

Historic Turnout at Spring Open House

The Cat House on the Kings Spring Open House was once again blessed with magnificent weather and a fantastic turnout. Old friends had the chance to catch up and new friends were made. The pile of donated food and supplies grew larger and larger as a steady stream of guests arrived.



Marmalady's Mom, Laura Lemieux



Tammy Barker & daughter Amanda

As people have come to expect, the auction table was a cornucopia of items ranging from jewelry and art, to cat condos and Coach purses. The bidding on the purses was pretty fierce as several people were interested in grabbing a designer purse at a remarkable price. Other hot items included an ornate box that held photographs and kitty cat throw pillows.

However, it is the people who make this event so successful. From far and wide people

Charles Schaeffer-Volunteer Extraordinaire

The Cat House on the King employs approximately 25 people to perform the daily duties required to keep an operation of this size up and running. Feeding, caring for and cleaning up after nearly 1,000 cats, kittens, and a few dogs too, is a big job. When we meet someone who



Charles enjoys time with the cats

wants to help us with one of our projects, well, we just want to do the happy dance.

Meet our volunteer extraordinaire, Charles Schaeffer! Charles has been retired from teaching for 20 years but he has been anything but idle. Mr. Schaeffer has volunteered his time with CASA, (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Habitat For Humanity, and tutoring homeless children. He says he is most happy volunteering his time at The Cat House on the Kings. Charles doesn't watch TV much, preferring to read and listen to classical music in his down time. He does like to build things though. He has a complete shop with all



Charles inspects the newly hung doors con'd on page three



One of the vendors, the Peculiar Palette

came to help support Lynea and The Cat House. One such visitor had planned on driving to California from Wisconsin with her friend. When the friend had to cancel, Teresa Kalen decided that she would go anyway. She boarded a train and spent 50 hours, as she put it, "spreading the gospel of The Cat House on the Kings." Friends Carla and Colleen flew in from Phoenix. Arizona. Carla said she was quite pleased to finally be able to check "Visit The Cat House on the Kings" off of her "bucket list."

Of course, without the expertise of our very own Tammy Barker and her crew of volunteers, none of this would ever be possible. So, without further ado, A few words from our Open House Coordinator:

"This was our largest turn-out in history thanks to so many people volunteering to help and donating to such a worthy cause. The office staff worked extremely hard with Crystal, Lupe and Lisa making certain everything was ready on their end including inventorying all the new Cat House products that we received in time for the event. Lisa Boyajian led tours for the 4th year in a row. People love Lisa's tours because she knows so much about The Cat House and each of the individual cats, many of whom she personally spoils. Karen Rae of San Diego and Chris Bagley of San Francisco orchestrated the beautiful and very profitable silent auction. Every year it just gets better and better, rivaling any black tie event. They both arrived on Wednesday to put baskets together and make sure everything was set-up perfectly. Mirian Hasani also came early to help Karen and Chris and it is becoming an open house tradition for these three ladies. Eileen & Mike Romero came from Southern Cal to help with last minute details and to take their usual spot at the greeting table. Frank Stafford was our awesome MC and his wife Janie (H & R Block) worked the silent auction. Harvie Schreiber, our Facebook queen, and her husband Ron, along with Christine Bagetakos, one of our board members, sold thousands of raffle & food tickets. Francie Caraker, another board member, and her husband, Mike, ran the food sales. They did such a great job we ran out



Lynea poses with guest from Arizona

of hot dogs! We will be better prepared next time. My husband, Terry, kept us all dancing and singing to the happy tunes that make us all smile. My daughter Amanda came to support me and shop.

One of the biggest surprises and happiest guests was the famous Laura Lemieux, all the way from Sooke, British Columbia. Laura is the mommy of Marmalady the tripod that was rescued by The Cat House on the Kings and adopted by Laura to live her life as a famous Facebook feline. Laura has also adopted Trinity, another tripod from us. This trip was no different. She adopted a darling little kitten named Maggie May to join her crew at home. Laura brought with her the famous Marmalady bracelets, paintings that all her kitties made and pictures, all for the benefit The Cat House on the Kings. Laura arrived a few days early and good sport that she is, we put her to work helping to prepare for the event. Our next open house will be in November with a Holiday boutique theme.

I could not put on an event as successful as this without all the help of The Cat House on the Kings staff and the volunteers. I am truly a lucky gal to have so much help". - Tammy

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Charles Schaeffer continued...

the equipment needed for an expert carpenter to do the amazing job he is doing for the Cat House.

Charles noticed that the kitchen in the main house was in need of some help. "I saw that while it is a favorite hangout for many of the cats, time and the cats had caused some serious deterioration of the cabinets and the linoleum floors", said Charles. Charles also wanted potential adopters to enter into a bright, inviting adoption area.

Charles is about halfway through refinishing the kitchen cabinets. He removes the doors and drawers and refinishes them in his workshop. The cabinets are being double varnished to make them moisture resistant. He then reinstalls them complete with updated hardware. Charles has contributed countless hours towards this immense project.

The Cat House received a generous donation to purchase the flooring for the kitchen. Charles himself obtained the bids for commercial grade linoleum flooring. When they came out to install the floor, Charles spent 10 hours personally supervising the cats so they wouldn't hinder the installation or get stuck to the glue! He pointed out the stainless steel kick-plates that he installed in key "spray zones" around the kitchen that provide for quick and easy clean up.

The main living room and the adjacent room are also in need of new flooring. A floor improvement fund has been established to raise funds for this project. If you would like to send a contribution, please indicate that the donation is for the "Main House Floor Improvement Fund." A donation of flooring would work too!

Charles has said that he intends to be around for a while. We were truly blessed the day Charles Schaeffer decided to come to The Cat House on the Kings. The Cat House is eternally grateful to be graced with the time and talents of such an

Sanger Boys & Girls Club Volunteers

At our Spring Open House, The Cat House on the Kings was very fortunate to receive an offer of volunteers from Julio Mendoza, program assistant at the Sanger Boys & Girls Club. Julio said that the club's mission is a simple one, "To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens."

Julio, having spent 10 years working in the demanding world of the investment industry, was ready for a change. Last fall he began volunteering at The Cat House on the Kings and the Sanger Boys & Girls Club. When Julio heard about the upcoming open house, he jumped at the opportunity to bring the two organizations together. Julio later commented; "Experiencing first-hand, the endless task of providing comfort and care to the little residents of The Cat House was a humbling experience for our volunteer group. However, at the same time, we felt great satisfaction in knowing that our small efforts contributed to the overall



success of the event."

The group also took flyers advertising our low-cost spay and neuter services to distribute to the residents in Sanger. Julio felt the outreach was invaluable because many of the residents in the neighborhood spoke limited English and were likely unaware of the services offered at The Cat House on the Kings. We are very grateful for, and proud of, this wonderful group of young people.

Vacation Destination

The Cat House on the Kings is a frequent destination for international travelers. We've had visitors from all over the globe visit our facility. We seem to be a favorite go-to spot for honeymooning couples. We recently had a newlywed couple from England come all the way to California to visit the one and only, Cat House on the Kings.



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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

The Harsh Realities of Rescue

The Cat House on the Kings is often confused with facilities like the SPCA. We are not a drop-off place for unwanted cats or all the kittens your unspayed cat has gifted upon you. One person was very angry that we could not accept all the kittens she had as the result of her failure to spay her cats. It was not good enough that we were able to take a few that we knew could be shipped out to other rescues. Some people fail to understand that we are a rescue and sanctuary. If The Cat House took everyone's unwanted pets, we would not have room for those whose lives hang in the balance without our immediate intervention. Here are just a few examples of recent rescues.

The Cat House's maintenance supervisor, Armando, was driving to work one morning when he saw a cat crawl out of the nearby cemetery onto

the road. He stopped and picked up the poor creature, noting it had some grievous injuries. The wounds were horrific and infested with maggots. "Mando" needed expert medical care. "Kitty Charm School", a luxury feline hotel in Mill Valley, volunteered to foster and nurse Mando back to health. He continues to improve daily and one of his caregivers wants to adopt Mando.





"Ash" was found on the lawn of a woman in the nearby town of Fowler. She noticed the cat seemed to be blind. She brought the little girl to The Cat House. The poor thing appeared to have suffered chemical burns on her face and this was likely the reason for her blindness. We can only hope this was not a deliberate act. Ash has also been sent to Kitty Charm School where she will receive around-the-clock medical care. When

she recovers, she will also be up for adoption. Somewhere out there is a special person who needs a special kitty like Ash.

"Stormy" spent 10+ days living in a storm drain in Selma, CA. Selma maintenance worker; Shane Ferrel and a Selma woman were both feeding the kitten. Shane had covered a 2x4 in carpet and lowered it into the drain, hoping the cat would crawl out but it never did. The woman eventually called The Cat House and they were advised to lower a cat trap into the drain. The cat was captured and turned over to Lin Faurie, a Cat House board member who lives in the area. She agreed to foster Stormy until a purfect family can be found for her.



When Things Come Together

The recent rescue of a mama cat and her four kittens came at a fortuitous time for the Cat House. We had recently taken in two kittens that had become separated from their mother. Serina Simmons at the Kitten Quarters had been bottle-feeding the tiny

bottle-feeding the newborns. With the arrival of the nursing mother cat, an opportunity presented itself. Serina placed the kittens in with the mother kitty and they immediately



Feeding time before



... and after a mom arrives

began to nurse. Mother cat has accepted them and she will take over the duties of feeding and cleaning her two new babies as well as her own four. It is always a satisfying feeling when things "come together."



Raising Donations -Think Outside the Box

Francie Caraker is a member of the board at The Cat House on the Kings. She is also a kitty foster parent, currently fostering two gorgeous Russian Blue kittens. Francie, a retired art teacher, frequently meets with friends at Beads Etc. in Clovis to take crafting classes and talk about cats. Some of the classes are free while others have a nominal fee.

Francie decided to hold a class featuring wire nest jewelry. She would charge a small fee, and the proceeds would be donated to The Cat House on the Kings. The class participants each donated far more

than the requested fee. Thank you ladies, for your kind donation.

Come up with your own unique idea to raise money for The Cat House on the Kings, and we just might put you in our newsletter too!



Rescuing animals-that is what we do!

Sabrina the Stowawav

Sabrina's amazing journey began in her home state of Hawaii. A woman who lives on Oahu is very much like Lynea. Her name is Wendy Bright. She has a large amount of land on which she manages approximately 700 feral and semi-feral cats. Wendy fixes and microchips all of the cats. Sabrina had been missing for about a month when Wendy received a call from a shelter in Riverside, California. Sabrina was there.

As the story unfolded, it was learned that Sabrina had wandered inside a Costco shipping container bound for the mainland. She somehow survived the 10-day trip with no food or water. When the container arrived at the Riverside Costco, much to the employee's surprise, Sabrina emerged. It took some time but the Costco employees were able to trap Sabrina and take her to the local shelter. Sabrina was scanned and the shelter employees were stunned to discover that Sabrina's home was in Hawaii. Wendy was called and she wanted Sabrina back. However, Hawaii has extremely strict regulations regarding animals coming into the state. Wendy began to reach out to various sanctuaries in California.

Lynea was called and she agreed to take Sabrina as a humanitarian gesture. Time was of the essence as the shelter in Riverside would only hold the cat for a short period. MeowzzResQ in Los Angeles was contacted and asked to pull Sabrina from the shelter immediately. Sabrina was placed in foster care with MeowzzResQ volunteer Tori. Tori kept Sabrina for a week until such time that our own Mirian Hasani, of Mirian's Ark Animal Transport could drive the 100 miles from her home in Santa Monica to meet Tori in the City of Orange. From there Sabrina was transported to RescueMePets in Santa Monica where volunteer Tammy boarded her for the night. The following day Mirian drove Sabrina to The Cat House on the Kings. Many thanks to everyone who played a part in rescuing a stranded kitty. Sometimes it takes a network of villages to save a cat-but that's what we do!



Happy Tails!

It is common knowledge that The Cat House on the Kings occasionally rescues dogs as well as cats. Some get shipped out to rescues in areas where mandatory spay and neuter laws have created a shortage of adoptable pets. We are most happy when we are able to find immediate furever homes for them. Here is a sampling of some of our dog and cat "happy tails."

"Cody" was tossed from a moving car in front of horrified onlookers. Cody was brought to The Cat House where he was sent to the vet to be treated for a broken leg. This gorgeous dog has found his furever home with the lovely Amy of Fresno.

"Jesse", along with another dog, was pulled

from a large hole near a canal bank



Amy and Cody

in the middle of nowhere. Jesse spent a short time at The Cat House before being adopted by a wonderful family. Jesse now has a canine big sister, Gracie, and a little boy named Cash has a new best friend for life.

These two gorgeous siblings, "Jasper and Lily", were lucky enough to be adopted together by a wonderful couple. We doubly love when we adopt out

pairs! Here is an excerpt from an email we received from them.



"Jasper and Lily are adjusting well (playing, purring and running around like

Jesse and his boy, Cash

crazy!) They are exactly what I wanted. My husband, who has never been around kittens before, is completely taken with them."

Peace of Mind by Susan Moore, Attorney

Hello newsletter subscribers. I hope you had an opportunity to read my article published in The Cat House on the Kings Spring 2014 newsletter concerning pet trusts and the need to plan for the care of your pet if you should become unable to do so. Since the publication I have discussed pet planning, charitable remainder trusts and surrender donations for the continued care of pets with fellow subscribers. I am pleased to have also been able provide some peace of mind to a subscriber who was worried about the continued care of her cats. With her permission, I share an excerpt from a letter she sent to The Cat House on the Kings:

"I received your newsletter and was most interested in the article written by Susan Moore, Attorney, with regards to setting up trusts/wills to care for our feline companions. I have just completed this task with Ms. Moore's valuable help. Ms. Moore is very personable and very patient with seniors like me, who have no one to care for the feline companions in the event of our passing. I very highly and with great pleasure recommend Ms. Moore to ease the worry regarding this issue. She can also help with other wills/trusts where felines are not the main issue. Many thanks to The Cat House on The Kings for including Susan's article in the newsletter. I feel so much better now that I have the proper paperwork in place to protect my Misse and Dolle at time of my passing. Thank you so much." Vintage 1 Lady

I am also pleased to announce our firm is now Pascuzzi, Pascuzzi & Stoker. I am now Susan Pascuzzi in connection with my marriage to my partner in law and now in life, Harry Pascuzzi. If you missed the last article or need information about planning for your pets, or estate planning in general, you can contact me at 559-227-1100 or spascuzzi@pascuzzi.net."

2014 Shelter Challenge

The current Animal Rescue Site/Greater-Good.org current 2014 Shelter Challenge continues until June 29th. We would so appreciate your taking a moment of

Jote Every

TheAnimalRescueSite.com

each day to vote for us. We are currently in 4th place. You can help The Cat House on the Kings become winners again! Please vote everyday! Thank You.

(http://www.shelterchallenge.com)



Lipks To Look At

Kim Barker is an amazing photographer who visited The Cat House on the Kings and made a wonderful video about us. http://vimeo.com/89669896

Read an article about The Cat House on the Kings and check out the stunning pictures taken by photographer, Christina Gandolfo. http:// www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/05/29/ cat-house-sanctuary n 5398667. html?ncid=fcbklnkushpmg00000023

Jackson Galaxy's, (My Cat From Hell), store has launched a series of "Gifts That Give More" web pages to raise money for various groups. Jackson himself suggested The Cat House on the Kings. 100% of all funds raised will go to our organization. We are thrilled to be invited to be a part of this great partnership. https://store.jacksongalaxy.com/store/jg/ item/61328?origin=ORIGIN

Check out the Petco Adoption Center Scrapbook link! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okG 8Glm9ak



Our Vouth is Our Future-Aidan's Storv

Aidan Shokat-Fadai is a 13-year old young man who hails from Los Angeles. He is a huge animal lover and has a cat named Lily. Aidan attends Our Lady of Lourdes School in Tujunga, California. Before graduation from the 8th grade, students are required to plan and complete a "Synthesis Project". The goal of the project is to learn to "be responsible citizens, effective communicators, self-aware individuals and supportive community members."

After watching "The Lady with 700 Cats" on NatGeoWild, Aidan decided that

The Cat House on the Kings was going to be the subject of his Synthesis Project. Aidan found his undertaking to be more difficult than he anticipated but he was persistent. He visited pet stores asking for donations. He asked his family and friends for support as well. He even used his own allowance and savings to purchase items on the Amazon wish list. After several weeks of soliciting donations,



Aidan and furry friends

Aidan was able to personally deliver the donated cash, food and supplies to The Cat House on the Kings. Aidan's family is very proud of him and we at The Cat House thank him for being such a kind and generous soul. It is gratifying to know that young people such as Aidan will support the future of animal rescue.

Here He Comes To Save The Day! (And He Doesn't Even Have a Cape!)

Martin Papaleo is one of our most devoted foster parents. Tammy can always count on him to foster kittens for her and occasionally, launch an emergency rescue effort. One day Lynea received a frantic call from a woman in Fresno. She told Lynea that some young men were attempting to light a kitten on fire. The woman was too frightened to call the police because she thought the men might be gang members. Lynea quickly called Tammy who immediately contacted Martin. Martin lived only a short distance away from where the woman was calling. Martin flew like the wind, arriving within minutes. As Martin emerged from his vehicle, cat carrier in hand, the young men ran away. Martin discovered a kitten under a crate, soaked with lighter fluid. The men had been flicking matches at the box in an attempt to light it on fire. Martin gathered up the injured kitten and it's three siblings and took them home. The following day, the woman

called Martin to say that she also had the mother cat. The men had injured her by throwing a 2X4 at her. Martin transported the two injured cats to the Cat House for treatment. Both mother and baby had fractured rear legs and the baby had some minor burns as well. After recovering, the kittens went to our adoption center at the Fresno Petco. All were adopted! Martin elected to keep the mom cat, naming her Midnight. "All I can say" said Martin, "is that the men are lucky they decided to run away that day because if I got my hands on them, I might have been going to jail."

Thank You Martin, you are a real hero!



Frightened kittens huddle together

Adopt A Senior Cat!

Donna Jackel is a free-lance writer based in Rochester, New York who

specializes in writing about animal welfare issues. She has written for a variety of publications including The Bark and Cat Fancy Magazine. Donna has written an excellent article for Next Avenue Magazine on the advantages of adopting a senior cat. At the end of the article is a video that showcases The Cat House on the



Kings Sadie Malone Senior Center. Beth Caffrey narrates this compelling video. Please take a moment to read the article and take the video tour at the end.

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Amazon Wish List:

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