

#### **Boatloads of Kittens!**

Just like the monsoon season that returns to the tropics each year without fail, the kitten season has again descended upon the Cat House on the Kings like a giant tsunami. We are virtually drowning in a non-stop wave of kittens. Since January, we have taken in almost 600 kittens and probably had to turn away twice that amount. Lynea receives between 30 and 50 calls EVERY DAY from people with kittens. This means we are daily put in the heartbreaking position of having to choose whom we can save.

It often comes down to a combination of factors. Which kittens need help the most and are least likely to get that help? We must also factor in the likelihood of



survival and level of adoptability. We received a litter of kittens that were



Orphaned Lynx Point Blizzard

rescued from Orange Cove. Mother cat was killed, leaving four, 4-week old kittens. The kittens are Lynx Point Siamese, highly adoptable.

Tammy Barker received a frantic call from a man who said that a neighbor had killed a feral cat,

leaving three hungry, screaming kittens. The man had no money, no car and nothing to feed the kittens that had not eaten in two days. When picked up, the kittens were starving, dehydrated



Binky and Blue

and covered in fleas. Bubbles had a life-threatening hernia that required surgery. Tammy is fostering Bubbles, Binkie and Blue. She brings them to work with her each



Crystal Barocio Feeds Bubbles

day as they need frequent feedings.

In the world of animal rescue you are forced to witness the depths of depravity to which some people will sink. It is hard to fathom that there are in fact, heartless, soulless (i.e. sociopathic) individuals who really believe that there is nothing wrong with abusing, torturing and/or

abandoning animals.

Fortunately we buoyed by the numerous humanitarian individuals whose hearts are as *big* as the moon. These are the people who step up and do the right thing even though it is rarely



Rescue Kitten has injury

easy or convenient. Without these extraordinary people, the Cat House wouldn't be able to save anywhere near the number of animals that we do. Monetary donations are always needed but the donation of your time and effort is a gesture that can never be measured in mere dollars and cents.

If you are ready for a furry new friend and family member, we have lots of candidates just waiting to be chosen! You can view our adoptable kitties on our website. You can also go to the Petco on Blackstone near Ashlan (Fresno) and look at some of our gorgeous beauties up close and personal. You won't regret it!



Lynea-the Cat Lady photo by Terri Lowenthal

FROM	IN MEMORY OF
Cummings, Candy	Callie
Riche, Bonnie	Bridgette
•	Simba & Sparky Jack cat
	Kyle
Smykal, Stephanie	Buster, Indie & Reason
Sullivan, Sue Ann	Gucci And Kaydee
Anderson, Lauren	
	Fred Conception Jack Cat
	Chloe kitty
Belesti, Lefkothea	Drake Autarch
Fischoff, Stuart	two cats
	Kitty & Tigger
	Kyle
	Hollis Robinson
Turner, Diane	Beverly Brackett
Goddard, Marcia	Nana Jean
Davis, Ahva	Abby And Tigger Donation Freddie
Watson, cindy	hrothers Ron & Brody
Frankenfield, LindseySilv	ver Fire Le Corbusier Le Chat
Gress, Noura	Simbs & Sparky
	Denise Depew
	Buster, Indie, & Reason
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Gatti, Diana E.	Richard Brewer
Anderson, Lauren	Sassey
	Anita
	Lucy
	Rudy Chauncy Billups Grudko
Sullivan, Sue Ann	Gucci & Kay Dee
Noel, Melissa	Kathy Lasswell
Manousos, Lesley	Donna Roper Underwood
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Lederhose Brenda	Donna Roper Underwood
	Simba & Sparky
	Jack cat
	Tycho
	KyleBarry Watkins
	Calvin Soukup
Kieser, Marilyn	Dawson
	Buster, Indie & Reason
Zemis, Catherine	Paul & Mark Binkv
	Marinda & Racer X
Ducas, Michelle	Binker Silveira
	Nana Jean
	Nemar
	Handsome Humphrey Mika & Squeaker
	Ruth Foreman
Shellady, Toni	Oscar Talbert
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Shimoguchi, Joanne	Rebecca Hall
	Sam, Spooky, Chloe & Max Jennifer Elaine Mackay
	Tim Mize
	Liberty Perman Schneider
Somerset, Heidi	Chianti
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Fry, Anthony	Jasper Fry
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## **Spring Open House Fundraiser Was Purr-fect!**

Tammy Barker and her team of volunteers are to be congratulated for producing another spectacular Spring Open House Fundraiser! Tammy's tireless efforts, relentless attention to



Crazy-Fur-Catz girls Kristine & Kaylee

Barker, Tammy's daughter, led guests on tours of the facility.

Thanks to the

donors and the hard work of Karen Rae and Chris Bagley, the silent auction tables were filled with an impressive display of unique and one-of-a-kind items. Bidding remained strong and steady throughout the day. There was the usual feverish, last minute rush to place bids as the auction wound to a close.

The raffle for Maxine Harris's stunning handmade quilt raised a whopping \$2,125! The winner was Samantha Dodd of Colorado. Kerry Bashir, author of the children's book, "The Little Marmalady", flew in from Boston to attend the



detail and her dedicated team of volunteers are the reasons that the Cat House Open House events are always exceptionally well run. Tammy's wonderful and supportive husband Terry served as the DJ, while her good friend and former boss, Frank Stafford volunteered as Master of Ceremonies. Throughout the day, Lisa Boyajian, our office manager/accountant and Amanda

Lynea and Historian Bill Coate

open house and autograph copies of her book. One big surprise of the day was the personal appearance of valley historian, Bill Coate. Dressed out in full historical regalia, Bill sold autographed copies of his book, "History's Shocking Secrets", for \$5 and donated the proceeds to the Crazy-Fur-Catz project. (See Crazy-Fur-Catz article)

We would like to bestow glowing accolades upon the entire Cat House staff for all they did behind the scenes to bring our open house to fruition. Lisa Boyajian, Crystal Barocio and Shelly Ziegler in the main office, took charge, and keep track of, all the donated items for the silent auction. The rest of the employees worked extremely hard to clean and prepare the grounds, as well as to set everything up.

Mere words cannot express just how grateful we are to everyone for their time, support and generosity that has made our 2013 Spring Open House Fundraiser so over-the-top successful. Be on the lookout (TBA) for our fall extravaganza in October!



Tammy & Amanda Barker w/Sarge



#### Clean As A Whistle!

The Cat House on the Kings wishes to extends its deepest gratitude to Sara Hamilton of Fresno for the incredible donation of washers and dryers. Sara donated not one, but two, sets of Electrolux washers and dryers to the Cat House. Lynea was overwhelmed by the news of the generous donation. "We will be able to keep our critters clean and healthy for a very long time" said Lynea. Sara and her sister Helen have been loyal supporters for many years and we feel very blessed to have their love and support! Thank You!!



### **Cat Therapy For Autism**



Brandon and Samantha

One year ago, we adopted a cat out to a family from the Bay Area that included a young boy with autism. The boy, Brandon Beach, gravitated to one particular cat, then called Lovey. Lovey was equally enamored with Brandon. She possessed an ability to pierce through the autism to reach Brandon on a level his

mother had never seen before. The strength of the connection was and is, undeniable. We recently received a picture of Brandon and Samantha (renamed after a favorite classmate) celebrating Samantha's 10th birthday with a Fancy Feast mixed grill cake. Brandon loved the celebration and he was very careful to keep Samantha away from the candles!

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# **World Spay & Neuter Day**

The Fresno City Council has declared February 28th, World Spay and Neuter Day. The Cat House on the Kings was presented with a plaque from the Fresno City Council in recognition of our work to promote the benefits of spaying and neutering. As a gesture of our commitment to working with the City of Fresno on this vital issue, The Cat House on the Kings donated 10 spay/neuter certificates to distribute to needy constituents.



Clint Olivier, Lin Faurie & Jackie Dale (r-l)



# **Dinuba High FFA Donates to Cat House**

For the 3rd year in a row, the Dinuba High School Future Farmers of America delivered a truckload of food to the Cat House on the Kings. With the guidance of teacher Roy Browne, the Dinuba High FFA held a

donation drive to collect both dog and cat food for our any many residents. Yes, we do have a few dogs too! Our immense gratitude goes out to these amazing young people for choosing the Cat House on the Kings as the beneficiary of this outstanding community service project. You are the cat's meow!



Dinuba FFA Donation

### **The Boy Scout Project**

The Cat House on the Kings is always thrilled to be on the receiving end of a community service project. Eagle Scout Henry Munson, from Troop 130 out of Northwest Fresno, is a student at University High School and a lover of cats. Eagle Scouts are required to perform some type of community service known as an Eagle



Lynea & the Boy Scouts

Project. Henry wanted to do something both useful and a little different for the Cat House. After meeting with Lynea for some project ideas, Henry decided to design and install some lounging platforms in the trees for the cats. Cats immediate took advantage of their new lofty perches and they



Cat enjoys new perch

seemed very pleased with the results! Thank you Henry for giving the Cat House kitties a new "outlook" on life.

**The Dedication wall** helps raise much needed funds. You may make a donation for a plaque in memory of a lost loved (In Memory of...), to honor someone (In Honor of...), or just to show your support of the cat House (The Miller Family Supports...) The plaques are black metal with gold lettering and are hung in the entryway of the Cat House.

For more information or to place an order, call: Marilynn Miller (559) 645-1080

#### **Sizes and Prices**

3" x 12"	\$100.00
7" x 12"	\$180.00
10.5" x 12"	\$250.00

### **Staff Spotlights**

We would like to shine the spotlight on our awesome office staff. The office staff is the lifeblood of the Cat House the Kings. Our competent and caring office employees ensure that everything within their purview runs smoothly and efficiently. Without further ado, we would like to introduce:

#### Lisa Boyajian- Office Manager/Accountant

Lisa Boyajian is The Cat House on the Kings Office Manager, Accountant, and Official Spoiler of our office cats as well as Benny the Dog. She's been known to bring in a buffet of treats and cat food from home (yes, even tuna) to "make friends" with the multiple office cats who think she's the best Office Manager ever! Lisa is also a devoted and diligent Cat House foster mom and is quite active in the community with various TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) projects around her neighborhood.

#### Crystal Barocio-Office Assistant

Crystal is a "sparkling" addition to The Cat House on the Kings staff! Crystal first came to The Cat House on the Kings as a dedicated volunteer. She was hired on as a shelter worker and worked her way up to the office where she's now our "office program / tech whiz!" She does a great job of helping out wherever she can, and (of course) she can usually be found with a kitty or two following her around. In her free time, she's active in her local community (Dinuba) where she does TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) of feral cats

#### Shelly Ziegler-Office Assistant

Shelly's FULL title should really read "Office Assistant and Cat Spoiler!" Shelly came to the Cat House on the Kings after adopting a Siamese kitten from us that she and her family now spoil rotten! She's a dedicated member of our always-busy office staff. Shelly handles accounts receivable, general office duties, keeps track of the open house donations, sends out thank you notes and helps with anything else we need!

**Tammy Barker-** President of the Board of Directors, Assistant Shelter Manager, Petco Adoption Facility Manager

One of our most valuable assets is the multi-tasking staff member, Tammy

Barker, who currently serves as the Assistant Shelter Director and the Petco adoption facility manager. Tammy is in charge of off-site adoptions at our Fresno Petco adoption center. She facilitates hundreds of spays/neuters for the community, coordinates TNR efforts, fosters a multitude of kittens, transports to out of town rescues, co-chairs the Fundraising Committee, and leaps tall buildings in a single bound! Not really, but she IS the formidable force behind our twice-a-year Open House fundraisers!





Check out a recent episode of Jack Perez's "Trailer Hitch"

# "Crazy-Fur-Catz" Goes Global

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, Rena Gunn and her daughter, Kaylee, rescued an injured cat and called the Cat House for assistance. They ended up adopting the white beauty, naming him "Casper". Kaylee and three friends from Century Elementary School belong to a school club called "Destination Imagination." They needed to do a community service project so they decided on a project to educate the public about the importance of spaying and neutering. They also wanted to bring awareness to the work being done by the Cat House on the Kings. They call their project, "Crazy-Fur-Catz." Kaylee Gunn and Bill Coate's granddaughter, Kristine, set up a booth at the spring open house displaying their project. They played a video they made of Casper talking, pleading for support on the girl's behalf. Their project won 1st place in the both the regional and the state finals. The girls raised a whopping



Crazy-Fur-Catz in Tennessee

\$1,000 dollars at the open house and are halfway to the needed \$10,000. The girls are extremely well spoken when describing their project and their incredible passion is very evident in their enthusiastic presentation. We are so impressed by these wonderful girls. Check out their page on Facebook! http://www.facebook.com/pages/Crazy-Fur-Catz/413085198780144

Editor's note: As the newsletter was going to press, we received notice that the girls had just returned from Tennessee where they placed 8th out of 64 teams! Woohoo!! They also had the highest score of any of the West Coast teams. Congratualtions Crazy-Fur-Catz!

## **Nat'l Geographic Films** at the Cat House

The Cat House was abuzz with excitement in March as National Geographic's show "Taboo" was out filming at the Cat House. Taboo explores the world of the strange and unusual. Is it considered unusual to have 1,000 cats? Apparently so! The program is scheduled to air sometime in July so be sure to check your listings and keep an eye out for the Cat House on the Kings episode.





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### **Reedley Rescues**

In February a Facebook post by a Fresno man led to the rescue of an injured cat in downtown Reedley. Several feral cats make their home in the area of Billy Olinger's shop. One of these cats was spotted with a severe leg injury. Billy caught the cat and Jackie Dale transported it to the Cat House on the Kings. Billy also handed Jackie a check for \$100 as a donation towards the cat's treatment. Venessa Gamboa immediately treated the wound that was a down-to-the-bone abscess. The cat, now

called "Shorty", was then returned to Billy who transported the cat to Fresno. The man who put the post on Facebook, Martin Papaleo, is fostering Shorty.

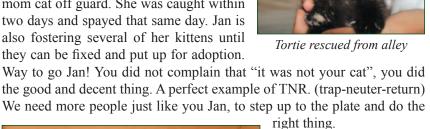
Billy Olinger has adopted one of the strays from behind his shop, a kitten that was wandering around blinded by an eye infection. The kitten, named Lucky, has recovered Enterprises.

and is now the queen bee of TKO A local Reedley woman, Jan

Schpansky, has spent the past 3

years trying to trap a very feral mom cat living in the alley behind her house. Jan had already trapped and adopted two of the cat's previous litter of kittens. Besides the kitten factor, when inheat, the female attracted every unaltered male in the neighborhood. The male cats would fight and howl at all hours of the night. They sprayed Jan's yard, making it unbearably smelly. The Cat House provided Jan with a different trap to throw mom cat off guard. She was caught within

two days and spayed that same day. Jan is also fostering several of her kittens until they can be fixed and put up for adoption.



Lynea had one final thought regarding article; "If everyone would just clean up their own block like these people did, we could maybe make a difference in the lives

of all of these abandoned

domestic pets".



Lucky now a healthy adult



Short gets treatment





Rescued alley kittens

#### **Thank You For the Donations!**

Thanks go out to the Love Meow Project for their donation of \$500. Love Meow, an on-line cat blog, periodically gives donations to a shelter nominated by its readers. Lots of our fans emailed Love Meow singing our praises so we were selected to receive this honor and donation.

Thank You Mike Connell, of Swheat Scoop & Swheat Stall "all natural wheat litter' for your donation of \$165! Mike took 31, 10 lb bags to the Fresno Home Show and sold them for \$5 with the proceeds to benefit the Cat House. Mike sold out quickly and plans to take 100 bags to the next home show.

#### **Personal Donor List...**

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# **Daphne Speaks**

"Hi everyone! My name is Daphne and Lynea is my human Mom.

They asked me if I would be interested in writing a column for the Cat House newsletter. I thought it sounded okay as long as it did not interfere with my packed schedule of eating, playing and sleeping. One of my favorite recreational activities is to chase Todo the dog. I am not sure if she enjoys my game, but I do and that's what counts! Todo



stays with Mom and me in the house. Todo wants to be Mom's dog, but she is actually up for adoption. Mom already has a dog, a giant beast; I mean a lovely Rottweiler, named ShyeAnn. I would miss chasing Todo but she deserves a home of her own. I am sure I can find other ways to amuse myself. I am quite creative that way.

I'm going to let you in on a little secret...I am Mom's very favorite cat of all time and she spoils me rotten! I know she loves me more than those stupid dogs or any of the other cats. And boy, are there a lot of cats. Mom has to work very hard these days because we have so many kittens. She worries we might run out of kitten food. I tell her that maybe some people will go to our Amazon.com wish list and order us some. Mom said that would be really wonderful.

Mom has this small black box that makes noise and then she holds the box against her head; talking to someone I can never see. She spends a lot of time doing this because the box never stops making the noise. I am kind of selfish and want Mom to spend more time petting me and playing with me. I also have a lot of work to do everyday. I supervise Mom as she goes about her daily tasks and I particularly like to greet guests. I will lower my head and do a little somersault so visitors can pet me all over. I enjoy this very much. Cats are like that you know. We really like the petting, scratching and stroking thing. If you have the urge to pet some cats, then come on over and let's get this party started. Tell my crew that Daphne sent you!

New designs coming to our website soon! You can order your "Mad Cat" designs, shown here, by calling Rochelle at Pete's Sport Shop, 559-673-5951.







# **A Happy Tale!**

Hello, my name is now Mambo. I just want to let you know that I'm doing great.

I love car rides and I behave very well in the car. My new mom lets me sleep on the sofa; I love that a lot. My big brother doesn't mind because he prefers his bed.

I'm also very good at listening; when my name is called I look to my mom in the eyes, even if she interrupts my nap under the sun.



Say "Hi" to everyone there at the Cat House; I'm a very lucky doggie. Thanks to your care and dedication I'm alive and enjoying my forever home. - Mambo

**CHOTK:** Mambo, Can your Mom please tell us how she was so lucky to find you?

**Mambo:** You betcha'! Oh Mom! Can you tell the story of how I came to be the luckiest dog in the world?

Mom: "My name is Nelly and I live in the Bay Area. Since February I had been looking for a small dog as a companion. I visited all the shelters in my area and looked up different web sites, but didn't feel any connections. After watching a show on NGW about The Cat House on the Kings, I decided to check the website and there "HE WAS". The minute I saw him I knew this was the puppy for me. The 7-hour round trip didn't matter to me. I was very impressed with the facility and how clean everything was. Every animal I saw seemed to be comfortable and content. After 3 weeks of having Mambo with me, I can only say "THANK YOU" to everyone that works in there, he's smart and has adapted very well to his new forever home."

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**HOURS:** 8:00am-11:00am; 1:00pm-4:00pm
We are located near Reedley, CA Southeast of Fresno, CA

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# Sugar-Free Gum Deadly to Animals!

Many people are unaware of the danger of sugar-free gum to their pets. Xylitol, an ingredient in sugar-free gum is extremely toxic to animals. As few as three grams can kill a 65 lb. dog in a matter of hours. Xylitol causes the body to secrete insulin, which in turn makes the blood sugar level drop rapidly. Keep sugar-free gum out of reach of your pets and if they do ingest some, get them to the vets promptly.

# Get Your Zazzle ON!

Remember you can support the Cat House on the Kings by patronizing Zazzle.com for your Cat House on the Kings merchandise. You can buy t-shirts, posters, mugs, tote bags, artwork and much more. We receive a portion of each sale. Father's Day is right around the corner. Dazzle the cat-loving man in your life with the perfect gift from Zazzle.com or shop directly from our website at cathouseonthekings.com.



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#### New Animal Rescue Site Challenge!

A new Shelter Challenge is underway from June 5th through June 18th. This is a short challenge to test out their new website software. Nonetheless, we can still win a \$1,000 grant, so we need your vote each and every day! The new site where you vote is wwwshelterchallenge.com. If you need help with the new voting procedure, please take a look at our illustrated voting instructions http://www.cathouseonthekings.com/docs/contests/shelterchallengevoting.php, As always, Thank you, for your support!



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Bleach, Paper Towels, Pine Cleaner, Recyclables, Postage Stamps, Postcard Stamps and Gift Cards (Amazon, Home Depot, Costco, etc.)
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Petco in Fresno, or at the Cat House

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