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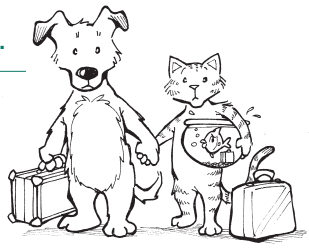

Shelter from the Storm

When a blizzard blows in we like to think that every person and her or his animals are tucked safely inside. Yet, more than ever, Rescue Village is relied on to provide shelter from the economic storm. Often we are the only safety net for animals in urgent need. We are among the top 3 shelters, in size and services, in a region that has only 6 humane agencies serving over 1.5 million people.

A Few Words Tell a Big Story

The note explaining why Misty, a 5 year old lab, came to Rescue Village has just one word: "foreclosure." When her owners lost their home, Misty was given to a neighbor. That decision was a far cry from the myth that people who give away their pets do not love them. In Misty's case things just did not work out and the neighbor surrendered her to Rescue Village. Losing a family, then having to move again, and, now, waiting to be adopted from the shelter has turned Misty's world upside down. Two kennels down, the sign featured just two words: "job loss."

Misty *photo: Amy Sancetta*

Murray *photo: Amy Sancetta*

Our Own Kind of Bailout

Murray is a tan and white cat who was found abandoned with his friends Monroe and Gino inside a house with a big "foreclosed" sign. It is hard to imagine packing up and leaving a pet behind. We encourage people facing hard times to think ahead and make plans for their pet's care.

When they do not, Rescue Village goes into motion and enacts our own kind of "bailout." We bring homeless pets to the shelter where they have warm beds, great medical care, lots of love, and most of all, the promise of a better life. Monroe and Gino were adopted. We hope Murray will not be far behind.

We Need Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Found abandoned after his owner moved, Martini, the pony, came to Rescue Village malnourished. Abandoning a horse condemns it to death. We are hearing about this happening more often as the economic crisis worsens. Our Humane Agent found Martini and moved him to the Rescue Village Barn.

Martini *photo: Amy Sancetta*

The staff nursed him back to health. As cold weather came, Martini's coat thickened and the Millers, who had adopted Fiona the goat, took Martini into their family.

Horses and farm animals require a lot of space and special care. They pose a unique challenge. Rescue Village has decided that we need to build a resource network, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, to address this emerging animal welfare crisis. This is the kind of compassion that love elicits.

With your support Rescue Village will help shepherd thousands of animals to safety and new lives.

Look for our next appeal in the mail.

We all have different ways to provide financial support to our favorite charity. Some make multiple gifts throughout the year. Others prefer to make one gift per year at the same time of year, each and every year. No matter how you decide to give, we deeply appreciate your financial support of the work we do at Rescue Village and we enjoy telling you about that work in our quarterly newsletters and appeals. **Thank you!**

Rescue Village Hours
Monday: noon to 7:00pm
Tuesday: noon to 5:00pm
Wednesday: closed
Thursday: noon to 7:00pm
Friday: noon to 5:00pm
Saturday: noon to 5:00pm
Sunday: noon to 5:00pm

adoptions stop ½ hour before posted closing times

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from the executive director

Old deaf dogs are the best dogs and my Dublin was the best dog in the whole world.

Dublin *illustration: Jenny Campbell*

Maybe it was the way he slept so deeply that sometimes I could not wake him. Maybe it was the way he looked like a puppy when he was groomed, and the doggie version of Father Time when his curly, unkempt fur stuck out everywhere. Maybe it was how he loved the Popcorn Shop in Chagrin Falls because he knew that every Thursday evening was vanilla ice cream night. Maybe it was his immediate love for Bob Simpson and the mutuality of it all. It was, simply, perfect.

Seven months with Dublin, my Terrier Ya Ya Ya, as I liked to call him, was just not enough. In November, when he died, he was surrounded by his people.

The wonderful thing is that there is room for every dog, every cat, every pig, goat, pet rat, horse, turtle, and rabbit to be the best one in the whole wide world. I had my Dublin, Jan had her Sage, Kathy had her Simba, Cynthia had her Mr. Big, Sarah had her Phoenix, Sharmyn had her Jasper, Kathy had her Sancho, Timy had her Benny, Heidi had her Bailey, and you, I am certain, have your own "best one". All of them had their people who were, in their lives, the best people in the whole wide world. It is the magic that is made when love is unconditional.

Old deaf dogs are the best dogs and Dublin, my Dubbie Dubs Dubbie, will always be in my heart. We come upon treasures here and there throughout our lives. They are not ours to keep. But, for a while, they grace our world with uncommon light and joy.

Gratefully,
Hope Brustein

P.S. Thank you to Rescue Village and all of the shelters, good rescues, and foster homes that save animals' lives and enrich our world.

A *Fix It in the Farmland* First

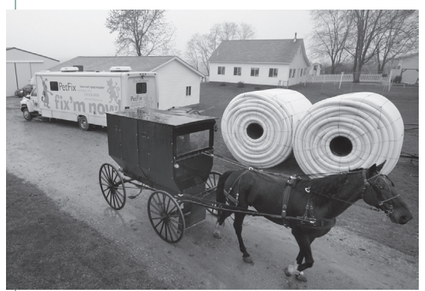


photo: Amy Sancetta

It was a sight rarely seen in rural Geauga County, Ohio—Amish horses and buggies bringing dogs and cats to Rescue Village's "Fix It in the Farmland" low-cost spay/neuter program. On a rainy Saturday morning in November, the clinic was held at an Amish farm near Middlefield.

Fix It staff registered clients inside the farm's workshop. The animals were carried into the mobile surgical van operated by PetFix of Northeast Ohio. This is the first time a spay/neuter clinic day has been held at an Amish farm in Northeast Ohio.

Fix It in the Farmland is part of Geauga Humane Society's efforts to end pet overpopulation. We are so grateful to be welcomed by members of the Amish community.

humane education

Rescue Village is WOWed every year by hundreds of amazing students from schools in our region who put together innovative projects to give handmade toys, food, and donations to the animals in our care. We are tremendously honored by the kindness of these students. Here are a few highlights.

University School

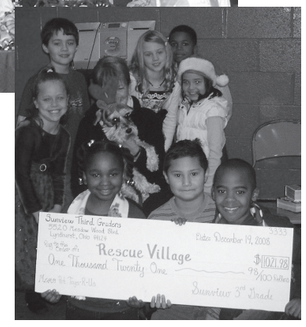
University School— Shaker Heights
Forty first grade boys and their teachers from University School have made Rescue Village their year long community service project. Already this school year, the students have given wish list items, and delighted cats and staff alike with their fabulous home-grown trays of cat grass. Also, they have become cage sponsors for the year through the sale of homemade dog biscuits.

Kristen Anderson, one of the teachers, said, "We felt that Rescue Village would be the perfect way for a group of first grade boys to connect with their community service work—and we were right! All little boys love animals, and their work with Rescue Village this year has been very meaningful and authentic for them. The parents have really embraced this relationship as well, and have been enthusiastic and supportive of our efforts all year."

The entire staff at Rescue Village is so pleased to have the generous support of these awesome first graders and their families.

Sunview School— Lyndhurst
For the third year in a row, third graders have run the Sunview Elementary Pet Toy Enterprise. Coordinated by teacher Kim Erwin, these budding entrepreneurs learned firsthand the basics of running a business: they requested a bank loan; acquired funds; and implemented outstanding marketing strategies for success. The dog tugs, dog and human scarves, and cat toys were created on an assembly line. Items were sold at school and outside of Pet Supplies Plus in Lyndhurst. These charitable young businessmen and businesswomen generously chose to contribute their profits to Rescue Village—giving $1,021.98!

Rescue Village and the animals are so very, very grateful for the concern and commitment shown by the students and families at Sunview.



Sunview Elementary Pet Toy Enterprise (above and right)

Harmon Middle School Animal Lovers Club— Aurora
The Animal Lovers Club has been busy during the first part of their school year. In October they had a wonderful program with Mary Carney, Humane Education Coordinator and four Rescue Village Ambassadors and their dogs. The students described the program as "a meeting to remember."

Harmon Middle School Animal Lovers Club

The group identified Rescue Village for their yearlong project. In October the club held a bake sale during every lunch period to earn money for Harmon to sponsor a cage. The school earned enough for a yearly sponsorship in just one day because of the BIG HEARTS of Harmon's students and staff! We are excited to hear from the group throughout the year and share with them what their generosity means to the animals.

In Kids We Trust

In Kids We Trust is a club for young philanthropists who give to Rescue Village and have access to special benefits like being invited to an "Annual Meeting" (kids' style), a chance to be on an Advisory Board, and more. Learn more at www.geaugahumane.org/donate.

I want to make a gift to help the animals

I would like my contribution to benefit—

☐ General Operations
☐ Cage Sponsorship
All cages are $15 per month
☐ cat cage ☐ dog cage
☐ Honor/Memorial

Donation Amount

☐ One-time donation
☐ Monthly donation for____months (credit card only)
Total Pledged $_____

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Company Name _____

☐ Check Enclosed (payable to Geauga Humane Society)
☐ Credit or Debit Card Number

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Expiration Date _____ V-Code _____

If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a special person or animal, please fill out the information below.

☐ In Memory_____
☐ In Honor_____
☐ person ☐ animal

Send acknowledgement letter to:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____

Please return to:
Geauga Humane Society
PO Box 116 Novelty, OH 44072

Your gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Double your donation with a matching gift—see your employer for details.

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Upcoming Classes (in the Rescue Village classroom).

Visit our website at www.geaugahumane.org for class dates and times or call 440.338.4819, ext 43 for more information or to register.

Puppy Preschool A class to start you and your puppy (eight weeks to five months) off on the right track. You'll learn how to teach your dog basic manners, how to walk nicely on a leash, and how to greet people politely. Cost: $95 ($85 for adopters from Rescue Village). Fee includes a manual and treat pack. Registration is required. No dogs should be brought to the first week of class. Sessions are six evenings.
Upcoming classes:
Sundays, March 1 thru April 5, 2:00–3:00pm
Mondays, April 13 thru May 18, 6:00–7:00pm
Thursdays, July 9 thru August 3, 6:00–7:00pm

Good Dog 101 A primer on positive reinforcement training for owners with dogs ages five months to two years. Basic commands are taught. Cost: $95 ($85 for adopters from Rescue Village). Registration is required. No dogs should be brought to the first week of class. Sessions are six evenings.
Upcoming classes:
Mondays, March 2 thru April 6, 6:00–7:00pm
Thursdays, April 16 thru May 21, 6:00–7:00pm
Sundays, May 31 thru July 12 (skip July 5), 2:00–3:00pm
Mondays, July 20 thru August 24, 6:30–7:30pm

Looking Forward

Mark you calendar for upcoming events and activities.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 6:30pm. Join us for our Annual Meeting at Rescue Village where our Members will elect new trustees and review the accomplishments of 2008

Volunteer Appreciation Event

Saturday, April 25, 2009. To show our great appreciation for all the time, energy, and efforts given by our 400 plus volunteers. Location and time to be determined

Comedy of Errors at the Playhouse Square

Saturday, May 2, 2009. The balcony of the Hanna Theater will be reserved for Rescue Village friends to enjoy Shakespeare's play about a zany cast of unforgettable characters and a myriad of mistaken identities. Private cash bar available. Tickets are $100 per person. 60% of the proceeds will go to Rescue Village. Call 440.338.4819, ext. 19 for tickets

A Doggone Purrfect Night

Come join us under the beautiful white tent for the 2nd annual Doggone Purrfect Night on **Saturday, June 20, 2009** at Rescue Village. For more information call 440.338.4819, ext. 19

Rescue Village **Wish List**

- Laundry soap
- Paper towels
- Empty squirt bottles (not spray)
- 33 gallon garbage bags
- Lamb and rice dog treats
- White copy paper

Fostering Dogs for Rescue Village is a **Constant Adventure**

By Karen David

I signed up to volunteer as a foster home for sick cats in 2003. I heard from Rescue Village a few months later when the Dog Behavior Coordinator called to ask if I would take in a mom and her puppies. I said yes, and have been fostering momma dogs and their litters and dogs recovering from heartworm and other injuries ever since.

Currently I have 10 seven week old foster pups, along with my own four dogs, two cats and two horses. These puppies give kisses, have puppy tummies and puppy breath, and yes, they make a huge puppy mess!

Aside from the regular day-to-day care (feeding, grooming, exercising), the responsibilities of a foster home may include some basic training (housetraining, walking on leash, sit, down), medical care (dispensing medication given by Rescue Village veterinarians), and of course, plenty of playtime and snuggling.

Fostering a dog and puppies may seem like a daunting task, but it is very rewarding to assist animals recovering from illness. Everyone seems to benefit, especially the animals. It is exciting to see tiny pups open their eyes and learn to eat and play. It is gratifying to know that with an open heart and mind, and an ample supply of newspapers, I can make a difference for animals.

People ask me if I get too attached to the animals. Many times I cry when I return them, but I know that Rescue Village will make sure they are placed in loving homes.

*Special **thanks** to…*

Sara Guren for volunteering her time and talents to shoot the beautiful photography at our Woofstock event in September 2008. Sara's photos were featured on page 11 of our November 2008 Rescue Village Reporter

Blue Jay Orchard for donating fruit throughout the year for the barn animals and for providing apple cider for the Holiday Adoptathon event

Mary Hobbs for raffling off a beautiful art print to support Rescue Village

Darlene at Imagery Gallery for hosting the raffle

Jenny Campbell, Sally Biel Contizano and Amy Sancetta for their time and talents given to 2008 newsletters and appeals and more

Alan and Peggy Bialosky for helping to decorate the lobby for the holidays and for donating plexi-glass

Myrna Papurt, volunteer DVM, for another record year of Catsmart TNR program spays/neuters

Sharron Voelker for installing a wonderful sound system so that our adoptable dogs have great music

Bob Voelker for providing food and space at Blue Canyon for the Homeward Bound holiday gathering

Brugmann Sand & Gravel Inc. in Mantua for donating several tons of gravel for the isolation pen

Buckeye Excavating in Chagrin Falls for picking up and delivering the gravel

The Pattie Group for donating the equipment and the man power to spread the gravel

Chagrin Pet and Garden Supply for donating the wonderful Douglas Fir that hung upside down during the holidays

Paddock Saddlery for collecting items and monetary donations for us throughout the holidays

Flower Factory for collecting wish list items from customers

Caren Stuztman for making pierogies for the Holiday Lights In the Garden event

Ambassadors and their dogs for helping at the Holiday Adoptathon: **Heather Lampman, Abbie Leska, Chrissy Valigore, Linda Godwin, Carla Newberry, Nancy Parker, Valerie Stefancin, George and Ginger Davis**

Holiday Bakers who made sure we had a lot of cookies for the Holiday Adoptathon: **Nancy Carleton, Enid Friedman, Anne Nelson, Genny Franzen, Cathie Czaga, Barbara Krouse, Peggy and Alan Bialosky, Carla Newberry, Nancy Parker, Marie Scheps, Sue Conover, Cathy Katz, Carol Perfetto** (any one who we may have missed)

Lilly Pulitzer for holding a very special Rescue Village shopping day on Saturday, October 18

Rebecca Ray Designs for holding a very special Rescue Village shopping day on Thursday, December 4

Jim Jung for installing cabinets and hanging the holiday tree

Rescue Village Singers: **Nancy Bernstein, Sheila Simpson, Linda Betzer, Amy Sancetta, Jenny Campbell, Kathy Leavenworth, Timy Sullivan, Heidi Wormser**

Deb Pinter, Orange Arts Center and the organizing committee for Animal and Art II. Kudos also go out to all of the artists who contributed time and talent to create such a beautiful fundraiser

Heidi Wormser for her ongoing assistance with the website

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Adoption hours (Animal intake by appointment)
Mon. & Thurs. from noon to 7pm/Tues., Fri., Sat., & Sun. from noon to 5pm/Closed on Wednesday

happy endings in waiting

Lonely Hearts Club— A club for extra special animals searching for VERY SPECIAL people. Lonely Hearts Club members get focused attention because they might be older, or bigger, or sight-impaired, or need some custom care. But, just like everyone else, they deserve someone to love them forever. This program devotes time to "getting the word out" about our most needy Rescue Village animals.

Sally

Sally— If there is a cat that fits the Lonely Heart description, it is Sally. Sally has been at Rescue Village for over a year. She is shy at first and has a difficult time trusting new people, but once she gets over that hurdle, she is a sweet and silly kitty. The way to Sally's heart is through her stomach! She has taught us to cover our leftovers, or things have a way of disappearing. Sally needs a home where someone will be patient and give her the time she needs to adjust and relax in new surroundings. If you have the love and understanding to give to a true Lonely Heart, please come in and meet Sally today!

Black Jack— If you are looking for a happy, bouncy dog that will brighten up your day, Black Jack is your man. He originally found refuge at Trumbull County Animal Shelter and was transferred to Rescue Village on October 16, 2008. Black Jack, a sleek, handsome, lively Black Lab mix has a surplus of love to give! His manners are outstanding and he loves to show off how well he sits down and gives his paw (especially if you have yummies). The shelter life is just not agreeing with such a spunky dog and he urgently needs to find a home.

Black Jack

Goose

Goose— Goose has been in search of her forever home for nearly a year-and-a-half. Two summers ago Goose was found as a stray along with her kitten, Turtle. They were lost and scared, wandering the streets in the hot muggy July weather. The person who found them had allergies and could not keep them. Soon after they arrived, at Rescue Village, little Turtle was adopted. But sweet, lovable Goose is still waiting. If you have a quiet home and lots of love to give, this Goose is just waiting to take off from her nest here at Rescue Village.

happy endings

Wilbur at his new home on Pekin Road photo: Ed Slaby

Wilbur's new family, Dan and Nikki Canter, say that Wilbur is a real character and a wonderful addition to their equestrian center on Pekin Road in Newbury. Although he is not at all intimidated by the horses, a few of them have not quite figured out what kind of horse Wilbur is. The children who come for riding lessons absolutely love him and spend hours playing with him in his stall. The husband of a client, who rarely comes to visit the horses, comes regularly now to see Wilbur. An older woman, whose granddaughter boards a horse, insisted that Wilbur be let out into the arena one day, soon the woman and Wilbur were chasing each other around and around, having a wonderful time! The only thing that Wilbur doesn't seem to like is his harness. A couple of the girls took it off when they were playing with him and they can't seem to get it back on him. Nikki says that when they try he screams and squeals, so they just gave up!

Roger Rabbit with Melanie Hudock photo: Ed Slaby

Roger Rabbit came to Rescue Village July 20, 2008. He was one of four rabbits found wandering in a neighborhood. They were seen huddling together in the street, hiding under trees, and frantically running about. Finally, they were caught and brought to Rescue Village. Roger Rabbit arrived with a notch on his ear and a cut on the tip of his nose. He was timid and scared, until one day when a sweet girl, Melanie, and her mom, Laura Hudock, came to Rescue Village to meet him. The visit went well and they decided to foster to adopt. Their love for Roger Rabbit grew quickly and soon they were back at Rescue Village to officially adopt him.

James and Muffin Man Max with Karen & Ken Cowles photo: Ed Slaby

Muffin Man Max & James returned to Rescue Village when their owner decided two cats were just too much. They stayed at Rescue Village for almost 9 months before finding their new home with the Cowles family. James, the playful cat, craves attention and loves to take flying leaps all over the house. He loves to tackle his "brother" and have a good wrestling match every morning! Max, the sweet snuggly one, loves to sleep upside down in silly positions.

Rin with Dan & Melanie Yatsko and Smokey photo: Ed Slaby

Rin, a gorgeous young German Shepherd, was rescued by our Humane Agent one cold, winter day. He was found running in a park with a large open sore all around his neck from a collar that was too small and too tight. On his first full day at the shelter, Rin had surgery to fix the injury. It took him more than three weeks to heal, but once he did he blossomed into a sweet, loving, gentle boy. Melanie Yatsko was fortunate enough to adopt Rin. He now lives his life very comfortably. After a very rough start in life, Rin has his forever home.

In Memory of **Friends & Relatives**

Marcel Asta
Irene Asta
Mr. & Mrs. L. Osborne & Family
John R. Carroll
Gayle B. Collova

Walt Bachnicki Eileen Bachnicki

Tony Badalamenti
Timy and Ed Sullivan

Maurice "Moe" Berlin
Linda and Donald Crowe
Linda and Bob Katz
Dick and Barbara Lederman
Emily Ford
Maureen and Melvin Weisblatt
Wendy Weisberg
Arlene Bialic
Carolyn Anthony
Nancy Weiser
Jill and Vijay Shankar
David and Gloria Kahan
Harriet Block
Office of Pupil Transportation
Stan Priesand
Jean Keller
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Margolis
Mark W. Weber
Sue and Bob Englander
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Mary Gardner
Daphne Morrow and Jay
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Meredith and Cheryl Weinstein

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Bruce and Hedwig Demsey
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Charles and Susan Gustafson
Mary Ann and John Hexter
Mary Jane Jurca and Jill Bartuccio
Cyndi and Leroy Wilson
William Zehnal
Ann and David Hudec
Martha Tripi
Marc Frisch
William Temple
Joann Cohen
Ruth and Doug Mayers
The Saginor Family

Parrish Garver
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Harry Goodman Rich and Tila Luschin

Leonard J. Grill Gail Grill

Evelyn Haas
Denise and Victor Nardini
Larry and Romi Burroughs
Laura Septic
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Anthony Weber

Patricia Lannigan Lydia F. Champlin

Nancy Leach
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Linda Riehl
Marla Mattson and Regan Demshar

William Lund
Gwendolyn Strunk
Harvey Frutkin
Dale Davis

Arlene MacDonald
Daniel and Joanne Berenstein

Helen Mang
Mary Ann and Robert Klein

Sophia Marinko Chrysa Nasca Kirsch

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Mrs. W. Moore Audrey Moore

Howard Moyer Anonymous

Dorothy Murphy
Steven and Susan Nemeth

Joseph Pierce
Elois Boettcher
Rich and Tila Luschin
Sheila Basham and coworkers
from U.S. Postal Service

Linda Polot Joan Bitterman

Candace Prebil Linda Betzer

Donald Price Sheldon Mike Young

Beverly Ragan
Margaret Yarcusko
Mr. & Mrs. Golias
Larry and Betty Watson
Jim Perhavec and Pat Milavec

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Sharon and James Phillis
Randolph Bucey
Bonnie Borman and David Goldston
Dennis and Andrea Sheets
Friends at Federal Reserve Bank
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Tom, Jan and Amanda Riccardi

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Charles Rickard

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John and Meghann Laughlin

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Barbara Schuh

Giselle Updegraff and her dog Chime
Kit and Evie Luoma

Bob and Marion Wald
Helen K. Gleason

Gary Walker Judy Walker

JoAnn Welker-Kelner
Anthony Cirino – Cirino & Sons
Landscaping

In Memory of **Companion Animals**

Alex, Mississippi and Percy
Rhonda Fiehler

Aryeh Lauren Sable

Barney Louis and Helga Boswell

Bean Mr. and Mrs. Craig Lindauer

Bear Diana Tittle

Bella DeeDee Bondra

Bennie Bert Troughton

Boubette and Tommy Cynthia Woc

Buck
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Buster
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Caesar Sue Flute

Callie Gail Weber

Chase Kathy Disien

Cinnamon Nancy and Gary Parker

Clara Allen Segal and Barbara Bruck

Cody DeeDee Bondra

Cookies, Smudge and Peepers
Maria and Jim Boyer

Creampuff Greg and Kathy Frania

Dublin
Carol Peter
Diane Arndt
Timy Sullivan
Amy Sancetta
Jenny Campbell
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Duncan
Marilyn Moir and Tom Reichert

Elsa Joann Tackla

Harrison
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Hazelnut Kelly C. Connors

Henry Cathy and Michael Katz

Honey Diane Arndt

Juliet and Elizabeth Janis Scalone

Karibo Rafiki Shirley Hoffman

Kasha
Vicki Furlan
Rosemary Musachio

Katrina
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Lily
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Lucy Gaye Cocoman

Lucy Sharon and Larry Kahn

Lyra Barb Bruck and Allen Segal

Maggie Sara Schlayer

Max Kurt and Kim Hannig

Max Melani Polk

McCloud
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.
Libby and Shirley Lubinger

Midus Sharon Faith Jacobs

Misha
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Molly Ginny and John Wilhelm

Molly
Elizabeth Weinstock
The Warner Family

Mr. Big
Bill and Cynthia VerDuin
Hope Brustein

Mr. Fritz Barbara Schuh

Murphy Mary Jo Fox

Murphy Michael and Doris Skinner

Oliver Sandra Mullen

Oreo Debra Beard

Pebbles and Barni Laura Greenwald

Pinga and Sydney Bob Coppenhaver

Polly Shirley Riley

Portly Barbara Schuh

Rocky Melani Polk

Rocky Jean, Bob and Phoenix Seljan

Rocky
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Rudy Amanda Hasswer

Sadie Barbara Breininger

Sadie Lynn B. Taylor

Sam Anonymous

Sammy Cynthia Woc

Sarah Pat Faller

Scout Barb and Mike Dunham

Sebastian
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Shamus
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Simba
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Snoopy
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.

Socks Marc and Debbie Krizer

Summer Leb Family

Susie Timothy Lee Newland

Taylor Sue Birko

Tina Sue, Frosty, Sasha and Natasha
John and Carol Krupa

Topaz Scott and Kathy Lincoln

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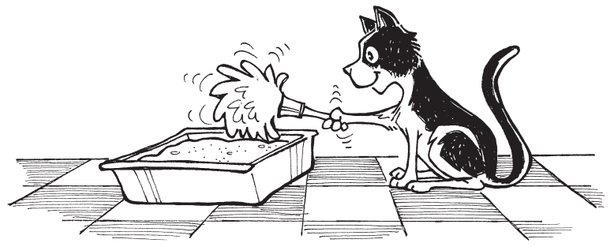
By Wendy Lewis, Cat Volunteer

Although your cat may seem to be relaxed and content, many cats suffer from unnecessary stress. This can show itself in poor health, dull coat and bad litter box habits. Here are a few ways to reduce your cat's stress and have a happier household.

Food: A good diet helps keep your cat's skin and coat shiny and healthy. Unfortunately, there are many foods out there that have unnecessary additives, which may make your cat vomit. Be consistent. Once you have found the right food, always feed her the same brand and try to make sure it is at the same times of day. You can always give her an occasional treat. But do not overdo it. Fat cats have unwanted stress on their bodies.

Litter: Try to purchase unscented litter. Most cats do not like the artificial perfumed smell usually found in litter. Keep your cat's litter pan in a decently lit area free from lots of household activity. Be cautious about putting her litter box in the laundry room. One visit to the box at the same time the washer does the off-balance tango can cause litter problems for a lifetime!



Toys: Indoor cats definitely need toys to reduce stress. They do not have to be expensive. Cats enjoy playing with toilet paper tubes, wadded up balls of newspaper and string. Try to vary the toys when you can, leaving different things around the house for kitty to discover (except for string which they can eat and which will wrap around their intestines.) Indulge kitty in daily playtime with you. Another "toy" that is available for an indoor cat is the television. You can find interesting nature programs for kitty to watch or enjoy a specially made DVD for cats.

A good cat tree (available at pet stores) is great for stress reduction. Cats love to be up high and survey their territory. A tree over six feet tall is a real winner. Just make sure any cat furniture you buy has a stable base. You do not want the tree to fall over the first time kitty does a rapid climb up the side. If you cannot afford a cat tree, try to make space on a bookshelf for kitty to lounge on or look for a good windowsill perch.

These are just a few suggestions that can help your cat have a happier life. There are many more to discover, so do not be shy about asking questions at your local shelter or by doing a little research on the internet.

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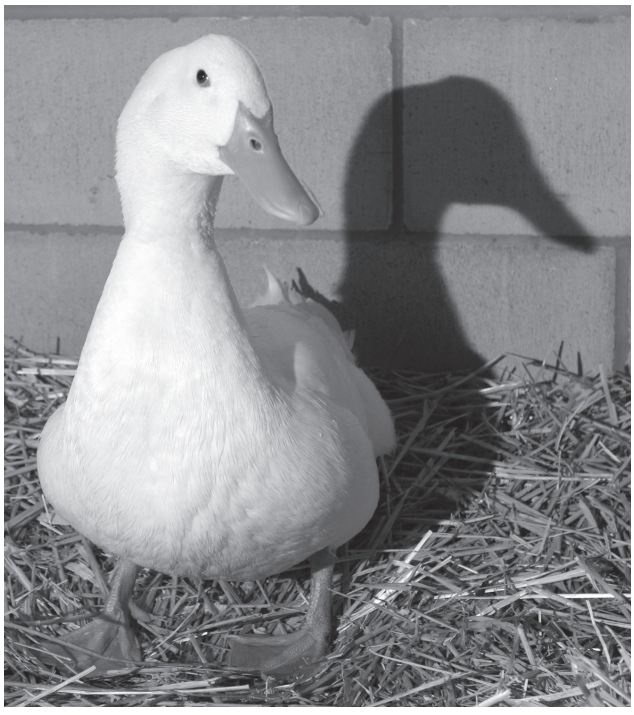
Quick turn-around for Quackers

Some of us remember reading the book "Make Way for Ducklings" about a flock of ducks growing up at Boston's Public Garden. Here at Rescue Village we do not have a flock. What we DO have is one duck, named Quackers, who was attacked by a dog; arrived at the shelter in a state of confusion; has a "quack" that is now a bit askew and who walks with a "da dunk da dunk".

Quackers has never had a pond. He has had a plastic pool, though not in the winter. Quackers is a Pekin duck (NOT to ever be confused with a Peking duck!). In people speak, he is a beautiful plain white duck. And just like every other animal that has come to our barn, he needs to go home. In the words of staff member Susan Walsh, "He IS an awesome duck."

The Rescue Village Barn offers horses, farm animals and, yes, even ducks, peace, safety, compassion, and second chances. Yet, living in a barn is not what Quackers needs. We are hoping that he will become one lucky duck and find the love, care, family, and pond, that he deserves.

Note: Quackers has found his forever home at Happy Trails Sanctuary.



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