



THE CAT PEOPLE News

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Sanctuary News

You are cordially invited to
**The Cat People's
Sanctuary Open House**

Saturday, November 16th, 2019

3 PM until 7 PM

Come visit our beautiful, feline sanctuary at
4120 East Drive

Light refreshments,
adoption cottage tours,
no-host beer and wine,
and many shopping
and raffle opportunities.



It was an early Christmas for our many cottage felines thanks to super-volunteer Stephanie who donated and put together six new outdoor cat posts for our larger catio! At times there are up to five or more cats hanging on and off of the posts. The felines are all enjoying the beautiful weather in our protected catios and the litter boxes are out there as well so cleaning is now much easier on all of us. We encourage everyone who wants their cats to experience the outdoors to think about putting in some kind of catio. They can be as simple and expensive as you want them to be, and a little paint and a few shelves will make them a fun part of your feline's life. Most importantly, your neighbors will appreciate your efforts. We know your cats will.

We welcome new volunteers Jackie and Suzanne this past month and as always, appreciate the help of our longtime standbys. Many bring a wealth of cat information, and sitting around with a cup of coffee and a few cats on our laps usually rounds off our morning shift. Volunteer Shannon helps put together the feline appropriate essential oils now used throughout the facility. Our special litterbox, baking soda blend keeps the boxes nice and felines healthier. Our volunteers really enjoy getting their "cat-fixes" and great conversation.

Colder weather is approaching so if you have extra towels, blankets, full to queen-size sheets you are willing to donate, you can drop them off any Saturday or contact me. The cats often like to snuggle out on the catios and the blankets keep them nice and warm.

Fall and winter sanctuary maintenance is in full swing as we prepare for cool and rainy (?) weather. Our carport roof was not only leaking but beginning to sag. The roof was repaired this past month. Our over-grown trees were trimmed and Beth has been diligently working around the property getting rid of dead shrubs before

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planting begins on the side yard in hopes of blocking out the old car parts next door.

Our hosted October 21st - 22nd Simi Valley Mobile Spay clinic was a great success. Thanks to our many donators and the Simi Valley Mobile clinic staff, 99 felines were altered at no cost to their owners or caregivers. Several people left donations as they picked up their animals. We also gave out several Spay Today vouchers and are working to host another clinic when funds permit. As so many owners and colony feeders commented, these clinics are desperately needed.

We are now busy planning the November 16th Open House and hope you will drop by. If you have not seen the sanctuary cats, this is a perfect opportunity to visit the cottage and senior room, enjoy refreshments, buy some unique gifts and take a chance on some of our really fun raffle prizes. If you cannot make the big event, we hope you will visit us some Saturday or contact me if you would like to come by some other morning. Remember that our cats love laps so don't wear black!

Barb



Felines enjoying their new condos.

Food Assistance Program

When you come to our Nov. 16th Open House, don't forget to drop by our Shop sales tables in the main house. We'll be having an inventory clearance sale on all remaining shop merchandise. This includes greeting cards, cat care supplies and a limited selection of holiday items. Plus, there'll be a full selection of our best-selling Hot Cat toys and our Cat People logo sportswear. Please note that Hot Cat toys and logo sportswear are not included in the inventory clearance sale. However, members can buy our logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and caps at special discount prices.

During the month of August, The Cat People handed out 451 lbs. of dry cat food, 96 cans of wet food and 54 containers of litter to 19 families in need, including two emergency requests, through our Food Assistance Program. In September, we gave out 270 lbs. of dry food, 126 cans and another 54 containers of litter to 23 households, including two emergency requests.

In August and September, The Cat People received generous donations of cat food, towels, bedding and other supplies for use in our programs and at our sanctuary from the following supporters: Dennis Bookman, Art Bynum, June Cochran, Carol Ewing, Donna Goins, Ceri Hulugalle, Connie Jeffries, Pam Miller, Laura Stockton, Sue, Nancy Thompson, Jan Walker and Penny & Jerry Whittington. Our organization is very grateful for these donations to carry on our work here.

Under our Spay Today and Community Cats Assistance programs, we issued 58 spay/neuter vouchers in August and September to help families get their kitties altered and to curtail the growth of the homeless cat population in our county. We continue to lend traps to people trying to catch feral cats for neutering through our Trap Rental Program, directed by Carol Ewing. Through this program, people can borrow a trap for a \$75 cash deposit. They can keep the trap for up to two weeks, and their deposit is returned to them when they turn in the trap to us in good condition. People can borrow up to two traps at a time.

The Food Distribution Center is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. We plan to close for the holidays on Dec. 22nd and reopen on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020. We're located at 4120 East Drive in the auto mechanic's garage facing Fairhaven, around the corner from the front entrance to the sanctuary. You can drop off any donations of cat food and other supplies when our center is open. Happy Holidays to our supporters and we hope to see many of you at our November Open House!

By Marleen Ray

Who We Are

PRESIDENT	Barb Hays	PARK COORDINATOR	Carol Lair
VICE PRESIDENT	Brenda Bynum	PETFINDER/ADOPT-A-PET	Ann Lariviere
TREASURER	Pam Ames		Stephanie Whisler
INTERIM SECRETARY	Ranae Harrer	TRAP RENTAL COORDINATOR	Carol Ewing
		VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	Courtney Clerico
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	Amy St. Amour		Barb Hays
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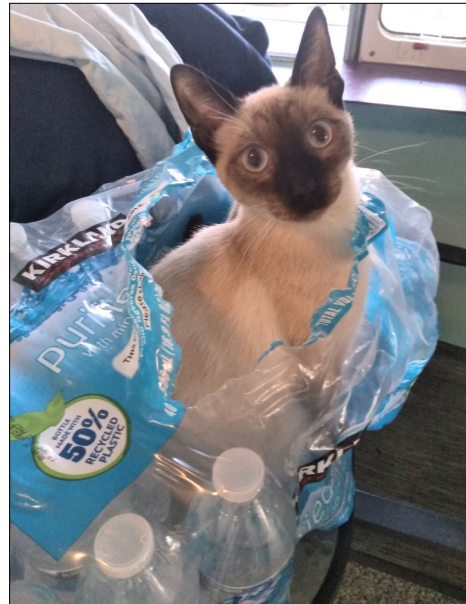
Special Friends

In honor of Greta & Gracie – Alecia Thornton
In celebration of EJ's 80th birthday and the 62nd anniversary of Bob & EJ – Bob & EJ Rutledge
In honor of Hart Park visitors, Mike & Jessica Seubert – Robin Tinsley
In honor of Frank Melvin – Gwenneth Barnes
In memory of Beverly Banks, a friend & animal lover – Carol & Jim Ewing
In honor of my sisters, Sylvia Howard & Tish Landers – Stella Rous
In memory of Gordito, a rescued cat gone too soon. Loved by Norma Lamb – Mindy White

Wish List

Cat Carriers - top loading type
Friskies 14-oz Poultry Platter Canned Food
Full Size Fitted Sheets
Paper Towels
Pillow Cases
Purina One Dry Food
Towels

Gift Cards: Amazon
Costco
Home Depot
Lowe's
Smart & Final



One of our sweet felines trying to help unload the water.



Look for us on Facebook or Instagram!

"The smallest feline is a masterpiece."

- Leonardo da Vinci

Park Report

During August six cats were altered and returned to the park. Seven friendly cats went to Kern County Animal Services for adoption. Two kittens picked up from the park in July came to our sanctuary in August. Three cats were rescued by park visitors.

During September eight cats were altered and returned to the park. Four friendly cats went to Animal Services. Two had to be euthanized. Four 6 week old kittens were dumped along Alfred Harrell Highway. One kitten hit by a car and killed. One ran off and could not be found. The other two were sick and one had an injured eye. They have been in foster care. They are now both healthy and thriving although the kitten with the injured eye did lose sight in the eye. They will be coming to our sanctuary. For several weeks in September, we could not take any cats to Animal Services as they had a disease outbreak.

Cats and kittens continue to be abandoned at the park at an alarming rate. In September I began sending emails to General Services (they oversee the park) to let them know the number of new cats we are seeing at the park. During September there were 20 new cats seen at the park. This is what makes it all but impossible to control the cat population. We continue to do our very best for the cats.

There was a sick cat that we were able to treat with antibiotics at the park daily for 10 days and kitty is now well.

General Services has been working on upgrading the stage area at the east end of the park and it is nearly done. Redoing the restrooms is a work in progress. Still no plan for what to do about the water poppy taking over the south canal and a big area on the east end of the lake. There is a new park maintenance supervisor---Felix Ibarra.

At some point in the near future, we should see more of a park ranger presence as new rangers have been hired. It is my fervent hope that they can catch someone abandoning cats at the park and make an example of them. The two main areas where cats are abandoned are along River Road near the old mill down to the intersection of Bison Road and River Road and all along Bison Road.

I continue to attend the Parks and Recreation Commission monthly meeting as well as meetings for The Hart Park Working Group. I believe it is important to keep The Cat people visible and involved in the plans for the park.

Carol Lair

Volunteer Spotlight Penny Whittington



Penny with park rescue Beauty.

Penny, how did you become aware of The Cat People?

Helping kitties seems to run in my family. My father fed and altered kitties near his home in east Bakersfield for quite a while. It was a wish of his that cat lovers would come together and help poor abandoned kitties. My dad died in 1990, and never saw The Cat People materialize. My mother saw an ad in the local newspaper about people meeting to help feral kitties. I went to the first meeting, I believe at the Girl Scout office on Brundage Lane. I have been involved ever since. This December will be 29 years.

What volunteer activities have you been involved with?

Some of our first activities were collating Girl Scout newsletters. We also had a Feline Fun Run which I helped guide runners. I became a feral feeder at Hart Park in 1993. I've been at that ever since. I have also helped Barb H. & Carol L. trap kitties and I have several foster failure children which we bottle-fed. My latest activity is to go to the Sanctuary on Fridays and brush Beauty so she doesn't get mats.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

Getting to love on the kitties, obviously, but I also love hanging around with others who share my love for them. Considering how long I have been feeding at the park, I have to say I love going out there and seeing the wildlife and beauty of the area.

Any words of wisdom for future volunteers?

I have seen things change over the decades. Just be ready to change if needed. I am afraid for the future of our feral kitties. We must do what we can and yet cooperate with the powers that make the rules. That's an issue at the park. The kitties are our main concern.

Any information about yourself you would like to share?

Whatever I am trickles down from serving my Lord and Savior, Jesus. He has given me a wonderful husband, Jerry, who loves kitties & helps feed at the park too. I try to have love and compassion for all living things, for we are all created to live together and we need each other whether we believe that or not.

The Cat's Meow

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

PARK FEEDERS

Luca Foresti
Roberta Isbell
Jamie Jemmett
Cindy Joslyn
Carol Lair
Judy Long
Jodi & Jack Rowe
Jacob Strange
Robin Tinsley
Jill & Jeff Turner
Jerry & Penny
Whittington

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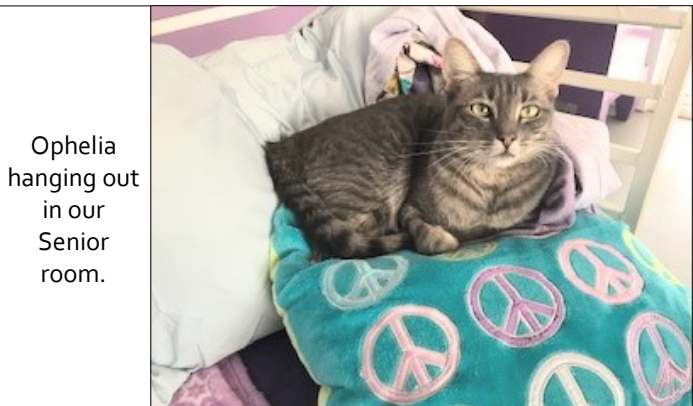
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Whittington
Sarah Wilson

FOSTER PARENTS

Dani & Jay Bresee
Rita & Rob Wolosz



Adoption Photos



Jackie & Origami enjoying their new home with Arturo & Joshua.



Art & Diana adopted Paris & Paulie.



Bryon & Bobbie adopted Randi now named Stella.



Grady adopted by Ed.

Adoptions

Ed Ash (Grady)

Art & Diana Besenthal (Paulie & Paris)

Bryon & Bobbie Eskew (Randi)

Phuong Ah Le (Simon)

Nancy & Eddie Moran (June)

Arturo Zapata & Joshua Webb (Origami & Jackie)

Senior Star

Our first senior star is Jordan, a 20 yr. old super-affectionate purple room resident.

Jordan was surrendered by his owner when all options were gone.

We love this old boy and hope you will visit Jordan and our other seniors cats soon.



Community Outreach

BFMC/HPN SENIOR HEALTH FAIR



Shelley, Barb and Beth manning the table at the senior health fair.

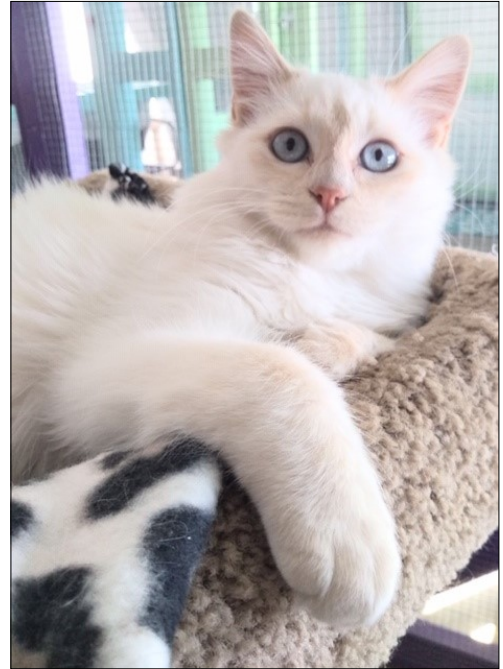
MOBILE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC



A very successful mobile clinic! 99 cats altered by Simi Valley veterinarian and staff.



The incredible Simi Valley Team!



Sydney, one of our new park rescues.



Juno is slowly getting closer to all of us. Her much friendlier sibling was adopted but poor Juno hangs back. With time and patience we know she will come around. Meanwhile, she is safe and loved.

Special Thanks

*Auburn Animal Hospital
Southwest Veterinary Hospital
Stiern Veterinary Hospital
Simi Valley Spay & Neuter Clinic*

"Cats are connoisseurs of comfort."

- James Herriot

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Yes, I would like to help The Cat People out. Enclosed is my check for \$_____ to be applied to:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Junior (under 18) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Sustaining member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Senior (65 +) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Supporting member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Basic membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 Lifetime member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Contributing member | |

AND an extra donation of \$_____ to be applied to:

- Senior Assistance Fund
- Park Cat Care Program
- SPAY TODAY Program
- Sanctuary Fund
- Food Pantry Program
- Where needed most

Name: _____

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