

# C.A.T. Mews

Cat Association of Topeka • A Nonprofit, No Kill Shelter

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## Bow Wow & Meow Wowed the Kids

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Co-hosted by C.A.T. and Helping Hands Humane Society, Bow Wow & Meow Kids' Camp was a roaring success! Held July 11-15, the six campers learned through fun lessons, crafts and guest speakers that kindness to animals truly makes a better world for all of us!

We were so grateful for the support of several C.A.T. volunteers. Aleah Mahan, Kathy Boyce, and Dana Hampton provided sweet treats for the afternoon breaks. Dr. Laurie Walker was a huge support with her presentation on proper pet nutrition (complete with a game of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" on her laptop—with theme music and everything!).



prevention of cruelty to animals and how they could influence others by their own examples of kindness.

A huge thank-you also goes to those who donated time and valuable information: Officer Justin Hottman, from Shawnee County Animal Control; SN County canine officers Steve Evans and Andy Dale and their amazing police dogs Taz and Pico; and Dr. Darrell Carder, from Stone House Animal Hospital who showed the campers how a dog's heart and lungs function; and Bill Acree from HHHS, who shared information about service dogs. We are so grateful that these local professionals took time from their demanding schedules to support our efforts!

The week of fun ended by watching "Garfield: The Movie" on the big screen; a pizza lunch and walking down to Potwin Pottery to paint ceramic projects.

We also acknowledge the kindness of our friends at St. David's Episcopal Church for



allowing us to hold Camp there, to Petfinder.com for the bookmarks, bumper stickers and tattoos (temporary!) and PetCo for providing fuzzy cat and dog bookmarks!!! Thanks also to Jeannie Blanck-Griffith from C.A.T. and Jackie Von Soosten from HHHS for coordinating efforts to make this first-ever joint activity such a wonderful success!

The 2005 summer camp would not have been possible without the generous financial sponsorship from our friends at the ASPCA.

"Because his long white whiskers tickled, I began every day laughing."  
~ Janet F. Faure



Linda Halford from City Animal Control provided an interesting video and discussion about Topeka's anti-tethering ordinance and visited with the campers about

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## Photo Shoot a Big Success



The first C.A.T. Pet Photo Shoot was a smashing success. Everyone had a great time posing, picking out picture proofs or just watching.

Those who signed up to get photos taken with their pets, or of their pets, had a fun choosing backgrounds and props, and of course, getting their pets to look at the camera.

A big thanks to Rick Van Donge, the photographer. Nearly everyone said they wanted to do it again, so we are. We're scheduling November 5, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For \$10 you get a sitting of up to 8 different shots, an 8"x10", and the option to buy more sheets.

Spots are limited so make your reservation early!

## Shop, Save, Win, and help C.A.T.

West Ridge Mall is having its Simon Evening of Giving event again, and CAT is selling tickets. On Sunday, November 20, the mall will be open 6:30 - 10 p.m. to ticket holders only so a special shopping event.

The annual event is a wonderful opportunity for local non-profit organizations to raise funds. Tickets are \$10 each, and CAT will get \$7 for each one sold, with the remaining \$3 going to the Simon Youth Foundation to fund local scholarships.

Another favorite charity selling tickets? Buy more than one! Each ticket is also an automatic entry into their prize drawings throughout the night. If you cannot attend the event, you're still eligible for the prizes. There will be special offers, discounts, and lots of entertainment.

Last year CAT raised almost \$500 from ticket sales. You can help us raise more this year! Stop by the shelter to buy your ticket starting October 1. Then be prepared to shop till you drop!



## CAT-apult Into Summer Sale a Success of Hot Deals

When the morning began June 25 it was hot but also sunny, and we were ready for fun. For two weeks volunteers had arranged, sorted, priced and laid out all the

donated items for our annual Summer Sale. There were many different items to choose from. Lots of household



decorations and collectibles, kitchen items, movies, furniture, toys, and many, many books.

Shoppers came throughout the day and hauled off a lot of stuff. But by the end of the sale, there was still a lot left over. So, after some discussion, a second day for the sale was held a month later.

July 23 proved to be even hotter, so we made the deals hotter. More shoppers came and more stuff went out. Thankfully

most of the items were bought and the rest has been donated.

We are very thankful for the loan of Bernie Wanner's garage for our sale site. We are even more grateful for the matching donation he and his cat Pee Wee made.

With the help from volunteers and all the wonderful people who shopped out our sale we raised over \$2300! These funds will be a go a long way to help keep the cats purring happily.

# Happy Tail



## Luigi: A happy ending for more than one kitty

Ozzie, our tiger striped lap cat, was adopted from the Helping Hands Humane Society in 1999 at the age of three as company for my very spoiled cat Spooof.

In August of 2003, Spooof died of cancer at the young age of 12.



Ozzie mourned the loss of Spooof as much as the family did. We had initially intended to wait awhile before adding to our family, but by mid-September Ozzie insisted on companionship! We heard about the Cat Association of Topeka from a co-worker and headed to Topeka to check it out.

The decision of which cat we adopted was mine. I took my time looking at all the cats. I found Luigi peeking his tiny head out of a cage towards the back of the building. As soon as I saw him, I knew he was the cat for us. I so wanted to take Luigi home with us that day, but thankfully C.A.T. is very particular about who adopts their cats.

We were given the "ok" to

adopt Luigi within a few days and headed back to Topeka to pick him up. There's always some trepidation when introducing new cats to each other, but Ozzie and Luigi became fast friends.

I would encourage everyone to consider more than one cat. Not only does it give me comfort knowing my cats have each other as company, but finding them cuddling after a day at work gives me a sense that they are happy for the companionship too.

Our cats bring so much pleasure to our household. I cannot imagine my life without a cat!! Please consider adopting a cat. It will enrich your life and their life as well.

*Carleen Dvorak, Emporia*

## SHELTER WISH LIST

- **Trash Bags - Whelan's Large Yellow**
- **Unscented clay litter** (Why not buy Cat Tails from us in our Catty Shack Retail Shop?)
- **Pine Sol (not citrus)**
- **1st-Class postage stamps**
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Dishwashing Soap
- Special Diet Foods: Hill's SD Senior and Light dry, Prescription a/d, w/d, k/d
- Center-pull paper towel refills for dispenser (from Sam's)
- Bulk plain Hershey and Kit Kat bars, regular size
- Swiffer Wet Cloths or similar brands

### SPECIAL WISHES

- **A Epson PictureMate Photo Printer**
- **A small fireproof safe**
- Gift certificates/cards to FedEx Kinko's & Lowe's

C.A.T. appreciates many kinds of contributions, and has compiled a list of needed supplies. Particular brands have been requested where they have proven to be most effective.

Over the years CAT has received many of the items we ask for from our newsletter readers. Occasionally we have asked for larger items or special projects, and our wishes have been granted in big ways!

Our thanks go out to those who have helped us with these special requests!



## Cat Spotlight on Desirae

Desirae is a rather ordinary looking shorthaired black cat. Her being black is probably one of the reasons she has been overlooked for the year she has spent in our shelter, as we have so many black cats. She was abandoned when she was only about a year old.

She started her journey as all the cats here do. A trip to quarantine where she was tested and spayed. This is where the first signs of her touchiness became apparent. Who can blame her when the people she loved and trusted abandoned her.

After she recovered from surgery she entered a cat room, where we soon found out that she is afraid of other cats. She stayed in that room, often hiding under a litter box cover, for about five months. She then was moved to a different room in the hope that the new cats would accept her. Unfortunately the other cats can be rowdy and scared poor Desirae more. Now she is temporarily in a stress cage, away from other cats,



next to our kennel manager's desk.

Hopefully someone will be able to see past her plain black exterior to see her lovely green eyes and the sweet but frightened cat within. She loves to be picked up and cuddle for awhile. Someday she might even learn to be a lap cat. She loves to

play with toys. She is quick to purr but doesn't like her tummy rubbed. We believe in time and with love (and a quiet home with no cats), she can be a loving, sweet and friendly cat. Watching her blossom and grow would make this a very special and rewarding relationship.

## Good-bye to good friends

Being a no-kill shelter means it is very heart-wrenching when we lose a cat. But this past summer we had to endure the loss of two.

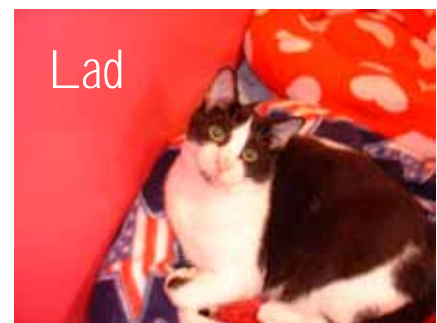
When C.A.T. takes in cats this becomes their home until we find a forever home. But when a cat tests positive for Feline Leukemia, we cannot adopt them out and they become our cats. We know their chances of a long life are slim, but still we love them.

That is what makes these losses among the hardest. One weekend in May, Lad suddenly started getting ill. We watched him until Monday, then took him to the vet's to be looked at. In just a day the fight was over.

One week later, Sailor started showing the same signs, and after being looked at by the vet, the hard decision was made to let him go. We do not like to euthanize, but we like it even less when a cat is suffering or dying painfully.

Lad and Sailor were lovely cats with fun and playful natures. They loved to be petted and scratched like any cat, but returned the attention with a lot more affection. They're favorite pastime was sitting on the porch and watching the birds in the garden. It was even better if someone was on the porch with them stroking their fur.

We shall miss these cats, but we will remember them with love.



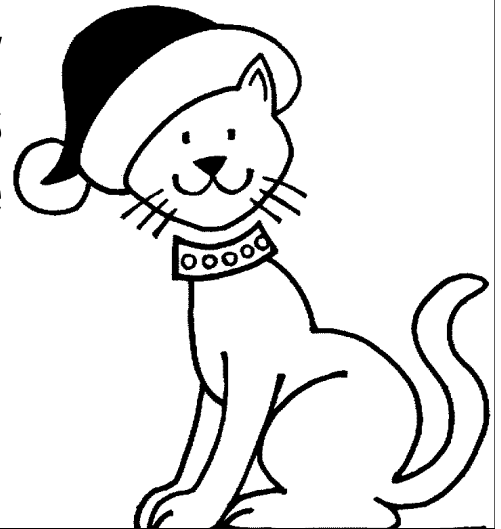
# C.A.T.'s Fourth Annual Holiday Soup Supper

## Saturday, October 15 • 6-9 p.m.

St. David's Episcopal Church • 4775 SW 21st St.

Mark your calendar for some early holiday cheer. There will be a delicious assortment of soups and goodies to eat, entertainment, and a Basket Silent auction. Just down the street the shelter will be open to visit cats and stuff their stockings, and the Catty Shack Retail Shop will be open for early Christmas Shopping with 10% off many items! Tickets will be on sale at the shelter starting October 1. Prices will be \$10 per adult and \$5 for kids 11 & under.

See you there for food, fun, and fuzzy cheer!



## The C.A.T. 2006 Calendar is coming soon!

If you've visited the shelter in the past year, you might have noticed a new fun activity. Each month from September to April we took votes for 25¢ each to see who was the cutest kitty of the month. This summer we had the big Summer Showdown to see who was the year's cutest kitty. The votes are in, and the winner by a large margin was Tortie, our shelter kitty!

Tortie will grace the cover of our 2006 calendar, and the other cute kitty contestants will be showcased each month. The calendar will premier at the Paws In the Park event September 10, and will be available at the shelter afterwards.

This attractive calendar is 8-1/2"x14" (7" folded), just the right size for any wall or office space.

Whether for yourself or as a gift, it's a steal at just \$10! Come get your 2006 C.A.T. Calendar soon!



# Pawprints on the Heart



We are thankful for these gifts to C.A.T. We wish to recognize the following contributions and honor those being remembered in this special way. *All names are current as of July 31, 2005. Please contact the shelter with any corrections.*

## Memorials

Mary Lee Maddux  
Janice & Duane Evans

Dean Burroughs  
Al & Vivian Jackson  
Ross & Mary Lou

Spencer  
Bob McCullough  
Berton N. Bowser  
William & Jill Burton  
Stephen G. Burnett  
James E. Hoffman

Sara Lord  
Barbara McCullough  
Stephen G. Burnett  
William & Jill Burton

Naomi Cole  
Dana Hampton

Alice, my wife  
Raleigh Fahrendorff

## Honorariums

Chris Howe  
Tanya Dorf

"Thank you Janice and  
Janine for helping me."  
from Mama Kitty  
Patti Jo Schieffelbein

In honor of "Pee Wee's"  
Summer Sale  
Bernie & Jean Wanner

Jeannie, for pet sitting  
Pat Urban  
Stacy A. Jeffress

Darrell & Susan  
Schmitz's Birthday  
Marilynn L. Koelliker

Thank you to Susan  
Schmitz  
Amy S. Vail

Thanks to Paul Post for  
finding the Piny  
Lana Kennedy

Sherry Scanton  
Corine Springer

## Pet Tributes

"Trevor"  
Richard & Marilyn  
Harlow

"Buddy"  
Lawrence A. Kassin

"Sugar" - For nine quirky  
years  
Theron & Jacqueline  
Jones

"Lucky"  
Sally Heald

"Gidget"  
"Mandy", beloved cat of  
Ginger Cain Davis  
Marge Herman & Jill  
Schisine

"Sammie" was a loved  
cat  
Ginger Cain Davis

"Sailor"  
Darrell & Susan Schmitz

"Big Boy" & "Whisker"  
Joan Rogers

"Emerson" (Peggy  
Gatewood)  
Sarah Kuck

"Momma Kitty"  
Jeanene & James Hoover

"Ethel"  
Sarah Kuck

"Sugar", "Misty", "Max",  
"Bandit", "Merlin",  
"Mama Cat", "Boots",  
"Shiska", & "Tammy" - I  
loved them all!  
Jacqueline F. Jones



# Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

## Whisker Tickler - Fair Game



"I never met a cat I didn't want to keep!"

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## SEPT

- 6 **MAKE A NOTE: C.A.T. resumes it's normal hours. Tuesday through Friday 10-5:30, and Saturday 10-4.**
- 10 Paws in the Park, Topeka's Gage Park  
The 2006 C.A.T. Calendars go on sale! Get yours early for the cat lover on your shopping list and one for you, too!
- 17-18 Topeka Cat Fanciers Cat Show, Ramada Inn, 6th & I-70.

## OCT

- 1 PetCo Booth: *Volunteers appreciated!*
- 15 CAT's Annual Holiday Soup Supper & Auction, 5-8 p.m., St. David's Episcopal Church. *Visit the cats at the shelter to stuff their stockings! Shop in the Catty Shack for Christmas!*

## NOV

- 5 PetCo Booth: *Volunteers needed!*
- Pet Photo Shoot at CAT! Get a picture of your favorite pet! *Great for holiday photo cards!*



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