



LETTER FROM LYNEA

In February, I turned 60 years old. Since I was a very young child, my passion or better yet my compassion has been for animals. My life has been difficult, as have many of yours. If I had my way, I would be just another crazy cat lady with 50 or 60 animals and reclusive by choice. Somewhere, somehow, my life's work unfolded, and I have been forced to the forefront of the battle to save and better the lives of the countless homeless animals among us.

For more than 17 years I have devoted everything I have, everything I own to help save all animals. There is no way I could have done this without each and every one of you. No matter if it is with your prayers or with a monetary donation, we, you and I, have come together to create and build on a dream that began so many years ago.

Many of you wish that you too could do what I do. What you need to know is that this dream belongs to all of us. Every time you forward our message, donate time or money or even newspapers and Clorox, you become a part of the reality of THE CAT HOUSE ON THE KINGS.

There aren't enough words to express what all of you mean to me and these animals, because, without you, there would be no Cat House.

Lynea

CAT HOUSE HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 10 am - 3 pm

ADOPTERS, DONORS, CAT LOVERS, NEIGHBORS & SUPPORTERS OF ALL KINDS ARE INVITED!

-  Halloween Contest & Bounce House for the Kid's
-  Snacks, drinks and Halloween candy will be provided
-  Silent Auction & Raffles (one just for kids)
-  Cat House souvenirs available
-  Cats, kittens and puppies available for adoption
-  Cat Tree Raffle at 2:30 pm
-  Progress tours of the facility
-  Bake Sale



Mark your calendars! The cats are planning their best party yet for their fans of all ages. They guarantee you will have a purrfectly wonderful time! We'll have a Bounce House, costume contest ("crazy cat lady" will not win!), raffles for both kids and adults (that's as winners not prizes!), a silent auction and plenty of snacks and drinks. The cats and puppies will be lining up to give you some TLC and soak up as much as you can give them. We'll have tours of the facility and there will be lots of cat lovers with whom to share your best cat tails, er tales. If you are thinking about adopting a new feline or canine companion, our team will be on hand to introduce you to your new best friend.

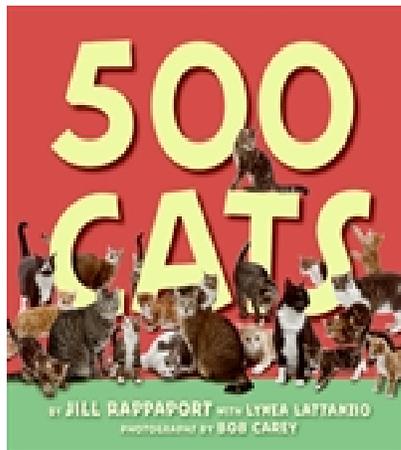
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500 CATS

We're really excited about a new children's book, "500 Cats", which will be available on October 6th 2009. The book was written by Emmy-nominated entertainment correspondent for NBC's Today Show, Jill Rappaport with our very own Lynea Lattanzio and it's all about one of our little kittens who cannot wait to be adopted by a loving family. What does he do while he's waiting for that family? Why live with "500 Cats," of course! All of the beautiful photographs which illustrate the book were taken right here by well known photographer, Bob Carey.

Jill Rappaport is also the author of a number of other best selling books, including "People We Know, Horses They Love" and "Mazel Tov: Celebrities' Bar and Bat Mitvah Memories," so we're sure 500 Cats will be a big hit too!



The book is published by [HarperCollins Publishing](#) in New York. You can preorder your copy through Amazon.com. Just go to the [Contribute page](#) on our web site and click on the picture of the book on the right-hand side. If you get to the Amazon web site this way and then place your order, our cats will receive a small commission from Amazon! We'll also have copies available at our Cat House Halloween event.

THE CAT HOUSE CHRONICLES BY ZANEY GREY



Hello my dear readers! It's that time again already. The boss reminded me that the quarterly detective report is due so I had best get my act together! I've perused my daily observation reports and have gleaned and culled them for news worthy of my readers. So, for your reading pleasure, here you go.

Our senior citizens are about to receive the next latest and greatest addition to The Cat House. Lynea will soon be having the retired crowd as her new neighbors. The older brown mobile is being converted into a luxury cat hotel, complete with soft, plush carpet for old, arthritic paws. I heard Armando say they even get several very nice couches that recline and everything! There's so much room that there is room for some cat exercising furniture, like cat trees and posts. I heard Lynea and Pat are hoping for kind people to donate that stuff for the old dudes! I wonder what the age limit is to qualify for senior status????? Hmmmm..... I may have to look into that! Of course, internet access would need to be included, especially since I found out the Kitty Q isn't really MY home.

Speaking of the Kitty Q, boy was I upset when I pulled up my jam-packed U-Haul truck full of cat toys and trees! I was denied access! I figured they were just pulling my paw when I tried to move in last month and they told me no. But this month I was shooed away again! That darn Karla. She stood there with her broom and totally defended the KQ doorway as if I was some sort of vermin. Then, she had the audacity to ask ME to donate my cat trees to the baby invaders living in the Q! I gave her the what for with that request. On the other hand, maybe some of my loyal followers have extra climbing posts that they would like the kittens to use. I've heard that sharing is caring, but I'm pretty sure that philosophy is a human thing, not a cat thing.

Otherwise, all is very quiet on the western side of the Kings River. In fact, I would have to say things are going swimmingly. Lynea is happy, so we're happy! Thank you [YouTube!](#)

Zaney Grey



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



The last few years has brought many changes to The Cat House on the Kings and with these changes came a flurry of added activity and work. We have been able to meet these new challenges with the help and support of our volunteers, and for two years our "Spotlight Volunteer" Kara Irwin has been invaluable to this end.

Kara provides loving foster care for newborns and kittens, and is able to give vet tech care or counseling for new foster parents whenever needed. She also routinely helps with adoptions, be it from home or at Petco, assists in transporting kitties and/or food to new homes or adoption agencies and has helped at many fundraisers by bringing food. Thanks Kara for your commitment and caring!

The Cat House on the Kings is truly grateful!

MONEY SAVING TIP

If you have access to the internet and an email account, we can send you a notification when the next newsletter is available for viewing on our website. If you would like this option, please send your name and email address to pat@cathouseonthekings.com and we can set this up. This option will cut down on postage plus it looks a lot better on the web.

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CAT TREE RAFFLE



This beautiful cat tree was donated by *Snap Logistics of Fresno* for your *raffle* pleasure. It stands 7' tall and is a beautiful shade of brown that would go with just about any decor.

This cat tree can be yours with the purchase of just one raffle ticket. It retails for about \$175. The raffle will be held **Saturday, October 31, 2009, 2:30 pm at The Cat House Halloween fundraiser.** *You need not be present to win, but we do not deliver or ship.*

Each ticket is just \$1.00. To enter, send us a **check or money order made payable to The Cat House on the Kings marked RAFFLE TICKETS in the memo section.** Your tickets will be mailed back to you within 10 days.

100% of the proceeds benefit The Cat House on the Kings.

I WOULD'VE DIED THAT DAY IF NOT FOR YOU

By Kim Senke-Rocka
Associate Executive Director
Heart Bandits American Eskimo Dog Rescue

I would've given up on life, if not for your kind eyes.
I would have used my teeth in fear, if not for your gentle hand.
I would have left this life, believing that all humans don't care.
Believing there is no such thing as fur that isn't matted...
Skin that isn't flea bitten, Good Food and enough of it...
Beds to sleep on...Someone to love me...
To show me I deserve love...just because I exist.
Your kind eyes...your loving smile...your gentle hands...
Your big heart saved me!!!!
You saved me from the terror of the pound.
You have soothed away the memories of my old life.
You have taught me what it means to be loved.
I have seen you do the same for other dogs just like me.
I have heard you ask yourself in times of despair... Why do you do it?
When there is No more money...No more room....No more homes....
I see you open your heart a little bigger...
Stretch the money a little tighter...
Make just a little more room...to save one more like me.
I tell you this with all the gratitude and love that shines in my eyes.
It is the best way I know how...
Reminding you why you go on trying...
I AM THE REASON. The dogs before me are the reason
As are the ones who come after.
Our lives would've been wasted...Our love never given.

WE WOULD'VE DIED THAT DAY IF NOT FOR YOU!

THE ANIMAL RESCUE SITE CONTEST

Vote for us at www.theanimalrescuesite.com and we could win \$20,000 to help pets in need. The Animal Rescue Site is hosting a special challenge for eligible Petfinder.com member shelter and rescue groups. The grand prize is a \$20,000 grant, and they will be awarding many other grants to rescue groups with the most votes — a total of \$100,000 in grants for animal welfare organizations.

Think how many animals we could help for \$20,000!

Help us win! All you have to do is click to help rescued animals, and then vote in The Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter+ Challenge. Both of these actions are absolutely free! You can vote once a day, **every day**, from September 14th through December 20th, 2009. Every time you vote, or tell a friend to vote, you are making a huge difference for us.

Click on "Click, It's Free" button (this provides funding for food to animal shelters around the country). After you have "clicked", a new window opens, and right above the word "Thank You" is an area to vote for an animal shelter. Please click the "Vote" button, and when that window opens, enter "The Cat House on the Kings" and "CA" in state, then vote for "The Cat House on the Kings".

Vote today! Visit: www.theanimalrescuesite.com

HOW DO YOU KEEP THOSE PESKY FLIES AWAY, ZIP-LOCK BAGS?

Many people swear that a zip-lock bag filled half-way with water and attached over entry-ways will repel flies. No one yet knows how or why it works, but there is speculation that it has something to do with the way the moving water refracts light.

Others have said: Fill a zip-lock bag with water and 5 or 6 pennies and hang it in the problem area. In my case it was a particular window in my home. It had a slight but significant passage-way for insects. Ever since I have done that, it has kept flies and wasps away. Some say, that wasps and flies mistake the bag for some sort of other insect nest and are threatened by this.

One more observation: Regarding the science behind zip log bags of water? My research found that each of the millions of molecules of water presents its own prism effect and given that flies have a lot of eyes, to them it's like a zillion disco balls reflecting light, colors and movement in a dizzying manner. When you figure that flies are basically prey for many other bugs, animals, birds, etc., they simply won't take the risk of being around that much perceived action.

**DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE
IN MEMORY OF**

Winston, The Wonder Dog
from Bill Jacobs

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from Greenville & Gerry Cleveland

Calvin Soukup
from Deborah & Steven Soukup

Joan Droge
from Nancy Weber

Roxie Pounds
from Joyce Uhler

Sadie Malone
from Beverly David, Jean Switzer & Jeannete Alberti

My beloved Monty
from Melissa Pollack

King Jerry the First and Angel Jackson Pooh
from Pamela Spring & Steven Altman

Froggy
from Teri Marquard

Marjorie Kwan
from James Kwan

IN HONOR OF

Molly Barr and her Mythicbells Persians "F" Litter
from Katherine Kohler-Yap

My beautiful adopted cats Molly & Suni
from Michel Meredith

Debra Schmitz from Aunt Judy Collins

**KID'S CORNER
WORD SEARCH**

Halloween Fun

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vampire
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FUN FACTS

1. Did you know that a cat's whiskers could detect even the tiniest of creatures? A cat can detect any kind of movement up to 2000 Times smaller than the width of the hair on your head.
2. Ever wondered why cats constantly lick themselves clean after eating? A cat has natural instincts derived from the wild and this instinct tells them to wash away food scent to keep predators at bay.
3. Know how to tell when a cat is happy? That's easy, they just squeeze their eyes closed.
4. Cats purr at the same rate of a diesel engine, 26 cycles per minute.
5. Do you know who invented the famous "kitty door"? It was Sir Isaac Newton.
6. In America a black cat is considered bad luck. Did you know that a black cat is good luck in Asia and England?
7. Rags to riches! Morris, the famous "9-Lives" poster kitty was actually discovered at an animal shelter in New England.
8. Ever wonder why a cat sees in pitch-black dark? It's because their eyes take light in and reflect it back out ... like a flashlight!
9. Did you know that even Nostradamus had a cat? His name was Grimalkin.
10. Do you know how to discourage a cat from scratching up furniture? Rub it down with orange or lemon rinds because cats hate them!

RAISIN WRITES

Raisin was unavailable to write her article this time. I think she was overheard grumbling something about tuna.





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Dear Lynea,

When our neighbor Dudley died, his cat waited for him for days by his back door. It was so sad for me to see, so I began feeding her - a can of tuna a day. I didn't know cats really well (we rescue bunnies), but she seemed to enjoy the food and company.

As I gained her trust, she eventually moved over to my front door. She never wanted to come inside.

I named her "Scooter" because at first she would scoot back and forth between Dudley's house and ours. Eventually, I guess she realized our home was hers.

Our front entry is very secluded and safe, but I worried about the elements and her health (she looked like an older girl), so I set up a furry bed and a heating pad, set it on low, and never turned that pad off for 4 years. ("Scooter" slept comfortably and never strayed from our front door area.) I was devastated when "Scooter" passed on.

I never thought I'd have another cat, until I found "Rosemary" (above pic) as a tiny abandoned kitten in a field near our home - one week after "Scooter" left. Do you think "Scooter" sent "Rosie" to fill the empty space? I do!!!

Love, Missy Kohl

Just a quick note to tell you how much we enjoy your newsletter! Especially love to hear how much you're getting done up there. Sending a donation - just wish it could be more! As soon as our "ship comes in" or we win the lottery or etc. we could really help in a big way! Ha Ha.

We should have our computer up soon and can read the newsletter on that - will let you know.

Our best to all - including Zaney Grey and Raisin and God bless Lynea and crew!

June and Chuck Withers

Thought you might enjoy seeing how Barkley enjoyed his weekend with us in Glenwood Springs. I took it with my phone so it's a bit blurry but I think you will get the idea!! He is doing so great and we sure do love him! Hope all is well!

Shawn



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CAT AGGRESSIVENESS PROBLEM SOLVED HOLISTICALLY

This was Joan's problem:

First, you are to be commended! Wonderful of you to do what you do! We adopted two male cats from the shelter before Christmas. They were in the same large kennel but arrived about a week apart. They got along well at first but have now escalated to fighting almost every day--They are our barn cats and I don't want to give them up but this is our first set of cats ever and we're wondering if you could give me some helpful advice in making them be civil. They have their own "space" to eat--one in the stairwell and the other in his own stall. They can come and go as they please. Any suggestions on stopping them from fighting?

This was Joan's solution:

Hi Lynea--I just wanted to update you on this situation where we adopted two male cats from the same shelter and same cage. We first tried Clomicalm from the vet for about a month--it did nothing to make JT more compatible with Yang. However, I kept researching and found a company that had something called "Peacemaker" from Spirit Essences. So far, it has been a great item. We first were giving it orally to JT (problem child) and then started to keep Yang in a separate stall letting JT run free. Then we added it to their food and water bowls. We now only give it to JT orally about once or twice a week and mainly it is in their food bowls and water bowls in the barn. They both now are free to come and go as they please. It has made JT more accepting (it's not 100 percent--nothing is) of Yang. Life is a little easier and they both know that they both are loved and are there to stay. Take care and thanks, again for your help! *Note: Find out more about Peacemaker from Spirit Essences at www.spiritessences.com*



SPECIAL REQUEST FROM OUR VOLUNTEER, KATHY SCHEER

I received a phone call from one of the residents at Emergency Housing in Fresno requesting assistance in trapping and fixing a feral colony. One of the employees working there has been feeding them but has been unable to get them fixed. Over the last two months we have spayed 7 females, 3 males, and removed 9 kittens to foster homes. We have found homes for 4 of these kittens. The other 5 will be ready for adoption by the end of September.

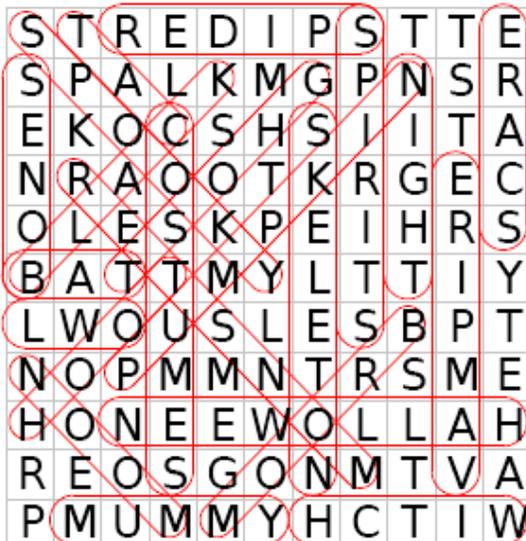
We get a lot of calls from people who request help with trapping and transportation to get the cats spayed/neutered. We need volunteers who would be willing to help with this project. The only way we will ever decrease the number of cats being euthanized is to spay/neuter. Help us do that! We also removed one adult to foster care and needs a home. She is a Ragdoll mix named Gabriela and is very friendly and under one year of age.

If you are willing to adopt any of these kittens or can help with trapping, please contact me at (559) 281-3581.

Thanks, Kathy Scheer

For more information on feral cats and trap/neuter/release programs, check out www.alleycat.org.

Halloween Fun



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- cat
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Q & A

By Franny Syufy, <http://cats.about.com>

Question: What is my cat's age in human years?

Answer: Keep in mind that variable factors, such as heredity, diet, environment, and physical and medical care may affect your cat's comparative age to that of a human. Although you probably don't have any control over heredity, you do have options for controlling the other factors which control your cat's aging process.



The kitten shown here is 6.5 weeks old. As you can see, he's far advanced physically over a human baby of that age.

Here's How:

1. Allow 15 human years for the first year of your cat's life.
2. Add nine years for the second year. A two-year old cat will approximate 24 human years.
3. Add four human years each for successive years of his life.



FUNDRAISER HELP NEEDED

With the Cat House Halloween rapidly approaching, we need many volunteers for a multitude of tasks..... Here's a list of the jobs and areas we need help with:

Pre-event:

- ❖ Collecting donations from local businesses.
- ❖ Help with extra cleaning of the shelter.
- ❖ Promoting this event.
- ❖ Supplying food and beverages for snacks and the bake sale.

Day of Event:

- ❖ Setting up various areas with tables and chairs.
- ❖ Carrying out items and setting up tables for raffles, welcome table, and silent auction, etc.
- ❖ Manning booths, i.e. raffle, bake sale, bounce house, etc.
- ❖ Giving facility tours. (You would need prior knowledge of our facility.)
- ❖ Tearing down everything and picking up trash after the event is over.

Please help us make this day a special one. We are forming committees and signing up volunteers now. If you can help, contact Carmen here in the office at (559) 637-9032 or carmen@catthouseontheings.com.

ADOPTION SPECIAL FOR SEPTEMBER!!

Our adoption fee is normally \$50 for a cat and \$70 for a kitten, but for the month of September, we're offering 2 cats or kittens for \$75!! We still have **MANY** to choose from, especially tween kittens of various shapes and sizes! Don't pass up this incredible deal, especially if you can adopt 2 kittens at this price. And 2 kittens are much better than one! Just ask Karla.



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SPECIAL PERSON OVERLOOKED

Last newsletter when I was listing people that donated specifically to the Kitten Quarantine, I accidentally overlooked one special person. **Jeanne Le Bailly**, all the way from Dublin, Ireland, sent a generous donation to purchase what ever was needed to complete the project. **Sorry Jeanne. We really do appreciate your generosity and support!**



Kara Hoffman

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Go to <http://www.freekibblekat.com> to play the Meow Trivia game to get food donated for our cats!

ODDS AND ENDS

- ❖ Anyone out there know how to trench and install sprinklers and bubblers for trees? We have the trencher and the material for such a project. Now all we need is the manpower and expertise to do the job.
- ❖ How about hooking up surveillance cameras? We have those, too. Just need someone with the knowledge to install them.
- ❖ We are in the process of renovating a mobile on the property that was formerly a rental into the new and improved Senior Center. It will be furnished like a home so the cats will have a more home-like setting. It will also have a guest quarters with a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen privileges. We are looking for a kitchen exhaust fan hood with microwave combo for that project.
- ❖ Howard Arnett from Fresno, a kind, generous cat lover from way back, donated the furniture for the Senior Center when he moved into a retirement home. Pat Callistro also donated some furniture and cash from an estate sale she was handling. Thank you both.
- ❖ Someone that works in a hospital suggested that for a medication cart, we could use a portable tool chest on rollers that has 4 drawers and a big storage space at the bottom. It sounds like a good suggestion to us!
- ❖ The new Kitten Quarantine and Senior Center still needs kitty climbers and cubbies. We can supply the material for a carpenter or handyman that will volunteer for that job.
- ❖ Does anyone out there like to bake? We need plenty of goodies for the bake sale on Oct. 31. Cakes, cookies, brownies, more cookies.



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