## THE CAT HOUSE ON THE KINGS

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#### Happy 23rd Birthday to The Cat House on the Kings!



On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Cat House on the Kings Petco Adoption Center celebrated their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Sponsored by

Natural Balance Pet Foods, partygoers were treated to delicious birthday cake, free pet goodies, raffles and lots of cuddly kitties. To date the



To date the *Tammy Barker blows out the birthday candles* Adoption Center has adopted out over 1,050 cats.

Local news stations 24, 30 and 47 showed up and featured our celebration on the evening news. The Fresno Bee sent a reporter to write about the Petco Adoption Center in the Central Valley News magazine, which will come out around April.

There are no words sufficient to thank Petco and the Petco Foundation for all their support. Without them The Cat House on the Kings Adoption Center would still be a dream.

#### Spring Open House is May 2<sup>nd</sup> Save the Date!

Our Spring Open House Fundraiser is set for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am- 2 pm. Admission is a donation of pet food, bleach, pine cleaner, paper towels, stamps, home improvement gift cards or cash. As always we are looking for donations for our silent auction. Please consider donating something or asking your family, friends, coworkers and/or business owners for a (tax-deductible) donation to benefit The Cat House on the Kings. For more information contact tammy@cathouseonthekings.com



Please take a moment to read about how one man discovered he could have another cat without

actually getting another cat. http:// russelrayphotos2. com/2015/01/06/ meet-boots-or-howto-have-anothercat-without-havinganother-cat/





## The Mass Spay Days

In mid January, The Cat House on the Kings received a call from the resident of an apartment complex in Fresno. There was a feral cat that was having trouble with the birth of her kittens. Lynea contacted Tammy Barker who immediately sent out two volunteers, Dree McCabe and Janice Caldera. At the same time Jackie Dale had seen the plea for help on Facebook and was already loading her traps. Dree and Janice tried desperately to capture the mother cat, to no avail. They did catch another female who was sent to the vet for spaying. The two had already left by the time Jackie arrived. Jackie set two more traps and left them on the patio of the original caller. She also set one trap out front, catching a female in about 5 minutes. Jackie returned on Sunday to release the now fixed female and the mother cat was still not caught. She left a trap at the apartment for a full week but the mother cat would never enter it.

<u>Now for part two of the story</u>. All the volunteers were shocked to find that the complex was completely overrun with unfixed stray and feral cats. Although pets are not allowed, the management was okay with the cats being there for "critter control." Residents enjoy the cats and leave food out for them.

Dree asked Tammy about whether The Cat House could help with the cost of a mass TNR project and Tammy said "yes". Dree made all the arrangements including posting signs so the residents did not feed the cats the day before the trapping. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dree, along with Tammy,



Cats at Woodward Pet Hospital

release them. On February 17th, the whole scenario was

repeated, this time joined by volunteer Martin Papaleo. This day netted 15 more cats. Think about all the kittens 34 cats could have produced. The fund to finance these TNR's is running dangerously low. If you would like to send a donation towards these TNR projects please write "TNR" in the memo line of your check.



Kathy Scheer, Cindy Unruh

and Christine Bagetakos converged on the complex

at 6:30 a.m. They trapped 19

cats and transported them

to Woodward Pet Hospital.

After the surgeries Dree

and Tammy took the cats

to Dree's garage where the

cats were fed and bedded

down for the night. The

next morning, Dree, Kathy

and Cindy took the cats

back to the complex to

Cats bedded down for the night

#### **IN MEMORY OF LIST**

FROM IN MEMORY OF
AnonymousCindy
AnonymousHuey, Sparky & Lulu
Anonymous Lisa
Anonymous Marcella Jordan
Anonymous White, Orange & Sally May
Ackerman, Dianne Garrett
Behr, Joan VanceJoyce Vance
Belcher, Jennifer Tiffany
Bertelsen, JudyJoyce Vance
Blum, William Michael Costanzo
Borne, Norma WToby
Brewer, NancyPosie
Bruce, Thomas A Knecco
Chatfield, James & ThelmaRascal
Chenevert, Bonnie Fiona
Combs, Louise KMama Lou
Corti, Robert JKia and Kuro
David, Beverly Sadie Malone
Dinoff, Jody Skye Parsa A Wonderful Dog
Ekizian, Mike and LestaJoyce Vance
Fedis, Jim Our Precious Kitty
Feingold, Anne Tiny Baby
Feingold, AnneSelena Hunt
Goldman, Jennifer Judas and Venus
Gress, Noura Simba and Sparky

Grudko, Roy Chauncy Billups Grudko	
Harpe, Lynda All my Babies	
Who Have Gone Before	
Hasegawa, MelindaJoyce Vance	
Heede, JenniferRocky	
Hill, Sheryle Gilda	
Holliday, Michael Sylvester, Saturn,	
Cleo and Sammy	
Hottel, Nancy Soxxy Dunbar	
James, GLucy	
James, Georganne Roxy and Wally	
Jamieson, Kristina A Lillie, Bud, Duke,	
Annie and Maddie	
Jilka, RichardDrina and Nika	
Kamigawachi, June SJoyce Vance	
Keating, JennieCheddar	
Kirk, Sally & James Nancy Caroline Gullion	
Komatsu,EllenaJoyce Vance	
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Moffett, Deborah P	.Colin Walton
Moss, David	Marston
Mour, A C & D E	Martin
Ng, Lilian	Sampson
Ng, Lilian	Neeva
Noel, Melissa K	Lathy Lasswell
Riffle, Pamela	.Colin Ubeton

Sabatka, Nona MJoyce Vance
Samim, ArangCollin Walton
Santos, Mary Ann My Momma
Schwade, Dr. Jack and GoldieLouise and
Shelley
Selvidge, LindaGrayson
Shiedlin, Aviva Jade
Shorter, Kate Billi
Stabile, Paulette Michael Costanzo
Stoker, LouCallie
Swig, Louise Judge Herbert Donaldson
Switzer, Linda LJack Cat
Walker, Perry and Kristie Joyce Vance
Watson, Cindy Brothers Roo and Brody
Withers, June & Chuck Goldie Kitty

#### IN HONOR OF LIST

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Alire, Anthony The Ladies of the Reedley	
College Library	
Anghelescu, KarenDon Cunningham	
AnonymousDusky and Judy	
AnonymousPat Kulish	
Babyak, Bethany Monkey	
Baz-Dresch, Cheri L. Castper & JohnLinda	
Kay Smith	
Bell, ElanaJoe, Annette, Amanda,	
Jacob, Jeremy	
Breeden, Warren Kate Yarbrough	

Brooke, Beth Delores Byron
Campbell, MarissaNaoki
Clough, Richard Bethany and Aaron
Dinubilo, Ryan Megan O'neil (Anonymous)
Garldrikian, Ed and Betty Carla and Tim
Heath, Lauri Carolyn Arquette
Hey, CarolineKathleen Finn
Humel, Barbara Dave and Kris Lowe
Kuntze, Suzanne Kathi and Phil Stewart
Lee Sr., Dale Amber Lee
Leslie, Todd Forgotten and His Bff
Leslie, ToddSampson
Macaleer, BradleyAnnie Macaleer
May, Fred Annette and Jim
Mead, StephanieDianna Miller
Nelson, SarahJohn
Paff, Suzanne Lucy and Paul Reynolds
Petitfils, LisaJuno
Rooney, PeterJanice Pearson
Rose, StacyDonald Ayer
Saxton, CarolynGina Hartmann
Silvey, Katherine
Rocky, Mickey, and Piper
Wojcik, Nan Lucy and Paul Reynolds

## Adoptable Cat-Merlin

Our last featured adoptable cat, Pepper, has found a wonderful home. His new family's email was to the point. "As you can see, Pepper loves her new home. We love her too." Let's see if we can do the same for



Merlin. Merlin is a friendly b o y with a h u g e



personality. Like Pepper, Merlin is also looking for a lap to call his very own.

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#### **Bravelets Sends Check**

The Cat House on the Kings has received a check from Bravelets for \$480. Ten dollars from each sale of a Bravelet is donated to The Cat House on the Kings. Bravelets is an upstanding company with a quality product made right here in the USA. Keep supporting Bravelets and Bravelets will keep supporting us. Be Brave! https://bravelets.com/bravepage/a-brave-rescue-the-cat-house-on-the-kings



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#### Shopping iGive.com Supports The Cat House

By shopping through one of iGive's more than 1,500 retailers, you can earn money for The Cat House on the Kings. Depending on the store, donations run between 0.5% to as much as 20%. Join and shop by March 31st and The Cat House receives a \$5 bonus! www.cathouseonthekings.com/shoptogive

# The Catification is Complete!

The Cat House on the Kings was the winner of the 2014 Ultimate Cat Shelter Makeover Contest sponsored by Hauspanther. Hauspanther is an online magazine founded by Kate Benjamin, cat style expert, and is dedicated to design conscious cat lovers. The Cat House received the most votes at 4,668. The grand prize package included \$1,000 of cat products from The Vertical Cat, an assortment of designer cat toys, a consultation with Kate Benjamin herself and a copy of her new book with Jackson Galaxy, "Catification: Designing a Happy and Stylish Home for Your Cat (and You!")

The Cat House is very grateful to our volunteer carpenter Charles Schaeffer and his trusty assistant, Gene Hill, for doing all the hard labor of building walls and installing all the wonderful new cat perches, stairs and ledges.



One-Eye Willie waiting for a family of his own



Charles and Gene

**The Dedication wall** helps raise much needed funds. You may make a donation for a plaque in memory of a lost loved one (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

## Donate Fresh Step Paw Points

Sign up to donate your Fresh Step Paw Points to The Cat House on the Kings. Registration is free and simple. Sign up today because with 1,000 cats, well you can imagine how much cat litter we go through!



https://www.freshstep.com/paw-points/#



#### AmazonSmiles... On Us!

Thanks to everyone who shops via AmazonSmile, The Cat House on the Kings has received a check for \$2,724.08 for the activity between October 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014. You can continue to help by:

Emailing this link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-0015288 to your family and friends. Ask them to bookmark the link and support us every time they shop.

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## We Are Winners!

The Cat House on the Kings has been named the California Second Place Winner of the Holiday Edition of the Animal Rescue Site Shelter Challenge. The prize of 50 Alpha Pooch pet beds have been shipped to us by The GreaterGood.org



TheAnimalRescueSite.com

Many thanks to each and every one who voted for us!

#### Volunteer Spotlight-Jessica Lessard

Jessica Lessard has been volunteering at The Cat House on the Kings since 2013. The staff looks forward to her arrival every Tuesday. Jessica not only helps out with the cleaning duties but she also uses her photographic talents to take pictures of our adoptable kitties and puppies. Two



Jessica Lessard

of her photos (May & November) appear in the 2015 Cat House on the Kings Calendar. Click the link to check out some of the stunning photographs Jess has taken. Her photographs have helped many cats and dogs find loving homes. http://www.boredpanda.com/my-photosof-rescue-kittens-at-the-largest-no-killcat-sanctuary-in-california/



An example of Jessica's work

## "Every Little Walk Counts"

ResQwalk (www.resqwalk.com) is a mobile app that enables users to earn money

for homeless animals every time they walk. Just download the app from the App Store or Google Play Store, register with either your Facebook or Twitter account, and select The Cat House



on the Kings as your favorite rescue. When you "start walk" in the app, make sure The Cat House on the Kings is selected and go! You don't have to walk your dog but if you have one, I'm sure he/she would appreciate it.

Wooftrax (www.wooftrax.com) is an app that donates to your designated charity every time you login and walk your dog. That charity would of course be, The Cat House on the Kings. Thank you for your participation!

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#### First Cat House Calendar Was Hot Seller!

The Cat House on the Kings is so pleased that our first foray into the calendar business was such a success. All 3,100 calendars have been sold. We could not have done it without Kim Barker. Kim not only took many of the photos in the calendar, she pretty much did everything from designing the calendar to single handedly shipping them all out. We would also like to thank our Webmaster, Ivor Durham, for ensuring the ordering process ran smoothly and Harvie Schreiber for encouraging our Facebook fans to purchase these works of art. Plan on purchasing your 2016 calendar from us as well since next year's calendar is already being planned.

## We Love The Donations!

The Cat House on the Kings Extends The Paw of Thanks To:



Carter, Tipton, Wild Law Firm

Professional boxer/athlete/trainer, Jenifer Alcorn and the cadets from Team Jab Fitness Boot Camp donated wish list items and \$250 in cash.



Cynthia Stevens

The Fresno law firm of Wild, Carter & Tipton. Just before Christmas they chose The Cat House on the Kings as one of their annual charities. The attorneys and staff collected items from our wish list. "We love our animals here at our law firm and this was truly one of the most rewarding donation collections we have ever done."



Jennifer Alcorn

Cynthia Stevens of the Manic Panic Hair Salon in the Fresno Tower District collected wish list items. Cynthia is pictured with her grandsons Austin and Braden, and friend Isabel Castellanos





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Animal lover Susan Stiltz has been volunteering at The Cat House on the Kings for more than 10 years. Susan designed our "tree field" for us. She picked out the trees and came out to help dig the holes. We are extremely grateful to Susan for all that she has contributed to us over the years.Please consider using Susan's services for your next yard project.

#### Jackson Galaxy Foundation

Jackson Galaxy of "My Cat From Hell" fame is pleased to announce that his foundation has just received its non-profit 501(c) 3 status. Wellness Natural Pet Foods has signed on as his very first corporate sponsor. Wellness has donated a large amount of pet food with instructions to distribute it to the organizations of his choice. One of the lucky recipients is The Cat House on the Kings! The Cat House received a combined 3,000 pounds of Wellness Natural dry and



canned cat food. We are so humbled to be chosen for this honor and we extend our deepest thanks to Jackson for the incredible donation. Please watch Jackson's short video announcement by clicking the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8bOf cDfXcg&feature=youtu.be You can also watch a clip of Cat House residents enjoying the Wellness canned food. http://youtu.be/zJsQWDEnY4Y Or if you would rather watch cats eat dry food: http:// youtu.be/ixYaYfQz88w



Please visit us on Instagram The Cat House On The Kings, and enjoy our fun photos

#### Letters From Adopters

#### Peanut Butter & Jelly

The only thing better than adopting out a cat to a new family, is adopting two cats to the same family. Peanut Butter and Jelly are siblings and everyone was overjoyed when they were adopted together. We received this note from the happy new pet



Peanut Butter



parents: "Just wanted to give you a quick update that the boys are

transitioning very well. We feel like new parents overcome with joy. Please forward our deep gratitude to their foster parents and to all the wonderful folks at your organization." Rose & Blake Schug

Jelly

#### Peedy/Milky

Fresno volunteer Cindy Unruh rescued Peedy from a feral colony when she discovered that he was not feral at all. Peedy was brought to the Petco Adoption Center where he was soon adopted. Read a portion of an email from his happy family.

"Greetings- I'm writing to tell you what joy "Peedy" has brought to our family. My son renamed him "Milky" because his paws are white like he



Milky adores his new human

stepped in milk. Our older cat Spike was very suspicious at first but now is grooming Milky, cuddling in the same basket and even sharing food bowls. Milky likes sleeping on the bed of his human brother, Leo. Leo says he feels "fulfilled" by Milky. He says; "it feels like he's always been with us."

Thank you, Nancie Holliday

Wish List: Bleach, Paper Towels, Pine Cleaner, Recyclables, Postage Stamps, Postcard Stamps and Gift Cards (Amazon, Home Depot, Costco, etc.) The above items can be dropped off at the Blackstone/Ashlan Petco in Fresno, or at the Cat House

#### Amazon Wish List:

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When the last individual of a race of living things breathes no more, another heaven and another earth must pass until such a one can be seen again.

Important Reminder! Please remember to add info@cathouseonthekings.com to your email safe list so we don't end up in your junk email box!

#### **CONTACT INFO/SPONSOR A CAT\***

Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_

The Cat House on the Kings 7120 S. Kings River Road Parlier, CA 93648 (559) 638-8696 email: info@cathouseonthekings.com

Sign up to sponsor at: www.cathouseonthekings.com

The Cat House on the Kings is a private, non-profit, 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 daily by appointment only (except major holidays)

> HOURS: 8:00am-11:00am; 1:00pm-4:00pm We are located near Reedley, CA Southeast of Fresno, CA \*for \$15.00 per month

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Cat House on the Kings, 7120 S. Kings River Rd, Parlier, CA 93648 and put "Raffle Tickets" in the memo line. Credit cards are accepted (20 ticket min.) by calling 559-638-0030, Monday through Friday.

