



The Cat People news

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Fall Sanctuary News

Fall brings about quite a hectic time at Pawsitively Cats. Our kitten cottage catio was completed thanks to hard workers Jack, Norm and Steve. We are happy to report that each inside cat room now opens into a great catio and this has brought about some very contented cats. As the weather cools, our volunteers look forward to sharing some catio space for our early morning coffees. New awning are up for our upstairs cats and a screen door now lets in some cooler early morning air.

Courtney worked with Nathan Way, Scout Troop 712,, who wanted to help our cats in a unique way for his Eagle Scout project. On September 22, he and his helpers presented us with over 25 bags of blankets and handmade cat beds along with unique cat trees, all from re-purposed wood. Over 30 people helped with the construction part of the project, using material donated by scouting families, school and CSUB. These many items will be used out in the catios.

Some exciting indoor changes are in the works as well. We soon will be adding six beautiful wood trees and wall shelving thanks to some generous donors. In the next few months, Brian Stanton and his Centennial High Advanced Art students will design and complete a room-wide mural as a creative replacement for the great windows we had to remove as part of the county permit process. We have a great new couch in the senior room thanks to a great bargain from Beverly's Fabric store.

One of our most industrious projects will be turning the old pool/ grass area into a super large catio, complete with an enclosed see-thru walkway. The Green room French doors will lead into this special cat and people friendly area with lots of benches for the two-legged visitors and climbing areas for our four-legged residents.

Visitors will be able to sit inside the enclosure with the cats or out on the patio with refreshments available by donation (our version of the Catnip Café). We know this will be a very expensive endeavor but our felines are worth it! What a great way to unwind and just enjoy the beautiful surrounding gardens. Donors to the project will have their names put on bricks around the area. If you are interested in helping us, please contact me at BarbaraH@thecatpeople.org.

Sadly, we lost our Aardvark, a sweet older black and white park feline living in the Purple room. He did not die alone and was loved on by all the volunteers. He is now over



Ophelia and Lily, about 6 months old, are Park rescues and would like a home together.

the Rainbow Bridge. We hope you will sign on to help us and meet these special rescues, and others, even for just a few hours a week. It would mean so much to the 65+ sanctuary felines. Volunteer applications are available on our website and you are welcome to email me if you are interested or have questions. We are a happy, relaxed group and the hours go by quickly. There are always treats in the kitchen and the coffee or iced tea is always ready. We hope to expand our volunteer hours in a few months to accommodate those who need a later time.

On another sad note, we said goodbye to Hugh Altman, a longtime park feeder. We first met Hugh at Petsmart when he would walk by with baskets of dry food. When we found out he and his beloved wife were driving out to the park daily to feed the cats we invited him to join our feeding team. He never missed a day and often would go out a few times daily just to check on "his kids". He never let a cat go hungry, whether it was at the park or in his yard. His kindness and compassion, for his wife, family and the homeless cats he befriended will always serve as an inspiration to me. I know he and his wife are now at the Rainbow Bridge, perhaps with Aardvark and many others just sitting on their laps!

by Barb Hays

Food Assistance Program

In July, our Food Assistance Program distributed 268 lbs. of dry cat food, 92 cans of wet food and 39 cartons of litter to 23 households that are having trouble feeding their kitties regularly. In August, we gave out 288 lbs. of kibble, 72 cans of wet cat food and 32 boxes of litter to 20 families in need. We continue to add recipients to this program who are struggling to care for their kitties.

During the months of July and August, The Cat People received generous donations of cat food and other supplies in support of our Food Assistance Program, the Hart Park cat care program and the Pawsitively Cats Sanctuary from the following supporters: Ardath Albizo, Dennis Bookman, Dani Bresee, Cindy Huffman, Rae Ann Kumelos, Pam Miller, Marleen Ray, Megan Rios and Laura Stockton. We are very grateful for these in-kind donations for our programs.

Special thanks to WalMart, Gosford Road for their continued donations of dry and wet food to use at the park. And thanks, too, to Carol Ewing for faithfully picking it up and getting it to the sanctuary each week.

In answer to our request for donations of items and supplies for our successful Oct. 6th Rummage Sale, it seems that many of you took the time to clean out your closets and garages. Consequently, our organization has taken in lots of donations from you members for this sale.

From our Spay Today and Community Cats Assistance programs, we issued 30 \$25 vouchers in July and August to help people get their kitties altered and to control the growth of the stray cat population in our area. In addition to our vouchers, we have a trap rental program for people who need to borrow traps to catch feral and stray cats for neutering in their neighborhoods.

The Food Distribution Center is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. We're located at 4120 East Drive, north of Rosedale Highway between Fairhaven and Gibson streets. The center is in the former auto mechanic's garage on Fairhaven around the corner from the front entrance to the sanctuary. You're welcome to drop off your donations of cat food and supplies on Saturday mornings when the center is open.

by Marleen Ray

Special Friends

In memory of Don St. Clair, animal lover and good friend
– Laddie Kumelos

In remembrance of Don St. Clair – George & Joyce Cobb

In memory of Maggie – Anonymous

In memory of my friend, Don St. Clair – Gayle Batey

In memory of my sister's cat, Inky – Stuart & Denise Gordon

In memory of Bealy, beloved feline companion of Jim & Donna Panasiewicz – Stuart & Denise Gordon

In remembrance of Don St. Clair – Tony & Peggy Naab

In memory of Don St. Clair, who always had compassion and room for just one more stray – Sam & Judy Lovelace

In memory of Don St. Clair – Brenda Banks

In memory of Don St. Clair – Charlie & Jerine Rekosh

In remembrance of Don St. Clair – Deanna Haulman

In memory of Don St. Clair – Barb Hays

In memory of Cathy Black – Barb Hays

In celebration of E.J.'s 79th birthday and our 61st wedding anniversary – Bob & E.J. Rutledge

In memory of Gil Basset – JoAnn Adams

In remembrance of Don St. Clair – Janis Roberts

In remembrance of Don St. Clair – Marilyn Worthington

In memory of Don St. Clair – Joan Ver Heul

In memory of Don St. Clair, longtime friend and great animal lover – Bob & Ellen Bennett



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327-4706

Photo Gallery



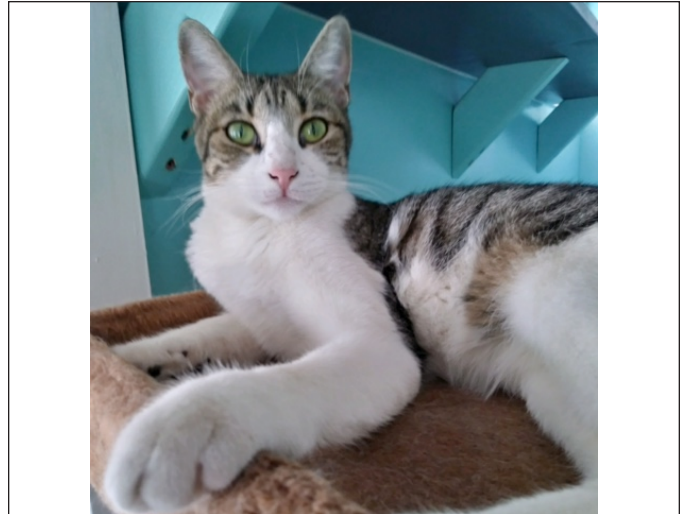
Kiki was adopted by the Ogle family.



Harry is a teenager, sweet and affectionate, and would love to come to your place!



Scout Nathan Way, Troop 712, and supplies for the felines.



Purrbee is a Park rescue. She's about 1 1/2 years old, and is a loving girl looking for a home.



Chance is a sweet teenager who wants to come and purr at your place. His sister Meghan, a tortie, is available also.

The Park Report

Feeders and cats alike suffered through the Bakersfield summer heat during July and August. The cats mostly hung out along the three canals that run through the park and also along the river. Fortunately there are lots of shady trees too. We feeders, on the other hand, sweated and toiled to make sure every cat got fed. Okay, enough whining. Now the temps have dropped and “fall is in the air” at last. I really enjoy seeing the trees slowly start to put on their fall colors. That is one of the many perks of being at the park.

During the month of July we rescued or trapped 14 cats and kittens. Seven cats were spayed or neutered and were returned to the park—four females and three males. Four kittens were rescued and went to the sanctuary. Two kittens were rescued and are in foster care. One of our older cats was treated and returned to the park. On two occasions bunny rabbits were abandoned at the park and rescued by our feeders and we were able to find adoptive homes for them.

In August Luca and Nao took over the trapping of the park cats and did a great job getting 8 cats—5 females and 3 males. A friendly drop off was taken to the vet and treated for serious dental problems. Another cat with an upper respiratory infection was successfully treated while at the park. We also treated two other cats as best we could. There were a couple of other cats needing help but if we can't catch them, we can't help.

For reasons unknowable the number of kittens has diminished. This is sad for the kittens and whether dumped at the park or born there they are very vulnerable. Several kittens we saw previously are gone due to predators mostly likely and we know some kittens have been picked up by park visitors.

There were several issues with the habitat this month and not for the first time. Initially the door was open and the lock missing. I replaced the lock. Then keys left inside the habitat went missing. I replaced the lock again finally getting a nice strong combination lock. Also, someone tried to pull off one side to break in and that had to be repaired.

Another very sweet dog abandoned at the park was rescued. Seeking a home for him. AND two more bunnies rescued. Luca and Nao have them. Several times we also helped turtles get safely to water when they were dangerously crossing a road or close to a road. We don't discriminate, we rescue anything!

by Carol Lair



One of the Park cats, enjoying breakfast.

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The Cat's Meow

Every issue, as space permits, we make every effort to gratefully thank the generous people who have helped us.

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Carol Lair
Judy Long
Jake Strange
Jill and Jeff Turner
Jerry & Penny
Whittington

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(Sheena)
Eric La Price (Waylon)
The Nichols Family
(Cheree)
The Ogle Family (Kiki)
The Turner Family
(Sawyer)

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Clair – Dennie Meinke

In celebration of the birthday of Cindy Joslyn –
Becky Erisman

In honor of Jim & Cindy Joslyn on their 50th
wedding anniversary – Judi LaSalle, Linda
James, Dawn Borst & Pati Withers

In celebration of Jim & Cindy Joslyn's anniver-
sary – Jill Carroll

In memory of Oahu, adopted as a young stray.
Six months later, he was diagnosed with FIP.
Heartbroken, we let our precious Oahu go.
Rest in peace our angel cat – Andy & Jeannie
Disney

In memory of my sweet dog, Lexi. Rest in
peace – Dee Daniels

In memory of my sweet Elf and 17 years of
purring and lap sitting- your specialty. I found
you in the gutter on that horrible day-9-11-01,
as a very small sickly kitten. You left me too
soon, but we know your time came to cross
the Rainbow Bridge.... Forever in my heart. –
Frieda Jackson

Volunteer Opportunities

- Park feeding
- Park Trapping
- Food Program helper, Saturdays 9-12 or any part
- Sanctuary cat helper-cleaning and visiting the cats
- Cat sitter-brushing, interacting, socializing with the cats
- Foster care-anything from bottle feeding to housing a cat or kitten(2-3 week commitment) supplies provided
- Vet transporting from sanctuary to vet and back
- Fundraising committee
- Special events planning/participation
- Light cleaning in non-cat areas
- Sewing and laundry
- Sorting donated items
- Organizing supplies and paperwork

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Count me in! I'd like to help THE CAT PEOPLE provide services to Bakersfield homeless cats. Enclosed is my check for: \$_____ to be applied to:

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