

The Feline Network

A Kindhearted Approach to Feline Overpopulation P.O. Box 526, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406 (805) 549-9228 www.felinenetwork.org Winter 2019

Season's Greetings from the Board of Directors

Dear friends:

We have had an incredibly busy year! We want to express our gratitude to all of our donors and volunteers. To the donors, thank you for providing us with the means to help the cats and kittens in our communities. Our work would be impossible without you! To our volunteers, thank you for going above and beyond to trap, rescue, foster and find homes for the large number of homeless kittens and cats that we have been called upon to help this year.

We rescued many large litters during spring and summer, some with seven or more kittens, and large litters have continued to come in throughout the fall. Many of the kittens have had medical issues, including

neurological disorders, as well as digestive and upper respiratory conditions that are difficult and time-consuming to treat. We have also rescued kittens with eye and skin conditions that required treatment. We have a kitten with cataracts in both eyes who may lose his sight or require surgery in the future. "Fox," a kitten that had to have an eye surgically removed, was rescued with three littermates, and they were all so malnourished they were very near death. Two of the kittens were treated for maggot-infested wounds. We recently took in "Elijah Cummings," a super sweet seven-year-old cat with a severe case of mange. After just 10 days of treatment, Elijah made an almost miraculous recovery!



Elijah's Amazing Recovery

We can only imagine the suffering these cats and kittens would have endured without our help, and we thank you again for all your support. We wish you, your families, your friends and your beloved pets a very happy, peaceful and joyous Holiday Season!

Debra Holt, President



Samantha Montoya and son Myer comfort Berkeley after his near miss with death.

A Miracle on Highway 101

Samantha Montoya and her husband were driving home to SLO from Berkeley on a six-lane highway. Traffic was moving sluggishly, and then came to a stop. As she sat in her car, Samantha saw something plop out of the wheel well of the car ahead of her. And then a second something plopped out. It suddenly dawned on her that what she was seeing were kittens! Samantha jumped from her car, grabbed the two kittens and knocked on the window of the car the kittens fell from. The people were frightened at her approach, told her they didn't have kittens and rolled up their window. A woman in a nearby car had seen the whole thing and offered to take the kittens. Samantha returned to her car, traffic started moving, and when it stopped again, Samantha saw *another* kitten fall out! She jumped out again, rescued this third kitten from almost certain death, and brought the kitten home.

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November 2018 thru October 2019

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> Adopt-A-Cats most Saturdays at PETCO Madonna Plaza San Luis Obispo 11AM—2PM

Trappers Urgently Needed

Our few trappers are overwhelmed with trapping situations and are in need of help. Without enough trappers to respond to the

many calls we receive, the stray and feral cat population could easily spiral out of control.

Spay and neuter is at the heart of our mission to reduce cat suffering. If you would like to consider volunteering for this very important service, please call Lynette at 805-556-0717 for South County/Nipomo and Christine at 805-544-6138 for SLO, Los Osos and Morro Bay.



Fosters with Special Needs Seek Loving Homes



Olive

Olive is about eight months old, very sweet and travels well in a car. She is a small lap cat and follows her foster mom everywhere. She has difficulty swallowing because of weakness of the muscles in the esophagus. Aspiration is a concern, so she has to eat small amounts of wet food only and sit upright for 20 minutes or so after eating. Her foster mom wears a special sling and carries her around upright after she eats. Call or text Pamela at 805-704-0418.



Olive in a Sling



Benny is almost three months old. He has hyperplasia, or "wobbly kitten syndrome." He is super smart, playful and sweet. He is like any other kitten except for the wobbly part. He can't jump but he can climb and gets around fine. He would do well in a quiet environment and with another kitten. Call or text Pamela at 805-704-0418.

Benny

Buddy is a very sweet 2-1/2-year old cat that we rescued a year ago with severe allergic dermatitis. He has been through a lot, and his improvement is miraculous. He needs someone who can give him weekly allergy injections and feed him his special diet. Call Roxanne at 805-801-5232.



Buddy



Puddin' Tiny Tina

Tiny Tina and Puddin' are sweet, loving sisters about six months old. They have weak back legs, which limits them slightly, but they can still play, run and roughhouse. They need a calm, safe, indoor home together, as they are very bonded. Call Roxanne at 805-801-5232.

Many More Kittens and Cats Still Seeking Forever Homes

Because of the large numbers of rescues this year, we have many kittens and young teenagers still awaiting adoption. In late November we were still rescuing litters of kittens as young as six weeks old, so we will continue to have kittens available for some time to come! We also have adult cats, including some mama cats, looking for forever homes.

Visit our website and/or Facebook page to see many of the kittens and cats we have for adoption. We also hold adopt-a-cats at PETCO most Saturdays from 11am - 2 pm. Please help us find loving, permanent homes!

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, Cat & Exotic Care of the Central Coast, Five Cities Veterinary Hospital, Laguna Veterinary Care, Los Osos Pet Hospital, VCA South County Animal Hospital, Woods Humane Society

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Elizabeth Aebischer & family, Cheryl Barton, Kim Berg & family, Roxanne Bohn, Jennie Bonifacio & family, Jennifer & Michael Clayton, Jan Crowe, Lynette Crane, Sue Dailey & family, Patti & Mike Davis & Jaide, Carol Dee & family, Linsey Espinoza & family, Misty Essau & family, Paula Farrar, Elaine Genasci & Dan Andoetoe, Deanie Greenelsh & family, Judith Hasting, Lindsay & Reno Hawley, Tammy & Joe Herz, Christine & Randal Husk, Valarie Koos, Dawn Kurtz, Sharon & Raimond Kranenburg, Heidi Madsen, Lau-

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TRAPPERS

Linda Cohen, Elaine Genasci, Natalie Grantham, Robin Nichols, Dave Richards, Charmaine Taylor, Alice Welchert. A special shoutout to Elaine and Dave for their extraordinary commitment to trapping feral cats.

ADOPT-A-CATS

Benita Smith, for organizing, transporting and setting up cages, tables and supplies at Adopt-a-Cats.

NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

Judy Michener and Buzzy Stokes VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

Iris Alexandra, preparing gift baskets and decorations

Victoria Wood, donating items for gift baskets

DONATING & DELIVERING CAT FOOD: Sally & Jack Adam, Raul Castillo, Kim Thoresen, Beth Williams **OTHERS**

Animals in Need Fund & Nipomo Dog and Cat Hospital, for their collaboration with Feline Network in providing low -cost spays and neuters for hundreds of cats and kittens in the South County

Shelby and Karl, website editing and design

Roxanne Bohn, photographing foster cats and kittens, posting them on our website and on Craigslist, screening potential adopters, and overseeing foster homes

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

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



Hanna Dailey with Tillie and Billie

"In 2011, we came upon an Adopt-A-Pet at Lemos in AG. As usual, Hannah begged for another kitten. We stopped to look and met a few volunteers. who encouraged us to consider fostering. That year for Christmas we gave Hannah the gift of allowing her to foster...and so it began. We have been fostering kittens ever since. Hannah is planning to attend veterinary school. No doubt fostering fed her passion to care for animals." Sue Dailey

(The Daileys fostered Tillie, a "tilt" head cat, and Billie, a "rare" dog rescued along with cats and kittens. Tillie and Billie seem quite happy in their now forever home with the Daileys.)

Elaine Genasci, maintaining and updating our Facebook page and rehoming cats from Animal Services Christine Husk, picking up and sorting Feline Network mail Lemos Feed & Pet Supply, providing litter at a discounted price Kristen Lyle, Posting and marketing assistance on Craigslist John Michener/Mediaspring, hosting website

Ellen Nelsen, helping with rescues and finding suitable barn sites for feral cats

PETCO, providing a site for our adopt-a-cats

Gay Richards, checking calls on our feral cat line

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 & United Church of Christ, providing a room for our board meetings

Laura Sisk, bookkeeping services Sue Smith, use of her shed for storing our South County supplies Anna Stewart, vaccinating and overseeing medical needs of many foster cats and kittens in the South County amd fostering many of our most at-risk kitten litters

Charmaine Taylor, transporting supplies to the South County T.C. Wilson & the Cat Habitat Sanctuary, rehoming feral and some of our unadoptable cats Janet Windman, screening potential adopters

HEARTFELT THANKS

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TO HONOR AND REMEMBER

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Marie Davis, by James R. Davis.

Donald Hartley, by Debbie Kraft.

Barbara Mori & Saki, by Judy Saltzman-Saveker.

Kay Van Acker, by Don Van Acker.

Amber, by Collette Marie.

Bella, by Patty & Mark Mongolo. "We adopted her and her brother from Feline Network 17 years ago. She will forever be in our hearts."

Bill Cat, by Alice & Donald Rogers.

Carmen, "Therese & Sarah's cat, who loved everybody," by Jill Denton & Caroline Hall.

Charlie, by Jodie Wakefield. "Charlie had almost 16 good years with me. I miss him every day."

Oliver, by Ruth Laitila. "The most beautiful boy with a personality to match. Many thanks to Roxanne for fostering him."

Our two cherished cat companions, Shadow & Hilda, by Barbara and Ron Sutton. "We still have Hilda's littermate, Zelda, who at 15 is going strong."

In Honor of

Annie Dreizler, by Patricia Dreizler

Cats and Kittens of the Cat's Nest, by Carolee & Emilee Hunt of the Cat's Nest. "our annual donation to honor our clients and their cats."

In Appreciation of

Roxanne Bohn, by Clarice Henderson. "Thank you for rescuing Paul's cat Nishiki, who was lost on the streets for the past year."

Lynette Crane, by Charlene Gervasi. "With thanks for help with Boris. He's do-

ing great and is a joy to have in our family."



Aurora and Ahmie

Carol Dee, by Mary and Duane Donnelly. "With thanks for fostering our baby girls, Aurora & Ahmie, that we adopted two years ago."

Elaine Genasci, by Jilda Tate. "For Green Eyes."

Elaine Genasci & all at the Network, by Jim & Martha Goodwin. Thank you so much for helping locate the feral kittens out by Morro Bay High School."



Brady celebrates his fourth birthday on the secondyear anniversary of his adoption by Eleanor Kraft.

The Feline Network

by Hedy & René Avant. "Thanks for all you do! My cat, Ramses, has been such a joy!"

by Joe & Jeanne Bradbury. "We really appreciate the kindness you showed us when we had a cat that was abandoned by his owners when they moved away, leaving him to fend for himself. Thank you for caring about the many cats that are left behind."

by Rudy Kraft. This is a thank you on the occasion of the second anniversary of my mother Eleanor getting her cat Brady."

by Mary Leizear. "In honor of the Feline Network trappers."

by Jody & Ryan McLean. "McLean Roofing, Inc. loves Cats and Kittens and we are so thankful for The Feline Network."

Kittens in Peril

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Samantha could not keep the kitten because of her husband's allergies, and she contacted the Feline Network. She and her son Myer delivered the kitten to Dave and Gay Richards for fostering. The kitten (subsequently named Berkeley) is a very sweet boy and has since been adopted.

Donate Through Amazon Smile!

Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to The Feline Network when you shop at Amazon Smile. Go to www.smile.amazon.com/about, click on "Learn more about Amazon Smile," and select the Feline Network as your beneficiary!

Edna 4H donations

Sally Morelos and her family have adopted two cats from the Feline Network, and Sally is a real advo-



Sally Morelos

cate for animals. She is a community service officer for Edna 4-H Club, and she suggested to the members that they donate cat supplies to the Feline Network for a recent service project. The team came through with bags of food, toys, cat trees, litter and scratchers! A big thank-you to Sally and Edna 4-H for helping many cats and kittens with their generous gifts!

BECOME A CAT GUARDIAN

BY KIM MCGUIRE (ADOPTER OF A FN KITTEN)

Our kittens are waiting to make a new start, Pounce into your life and capture your heart. Two kittens are even better than one! When you're not there, they make their own fun.

Gawky yet graceful, loving and true. They're more than eager to come home with you. Running on all cylinders... whoops, time to nap. Perhaps curled up in a comfortable lap.

Silly, peaceful, amusing and quick.
One is perfect for you, come and take your pick.
Adopt a cat, either a girl or a boy.
They'll repay you with so many years of joy.

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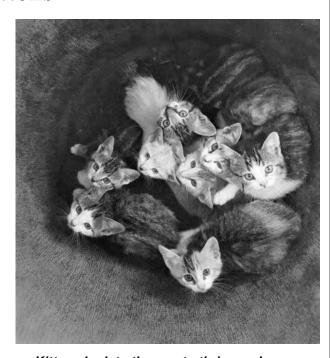
Potted Kittens



A very smart feral mama living in a rural residential development went to great lengths to keep her kittens safe from predators. A homeowner heard mewing coming from a tall landscaping pot in her courtyard. You can imagine her surprise when she looked inside and saw several pairs of kitten eyes peering up from the bottom! The Feline Network was called, and Elaine Genasci arrived

with a carrier. She found eight kittens in the bottom of a ceramic pot about three feet tall. A number of family members had gathered, and they helped Elaine remove the kittens and put them in the carrier. The kittens were about six weeks old. They were frightened, puffing up and hissing at being touched. They were in very good health, but they were soiled and smelly and desperately in need of baths!

Elaine trapped the mama, had her spayed, and after a few days returned her to the home. The kittens have all been adopted, some by the family members.



Kittens look to the sun to thrive and grow.