



The Feline Network

A Kindhearted Approach to Feline Overpopulation

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Mama Delivers Three Seasons of Plenty...of Kittens



"This is too much of a good thing!"

A tame mama cat showed up on a ranch near SLO last year and gave birth to two litters of kittens, one in the spring and another in the fall. The Feline Network was called to help in February of this year. Elaine Genasci either trapped or hand-caught mama and her 13 offspring. The young'uns were spayed and neutered and returned to the property where the ranch hands, who are bonded with them, take good care of them. The sweet mama cat (Maggie) was again pregnant and too far along to be spayed. She gave birth to eight kittens in the foster home of Valarie Koos. Maggie and her babies are doing well. After the kittens are weaned and she is spayed, she will



"We're ready to party."

be reunited with her other offspring on the ranch. The ranch hands are looking forward to her return. Most of the kittens have already been spoken for. Inquire with Roxanne at 805-801-5232.

Cat Colony Hired to Work on Organic Farm

Have you ever seen the documentary film titled *The Biggest Little Farm*? If not, it is worth seeing because everything in nature matters and has a purpose, including feral cats.

An elderly man named Mike had been feeding 16 feral cats in rural Arroyo Grande. He was worried that something would happen to him and there would be no one to care for the cats. He contacted Feline Network to help relocate his colony of cats. Safe barn sites are scarce, and most people will only take two cats. Lynette Crane jumped into action, looking for a relocation site and organizing all rescue efforts. Fortunately, a humanitarian and organic farmer offered the cats a home so they could work on his farm reducing crop-eating rodents naturally, but a lot of preparation was needed to receive so many cats!

With Annie Dreizler at the helm working tirelessly, volunteers cleaned out three large connected rooms that were once used as chicken coops to set them up for the cats. The rooms needed flooring, and Annie laid down pavers or



"We can't wait to get all those pesky rodents."

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Cat Colony Hired

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put in linoleum. Rhonda Myers had a roof built to enclose the middle room, which is used for feeding at one end and



Comfy Catified Coop for Feline Ranch Hands

litter boxes at the other end. She reached out to caring citizens for donations so that each room was filled with cat trees, toys, doghouses, scratching posts, and cozy beds. Trappers Dave Richards and Carol Berkshire put in the hard work of setting traps every night and transporting the cats to the vet to be fixed, tested, vaccinated, dewormed and treated for fleas. For two months, Annie Dreizler, Mike Davis, Anna Stewart, David Cassidy, and newcomer Kim McGuire took on the big job of feeding, scooping, cleaning, restocking and hauling the trash out. Roxanne Bohn and Anna Stewart were a great help in disposing of the large quantity of trash that was removed. Our feral cat saint, Raul Castillo, purchased enough food to make sure the cats were fed for months in advance. His greatest joy in life is helping others.

All of these cats love each other and are always found snuggled up together for comfort. Every day the toys are stacked neatly on the cat trees, and in the morning they can be seen strewn all over the place, which means the cats are having fun playing at night. They will work as farm mousers but will always have their safe shelter to return to. They will be helping the food chain and balance in nature by eliminating the use of poisons to control pesky rodents.

A Buddy for You

Buddy was six months old when he was found by Raimond and Sharon Kranenburg in Arroyo Grande two years ago. A plastic veterinary cone was duct-taped around his neck and he had no fur on his head from the neck up. The Kranenburgs contacted Feline Network. Anna Stewart, a volunteer and experienced vet tech who houses and treats many of our sick and injured kittens and cats, took Buddy into her cattery. Raimond helped her care for him throughout his long healing process.

Volunteers raised money through Go Fund Me for Buddy to be treated by a veterinary dermatologist who travels to our area once a month. He was diagnosed with allergic dermatitis and, over time, his specific allergies and their correct treatment have been identified. His skin is now healed, he has regrown all of his hair, and he looks beautiful.

Buddy is white with grey and brown tabby markings. He is very cute, playful and enjoys games. He even fetches like a dog. He loves to sit on laps and be brushed. He is on a special diet and requires daily pills and weekly shots but is easy to medicate. It is now time for Buddy to find his forever home, an indoor home only please because of his allergies.

Contact Lynette at (805) 556-0717.



Ready for Love

Coronavirus Impacts Our Rescue Efforts

The Feline Network's rescue efforts will have to be curtailed to some extent because of the "shelter at home" policy related to the coronavirus.

Some of our self-sufficient foster homes will continue to foster, especially those that bottle-feed kittens; however, we will not be setting up new foster homes inasmuch as regular interactions are required to assess, medicate and vaccinate kittens as well as to take them to veterinarians for medical issues that may arise and spay/neuter surgeries. Finding homes for kittens is also problematic since it requires contact with potential adopters.

Some trapping will take place, although this will depend on the urgency of the situation, the willingness of the trappers and the availability of the vet offices. Many of the offices have modified their schedules to protect themselves and their staff.

It distresses us that we will not be able to help the cats as much as we would like, but we will continue to offer advice by phone and refer people for veterinary assistance when needed. We appreciate your understanding and support during this time and urge everyone to stay safe.

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER

In Loving Memory of

Everett Campbell, by Ginny Pekar.

Don Hartley, by Debbie Kraft.

Karen Stewart, by Diane & Clark Hendrickson.

Kay Van Acker, by Ron & Evangeline France.

Kay Van Acker, by Don Van Acker.

Boris, by Linda J. Clarke.

Charlie, by Jodi Wakefield. "This is my favorite picture of Charlie. He was very shy."

Isabella, "whom I loved so much," by Nonna Signorelli and grandson Tiago.

Marley, "Bebe and Aaron's beloved, beautiful boy," by Ginny & Frank Pekar.

Misty, by Linda Burris. "Misty is in my heart now."

MooMoo, Sammy, Cheetah, Buddy, Boo, Babe, Dude, Precious, Ferocious & Beast, by Daisy Miller-Fuentes.

Ralph and Caitlin, by Alice Welchert & Willie Bermudez. "Ralph was Alice's wild and crazy guy for 16 years, known by staff at Los Osos Pet Hospital as 'King Ralph', and Catlin was a soft, sweet lady who shared the last three years of her life with us."

Ralph, "Alice Welchert's cat who died recently," by Jill Denton & Caroline Hall.

Sweet Rory Holt & his loving family, by Carolee & Emilee Hunt of The Cat's Nest.



Shy Charlie

In Honor of

Dana, by Mary K. Martin.

Roxanne Bohn, by Ruth Laitila

The Cat's Nest, by Kathlyn & Alan Henderson.

The Cat's Nest, by Anonymous

Janet Windman, by Nancy Heitel.

Charley Ault, and Eddie & Frankie, by Margaret Collier.

Kathy Schwanitz, by Isabel & Ralph Smith.

Bam-Bam, Khufu & Ramone, by Daisy Miller-Fuentes.

In Appreciation of

Sally Adam & Lynette Crane, "who stepped up and helped provide a sweet young cat a chance for a happy life he deserves," by Julie Austin.

Roxanne Bohn & the Feline Network

by Torry Dickinson & Robert Schaeffer. "Thank you for all the good work you do for cats and humans, as our lives are interdependent. We are so moved by your hard, caring, compassionate work that you do for cats, Roxanne."

by Isabella Lopez. "Thank you so much for helping my black cat when she got lost and hurt and I couldn't find her! Without you I would no longer have my best friend! And a special thanks to Roxanne and her amazing help and care of my sweet beautie!"

by Evelyn Plemons. "Roxanne is truly a miracle worker and I'm honored to know her. Your organization is amazing." **Lynette Crane**, by Ena Rasmussen. "Thank you for all your advice & help. After having them for about 10 weeks, I love them all very much and I hope for wonderful homes for them all."

Annie Dreizler

by Robert & Lori Davidson. "We love Annie for all her hard work!"

by Laurence Mirels. "In honor of Ann Dreizler for all the hard work she does on behalf of the needful animals of the Central Coast."

Elaine Genasci, by Sharon Kamm. "Elaine with her nimble footwork and quick hands was able to catch Daisy, a feral cat who had three litters in one year."

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and especially **Lynette Crane**, by Carla Ritenour. "The advice Lynette gave me about an older feral cat was spot on. I was able to keep her calm for the last days of her life. Somehow the cat had a relationship with me even though she wasn't a pet."

by Gail E. Perez (and Bruce & Dino). "Of all the local organizations that help animals, yours is truly a favorite of mine! Both of my (tuxedo) cats found me, one abandoned and one a 9-week-old kitten that got away from someone nearby. Keep up the wonderful work!"

by Norma, Aurora & Veronica at Apodaca Paving. "Thank you for taking care of our Mr. B."

by Sharon Kamm (and Daisy, Ladybug, Dearest, Indi, Boo, Rowdy & Grey Kitty). "Christine Collie, Kathy Schwanitz & Elaine Genasci are ever ready to assist one in need of help with kitty critters. Thank you, with many blessings."

by Paul H. Allen. "Keep up the superb, necessary work! Thanks for all you do. (Gus and Cricket are about 11 and still doing very well. They curl up beside me on my bed every night.)

by Martha Adkins. "I adopted Bob and Judy from Roxanne. They are growing fast and adapting well! Thank you for all you do."

by Tiago, son of FN volunteers Shelby & Karl. "Tiago made and sold cat cards during his craft sale and raised \$35 to donate to the Feline Network!"



Tiago's handmade card sales benefit Feline Network.



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And the Life Saved Oscar Award Goes to...Will Feral!

An elderly woman passed away in 2015 leaving behind two feral middle-aged siblings, Paige and Will Feral. They were relocated in 2019 to Annie Dreizler's nearby feeding station, with great effort. In October the ball joint in Will's leg became dislocated and could not easily be popped back in. He was in a lot of pain, could not walk, and was unable to leap up to the feeding station.



Will Feral and Paige

Anna Stewart skillfully and courageously trapped the feral cat with a giant fishing net, while Annie wrangled and untangled him into a cat carrier. His blood work revealed he was indeed in good enough shape to have surgery to fix his leg. He made it through the surgery with flying colors, although he had several unfortunate setbacks soon after. Will is currently on the road to recovery, eating well, and using his leg to walk and climb inside Annie's safe and warm cattery where he has a forever home.

Will Feral would like to give an Oscar-worthy thank you to everyone who rallied to save his life. A special thank you goes to Anna Stewart for being willing to man-handle a wild cat to provide subcutaneous fluids, an appetite pill, and syringed food to keep him alive. Thank you for the valuable help and donations from Feline Network, Dr. Berg, Raul Castillo, Sharie King, Dr. Laurence Mirels, MD, Patricia Dreizler, Roxanne Bohn, Jane de Goede, Dina Dreizler, Rhonda Myers, Louise Porton and, last but not least, Dr. Paulick from VCA who performed Will's surgery.

Now that Will is going to survive, he will be reunited with his sister Paige as soon as she is trapped and brought home to the Dreizlers.

It Took a Cast of Many to Save Will Feral.