



THE CAT PEOPLE News

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Sanctuary News

It's been a busy winter at the sanctuary. We have gained some new volunteers but are always looking for more cat whisperers. Elaine and Suzanne only have so many laps, and the felines practically line up for some brushing and attention. If you can spare an hour or two, any morning until 12, please drop by and see our great felines, all now safe and happy, thanks to your membership, donations and support. If you have questions, just drop us a line, leave a message at 327-4706, or you can email me at Barbarah@thecatpeople.org.

We are happy to welcome Lynn back after her leg surgery. She mentioned that being around the felines was the best therapy ever. The cats will miss volunteer Deena who is enjoying a month get-away in New Orleans. In the meantime, the coffee pot is always on and you will never have an empty lap! It is amazing how stress levels drop when we have a few cats on our laps.

Thanks to many donations, we just finished hosting our second community Mobile Spay Clinic on January 7th - 9th. The Simi Valley crew was so impressed with the dedication of the many cat owners and colony feeders bringing in cats even on cold rainy days. Some cat owners even took the bus to get here, and one came on her bike. That is dedication! It reminds us that there are so many animal lovers trying to do the right thing. Unfortunately, lack of finances, transportation and physical limitations can prevent them from getting their colony or own personal cats altered. How often we tell people that if they feed, they need to fix! Working with so many dedicated caregivers this last week makes us more determined to find the financing to host more clinics. At the end of our third day, 167 cats were altered! With member and community support we will work to end some of the countless suffering and abandonment in our area.

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Kitty Spotlight: Rosanne



Our beautiful 5 year-old Rosanne was truly an emergency rescue when she was found with four babies trying to nurse inside a filthy box. She is a little shy and would prefer being an only cat. Her babies were all adopted, and now she just waits for her *purrfect forever home*. She loves to hang out on one of the many cat posts and never turns down a meal.

Eight of our adorable younger cats found forever homes over the last two months. Let's try to find a permanent home for Rosanne.



Spread the news, our next
Mobile Spay Clinic will be
March 8th, 9th & 10th!



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We are looking forward to hosting other events this spring. Some of the cat-loving seniors at Columbus Estates are collecting bedding for us and will join us on March 27th to sit with the cats. Many seniors can no longer care for their own animals, and we are excited to provide a fun, cat-filled experience. Hopefully, this will be the first of other senior excursions. We will keep our members posted as we plan other fun events. If you would like to join the fundraising event crew, contact Ranae.

Board member Ann, husband Bob and their wonderful cats are with us for six weeks. Bob has a list of countless repairs needed around the property and Ann is at work cleaning, sewing much-needed chair covers, and giving our felines some extra afternoon attention. Volunteer Beth has been working in the gardens and getting some of the old sprinkler systems repaired. Larger projects include renovating the large food storage /distribution area to include an isolation room. Oh yes, we were also just alerted we need a new roof! Lots to do around here, but we are a determined bunch of cat lovers.

The cats and I hope to see you soon.

Barb



Volunteer Stephanie cleaning with super hot water thanks to Primetime Plumbing!

Food Assistance Program

During the final three months of last year, The Cat People distributed 1,511 lbs. of dry cat food, 288 cans of wet cat food and 158 containers of litter to families in need. Throughout 2019, we gave out a total of 6,309 lbs. of dry food, 1,404 cans of wet food and 652 containers of litter through our Food Assistance Program.

In addition, we issued 75 spay/neuter vouchers through our Spay Today and Community Cats Assistance programs during the last three months of 2019. These \$25 vouchers help defray the cost of getting cats spayed or neutered for low-income households and for people trying to get stray or feral cats altered. We continue to lend traps to people trying to catch feral cats for neutering through our Trap Rental Program, headed by Carol Ewing. This program allows people to 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.

During the months of October, November and December, The Cat People received donations of cat food, towels, blankets and other supplies for our programs and the Pawsitively Cats Sanctuary from the following supporters: Dennis Bookman, Dani Bresee, Linda Daniels, Donna Goin, Connie Jeffreys, Pam Miller, James Morain, Linda Mumford, Marleen Ray, M. Brandon Roberson, Sue Speak, Laura Stockton, Nancy Thompson and **Walmart**. We are very appreciative of these donations to help us carry on our work to improve the lives of felines in Kern County.

Our 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 operates out of the former auto mechanic's garage facing Fairhaven around the corner from the front entrance to the sanctuary. You're welcome to drop off your donations of cat food and supplies while the center is open. Thank you for helping us improve the lives of kitties in our community!

By Marleen Ray



Our felines love their new end tables courtesy of Joe and Shannon Evans.

Who We Are

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This striking portrait, donated by longtime members Sandra Bays and Dr. Joel Mack, hangs in the main house and so illustrates the beauty and intelligence of all felines.

Special Friends

In honor of Coven Crawl – Corinna Fanshler-Juarez
 In honor of Kate Mackey – Linda Mackey
 In loving memory of my boys, Milo & Rusty – Debra Wingo
 In honor of all cats – Antonette Bealessio
 In honor of Alisa Davies – Rae Thrasher
 With best wishes for a Merry Christmas, Lynda – Teresa Van Steenwyk
 In honor of Jordan Peeples – Karen Saunders
 In honor of John Spooner and on behalf of Melba Spooner – Craig Jackson
 In honor of Priscilla Palmer – Leslie Symm
 In honor of Brenda Bynum – Sherry Keith
 In memory of Nancy Lindeboom – Rob & Nadia Weber
 In remembrance of Nancy Lindeboom – Samantha, Zach & Alice Edlin
 In memory of Nancy Lindeboom – Ed & Sandy Weber
 In loving memory of Ebony – Steve & Mary Oglesby
 In memory of Bobbie Ferdinand – The Ferdinand Family
 In honor of Dinah McHone – Barbara McManus
 In memory of dear Buddy, who thought he was a retriever dog – June Cochran
 In memory of Bev Banks – Anna St. Clair
 In memory of Neuron, beloved friend of Isabel Sumaya – Carol Raupp
 In memory of Amber & Ginger – Dee Daniels
 In honor of Greta & Gracie – Alecia Thornton
 In memory of Phillip & Marcia Bryson for Pawsitively Cats Sanctuary – Jeff Bryson
 In honor of Katherine Furr, my high school teacher, 93 years old & still going strong – Betty Dlouhy
 In tribute to our very dear friend, Dinah McHone and, of course, to Maxx – Robert & Ginger Smith
 In memory of all my fur-babies who are waiting for me at the Rainbow Bridge – Dee Daniels
 To honor Stacey Augustson on her birthday – Marilyn Stewart
 In memory of Neil Kitchen, with love to Barbara Kitchen & Family – Bakersfield Adult School

Special Thanks

Auburn Animal Hospital	Carol Ewing
Simi Valley Spay & Neuter Clinic	Stiern Veterinary Hospital
Southwest Veterinary Hospital	Walmart

Park Report

The park was so pretty during the Fall. Lots of colorful trees. On a few mornings, there was frost on the grass and ice on the cats' water dishes. Most mornings are peaceful and quiet. There is now a coyote residing at the east end of the park.

During November and December, 18 friendly cats were removed from the park and taken to Kern County Animal Services for adoption. Two cats had to be euthanized due to injury and serious illness. One cat came to our sanctuary. So far in January five cats have been removed from the park and taken to KCAS for adoption and another very sick cat sadly had to be euthanized. One cat was TNR'd back to the park. We also rescued one dog that was left at the park.

Our monthly meetings with General Services and KCAS have resumed. After some discussion at the January 3rd meeting, we will be able to replace a missing feeding trough and move three of the six existing troughs to better locations. We will also get one additional temporary trough. We suggested using 36" galvanized feeding troughs instead of the cement troughs currently in use. The metal troughs will be easier to clean.

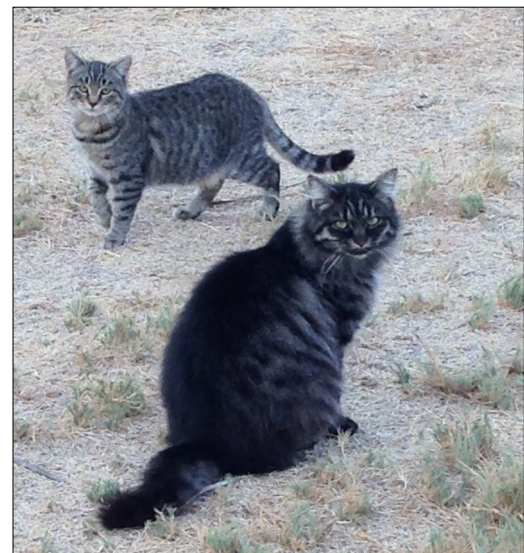
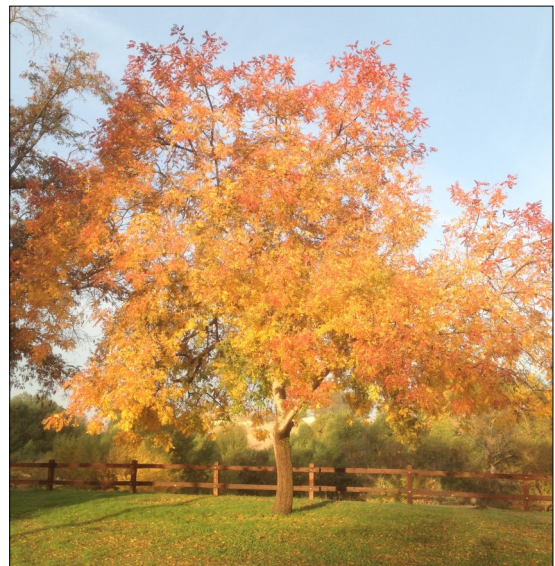
We will begin trapping some of the cats currently not eating at the existing troughs and relocating them to one of the six troughs. Unaltered, trapped cats will have to be spayed/neutered before they can be relocated. Thus far three already fixed cats have been relocated and two have already returned to their previous home turf. I better send them a memo on how they need to cooperate with this plan. The goal is to have all the park cats eating at the six approved locations.

The major problem in controlling the cat population at the park continues to be the illegal abandonment of cats. New cats are seen every week. One of our park feeders witnessed a young woman abandoning two feral, unfixed cats at the park. It was reported and we will see what happens.

Plans are moving ahead pretty quickly for the remodeling of the old adobe ranger station at the east end of the park into an interpretative center. The plans have been drawn up and will soon be approved and work should start within a few months. The center will highlight various aspects of the park and its history etc. Various groups will be able to have displays and information available for the public about their group. It will be run by volunteers. Hopefully, The Cat People can be a part of this. A grant of \$500,000 has been obtained for the project. Supervisor Mike Maggard really pushed for this to happen.

If anyone would like to be a Hart Park feeder please let us know. You will be out in the fresh air in the beautiful park communing with the cats and helping to keep them healthy!

Carol Lair



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

Carmen Carpio
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ADOPTIONS

Shannon Berkowitz &
Logan Berkowitz
(Victoria)

Bryon & Bobbie Eskew
(Sydney)

Cheryl & Richard
Mathews
(Pixie)

Dorothy Walker
(Delilah)

Adoption Photos



Bryon
&
Bobbie
Eskew
with
Sydney.



Cheryl
Mathews
adopted
Pixie.

Wish List

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

Gift Cards: Amazon
Costco
Home Depot
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Smart & Final

Makita CT226 12v Max CXT Lithium-Ion Cordless
2-Pc. Combo Kit (1.5Ah)

Community Outreach

MOBILE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC



We just booked our next clinic to hopefully get ahead of kitten season. The dates are March 8th - 10th. Appointments can **ONLY** be made two weeks before the March 8th date. Follow us on Facebook to keep apprised of future clinic dates. Each three-day clinic costs us \$7,500.00, so donations are always needed!



Waiting to be checked in.



Kitties were put in a warm tent and covered to keep warm during recovery and before being taken home.

November Open House

A great big thank you to everyone who made our Open House such a great success! It was so nice to have Rae Ann Kumelos on hand, signing copies of her newest book, *Wild Wisdom: Animal Stories of the Southwest*. She is a lovely lady and her book is wonderful! It was also a pleasure to have Susan Madigan at our event, selling her "Neutered Gems." Susan takes donated costume jewelry and transforms it into beautiful, one of a kind pieces. She then donates all the proceeds to a worthy animal cause. She is a gem, herself.

And all our terrific members and friends...you truly made the evening special by supporting us in our efforts. The goal for the Open House was to raise the money to fund another Mobile Spay Clinic and that goal was met. Nearly \$8,000.00 was raised through your donations, raffle and drink ticket purchases and merchandise sales. We thank you one and all and hope you had a wonderful time!

Lastly, no event like this happens without a lot of time and help invested by a lot of volunteers. In no special order, a heartfelt thanks to Stephanie Whisler who also brought family and friends to help; Eli Whisler, Deena and Pete Pedroza, Shelley Ash, Beth Stark, Pam and Ed Ames, Jodi Rowe, Marleen and Fred Ray and their niece Zayna, Jack King, Marie White, Stacey Augustson, Carol Raupp, Brenda Bynum, Carol Ewing, Mindy White, and the tour guides out in the cottage, Amy, Christine and Sue!

Ranae



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| <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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Phone: _____ Email: _____

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