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# C.A.T. Mews

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## Information Overload

Taking care of our pets is a rewarding and satisfying experience, but sometimes it can be tough. They give us a lot of love, but their care involves more than just feeding them and giving them treats. Pets have a lot of potential health issues just like we do, and keeping up with all the information can be a challenge. There's a lot of information out there and even with your veterinarian's help, it can be confusing and hard to sort out.

At C.A.T. we encounter a lot of different health situations because they

come from different situations. We've had a lot of practice giving medicines, learning technical terms and how to spot warning signs of illnesses. And thanks to alert supporters and volunteers, we've even found some very useful sites on the internet that are easy to browse and have comprehensive libraries on pet health.

One of the first things pet owners should learn is common warning signs that can signal the beginnings of illness or health problems. Our pets have a variety of strange habits or quirks, which makes it easier to overlook something. It can be helpful to keep a health diary for your pets to track their overall health. This list is just a short one of the most common signs to watch out for.

- Sudden loss of appetite
- Sudden change in

potty habits or has trouble going

- Change in activity level—lethargic, apathetic, not interested in play
- Change in grooming habits or condition of fur; fur is coarser or matted; patchy or bald spots are appearing
- Appearance of eyes; inner eyelid showing more or appear “weepy”
- Nose and breathing; has trouble taking a breath or is breathing fast

If you spot any of these warning signs, it's probably time for a visit to your vet. If you're still not sure, though, or your vet isn't available right away, there are places you can go on the internet to find answers to your question.

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# Information Overload cont'd

**PetFinder.com** has a wonderful library available to everyone on pet health issues. The articles are informative but not highly technical. And it has a lot of other fun stories and pictures.

**VetInfo.com** has a comprehensive list of articles that are easy to find, as well as pet encyclopedias. Their website also features a sidebar of recent articles to see what has been discussed recently.

**JustAnswer.com** is a fee-based service that lets you ask experts any question in real time, including asking veterinarians about pet related questions. Just click, type your question and chat with an expert.

**Petside.com** has a symptom checker for your pet. Just follow the three easy steps to find what conditions could be affecting your pet.

Just want to keep up with current pet related issues? Sign up for some great newsletters and magazines! Some of them are free and all of them have wonderful stories on current issues, special events, and heart warming tales of people doing what they can to help.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has a bi-monthly magazine called **All Animals**. It's free for members, and older editions can be viewed online.

The American

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) also has a great quarterly newsletter, **ASPCA Action**, that's free with memberships. They also have a free weekly email newsletter you can sign up to receive.

Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine has a monthly newsletter called **Cat Watch** that you can subscribe to receive by mail or email for just \$20. It's highly informative with great articles, and you can also access older articles on their website. They even have a free 14-day trial.

Of course, the best source of information for questions about your pet is your own

veterinarian. Don't be afraid to ask questions or say when you don't understand something. Having the information you need means you can better care for your pet, especially when dealing with health problems that might need treatment.

You don't have to do complex research projects or learn as much as your veterinarian to take care of your pet. Having the right information, though, can make it easier to spot problems or prevent them. We hope these helpful hints will inform and prepare you, and help you keep your pet healthy and happy.

## WISH LIST EMAIL ALERTS

Occasionally, we have shortages of our supplies, especially those used most often like large trash bags and liquid dishwasher soap.

If you frequently donate supplies, why not join our confidential Email Alert list? When we run low, we'll email an SOS to any who wish to help. Just email us at [wishlist@topekacat.org](mailto:wishlist@topekacat.org).

## SHELTER WISH LIST

- Trash Bags - Large Yellow from Whelan's or Westlake Ace Hardware
- Unscented clay litter
- 1st-Class postage stamps
- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Automatic Dishwasher Liquid Soap
- Clorox Bleach
- Pine Sol (not citrus)
- Invitation size envelopes
- Hershey's or Kit Kat candy bars, bulk box
- Special Diet Foods: Hill's® Science Diet® Adult, Senior and Light dry; Prescription Diet® dry w/d®, k/d®, d/d®, c/d®; and canned k/d®
- Center-pull paper towel refills for dispenser (from Sam's)
- Plastic shopping bags from Sam's Club

# What's going on at C.A.T.?

## Eat out and help C.A.T. out? Sounds yummy!

It's one of the yummiest ways to have fun and raise money for C.A.T.—eat out! We've found three great places to have lunch or dinner who will be sponsoring C.A.T. nights. We've scheduled them for the next three months so mark your calendars and plan for a night out with family and friends!

We hope to schedule even more dine-out nights at more local restaurants, so check back with us. And if you own or work for a restaurant and think you might be interested in helping out, give us a call! We'd love to add you to the list! It's a lot of fun to help a lot of cats!

  <p>2833 SW 29th Topeka, KS 66614</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 5-9 P.M.</b></p> <p>Head over with your family and friends and tell them you're there to support the Cat Association of Topeka. They will be donating 10% of your ticket to us! It's a perfect way to relax and enjoy dinner after all that busy holiday shopping! Tell your friends, too, so they can enjoy great BBQ while helping C.A.T.! <i>(This special offer does not include alcoholic beverages or other special offers.)</i></p>
 <p>1231 SW Wanamaker Topeka, KS 66604</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20TH</b></p> <p>Go out for some great pizzas and pastas with your group, and raise money for C.A.T.! Just take in this voucher and present it to your server, and Old Chicago will donate 15% of your ticket to C.A.T.! Great tasting and warm food to treat yourself with on a cold winter night and treat the cats at the same time! <i>(This special offer does not include alcoholic beverages or other special offers.)</i></p>
 <p>2121 SW Wanamaker Topeka, KS 66614</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH</b></p> <p>If you're out and about Saturday, consider breaking for lunch or picking up dinner at Jersey Mike's! They have a great selection of sandwiches and wraps to choose from, and they're made fresh! Just take in this voucher and present it at the counter when you place your order, and 10% of your purchase will be donated back to C.A.T.! <i>(This special offer does not include other special offers.)</i></p>

## Members' Mystery Discount Shopping Week!

It's time once again for our Buck-a-Month Club Members' Mystery Discount Shopping Week! Stop by the shelter to shop December 15-19, show us your membership card, and draw for a mystery discount. You could get

anywhere from 5% to 50% off! We have some great gift items as well as pet supplies. *(Discount not valid on Hill's® Science Diet® Pet Food.)*

Not a member yet? Sign up for just \$12! It helps the cats and shows you're a cool cat lover!



# Lend a Helping Paw

## Being Green Keeps C.A.T. In the Green

C.A.T. has been recycling aluminum for several years now. We keep two drop bins at the entrance for donors to leave their cans, and then store them in a shed. A volunteer, Duane Evans, then runs them to the recyclers every two weeks. On the way

back, he uses the money to buy bags of litter for our cats.

It can be a messy task, but it saves us a lot of money, and there's usually some left over to go towards shelter operation funds. Our most recent figures show that since we started

recycling, it's raised a total of almost \$14,000! MeWOW!

So thank you to all who keep dropping your cans off here. It helps a lot! And please spread the word to anyone else you know who recycles. It's good for the environment and good for the cats!



## Wasn't on your list? Regift that gift!



Got a gift that you didn't expect? Doesn't fit your taste or you already have one? Regift that gift! Consider keeping it in storage to bring for our summer sale in June. Or sell it on eBay and donate the proceeds to

C.A.T. We're now registered with their GivingWorks program, and you can choose to give a portion or all of the proceeds to C.A.T. You might even qualify to get some of your listing fees refunded.

Don't have a

computer or don't use eBay? Give us a call and see if we can sell it for you! We'll even take care of the packaging and shipping if it sells!

So don't throw that odd gift out. Save it for C.A.T. to help the cats!

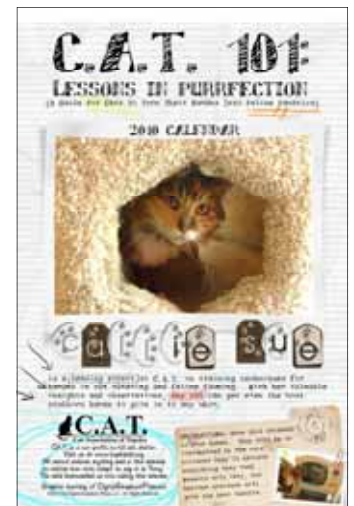
## 2010 C.A.T. Calendars On Sale!

The new year is coming soon and we've got just the thing to keep track of those important dates. The 2010 C.A.T. Calendars are now in stock and on sale at the shelter! We've got some really cute pictures of some of our cats, many of whom have been

adopted! And there are cute jokes filling it for a good laugh.

The calendar is available in a large 11"x17" wall calendar for \$16.99, a smaller desktop version with display stand for \$8.99, or a convenient pocket planner for just \$6.99.

So stop by the shelter to get your calendar for 2010. Decorate your home or office. Buy them as gifts for friends and fellow cat lovers. And all the proceeds go back to the shelter to make sure it's another happy and healthy new year for the cats!



# It was a ball for everyone!

They're supposed to be the lazy days of summer, but for many of us here at C.A.T. it's a time of building excitement. The plans for our annual Hair Ball Dinner & Silent Auction have been in the works since before the summer, and it looks like it was another hit!

This year's event was hosted at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Topeka. They're newly remodeled building was beautiful and we got to work quickly setting up tables and decorations. Many volunteers helped us take everything over there. We had colorful table clothes, programs and centerpieces, and some adorable cat toys to decorate the tables.

More helpers and donors had stepped up to gather items for our silent auction. The

response was huge and we had almost 100 items for bidding. There were cute pet sets, gift baskets, decorations and collectibles, and lots more. It was hard to decide what to bid on.

The gift bags were ready at the door, the prize drawing tables were set for lucky winners, someone had brought us a cute blow up black cat to greet everyone at the door. That had a lot of people smiling as.

Then it was time to start the fun! The food provided by About's Catering was simply scrumptious! People couldn't say enough good things about it. We're not exactly sure what was the favorite because it was all good. The silent auction was busy right up to the last minute with people going back many

times to make sure they were winning.

The night finished with our live auction, kindly mastered by Mark Payne. We tried something new this year by adding a reverse auction featuring sponsorships of our cat rooms and individual cats. It was a big hit with every room being sponsored and many cats gaining fans.

We all had fun and have been hearing from many that they had a great time. It was all possible with the help from many volunteers and donors. We especially want to thank our event sponsor, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. They provided so much help to us, especially with the goodie bags! Thanks everyone and see you next year!



## Volunteer Spotlight: Our Bakers!

About once a quarter we hold a bake sale at our outreach booth at PetCo. It's a lot of fun, and a big temptation as well. We couldn't do it without our crew of volunteer bakers. They've helped so many times that some of their goodies have become particular favorites. We'll be having another in February, so here's what you can look forward to if you stop by.

Ralph Keiffer always makes the same thing for each bake sale. His fudge is so delicious it's often the first thing people ask for.

Laurie Walker frequently makes huge batches of chocolate chip cookies. When she gets baking there's bound to be a chocolate feast!

Sandy Klene often makes banana bread and cinnamon rolls. Buyers

are set with several nights worth of delicious desserts when they take some home.

If you like brownies, Aleah Mahan's are the ones to buy. She always has them cut into generous pieces!

Judy Rogers brings assorted cookies that are always delicious!

Dana Hampton makes great cookies, often decorating really cute

sugar cookies. You can't take just one bag home!

That's just a few of the many volunteers who bake up the goodies. We're looking forward to February's bake sale! Stop by to chat with us and take some goodies home! Or if you're interested in helping out with our bake sales, give us a call! We're always eager for more help and we'll give you the details.

# Tree of Lights

The holidays are a special time full of celebrations and sharing. At C.A.T. we mark this wonderful time with an invitation to pet lovers to help decorate our Tree of Lights. Our pets hold a special place in our hearts, and it is warming to share memories of our fuzzy friends with fellow pet lovers. We make ornaments from the photos and stories that are sent to us and hang them on our tree for visitors to see and admire. When the holidays end we send them back as keepsakes. This year we are making ornament bookmarks, decorated and trimmed so they can be used and treasured year round. Won't you share your love of pets and special memories with us?

## Yes! Here is my gift to make it a Happy Pawliday!

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have included a photo and written my chosen message below. Please decorate an ornament bookmark for me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I don't have a photo but wish to have an ornament bookmark with my chosen message.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I do not want an ornament bookmark but simply wish CAT and all the kitties a very Happy Pawliday!

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# Make it a Happy Pawliday For the Cats!

C.A.T. has many wonderful supporters. Over the years we've enjoyed meeting all kinds of people, from the warm-hearted ones who take a kitty home with them to our generous and hard working volunteers. We even have some long-distance friends who email us on occasion, visit our web site or Facebook page, and send us friendly letters. Many will send us a holiday donation or come shop at our store. And many more will bring gifts for the kitties. So for a little fun we've included some of the kitties' holiday wishes. We hope some of you will consider helping us check off our "nice kitty" list and "filling their stockings" for a very Happy Pawliday!

## The "Nice" List

- Bingo would like a bag of Hill's Prescription Diet c/d to stay healthy and happy
- Gummy would like some sparkly balls to help burn some of her kitten energy
- Annie would like a bag of Hill's Science Diet Hair Ball Control to help with her "hairy" days
- Mr. Lucky would like a jug of Clorox Bleach because some people say he's a little "messy"
- Sweet Pea would like some rolls of paper towels because she likes things to be neat and tidy
- Koko, Laird, M.C., and Spike all want to be sponsored each month
- Jude would like some nice soft fleece blanket throws to curl up in and keep warm on those wintry days
- Gretchen would like some soft catnip mice to give the kittens because she thinks they have too much fun with those "jingle balls"
- Buddy would like anything off the shelter's wish list because it makes the volunteers happy who then make him very happy!



# Does that stuff really work? Yep!

We get a lot of questions about some of the products in our shop, or about something someone heard about. Does it really work? Is it worth getting it? How will it help me and my cat? We've got some feedback on some of them and thought we'd share them.

**The Furminator®** is not just a brush, but a deshedding tool. It's designed to get down



really deep into the undercoat and remove tangles, mats and loose hair. It guarantees to reduce shedding up to

90%. It retails for about \$30, but does it work? One shopper said it worked so well she would have paid \$100 for it!

**The Pet Sponge®** is designed to help lift away pet hair from furniture, bedding and more. It



can be hard to see all the places pet hair gets in, especially on furniture.

This handy tool grabs it and lifts it away. Does it work? Yep! You can see it gathering up pet hair from places as you use it. It's easy to clean and very durable, and at a price of just \$6, it's a great buy!

**Rescue Remedy®** by Bach Original Flower Essences is designed to

help ensure your pets' emotional well-being. It's used to help relieve stress from a variety of situations and can overcome emotional or behavioral problems. Just use a few drops of this natural remedy in your pets' water and you should notice a calming effect. It retails for about \$15 per bottle. Does it really help? You bet! We've used it here at the shelter and have seen some really dramatic results. Cats that came to us scared and aggressive over time became gentle and loving kitties.

**Dr. Elsey's Cat Attract** litter was made to help retrain cats with litter box behavior problems. Whether due to illness or stress, it can

be a big challenge to retrain a cat to go back to using a litter box properly. Cat Attract litter has a special herb blend and desirable texture that cats prefer. By following the training guidelines, it guarantees results within 1 month.



A 20lb bag costs about \$14, but does it work? One customer said it

worked so well she continues to mix it with her regular litter.

So if you're curious about these pet products, stop by the shelter. We stock them regularly, and we try to keep up with customer feedback to track what works. Good value buys for everyone!

## Catnip Sock Donut: An Easy to Make Cat Toy!

Here's a great toy to make for your cats! It's easy to do for adults and kids, it can use any size tube sock, and it's fun!



1. Take a long tube sock of any size and color, and turn it inside out.



2. Start rolling the rim inwards.
3. With each roll put in pinches of catnip. Be generous so it can be smelled by the cat through the whole sock.

4. As you near the end keep rolling inward until it bunches up and looks like a donut.



Wallah! Give to your cats to see if they like it. Results vary, of course,

depending on your cats' taste in toys. We've had mixed results here. Some batted it a bit and ignore it, but others loved it so much they even slept with it.

They're soft, easy to throw or bat around, are washable, and any tube sock can be used. You can even recycle old socks with holes in them. So give it a try and see what your cat thinks!

# HAPPY TAILS!

## Millie

Good morning wonderful Folks of the CAT Association, I just wanted to give you a quick update on Millie. She hid Saturday. I lured her with food on Sunday. On Sunday night while we all slept, she took a major tour of the house. On Monday she hopped on the bed with us. From there she has continued to explore the "whole" of the domain she now rules over.). Yesterday she parked herself on top of the stove all evening and watched what the silly dogs & humans were doing.

The Hair Ball was awesome and we visited with so many wonderful Folks there. Count on us for many Hair Balls to come. I was carrying my Hair Ball tote at

work this week when it was spied by a co-worker with extremely quick wit. He said "Is this some kind of fund raiser for cats who can't afford costumes". I laughed until I had tears in my eyes.

What a joy Millie is in our lives. She still isn't 100% comfortable just strutting through the middle of dogs and the living room, but I know that will come. Her willingness to get out and see her world happened quicker than I thought it might and we both realize it can take some time for a those new to a different place, to 100% know it's truly home.

Millie is astonishingly beautiful. She's a riot of



different colors on her legs, face and body. She loves to be petted, so far at her initiative. Thank you for the wonderful work you do. We are honored to have her.

Debbie

This shot shows the Princess finally trying out one of the three different kinds of beds she has:)

# A REALLY CUTE HAPPY TAIL!

## The Big, Black Bag

By Rosie The Cat  
(As told to Randall A. Martin)

Zoom! A big car whizzed by me.

*Where's my mommy?*

Whoosh! A pickup truck almost hit me.

*Where are my brothers and sisters?*

I was just a kitten, toddling down a two-lane country highway in Dover, Kansas, and barely able to walk. I don't know how I got there, but boy was I scared!

Then, one of the big cars stopped. Some good lady got out and gently scooped me up in her hands:

"Poor little kitty," she said.

Then she took me to a big place called The Cat Association in Topeka.

"Where did you find her?" someone asked.

"Out in the country. She was all by herself. I guess she was abandoned," the lady said. "What kind is she?"

"She's an ordinary Domestic Short Hair."

*Ordinary?*

"Lucky you found her. She could have been hit by a car, eaten by a coyote—"

*A coyote? Yikes!*

"You probably saved her life. If you hadn't found her, her future wouldn't have been too rosy."

"Meow!"

"Hey, maybe that's what we should call you. Rosie."

"Meow!"

"Rosie it is."

There were all kinds of other cats at The Cat Association, (but I didn't recognize any of them) and the nice ladies bottle-fed me some delicious milk (and boy, was I

hungry) until I was big enough to eat solid food. (They also put me to sleep and did something to me, but I don't know what).

Then one day in September of 1994, a pretty lady named Linda took me home in a big, black bag. She was my new Mommy, she smelled good, and I loved her. I went a little crazy at first, and I raced from room to room. I just had what humans call cabin fever from being in a cage for so long! But she seemed to understand, and I settled in after a while.

Women have always been very nice to me, and I like them a lot, but MEN? Well...

Mommy and I were very happy together for years until she met THE MAN. I didn't like him AT ALL. He was nothing like Mommy or the other women who had been in

my life. He smelled funny, too.

THE MAN was a teacher, and one day he accepted a job far, far away in some place called the Middle East. That's when my big adventure began.

First, they put me in the big, black, bag and took me to my vet. He is a MAN and he gave me a shot. I don't like him. A few days later, they put me in the big, black, bag and carried me by car to a noisy, busy place called an airport and on to a plane. There was a nice lady there who loved cats. She was wearing a blue uniform. Her name was Fleida Tendant. She smelled nice, spoke sweetly to me, ("Good kitty!") and gave me lots of nice strokes all the way from Kansas City to Chicago.

Chicago was a busy place, too, with lots of strange sounds and smells, and we rested in

## The Big, Black Bag, cont'd

the airport a little while. Then, we got on another plane for a long trip to some place called Frankfurt. I rode under a seat in the big, black bag all the way. I kind of liked the sound of the big plane. THE MAN slept, but Mommy didn't sleep AT ALL. She stayed awake all the way just to make sure I was safe! I love my Mommy.

In Frankfurt, we had to wait a few hours, so we went to a hotel. THE MAN said, "Let the cat out of the bag!" Mommy laughed and zipped it open. I hopped out, looked around, and went straight under the bed. It was cool and dark there, and I liked it better than the planes, but not as much as home. They set out some food, water, and a litter box for me, but I wasn't much interested in any of them.

After a rest, they put me back in the big, black bag and we went to the Frankfurt airport again. Mommy and THE MAN had to buy a hard-sided pet carrier, because the MEN who drive the airplane from Frankfurt to the Middle East did not want me in the cabin with the people. Can you imagine? Birds called falcons could ride in first class, but not cats! Humans are so funny sometimes! (Come to think of it, though, I probably wouldn't want to ride in the same cabin with a falcon.) Anyway, in the airport, Mommy and THE MAN took me out of the big, black bag and put me in a big, beige carrier. I was just confused, but Mommy was very upset and was crying.

Then, some MAN dropped the carrier with me inside it onto a moving conveyor belt! I was going into the cargo section of the plane all by myself! I don't know how long I was inside there, but it seemed like a long, long time. Finally, another MAN put my carrier onto another conveyor belt, and then someone set it in the middle of this big, noisy

area called a baggage claim. I looked through the bars, and people were rushing everywhere. Suddenly, someone (probably a MAN) bumped into my carrier! I was scared.

*Where's my Mommy?*

At last she found me, and boy was I mad! She was crying, but she looked relieved. I just sulked. I forgave her later, though.



We stayed at another hotel for a few days before going to our new apartment. But it wasn't anything like home! There was no furniture to hide under (the bed was too low) and no carpet to roll on. The floors were hard, cold tile, and all the rooms were bare. (A MAN probably designed it.) The only place to hide was on a shelf in the linen closet. I meowed at every closed door for several nights, because I was sure that our real home was just on the other side. My meows weren't very loud, but the big, empty apartment amplified and echoed them so much that THE MAN would get out of bed and open all the doors for me, (although he didn't seem too happy about it). But our real home was never there. After a few nights,

I gave up meowing.

The Middle East wasn't all bad, though. I had a sunbeam EVERY DAY, and our new home sat high up on the fifth floor. I had a big ledge in a picture window overlooking a downtown street. From there, I watched the pigeons, and there were hundreds of them!

Sometimes, though, other cats roamed the street. They looked scraggly and skinny.

city called Abu Dhabi to a place called Brit Vets to get some papers signed. They put me in the big, black bag again, and we got into a taxi. I meowed a lot because I was scared, and the driver said, "Why crying?"

When we got there, a British veterinarian named Martin examined me. He was famous from an Animal Planet TV program called Vets in the Sun. He was a MAN, but he didn't give me a shot, so he's okay. On the way back in the taxi I was quiet, so the driver said, "Where's cat?" He couldn't see me in the big, black bag.

Then, we did the plane trip in reverse. Our driver helped us in the Dubai airport. He said, "Tell the people at the check-in desk you have one piece of cat." I got to ride in the cabin all the way this time—but in Frankfurt, they almost put me through the X-ray machine! They thought the big, black bag was for a camera! But THE MAN said, "*Nein kamera! Katze!*" so they let Mommy carry me through the metal detector instead.

When we got home—I mean our real home—they opened the big, black bag. I jumped out, sniffed, and everything was so familiar! I raced from room to room, just as I had when I was a kitten, and everything was just as I had left it!

Mommy gave THE MAN a big kiss.

"I love you," she said.

"I love you, too," THE MAN said. Then he hung the big, black bag in a storage room where it has now gotten dusty from lack of use.

I guess THE MAN isn't such a bad human after all—but I still won't sit on his lap.

Some of them were sick from something called kitty AIDS, and they had to find shade from the desert sun, while I was healthy, had air conditioning, and ate good, real cat food. I felt sorry for them, and lucky for me. Mommy and THE MAN helped the Feline Friends association there, (I guess they felt sad, too) and I helped by donating some of my cat food that I didn't like so much.

Mommy was not happy there. The weather was hot, and she was bored.

"Can we go home early?" she kept asking THE MAN.

One day, THE MAN said, "Okay, let's go home. This place is no fun for you or Rosie."

Mommy was very happy, but first we had to go to a big

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# CAT SPOTLIGHTS

## They're ready for a new home!



**Astra** is a sweet lady, very gentle and friendly, and eager to be loved on. She loves to be petted and scratched from ears to tail, and even likes her tummy scratched. She'll gladly hang with you for as long as you're willing to spoil her.

when she's in the mood, rolling around and generally being cute when she's having fun. She loves a good head rub and will sometimes follow you around when she wants more. She is definitely not shy about wanting attention.



**Mickey D** is a fun boy, always ready for a rousing romp chasing strings or pouncing on toys. He's curious and friendly and comes right up to introduce himself. He loves to play with other cats and people, and is quite cuddly and affectionate.



**Piffle** is so friendly and loving he has to be with you all the time. He follows you around, will curl up in your lap, and meows at you like he's singing. He adores being cuddled and playing and is ready to just heap piles of love on you. It's hard to resist such enthusiastic charm.

friendly gal, always ready to make new friends. She's always one of the first to the door when visitors come, pawing to be let out so she can meet them. And she loves to have her tail scratched, arching her back in pleasure and purring.



**Zeppo** is a sweet boy, ready for anything from playing games to being snuggled in your arms. Sometimes he acts shy and hangs back, but all it takes is some fun toy for him to chase to bring out his fun side. He'll get you laughing and smiling with his cute ways.



**Chanterell** is a fun girl, curious and friendly. She can get quite playful



**Tortellini** is a

## Missing Meow: Spice



It's always hard to fall in love with our senior cats and then lose them. Their age is usually the reason they are here so long and become "our" cats. Their age is what eventually takes them away from us.

Spice was a perfect lady, sweet and gentle,

always eager to meet someone new, and perfectly behaved. We let her out nearly every day to wander the shop and be a "greeter," though she usually ended up on the adoption desk. Papers, keyboards, pens, it all served to make up a bed for her naps.

We loved to indulge her, giving her special treats in her last days. She let us know when she wanted out and back in. We were well trained, and she was well loved. As hard as it can be, we feel blessed to have had Spice in our lives for as long as she was.

# Paw Prints 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 November 14, 2009. Please contact the shelter with any corrections.*

## Memorials

### William Berninger

Beta Sigma Phi, Preceptor  
Epsilon Gamma

### Alice Coda

Don & Judy Rogers  
Richard & Eileen Davenport

### Birte Reed

Edward & Joan Bunker

### JoAnn Debernardin

Dorothy Griffin  
Mike & Tammie Debernardin  
Bobby Freeman & Family  
Virginia Johnson Hale  
Tracy Conklin  
Beth & Brent Nelson  
ABK Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Terry & Julie Fleming  
Silver Lake Bank  
Terry Paletta

### Julie Mason & Her Cats

Virginia Mason  
Sylvia Robertson

### Michele Renae Peterson

Evan Thomas  
Kansas Epsilon Chapter, Alpha  
Delta Kappa  
David & Virginia Martinson  
Debra Schreckenghost  
Melissa Haug  
Alan, Cara & Christopher  
Simoni  
Edwin & Bette Tompkins Aley  
Elaine Wilson  
Alice Ault  
Dale & Gloria Peterson  
Myles & Marion Gilliland  
David & Mark Iwig  
Daryl & Sandy Hill  
Karen Christensen  
Sarah Forsyth  
Martha Lister  
Marva Early  
Molly Anderson  
Lute, Bernice, & Rellen Goebel  
Don & Loreen Winchell  
Jim, Etha, & Franklin Johnson  
Lawrence & Cara Herra  
Verlin & Roberta Welch

### Michele Renae Peterson cont'd

Northrup Grumman  
Annette & Alan Peterson  
Ronald & Donna Wichman  
H.E. & Fran Hathaway  
Ron & Carol Thistlethwaite  
Barbara & Philip Sell  
Braden & Erin Myers  
Esta & Frank Meade  
Martha Auldridge  
Darrell & Janet Bellew  
Gale & Carol Garrison  
Ken & April Lyons  
Chris & Jim Cole  
Charles & Marlene Urban  
Deborah & Steven Southerland  
Pat & Mary Ann Keating

### Mary Louise Bates

Connie Baer  
Rhonda Machlan  
Lois Ware  
Jan Mallernee, Rachel & Eric  
Woodward, and David  
Mallernee

### Ronnie Ann Baker

Lola & Bill Walker  
Roger & Lavona Hopkins  
Harvey Shiffer  
William & Melody Nienstedt  
Dale Mulsow  
Clarence & Michelle Atchison  
Charles & Amy Speer  
Mary Casebier  
Wayne & Barbara Tollett  
Brian Council  
Marcia Cornelius  
Bob & Caroline Spatz  
Vicki Rosine  
Martin & Carol Jones  
Mike & Karalee Flaherty  
Sherry Jones  
Beverly Duncan  
Terri J. Torres  
Linda Foster  
Barrett & DJ Cunningham  
Mental Health Center of East  
Central Kansas

## Honorariums

### Stephen Patterson –

Birthday  
Pat Urban

### Bernie Wanner – For all

your kindness and support  
through the years  
The C.A.T. Board of  
Directors and all the cats

### Happy Birthday to Kris

Holmes!  
Belinda Holmes

### Happy Birthday, Pat

Urban!  
Jeannie Blanck-Griffith

## Pet Tributes

### “Buddy”

Lawrence Kassin

### “Paris” Weir

Robert & Inga Weir

### “Sadie.” “Molly” & “Willy”

Ericson  
Lindy Ericson

### “Chablis,” “Shandar” &

“Shawnan” Eley  
DeAnn Eley

### “Sam” Griffith

Jeannie & Jeff Griffith  
Ruth Maus  
Dennis & Janine McCartney  
Pat Urban

### “Link” Halford

Jeannie & Jeff Griffith

### “Meggie” Kipp

Brenda Kipp

### “Spice”

Dana Hampton

### “R.C.”

Janine McCartney

### “Grey Stripes” & “Kit Kat”

Eudaley  
Jeanne Eudaley

### “All my kitties over the

Rainbow Bridge”  
Joan Rogers

### “Tilly” Whetsel

Stacey Jeffress

# UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Chris Mouse Hunt

Twas the newsletter before Christmas and all through the cat house, a creature was stirring, a little Chris Mouse. He's hung a cute stocking in the C.A.T. shop with care, full of fun goodies for you and your cat to share. The cats at the shelter are snug in their beds, while visions of catnip mice run in their heads. And we here at C.A.T. with our holiday caps, want to make your cats' holiday gift a snap. So find Chris Mouse here in the newsletter, and we'll give a gift stocking to one lucky winner!



## DECEMBER

- 1 Tree of Lights Memorial Tree will be up and ready for donors to help us decorate! *Find out how you can participate!*
- 5 PetCo Booth, 12-3pm: *C.A.T. will be at PetCo! Stop by to chat while you shop!*
- 19 Chris Mouse Hunt! The winner of the newsletter mouse hunt will be drawn and the prize awarded! *Just in time for the holiday!*
- 24-25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! *C.A.T. will close at 2 pm on Wednesday, December 24th and be closed Friday, December 25th.*
- 31 NEW YEARS EVE! *Have a safe and fun holiday!*

## JANUARY

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEARS! *C.A.T. will be closed for the holiday.*
- 2 PetCo Booth: *C.A.T. will be at PetCo. Stop by to chat!*



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## HOLIDAY HOURS

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Fri. Dec. 25, Closed  
Fri. Jan. 1, Closed