

# The Feline Network

*A Kindhearted Approach to Feline Overpopulation*

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Winter 2017

## Foster Homes Step up to the Plate

This past year brought unprecedented numbers of cats and kittens our way. Without the selfless endeavors of our rescuers, trappers and dedicated foster homes we would not have been able to help so many kittens and save so many lives. Our foster homes are all unique in what they bring to the table. Some care for the orphaned newborns, in many cases bottle-feeding around the clock until they are weaned. Others take care of the sick or injured. Some turn frightened, hissing kittens into loving companions. A couple of foster families are highlighted below that really stepped up to the plate this year with challenging litters of kittens.



**Chase holding Harmony and Lossie.**

Chase Moore, a senior at San Luis High, had for a long time been asking her mother, Kathy, if they could foster kittens. The Chases are good friends with Deannie Greenelsh and her family, a Feline Network foster home, and Chase longed to foster too. Kathy finally relented with the caveat that Chase take full responsibility. They had no idea what they were in for. The very first litter of kittens ended up having ringworm. Chase and Kathy had to dip the kittens in sulfur water every week for several weeks. After dippings, Chase had to clean and bleach everything in the room where the kittens were kept. Chase did all of the kitten care, including feeding, litter boxes and cleaning as well as transportation to vet appointments. The kittens were ultimately cured of ringworm and adopted into loving homes. When their second litter, unfortunately, also turned out to have previously unnoticed ringworm, Chase cheerfully took on the daunting task of caring for the kittens and going through the same treatment regimen until they were free of ringworm and adopted. Remarkably, when the Feline Network took in a litter of late-season kittens that clearly had ringworm, Chase, knowing what she was in for, agreed to foster them. This was extraordinary and kind and above and beyond the call of duty, and we want to give Chase and her family a big shout-out of thanks!

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## Greetings from our Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

This 2017 kitten season has been one of our busiest ever. We are “blaming” this year’s bounty of kittens on the rainy winter last year but, whatever the cause, many of our foster homes are still up to their ears in kittens, even this late in the season. And we are still taking in litters of kittens, including some that were two weeks old in the middle of November! Our trappers are also still busy trapping feral cats for spaying and neutering under our Trap/Neuter/Return program.

A dream of our volunteers is that at some point our foster work will taper off because of our year-round

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November 2016 to October 2017

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Adopt-A-Cats  
Some Saturdays at  
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11AM—3PM

## Team Up for the Feline Network

The 10- and 11-year-old members of this Five Cities Youth Flag Football team had a blast holding and playing with some of our foster kittens as part of a promotional event. The teammates learned what it takes to become kitty foster parents. They also learned about basic cat/kitten care and handling as well the importance of spaying and neutering feral cats through a TNR (trap/neuter/release) program. Thank you to photographer Sylvia Torres for donating her services.



Five Cities youth flag football team.

## Malibu and Kleo.

Being FIV positive isn't the end of the world...  
unless you can't find a loving home....



**Malibu**



**Malibu and**

Malibu and Kleo are year-old sisters that are super loving and sweet. Malibu takes care of her shy sister Kleo, grooming her and looking out for her. They love pets and belly rubs. They are positive for FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus), which cannot be transmitted to humans or dogs. They need a calm indoor home. If you can open your home and heart to these deserving siblings, please call Roxanne at 805-801-5232.



**Bugsy**

Bugsy is a super sweet, loving male cat three to four years old that was abandoned on the Nipomo Mesa. He has rabbit-soft fur. He is very affectionate and curls up with his head on his foster mom's lap to watch TV. Is there a forever home willing to give this darling boy the stability and love he so deserves?

## Homes for the Holidays?

Sophia Loren is a stunning and sweet two-year-old tortie female. She has a wonderful disposition, is an excellent companion cat, and is perfectly well-behaved. Please call Roxanne at 805-801-5232 if you would like to consider welcoming "home for the Holidays" this lovely feline companion.



**Sophia Loren**

Honey Bunny is about two years old and was rescued from rural Arroyo Grande. She is shy but wants so much to be your best friend. She purrs, kneads and rolls over on her back to get your attention. She needs a quiet home where someone will give her the time to feel at home. Please call Christine at 805-544-6138 to learn more about this sweet cat.



**Honey Bunny**

## Greetings

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spay/neuter efforts through our various programs, but, alas, that is not the case. There is as great a need as ever for the work that we do. We take encouragement from the thought that we have prevented the birth of thousands of unwanted kittens since our organization was founded.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all of you who have supported the Feline Network's efforts this year. Our volunteers sometimes become tired and discouraged when the work never seems to end, but the financial support that we receive from you, our donors, provides both the means and the motivation to keep going.

We thank you for all you have given this year, and we wish you a very Happy Holiday season and a wonderful New Year.



# We Couldn't Do It Without You!

## **PROVIDERS OF DISCOUNTED SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES AND/OR MEDICAL CARE FOR OUR FOSTERS AND COMMUNITY CATS:**

Animal Hospital of San Luis Obispo, Bear Valley Animal Clinic, Cat & Exotic Care of the Central Coast, Five Cities Veterinary Hospital, Homeward Bound Mobile Veterinary Care, Los Osos Pet Hospital, Pismo Beach Veterinary Clinic, Woods Humane Society, Laguna Veterinary Care, VCA South County Animal Hospital

## **ADOPT-A-CAT HELPERS**

Our coordinator Benita Smith, Ira Alpert, Craig Smith, Pamela Werth

## **FOSTER HOMES**

Elizabeth Aebischer & family, Cheryl Barton, Kim Berg & family, Roxanne Bohn, Jennie Bonifacio & family, Jamie Bosley & family, Deborah Cherry & daughter Leah, Jennifer & Michael Clayton, Julie Coleman & family, Lynette Crane, Sue Daily & family, Carol Dee, Annie Dreizler, Chelsea Ellis, Elaine Genasci & Dan Andoetoe, Deanie Greenelsh & family, Judith Hasting, Lindsey & Reno Hawley, Tammy & Joe Herz, Christine & Randal Husk, Valerie Koos, Marilee McGregor, Chase & Kathy Moore, Jeneale & Jim Nett and sons Ryan & Ricky, Gay & Dave Richards, Natalie Risner and daughters Roslyn & Brinlee, Melissa Roberts & family, Mark & Kimberly Sandquist, Kathy Schwanitz & daughter Julie Mei, Benita & Craig Smith, Anna Stewart & daughter Allison, Sylvia Torres & family, Pamela Werth & Kevin McCracken, Katrina & Adam Van Conant, Karen White

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Lynette Crane, Annie Dreizler, Elaine Genasci, Natalie Grantham, Ellen Nelsen, Robin Nichols, Jan & Cliff Ojerholm, Dave Richards, Charmaine Taylor, Alice Welchert, Clint Whitney

## **NEWSLETTER MAILINGS**

Judy Michener and Buzzy Stokes

## **VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON**

Iris Alexandra, preparing gift baskets and decorations  
Victoria Wood, donating items for gift baskets

## **OTHERS**

**Sally & Jack Adam**, donating & delivering feral cat food  
**Shelby & Karl**, website editing & design  
**Roxanne Bohn**, photographing kittens in foster homes for our website, posting them on Craigslist and screening potential adopters

**Vanissa Brandt**, for turning her many volunteer hours into \$250 grants through Wal-Mart Foundation's *Volunteerism Always Pays* program

**Julie Coleman**, recruiting & overseeing multiple foster homes

**Lynette Crane**, coordinating trapping, rescues & foster homes in the South County as well as answering several of our phone lines

**Elaine Genasci**, maintaining & updating our Facebook page and rehoming cats from Animal Services

**The Cal Poly Cat Program**, for their assistance in finding homes for some of our stray cats through their adoption center at PetSmart

**Christine Husk**, picking up & sorting Feline Network mail  
**Lemos Feed & Pet Supply**, providing litter at a discounted price

**John Michener/Mediaspring**, hosting website

**PETCO**, providing a site for our adopt-a-cats and selecting us as their Charitable Partner to receive donations from in-store fundraising programs

**Kathy Schwanitz**, maintaining and updating the "See Our Cats" page of our website, preparing our New Times ad and layout of our newsletter

**Pastor Jason Sisk**, providing a room for our board meetings at United Church of Christ

**Laura Sisk**, bookkeeping services

**Anna Stewart**, for her rescue work and vaccinating and overseeing medical care of many foster cats and kittens in the South County

**Charmaine Taylor**, transporting supplies to the South County



**Elaine Genasci and Dan Andoetoe to the Rescue**

We have been fortunate for many years to store our cages, tables and supplies at PETCO where we have our Adopt-a-Cats. This summer the manager at PETCO told us they needed the storage space and gave us a week to move our supplies. No one had a place to store these bulky items, which caused a bit of panic. Not missing a beat, Elaine and Dan jumped into action, bought a used trailer, went to PETCO and moved our supplies out. The Feline Network reimbursed them for the trailer. We are very appreciative of Dan for building a couple of large wheeled storage boxes that roll up and down the ramp easily. We cannot thank you enough, Elaine and Dan!

# Feline Network's Generous Donors

November 2016 to October 2017

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## TO HONOR AND REMEMBER

### In Loving Memory of

**Ron Cook**, by Clark & Diane Hendrickson

**Norman Gallagher**, by Clark & Diane Hendrickson

**Donald Hartley**, by his daughter Debbie Kraft

**Mike**, "our dear and faithful friend to dogs, cats and people," by Diane, Jen & Jim Anthony

**Crackers the Goat, the Cat's Nest official greeter and lover of tortilla chips, and Mocha**, by Debby and Herb Holt

**Dust Bunny**, by Carolee and Emilee Hunt

**Flavor Nugget**, by Anton Clarkson

**Grendel**, by Cindy & George Hanson, "For 19 years she kept her entire family in line with a single look and lots of attitude. She was a phenomenon."

**Maddie**, by Alice and Donald Rogers

**Mildred**, "who visited us for 10 years", by Barbara Nordin and Ann Travers

**Precious**, by Carolee Hunt of The Cat's Nest, "Just said 'goodby' to another of our long-term sweet kitties here at The Nest."

**Sherbert**, "my sweet boy", by Willa Welch

**Sugar and Spice**, by Mark & Helen Anderson.

**Tux**, "our good boy," by Sonja Bernard

### In Honor of

**Ira Alpert**, by Stacy Axan, Phillip & Kathy Cohl and Karen Morgan & Robert Wagoner, "for his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday."

**Rhonda**, "who saves all the cats," by Shannon Arthur

**Polly Sixtoes**, by Philip & Joanne Ruggles, "We love her very much." (Polly Sixtoes was adopted from the Feline Network about two years ago.)

### In Appreciation of

**Lynette Crane & Dave Richard**, by Cecilia Thiel, "I am so grateful we found your service to help our visiting feral cat."

**Lynette Crane & Dave Richard**, by Suzette Morgan & Tony Williams, "Thank you for helping with our feral friends! We will continue to care for them but are happy to not have the family grow!"

**Dave Richard**, by Tammie & Mike Neufeld, "Thank you so much for never giving up! We appreciate your dedication and love for these cute fur balls – even the feisty mammas!"

**Alice Welchert**, "in appreciation for all she does for local cats," by Jill Denton and Caroline Hall.

**Clint Whitney & Dr. Janet Sally-Lee**, by Katy Murphy, "Thanks to Clint's persistence and a hungry, pregnant! 'mama', we got her. Clint is really great. And thanks to Dr. Sally-Lee for her help too."

### The Feline Network

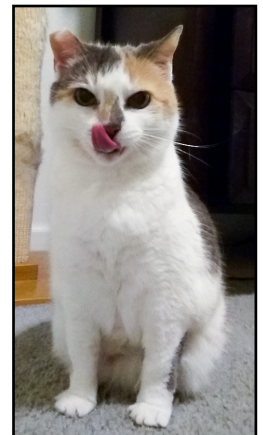
By Lucy Taylor, "God bless you all! I miss and love each one who does so much for the kitties." (Lucy was a hard-working and dedicated trapper before she moved out of the area, and we miss her!)

By Jill Denton and Caroline Hall, "Carol and I so appreciate all the good work you all do and the loving care you provide. Our two oldest cats came from you more than 10 years ago and we adore them!"

## Flavor Nugget *by Anton Clarkson*

From 2001 to 2004 I fed a feral colony that lived behind my home in San Luis Obispo. I became attached to the runt of the group (Flavor Nugget) and in 2004 discovered that Nugget was not a dude and that she had a litter of kittens. A volunteer from the Feline Network told me how to safely collect the kittens and found homes for those four cute little fur balls. The Feline Network then loaned a trap and was gracious enough to alter Nugget and the other cats we were able to capture. When I graduated from Cal Poly I kidnapped (or in this case catnapped?) Nugget, who had become partially domesticated, and converted her into an indoor cat.

Nugget and I shared 13 happy years of indoor living and I want to honor her memory and unique heritage. Please use my donation to continue the excellent work the Feline Network does caring for the feral cats of the Central Coast and rescuing their kittens from the feral life. With time and domestication, it became easy to forget Nugget's unique upbringing, but her clipped ear always reminded me of where she came from and the potential in any feral cat.



**Flavor Nugget**



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Toby and the mouse Eyepatch.

## Dear Tabby...

By Reggie Grothe

Kittens (along with Cats who think they are still Kittens) and Christmas Tinsel are not a 'Safe' mix. That Hanging Tinsel is just too great a temptation for Kitties! Accidentally ingesting Tinsel whilst playing with it can lead to life-threatening complications.

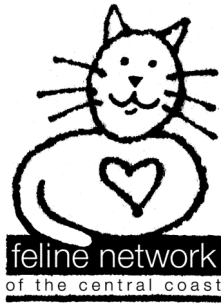
So, PLEASE, have a 'Tinsel Free' Christmas Tree, and (Chuckle) good luck keeping your Ornaments in place.

Merry Christmas from 'Dear 'Tabby'.



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## Foster Homes

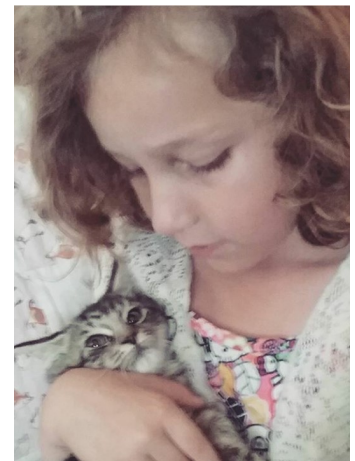
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Another remarkable foster family this year has been the Bonifacio home, dubbed the “Feral Finishing School.” It is challenging to foster feral kittens, especially those that are eight or 10 weeks or older.



**Sophie and kitten.**

It requires being able to work with the little hissy-pots (sometimes even attack kittens) and tame them into loving, sweet and, if not entirely fearless, at least somewhat brave kittens. Jennie Bonifacio said yes to this challenge and took in three litters of older semi-feral kittens this summer. Socializing feral kittens can be very time-consuming, and it is sometimes discouraging because changes don’t happen overnight. Jennie and her daughters Sophie and Carlie have proven to be very adept at turning the little scaredy-cats into cuddlebugs, and we thank them and are so proud to have them in our Feline Network family!



**Carlie and kitten.**