Hello friends and supporters.

I can’t even begin to thank you for your dedication, prayers and donations. Without you, there would be no Cat House on the Kings.

I do have some very good news. Animal Planet will be featuring us in a fall series called Must Love Cats. We also have supporters who are working to use us in a reality series. Please keep your fingers crossed, as with any publicity received, it allows us not only to rescue more abandoned animals but to continue with the growth of housing and other facilities on our 12 acres.

We will soon have several new You Tube videos and I ask again for you to please watch and pass on. Currently, we have over 800,000 hits on Jack Perez’ original video and would love for it to make the 1 million mark.

On the Animal Rescue site, currently we are again number 1 in the state for the Petfinder Shelter Challenge and for the first time we are number 3 in the nation! If we win we will receive $10,000! It won’t cost you a penny to vote for us www.theanimalrescuesite.com and you can sign up for daily reminders. Please keep my You Tube videos circulating, as the resulting donations will allow us to keep up and expand on our mission.

Thank you for your support in the past and for your continuing support in the future. You are the best. We could not continue without you.

Lynea

For those of you getting the hard copy newsletter

In an effort to maximize the value of every penny, The Cat House is looking for ways to cut costs. One of our biggest expenses is the hard copy newsletter. In an attempt to minimize the expense associated with the hard copy mail out, the newsletter is made available for viewing on our website. If you have access to the internet and an email account, we can send you a notification upon posting of the next newsletter. To choose this option, please send your full name and email address to newsletter@cathouseonthekings.com. This option will cut down on our costs and save trees! Plus the newsletter looks much better on the web. We do not send excessive email nor do we sell or share our mailing lists with anyone. Lastly, if you are not interested in receiving the newsletter please advise us and we will remove you from our mailing list. This will also help us reduce our costs.

And thank you to those who have already switched over!
Our Festival de los Gatos was held on May 1st, 2010. Over 200 people enjoyed the entertainment of the Ananka Belly Dancers and the sounds of Party DJ Party while they shopped for fabulous silent auction items. We raised over $7,000 (plus a $2050.00 donation from the Selma Food4Less, collected at their store) as well as a mountain of paper towels and cleaning supplies (admission).

A very BIG THANK YOU to our Donors, Sponsors, Volunteers and Employees for having made this a successful annual event.

Kudos to our wonderful staff for putting on this fabulous event:
Pat Miranda; Armando Solis; Venessa Gamboa; Linda Baker; Jessica Tucker; Carmen Gutierrez; Lupita Campos; Karla Cortez; Chris Oviedo; Homer Oviedo; Viviana Ledesma; Kathy Carbaugh; Jorge Vega; Patricio Davila; Albert Puga; Carly Harms, Crystal Barocio, Patricia Lopez

Volunteers that helped make this event a success:
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The Cat House on the Kings and The Fugitive Feline

Approximately 5 years ago, it was love at first sight between Amanda Barker and an 8 week old kitten from The Cat House. Amanda named her Ocean and over the next 5 years, Ocean became her little princess, never venturing outside the castle.

Fast forward to November of 2009: Amanda and Ocean moved back in with Amanda’s mother (aka Tammy Barker the Crazy Cat Lady) and Tammy’s cats. Coming home from a weekend getaway they found a door had been left ajar and woefully realized that several cats had made their escape. They quickly rounded up all the renegades, but Ocean, who had never been outside before, was nowhere to be found. Amanda, Tammy and friends posted signs all over the neighborhood, went door to door with flyers, put an ad in the Fresno Bee, posted on Craigslist daily, and told anyone and everyone who would listen about this fugitive feline with absolutely no street smarts. Of course, The Cat House on the Kings was also notified at that time.

Five fretful months went by, and there was no sign of Ocean. The Festival de Los Gatos, a spring fundraiser at the Cat House on the Kings was held on May 1st. Amanda and her dad, supporters of Lynea’s efforts, walked into the main house and Amanda did a double take. There, regally perched on a cat tree in the corner was Ocean. Amanda had never gotten around to changing Ocean’s microchip information so she was returned to The Cat House, and had been living as one of 700 cats waiting for a home (and almost got one a few days before). It was one joyful reunion and Ocean came home to resume her reign over the rest of the cats (with an updated microchip, of course).
Dear Cat House on the Kings,

Maureen (blond hair) is from Joshua Tree and me, Alanna (brown hair) is from Yucca Valley. We saw the video on Youtube and loved the idea of free roaming cats! Especially over 700 of them! So we planned a special trip just to see Lynea and all the kitties.

It took about 6.5 hours to travel from Yucca Valley to your front door. But every mile was worth it! We planned to stay overnight so that we could have a full day with the kitties. Lynea suggested hotels nearby but also indicated we could stay in a cabin on the premises. Staying within the compound was such an extra treat since there would be no pressure to leave to get back to the hotel. We planned to stay in the guest room but changed our minds when we were sitting on the driveway at dusk. As the air cools down, the asphalt heats up like a heating pad. It was so comfortable there with the heat and all the kitties around that we didn’t want it to stop. So we decided to camp right then and there in the spot we were sitting.

We were actually extremely comfortable all night long. We loved the fact that lying down we were almost the same height as the kitties. We were on the same level, enjoying each other’s company. At night when things went quiet you could hear at least 4 cats purring with about 12 cats snuggled around you. I felt total bliss, tranquility and love. I was also at peace. I felt wonderful. People try many different ways to obtain inner peace and I found it here with all these cats.

When we come again we plan to stay overnight in the same place for we had so much fun. We both have a high regard to all the work everyone puts in the keep the place clean and running smoothly. You can see it in the cats that they are well cared for and indeed have found a happy home. Looking forward to our next visit.

-Alanna Ponder

Hi Rochelle,

I just want to add one thing. I felt the same way Alanna did. Total bliss, peace and tranquility. Seriously, this was one of the highlights of my LIFE. I am not exaggerating. These kitties have the most wonderful energy. Actually I think this could be a kind of therapy for people. Forget Freud’s couch. Kittie energy is very healing. I think that they have a vibrational frequency that puts us human animals at peace and gives us tranquility, happiness and, yes, bliss. That was a very special experience. Can’t wait to come back.

-Maureen

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Mary Jo Rogers
Salem, OR
Good golly, what does a guy have to do to get a nap around this place?! The people, the noise, the CAMERAS, I’m telling you, they’re everywhere! Where did they all come from? Then, just this past week, ANOTHER new building rumbled down the ol’ driveway for Armando and the gang to set up. Looks like my catnaps are a thing of the past. How can Lynea expect me to monitor all this activity if I can’t get my beauty sleep?

Apparently The Cat House is on the verge of “being discovered” according to the local scuttlebutt. Wow. It’s really strange to think that my cat home and family could FINALLY get some national attention, let alone more local focus. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve heard people tell Lynea that they had no idea the sanctuary existed, yet they’ve lived in Fresno for blah, blah many years!

So now I need to see how long it will take Armando to hook up my new big screen plasma to the satellite system so I can see myself on “Must Love Cats” when it premiers in January. How many times have I said I’m destined to be a television star! I’m telling you, this is it! Of course, I owe it all to Lynea. She’s been my inspiration, not to mention, she keeps me in cat kibble.

Now if I could just figure out how to quiet down all that construction stuff going on in the old orchard. My beauty sleep is taking some serious hits since a new Cat House building rumbled down the driveway just the other day. There’s this big crew of people digging enormous holes all over the place. Hmmm….wonder if they’re doing that to make my life easier? Nah…I doubt it. Besides, rumor has it that Venessa has her eyes on it for her new ICU. I like Venessa and all, but you won’t catch ME in that ICU, not if they know what’s good for them.

I’m hoping to go catch a few winks now that I’ve finished my column. I want you all to remember two things before I close. One: VOTE, VOTE, VOTE every single day on The Animal Rescue site for The Cat House. Two: Set your TiVo’s for our big debut! Check our website for announcements of dates and times, then tell all your friends and family to watch me, Zaney Grey, with all my buddies, as we show the world The Cat House!
Congratulations to Haley Gostanian, Buchanan High School, for winning Best Documentary at the Slick Rock film festival! Haley’s documentary featuring The Cat House on the Kings earned her high praise at the festival, which honors middle and high school students from Tulare to Merced counties.

Please use the following link to view Haley’s film: http://www.cathouseonthekings.com/video/haleygostanian-video.php

Cheryl, pictured with her cat, Tiny, is on a crusade to get spays and neuters for all the other homeless people who have pets. Cheryl found Tiny as a 4 week old, abandoned kitten and has taken care of him since (including getting him neutered). Cheryl and Tiny live on the streets of Fresno, CA. If you would like to help Cheryl or get more information contact Tammy Barker: catladyiam@aol.com
Lush cosmetics gave us $12,500 through their sales of “Charity Pots” hand and body cream. This generous donation allowed us to purchase stainless steel cages for our Intensive care unit.

Pat Wood from Pleasanton, California brought us some surrenders and a check for $25,000 at just the right time to enable us to purchase a new ICU building.

The Cat House on the Kings is a private, nonprofit, no-cage, no-kill sanctuary, rescue and adoption center for cats run solely on donations and out-of-pocket funding by our founder Lynea Lattanzio.

The Cat House is open to visitors Thursday through Sunday (except major holidays) from 1PM to 4PM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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Play Meow Trivia every day - the more you play, the more kibble for our cats!
The producers of a new fall Animal Planet series, Must Love Cats came to The Cat House on the Kings to film an upcoming episode. The group was so impressed they spent over 9 hours filming the host, John Fulton, Lynea and all the kitties. (Tentatively scheduled to be aired in January, but check local listings starting in the fall)