British Angora
British Berney

British Shorthair
Brazilian Shorthair

Burmese
Burmilla

SPOTLIGHT KITTIES

All of these kitties are looking for safe, loving, forever homes. Please contact StreetCats if you would like more information or are interested in adopting one of these kitties (or one of our other kitties; we have more).



This beautiful girl is **Mitsi**. She is a long-haired black and white tuxedo cat with loads of attitude. She has a habit of lying like a frog with back legs stuck out. She thinks she is quite special and should be an only cat.

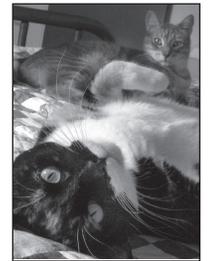


Molly is new to the shop. She's 8-9 years old and lived previously with 7 other cats and 2 dogs which didn't work out for her. She's a declawed brown tabby with lime green eyes. She'd love to be an only cat or maybe share with just one other feline.

Sally is black with some white under her chin and was very shy when she came to us originally. She has now blossomed into a friendly cat that loves to bump heads with you and sit on your lap. She seems to like other cats after she's had a chance to be around them, but she would be a wonderful only cat for someone who has a lap that needs to be filled.



Cleo (age 5) and **Jetta** (age 7) have been together all of their lives and are very bonded to each other. They must be adopted together and may never be declawed. They are both extremely affectionate with humans and each other.



If you are interested in adopting a kitty, please contact StreetCats by phone at (918) 298-0104 or by e-mail at Cats@StreetCatsTulsa.org, or visit our adoption center at 60th and Sheridan from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Need a gift idea? Have your special friends' pictures put on buttons! Much better than a political candidate and much more fun to talk about! StreetCats has a machine that creates these buttons from your personal photos (picture needs to be cut into a 2 3/4" circle). Each button is only \$4 and will be a great conversation piece. These also make great stocking stuffers, family or office gifts! Bring your pet's picture to the StreetCats Shop and allow one week for delivery of your button.



StreetCats will be in booths #343 and 344 at An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa in the Expo Center at the Tulsa Fairgrounds on November 16-18. The show will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. This is the first fall show for Heart of Tulsa (but we'll be in the same location we were in for the summer show), and StreetCats will have lots of wonderful new holiday and Christmas gifts for your family, friends, and felines. Come by and see us! **The Darnaby Craft Show** will be December 1st (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the Union Intermediate High School, 7616 S. Garnett. StreetCats will be having a booth for the second year. Come and see our holiday gifts and crafts for all the special people and cats on your Christmas list.

StreetCats' volunteers and supporters will again be doing holiday gift wrapping at **Borders** during December 2007.

The gift wrapping is done for purchases made at Borders and at no cost except for donations. It is a wonderful way to tell customers about StreetCats and what we do. At the 81st & Yale location, we will be gift wrapping from 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24. At the 21st Street location, we will be gift wrapping from 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19. You can sign up at StreetCats or call Kathy Balsiger at 521-4039 or Linda Holland at 492-8887 and we'll sign you up. We have 58 spots to fill, so sign up and enjoy the fun!

Our Garage Sale in September was very successful. We appreciate all the donations we received and our kitties are enjoying the benefits. Although our sales have been successful, at this time we do not plan to hold any garage sales in 2008 because of the amount of work involved and our inability to have a year round location to store items. Please share your garage sale donations with other groups, like the Animal Aid Thrift Shop, in the future. We'll let you know next summer if we change our mind about a Fall sale. Thanks for your past support of our garage sales.

Oops! In our last newsletter we gave you an incorrect address for **Old Village Cleaners** who is collecting donations for us. Their correct address is 4637 S. Peoria. To date through September they have collected over \$450 for our kitties. We hope that you will patronize Old Village Cleaners and we greatly appreciate all their help for our kitties.

THANK YOU, FROM LANA

I'm sure it isn't easy — helping pets who've not known love. I'm thinking there were times when you've been guided from above.

When I was brought to you, you let Dale Ann take me home. She fostered me and loved me, and I didn't have to roam.

Then came that day, the vet discovered something bad. And let you know that lots of time, was not mine to be had. They call it carcinoma and not much can be done. But you allowed each and every day to be a special one. Thus I've had four months of loving and cuddling and such. And I wanted just to tell you that I thank you very much. Because you let her hospice me, and love me this short time. When I get to Rainbow Bridge, I'll have a person who is mine.

In that time, I've chased a butterfly, slept fearless in the sun. I've learned to play with others and I love them every one.

I've feasted on such good food, things are good for me. And I know that when I hurt too much, my Dale will set me free.

To all of you at StreetCats Rescue I hope that you will know

How I thank you for these past four months, as it nears my time to go.

When I close my eyes to earth and wake near Heaven's gate I'll be telling Him about you, and all you do for a cat's sake.

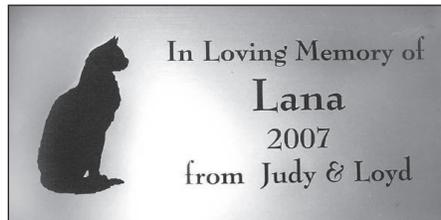
Thank you, and God Bless you!
Lana

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STREETCATS ESTABLISHES MEMORIAL PLAQUES

It is often said "words are just not enough" to express our feelings. Because this sometimes seems true, StreetCats has now started a project to help better express those special feelings. We will be offering "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" plaques for a \$100 tax deductible donation. The 8"x 4" plaques will be displayed at the StreetCats Adoption Center and Boutique and can honor a pet or someone special. This is another way you can demonstrate your appreciation for what StreetCats is



doing. All proceeds will go to the general fund to support StreetCats' efforts to care for cats and place them in forever homes.

At left is an example of a plaque, but you will be free to create your own sentiment. Four lines with up to 25 words will be available to express your feelings. The

plaques will be a formal and permanent tribute to those loved ones whose names adorn them! Please plan to see our exhibit when you visit us at StreetCats.

KAT NEWS

The Sisters of Kappa Alpha Tau met for fun in July at the Adoption Center. They made catnip toys for StreetCats to sell in the Boutique and at craft shows. These catnip "pillows" dubbed "Catnip Escape" on their labels, have made in excess of \$500 for the kitties at this printing! KAT just made 200 more pillows to sell through the holidays. If you haven't purchased one, you need to. Not all catnip is created equal! This comes from an organic grower on the East Coast and it is unlike anything you have ever "smelled"!

By the time this newsletter goes out, the ladies and some fantastic cat-loving men will have met for a Halloween party at Camille's Cat House in Sapulpa for pumpkin carving and tasty treats.

If you would like to be added to the KAT mailing list, contact Samantha Polen at cats@streetcatstulsa.org or call our phone line and leave a message (298-0104). Everyone is invited. KAT is the social auxiliary of StreetCats.



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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| _____ Individual \$15 | _____ Sponsor \$100 |
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Purpose of gift (Christmas, Hanukkah, birthday, etc.): _____

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 City, State, Zip Code _____

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Your Name _____
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 City, State, Zip Code _____
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