

Feline rescue & sanctuary – dedicated to the care and adoption of homeless cats & kittens

It's Kitten Season: We Need Help to Save Innocent Lives

Kitten season has arrived in the Central Valley – and once again The Cat House on the Kings is swamped with hundreds of little ones who need veterinary care, food, love and a place to call home.



While kitten season never truly stops in our area due to the warm climate, it generally explodes around this time of year. Every day, we get calls about kittens found in boxes, back yards, streets or even at a fire station.

Meanwhile,

The Cat House continues to care for hundreds of other sanctuary residents and intakes such as a cat needing dental surgery and a puppy with a painful tumor. You could say we are up to our paws in paws right now!

"We are stretched pretty thin in the middle of kitten season," said Lynea Lattanzio, our founder and director. "We continue to encourage people to spay or neuter their pets, along with community cats, and we also participate in many programs to make that happen.

"Still, each year we see litter after litter of innocent kittens that need our help."

Spay/neuter programs are so critical in ending this cycle because one cat can have three or four litters of kittens each year. Cats as young as five months old can become pregnant and nursing mothers can become pregnant with another litter.

We are doing our best but The Cat House is limited in the number of kittens we can accept. We must anticipate providing potentially lifelong and complete care for each cat or kitten. Physical space is not the only factor – we also need the resources to supply food,

'Flow' Helps Black Cats Drop Superstitious Label

Black cats are slowly shedding their last-to-be-adopted label, and the Oscar-winning movie "Flow" seems to be having an impact.

The animated film follows a dark-haired cat and several animal companions in a tale of survival and overcoming fear. Happily, "Flow" is now considered good luck for black cats – long viewed in superstition as just the opposite.

National Public Radio (NPR) recently explored the movie's impact on black cat adoptions in a story that featured our own Beth Caffrey, donor relations for The Cat House on the Kings.

She has noticed that black kittens often are the last to be adopted. But some clever campaigns – encouraging potential pet owners to prize personality over coat color, for example – and "Flow" are helping to shift that dynamic.

The campaigns "definitely helped to change people's perspective," she said in her NPR interview. "And so for the past two years, we've seen a rise in black cat, dark cat, like, even torties getting adopted, which is really wonderful."

After "Flow" was released, some people called The Cat House wanting to specifically adopt a black cat. Beth understands that since she has a rescued black cat.

The Cat House on the Kings has plenty of cats and kittens – of all colors – ready for adoption. Visit our adoption website, www.cathouseonthekings.com/adoption, to find your perfect companion.

Maybe Chadwick (pictured) is your good luck charm? This black beauty and many more kitties are available at our Blackstone Ave Petco Adoption Center in Fresno.



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shelter, health care, foster homes and more.



"Right now, we desperately need more wet food and kibble – our shelves are almost bare," Lynea said.

Please help us care for these innocent lives. Here are some ways you can help The Cat House:

• Donate (check out www.cathouseonthekings.com for options)

• Donate items from our Wish List at Amazon, Chewy or Walmart. Items such as food, litter and cleaning supplies can be shipped directly to us.

• Donate toward low-cost spay/neuter programs like those available through The Cat House

- Sign up to foster with The Cat House
- Adopt a cat or kitten
- Volunteer with The Cat House
- Spay or neuter your pets

• Volunteer with a Trap-Neuter-Return program. Learn about TNR basics at our website, www.cathouseonthekings.com/docs/tnr_basics.pdf

• Share The Cat House's posts, newsletter and information about our adoptable cats and kittens

The Cat House is committed to saving as many lives

as we can this kitten season. We are grateful for your support!



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AnonymousBella
Ames, NicoleDoog
Baehmann, Marjorie Thomas Roy Hartry
Barnes, Ronald & ElaineDean Tsuruda
Berzal, Javier Flames
Botkin, Juanita Dolly Mason
Brown, RobertJoseph Thibodeaux
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Cianfarani, RyanStarvin' Marvin Villanueva
Durbin, LindaChris Arsenault, Happy Cat Sanctuary
Goodwin, Veronica UMuggy & Dottie
Hamilton, Sara M Harold Fort

Hughes, Susan Killam	Ringo Hughes
Jamieson, Kristina	Tugg
	Gail Ferreira
Lewis, Jill	Tiger
Lovgren, Monica & Keith	Jeanie Shea
Pennington, Vickie	Gladys Lawrence
Ramsay, Cheryl A	William Ramsay
Santoro, Merrily	Jim Bulls
Smith, Steve	Deanne Smith
Vacca, Richard	. Carole Vacca Brozowski
Varley, Lynn	Douglas
Watson, Cindy	Brothers Roo & Brody
Whittenberger, Monica	Janet Villard

Firefighters Rescue Feline Family, Turn to The Cat House for Help

Area firefighters made a rescue of a different kind when they saved the lives of a mama cat and kittens and then looked to The Cat House on the Kings for more help.

Recently, the heroes at Fire Station No. 4 in downtown Fresno returned from a call to find a box at their front door. Inside was a little feline family in dire need, so the firefighters immediately sprang into action.



They brought the kitties inside and then hustled out to buy food for the hungry mom. When they called around to search for help from rescue organizations, our founder/ director Lynea Lattanzio answered and quickly put out the request for a foster home.

Fortunately, a foster mom stepped up. Firefighters at the busy station kept the sweet family safe overnight until we could arrange for the pickup – and these heroes thoroughly enjoyed their guests.

Now this mom and kittens are being loved and cared for in a foster home. We can't thank these firefighters for going above and beyond to create this happy ending with The Cat House on the Kings.

If you would like to donate toward the care of this family or otherwise support our sanctuary, please visit www.cathouseonthekings.com to review our needs and the options to help.

FROM	IN HONOR OF
Chern, Mary Anne	Elizabeth
Fox, Brad	Brad Fox
Furth, Gerry	Lynea's Birthday, Tammy
	& The Cat House Birthday!
	No Name (Big Grey)
Rogers, Jason	The Animal Whisperer
	- Natalie Dodd
Ruiz, Mitzie	The Ruiz Family
Simi, Dante	Jennifer K. Bettin



Volunteer Spotlight

Evan Baker, All-Around Fantastic Volunteer

The Cat House on the Kings truly appreciates every grant that we receive - but sometimes, you need a little volunteer power to make it all come together.



That's why super volunteer Evan Baker has been invaluable as we start implementing our 2025 Cat Enrichment Grant Award from the PetFinder Foundation. This grant will allow us to greatly improve our Senior Adoption Room.

Anyone who lives with a cat already knows that it can lead to special projects/ maintenance beyond daily living care. Consider that The Cat House has many seniors with various "purrsonalities" and the "cattitude" that comes with age!

Truly, this well-used room needed more than a little TLC based on how many cats wait there for forever homes each year.

Fortunately, we have fabulous volunteers like Evan who help with many areas of kitty care, adoptions, special events and unique projects like this one.

The new grant will help us enhance and update our Senior/Adult Cat Adoption Room to give those cats more space, activity, and enrichment options. However, to prepare for improvements, this room needed a refresh.

And that's where Evan came to the rescue. He stepped up to do the wall repair and paint work all while keeping the seniors happy and safe.

While we have previously featured Evan in our Volunteer Spotlights, we felt this merited special thanks! We'll share more about the grant project as it moves along, and we can always use donations to help provide additional items for the space.

The Cat House is so grateful to Evan and the PetFinder Foundation!

Javier Maclovio, **Extra-Special Volunteer**

At The Cat House on the Kings, we are fortunate to have volunteers of all kinds. Meet one of our wonderful student volunteers, Javier Maclovio,

in his own words:

"Volunteering at The Cat House has been such a fun experience.



up, I've always been a dog person because I was always afraid of cats -but after volunteering here, I've grown a big love for cats!

"I've learned so much about cats and what it takes to take properly care for them. Again, I've been so appreciative volunteering here at The Cat House on the Kings."

Our nonprofit sanctuary always always - needs more volunteer help. Students like Javier can make a huge difference even if they only volunteer with us for a short time.

Javier's contributions went beyond hands-on volunteer work. He also created a presentation for school that was shared, which means it can make a difference by reaching people we may not have reached otherwise!

In part, his presentation traces the history and mission of The Cat House, ways to volunteer or adopt and even a few shout-outs to special cats.

It is a thrill for us to have a welldone presentation from a student because that means all the work that goes into our website is being used and shared! We love our student volunteers and we are grateful for all of your clever work, Javier!

Maxwell Colburn, Amazing Volunteer

It's always special when the people who adopt from The Cat House on the Kings become volunteers for The Cat House! Meet one of those wonderful people. Maxwell Colburn, in his own words:



"I first heard of The Cat House when my family adopted our cat named Murphy back in 2021. I've always been an animal lover but around this time I started to really enjoy having my cats around, and my love for them has only grown throughout the years.

"Last year, my family came across a very small kitten in our backyard, and although it was tough at the time, we tried our best to give her a home when she needed it. We named her Suki and took her in, but sadly, we found out from our vet that she had a very serious heart condition, which became very apparent when she started to have difficulties moving around.

"At this point we had to make the very difficult decision to put her down, which was very hard for me. This experience definitely left me in poor spirits for a while and my whole family was missing Suki.

"After a few months, we decided to look at cats in the area and my mom actually put in an application to The Cat House as a kind of surprise to me. We went in before we were approved and I met a lot of the cats at the Fresno Adoption Center for the first time.

"Once we got approved, we found a beautiful cat named Rosa (who we have renamed to Nami) and she has been fitting in perfectly around our house in the few months since we got her. Overall, the experience of going in seeing all the cats in the adoption center really made me happy after what we had gone through with Suki, and this is what mainly made me want to volunteer at The Cat House.

"When I got the opportunity to do a service learning/volunteer project for my Marketing 100S class at Fresno State and saw The Cat House on the Kings on the list of approved organizations, I was very excited to get in and complete my hours with the organization that we adopted from.

"During the time helping out with cleaning and other daily tasks at the adoption center, I really enjoyed myself working around the cats. I really love coming in to see all of the cats. Being able to help out the employees at the Adoption Center means a lot to me. I think that your organization really values the animals and I can see that every time I come in to help out."

The Cat House on the Kings thanks Maxwell for loving Nami and for helping more cats along their adoption journey. We are very grateful for you!

'Heart' Cat Becomes Third Foster Fail for Loving Mom, Family

Sometimes a cat tugs on a foster parent's heart and they just can't

let go. Nikki Hamilton and Blanna, her "heart" cat, know all about that.

Nikki began fostering for The Cat House on the Kings in fall 2015. Over the years, there were a few foster fails – three to be exact – but Blanna's journey is distinct.

As a foster, Nikki eventually

specialized in older cats and those with adjustment issues after being returned to The Cat House. Blanna arrived in Nikki's home with a painful condition known as stomatitis, which causes severe inflammation of the mouth.

"I dearly love all my cats but Blanna's health condition caused her so much pain that she touched my heart strings and I gave her extra care and attention when her stomatitis acted up," Nikki said via email.

Blanna experienced "periodic escalating pain which caused severe inflammation of her throat and gums," Nikki said. "This resulted in her not eating or grooming and she would curl up in a ball and hide."

Treatments could only be administered every four weeks; at times, Blanna could go two or three months without needing one. Eventually, however, the declines happened more quickly and Nikki often fed her wet food by hand and water by syringe. She also prayed for healing.

Today, Blanna is a different cat. Her last treatment was in October 2023 and she hasn't had a recurrence since then. With a big move on the horizon, Nikki officially adopted Blanna a few months ago.

Blanna is petite but at times her weight dropped below seven pounds. She weighed a healthier 9.6 pounds on adoption day.

"She's actually got a little chubby tummy which is adorable," Nikki said. "What's really funny is that her personality has undergone a significant change. When she was ill and in frequent pain, she was the 'low kitty on the totem pole' in the household.



"Now, her confidence has grown and she holds her own and will even stare down one of the bigger cats in the household at times and chase after them. I love that she has found her place in my home and is happy."

Blanna is very attached to her mom and also adored Alex, Nikki's son who recently left home and now serves in the U.S. Navy. "She would beg for his

attention by going up on her hind legs just like a prairie dog and wrapping her front paws around his wrist," Nikki said. "Now who could resist that?"

Blanna sleeps with Nikki every night and comes running when her name is called. "Everyone who visits my house adores Blanna," Nikki said. "Like I said before, she is my heart cat and there was NO WAY I could move to the East Coast and leave her behind."

Angelic 'Hedgey' Captivates Orange County Couple

Sweet and slightly cross-eyed, Hedgehog quickly captured the hearts of Julienne Eskandari and her husband, Stefan.

The Orange County residents were looking for a young adult cat earlier this year



when they found Hedgehog at The Cat House on the Kings. "Enough people want kittens," Julienne explained via email.

"We were immediately drawn to Hedgehog's incredible demeanor and gentle spirit," she said. "He also happens to be beautiful."



This sweet boy, now nicknamed Hedgey, tolerated the five-hour drive to his new home like a champ. "Hedgey was a dream," Julienne said. "Poor wee guy didn't make a noise – just slept and purred."

He also has adjusted quickly to his new home, even enjoying frequent

walks in a pet stroller. "He's a little furry angel and brings us so much happiness," she said.

The couple decided to keep his Cat House name even though they aren't sure it truly suits him. Still, "we felt he should bring something that was his own to us," Julienne said

"Hedgey is inquisitive, courageous, sweet, and very confident," she said. "He's afraid of nothing (and) follows us everywhere ... He is the sweetest cat imaginable. He has a bunch of toys, and seems partial to his stuffed octopus toy but in reality prefers to knock whatever is loose off counters or tables with a satisfying bang."

One of Hedgey's quirks is that he cannot meow. "He tries to talk back but the best (he can do) is a soft squeak," she said.

Julienne and Stefan are first-time adopters from The Cat House but they are longtime fans and have frequently visited over the years.

"We love all the cats there and fully support The Cat House's mission," she said, adding that they recommend adopting from us. "We rave to anyone that will listen about The Cat House."

Sweet Terrier's Adorable Photos Attract Wonderful, Loving Family

The message was clear when Monica and Kristopher Bremenkamp saw the adorable terrier face on The Cat House on the Kings website. That message was: Pick me!

So they did – adding 1-year-old Lilly (now renamed Lillipup) to their Clovis family. The new addition joins the couple and their two children along with a Maltese named Sailor and a cat named Kiki.



"For the past year, our kids had been ask-

ing for a frisky, playful dog who they could cuddle to sleep," Monica said via email. "We raised our children from the beginning to love and respect



animals, so we knew that they would be gentle and responsible with a young, small dog. Having previously adopted a dog and two cats from here, it seemed natural to go to CatHouseOnTheKings.com to look for our next dog!"

Lillipup's cute photos (yes, The Cat House also has adoptable dogs) stole the family's

hearts. In addition, Monica said, "she was described as sweet and energetic who would thrive in a family setting with other dogs and cats. That certainly checked all the boxes for us!"

Lillipup has certainly lived up to her bill-

ing and is incredibly precious, loving and lovable. "She is very intelligent and well-behaved, able to differentiate which toys are hers to chew on," Monica said. "By the fifth day, she was already letting me brush all of her teeth before bed. She has accepted our entire family as part of her pack and literally jumps for joy when our son comes home from school."

Everyone loves Lillipup – including the resident pets. "She loves to follow Sailor around and rubs heads with Kiki every time he comes down from his perch. Lillipup treats the kids as her siblings, running after them and alternates sleeping with them cuddled in their arms. At the end of the day when she's finally run out of energy, she curls up into a perfect lapdog."

The Bremenkamps have returned several times to adopt from The Cat House. "We had such a wonderful experience meeting the amazing Lynea (our founder/director) and touring The Cat House on the Kings when we visited to adopt Sailor," Monica said.

"We were so impressed how well cared for all the cats (and dogs!) were at the sanctuary. The staff were all so helpful and friendly. We also loved how all four pets we adopted were in great health and matched their descriptions on the website, making the process so much easier.

"I know in the future we will continue to look for adoptable pets" at The Cat House, she added. "We will always be thankful to the wonderful soul who saved Lillipup from the streets by bringing her to The Cat House on the Kings. Thank you so much for all that you do and for having provided us with four beautiful 'furbebes' we will always love and cherish."

Wish List:

Money, Bleach, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent (HE), Dish Soap, 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 & Chewy Wish Lists: www.cathouseonthekings.com/wishlist

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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. Find out more at www.cathouseonthekings.com/plaque.

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LA Wildfire Survivor Finds Safety, New Home at The Cat House

Earlier this year, a series of wildfires ravaged parts of Southern California and devastated homes and lives – both for people and animals. The Cat House on the Kings stepped in to help one of those survivors.

Bentley, as he was named by a rescuer, was part of a feral cat colony in Altadena. His life turned

upside down by the January wildfires that displaced his colony and turned his former home into ash and ruins.





Rescue teams mobilized when it was safe to return to the area. Volunteers from HAKA, Assert Disaster Animal Rescue, Spoof Dawg Rescue and more set up cameras, food station and humane traps in an effort to save the animals that remained in danger. Security camera footage showed coyotes roaming the area where Bentley ultimately was rescued.

In late January, Bentley was safely trapped and taken to Priceless Pets Rescue's vet clinic for care and neutering. That's when The Cat House was contacted by the rescue community hoping to find him a permanent, safe haven.

Thanks to the compassionate coordination by a volunteer and also a dedicated Cat House team member, Bentley journeyed to our 12-acre sanctuary. He spent time in quarantine and is adjusting to his new surroundings, where he will roam freely and live out his life among other feline residents.

Bentley's story is one of survival, teamwork and second chances. The Cat House on the Kings is honored to be part of this rescue and we are grateful to everyone involved:

@assertrescue, @homedepotfoundation, @baileyscbd, @inaba_churu, @ myearthbreeze, @tailtown.cats, and so many others.

Truly, this is what rescue looks like. This is what community can do. And this is what The Cat House on the Kings was born to do, and what we continue to do with your support. Welcome home, Bentley!









Hundreds of Shoppers Turn Out for Our Estate, Block Sales

Thanks to our dedicated supporters, The Cat House on the Kings brought in more than \$10,000 at two fundraisers this spring.

The biggest was our first-ever Estate Sale held over three days in April. Several hundred people stopped by to shop and support our 12-acre sanctuary near the Kings River in Parlier. Those wonderful shoppers included fans from as far away as Washington and Tennessee along with first-time visitors,



longtime supporters, our own employees and members of our Board of Directors.

We are grateful to all of those shoppers and people who came just to donate cat food, money and even a cute cat house.

Altogether, we raised about \$10,000 from the sale of items donated to us by folks who remembered The Cat House in their wills or estate planning. In some cases, we received donations from the estate along with the individual's cats.

Over those three days in April, visitors browsed through furniture, antiques, cat-related merchandise and much more. We were happy



to sell more of our 2025 calendars (some still available on our website) and to provide guided tours to many guests. Some chose the option of a self-guided tour.

"We were so pleased with the turnout for our Estate Sale," said our founder/director Lynea Lattanzio (pictured here, center, with board members

Christine Bagetakos and Francie Caraker). "This was our major fundraiser for the year and the money raised will help us continue our life-saving mission."

"Our Estate Sale team was amazing," added Tammy Barker, our assistant director. "They did a wonderful job setting up for the sale and ensuring that everything ran smoothly all three days."

We followed up the Estate Sale with a Block Sale in Fresno in early May. Shoppers had to brave the hottest day of the year so far (100 degrees) to browse through items that remained from the Estate Sale. We raised about \$500.

Board members and volunteers set up, ran and tore down the sale, and it was demanding to pack up and label all the items and boxes from the Estate Sale. Our staff delivered all the tables needed along with the truck load of great items. Our event team included Christine Bagetakos, Sandra Goodsoozian, Francie Caraker, and Diane Mendoza Alvarez.

The Cat House Takes Second in Shelter Challenge

The Cat House on the Kings is pleased to announce that your daily votes in the latest Shelter Challenge yielded much-needed support for our sanctuary.

The Cat House finished in second place in the New Leashes on Life Shelter Challenge, which provided a \$3,000 cash prize. We are eternally grateful for the support of our loyal daily voters – especially now, as we navigate another booming kitten season.

The main sponsor of the Shelter Challenge is Greater Good, an independent organization formed in 1999 that is committed to the health and well-being of people, pets and the planet. Prizes are awarded based on daily on-line voting, and the latest Shelter Challenge closed on March 25.

Every year, our nonprofit sanctuary relies on grants and donations to care for hundreds of cats and kittens (along with a few dogs and puppies). That includes individual donations from our fans as well as shopping partners like Purrs and Whiskers.

Thanks to sales to our supporters, Purrs and Whiskers recently donated \$325 to The Cat House. This awesome partner makes a similar donation every month based on sales to people who shop and use The Cat House code.

You can check out their website at www. purrsandwhiskers.com, which is a great place to buy unique merchandise while also supporting The Cat House! More shopping partners are listed on our website.

Truly, we are grateful for every penny that helps us rescue and save precious lives. Visit our website – www.cathouseonthekings.com – to discover all the ways you can support us and our mission.

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Our entire team put in plenty of sweat equity that day, and we can't thank them enough for their hard work!

We continue to plan fundraising events and may put together a silent auction later this year. Check our website and social media for any updates.

In the midst of peak kitten season, it's incredibly important to raise money and awareness for The Cat House on the Kings. The Cat House is the state's largest no-cage, no-kill, lifetime sanctuary and adoption center. As a nonprofit organization, we rely completely on grants, donations and other forms of fundraising.

Please consider donating to The Cat House and our mission to save lives. Visit our website, www.cathouseonthekings.com, for information on how to donate or help in other ways.

