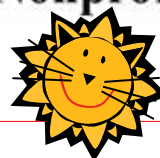




C.A.T. Mews

Cat Association of Topeka • A Nonprofit, No Kill Shelter

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HOW TO SPOIL YOUR CAT, AND WHY YOU SHOULD

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It might seem a bit much to non-pet lovers, but your fuzzy companion needs toys. Play time for pets has great benefits, for them and you. This is especially true in today's culture where many pets are indoors only, and alone for long hours while the owner is at work.

Pets need outlets for their natural behaviors, both physical and mental exercise. Without them they tend to find their own outlets, and it's usually not something that would make an owner happy.

Cats, for instance, need places they can scratch. Scratching is a way for cats to mark their territory, sharpen their claws for self defense, and also to shed the outer sheath of the claw. It is best to give them something they can scratch on so they don't find an alternative, like a favorite easy chair. Something as simple as a cardboard scratch pad or a short scratching post can prevent curious claws.

Play time is great exercise, especially if it involves running chasing, and climbing. A paper wad thrown across a floor can be great fun. Some cats even fetch.

Playtime should also include



Teaser wands are great toys to use when playing with young kittens and avoid getting scratched.

interaction with the owner. All pets thrive on attention, and playing together is fun for everyone!

Young children can have a lot of fun with cats by using teaser wands. These thin wood or plastic sticks with feathers and fluff balls attached are great toys to play with cats and kittens without getting scratched. They are also great ways to train young kittens away from playing with hands and feet.

Play time and toys should be kept safe, though. If you notice

your cat starting to pant heavily it's time to stop and rest. Toys with strings or feathers should always be put away. They are easy to chew up and swallow, which is not good for cats. And any loose bits on the floor should be picked up.

Don't be surprised if your cat turns into a toy connoisseur. Each cat is different and may very well let you know what their favorite toy is. However you choose to play with your pet, have a little bit of fun each day so everyone is happy!



NEW SUMMER HOURS
Effective Memorial Day through Labor Day:
Tuesday - Friday • 10-5:30
Saturday • 10-2
Cats can be seen from 11 am on

“A kitten is chiefly remarkable for rushing about like mad at nothing whatever, and generally stopping before it gets there.”

~ Agnes Repplier

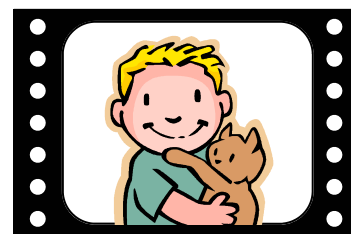
CRITTER CAPTURE PHOTO SHOOT

Capture your favorite critter with you in a special photo shoot! **Pet Photography at The Dog House** is doing a special fundraiser for CAT. Sign up for a setting on June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Settings are \$10 and include 1 8"x10" print. Choose from a

colorful indoor setting or a outdoor garden setting. Your fuzzy loved ones should be on a leash for the outdoor setting. You'll see your proof right after the setting, and additional prints can be purchased.

Stop by the shelter to sign up for a time slot. See you there!





THE SUMMER SALE IS COMING!

The Annual "CAT-A-Pult Into Summer" Sale is coming to a neighborhood near us! Serious Bargain hunters should mark their calendars for some good deals on June 25.

As you know we've been collecting donations of books, CDs, videos and DVDs. We're ready for the next round of donations to help with the sale. We have just the right place for the sale that's convenient and close to the shelter thanks to the kind willingness of Bernie Warner.

Donations for the sale can be brought to the sale site on June 11th & 18th from 1-3 p.m or the morning of the sale. If you have large items you need help with please give us a call to see if a volunteer is available.

We're also bringing back the coin drop, so don't forget that loose change!

The sale will be held at 4305 SW Windsor Ct. from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are even going to have a morning snack for the early and hungry shoppers. See you there!

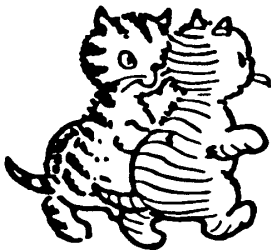
We are accepting donations of the following items:

- Household items (ex. kitchen items or working appliances, decoratives)
- Furniture in good condition
- Toys
- Plants & gardening items
- Bikes & exercise equipment

Sorry, we are not accepting donations of clothes.

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Thur 10 am to 7 pm
Sat 10 am to 4 pm

Kennel Hours:

Tue, Wed, Fri 11 am to 5:30 pm
Thur 11 am to 7 pm
Sat 11 am to 4:00 pm

**SEE STORY ON THE NEW
SUMMER HOURS**

THE PEOPLE BEHIND C.A.T.

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Please keep us up to date on any address changes or discontinued service notices by mail or phone at the shelter. You can also request to receive this newsletter via e-mail in Acrobat PDF format.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: CARING HEARTS - LOVING HANDS

Three of CAT's dedicated volunteers have been honored by their employer for their wonderful volunteer spirit and willingness to help at our shelter. This quarter, we salute three very special volunteers who are employees of Hill's: Tawnya McNeal, Scott Mickelsen, and Laurie Walker.

Tawnya has the distinction of having attended the very first volunteer orientation we held at CAT in July, 2002. Since that time, she has lovingly logged over 200 hours at the shelter—doing kennels, and socializing the cats. Tawnya has also been a dedicated foster “parent” for dozens of cats for CAT—ensuring that they were safe and well cared for until we could get them into the shelter. She's assisted at outreach booths and fundraising events

and has literally “answered the call” for CAT more times than we can count. We are grateful for Tawnya's dedication to the homeless cats in our community—Topeka and CAT are lucky to have her!

Dr. Scott Mickelsen joined CAT's volunteer board in January, 2004. Besides serving on the board and helping make decisions for CAT, Scott has used his veterinary skills to do exams on cats that have been at the shelter long term. He's assisted weekend staff and volunteers in emergency situations and has served as an excellent sounding board as we continue to use “best practices” in shelter management—especially with cats who have tested positive for feline leukemia or FIV.

Scott has helped at outreach booths and several

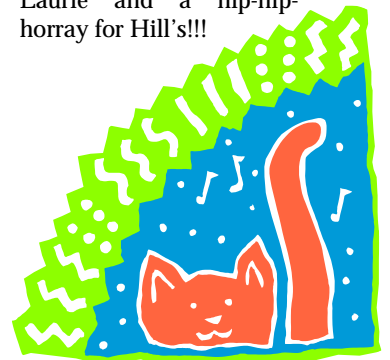
can attest to his natural present-wrapping abilities as witnessed at the Barnes & Noble outreach booth in December. We're thrilled to have Scott on board!!!

Several Sunday mornings of the month can find Dr. Laurie Walker, coffee mug in hand, scooping litter boxes with the best of us! Laurie joined CAT's volunteer forces in February of 2004. Since that time, Laurie has been a wonderful help cleaning in the CAT rooms and troubleshooting with cats with health issues and has earned a reputation for being a fearless wrangler with our cats who are resistant to “taking their medicine.”

She also has served on our “Baking Brigade” and has made many a goodie for our PetCo bake sales. Laurie has

been a cheerful helper at the shelter and at outreach booths—we're thrilled that she chose CAT as the recipient of her amazing talents and positive energy!

We are grateful to Hill's Pet Products for supporting their employees by contributing to CAT for the time these volunteers have spent supporting the shelter. Three cheers for Tawnya, Scott, and Laurie and a hip-hip-hurray for Hill's!!!



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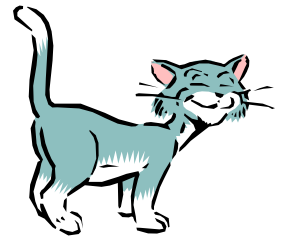
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Happy Tails



SPENCER & CRICKET: RIGHT AT HOME



Spencer and Cricket have been a great addition to my family. I came to the Cat Association to adopt a male kitten for Annie to mother. I was operating under the theory that she would accept a male easier than another female. But ended up taking a sister and brother littermate pair.

Then my theory fell apart. Spencer kept rubbing up against Annie as she spit and swatted him end over end. He was not remotely phased by her behavior but neither did he learn as he repeated his rubbing and she repeated her swat and spit tactic over and over.

Cricket is a bright little girl and used a more subservient approach to

making friends and won over Annie quite quickly. (See picture of Cricket approaching Annie in her first attempts to play). Annie my older cat is finally accepting Spencer and playing with him too.

Spencer had a hard, and expensive first year and a half. He developed an infection on his nose, just below eye level that



seemed to defy treatment. After nearly a year on antibiotics with cultures and cleaning, he finally went to K-State Vet Med where it was discovered that the cause of the problem was his having broken off something (probably a cactus thorn) in the flat of his nose. The infection worked its way out up above. After a sonogram and CAT scan the path of infection was identified and the tract was irrigated and disinfected and stitched.

Unfortunately this was not a cure and he went back for rhinoplasty. The surgeon inserted a small catheter tube from one end of the infection tract out the other and cut down to the tube, laid his nose open, cleaned it out, stitched him up, put him in a "party hat" to keep him from worrying the stitches and sent him home on antibiotics.

Spencer lived in a room by himself for several weeks until all was healed to keep his sister for cleaning his nose for him. His nose looks really good considering all that it has had done to it. He is fine now and both are enjoying

their home. They live right on the main street of Marysville, KS and enjoy wide window sills to watch people, parades and festivals.



They have a bay window full of cat trees, with real tree branches growing right up to them, full of birds and bees to watch. And most of the time when Spencer is rambunctious Annie forgets to spit and swat.

Attached are pictures of Spencer and Cricket who were adopted as Twizzler and something other kind of candy.

Barbara Read

Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.



CAT SPOTLIGHT: MEW



By Susan Schmitz

To many of our visitors, Mew doesn't stand out among all the other cats. She doesn't jump down and rub against their legs, she doesn't sing a welcome song, and she doesn't beg for toys. They don't see her beautiful brown tabby coloring as anything special and can easily see that she's no longer a kitten. Nearly every week Mew sees other cats go home while she is happy to settle for a scratch behind the ears. We often tell Mew

that homes aren't just for other cats, that she could be picked too!

Mew has been at C.A.T. for six years. She was left in a pet taxi with her 2 babies and a BB pellet in her thigh. This quiet, gentle soul enjoys her space and loves this time of year when she can sit out on the porch and watch the birds and squirrels. Her nose just can't get enough of all those good smells!

Mew is seven years old, completely healthy, adoring of quiet people and gentle touches. Some day we just know the right person will come along--the person who will take her home and will find over time, that they are soul mates. To that person, Mew will be the most devoted friend they've ever had. She will sit in their lap (for awhile at least, until she spots a higher perch), knead them gently, and purr extravagantly. She will look in their eyes and know what they're



Mew's chances for a forever home are made possible because of your support. On behalf of Mew and all the other cats at our shelter, bless you for caring.

thinking, because she'll be thinking it too.

C.A.T. has been Mew's home for most of her life, but this wonderful cat deserves more. Even the best shelter can't begin to

compare with a responsible, loving, safe home. There's something very special about this girl. And we just know that one day soon, someone will call about Mew and pick her for their very own.

SHELTER WISH LIST

Over the years CAT has benefited from the generosity of our newsletter readers who monitor our wish list and donate many of the items we ask for. 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. Each gift makes it easier for our staff and volunteers to do their jobs. With that kind of help and consideration, we can only continue to have success in finding homes for these wonderful cats!

This month's special wish:

- Epson PictureMate Photo Printer

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



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



Bow Wow & Meow Kids' Camp



A Benefit for Cat Association of Topeka and the Helping Hands Humane Society

Who: Kids ages 9-12
When: 9:00-3:30 p.m., July 11-15
Where: St. David's Episcopal Church
Cost: \$125
Space Available: 30 Kids

Campers will participate in a variety of creative craft projects, reading activities, and more to learn about cats and dogs and caring for them. All participants will become educated about CAT and HHHS, and how they help in the community as well as how even they, as children, can positively impact the problem of homeless animals in the community.

Sound interesting? E-mail our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@topekacat.org or call 272-4735 with questions. Mail in this response form to 1719 SW Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS 66604

Yes! I am interested. Please contact me:

Name: _____

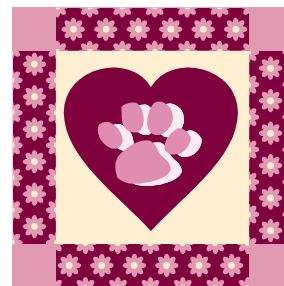
E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Best Time to Call: _____

Please mail me more information to the following address:



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 January 20, 2005. Please contact the shelter with any corrections.

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Sharon Sue Lake
Kathy Marion

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Linda Halford
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Honorariums

Grandma Patton's 90th
Birthday
Lisa Patton

In Honor of Samantha
Roger Myers

Diane & Sterling Barnes
Elizabeth Hutchison

Marcia & Danny Smart, for
supporting me through a
very difficult year
Tammy Smart

Jean & Bernie Wanner
Debbie Maichel

Pet Tributes

"Winkin & Blinkin"
Sarah Kuck
Jeannie Blanck-Griffith

"Zappa" - for Jeff &
Sharon Propst
Mary Feltner

My beloved dog & sister of
my cats, "Katy Jo"
Tammy Smart

"Scully" Gasparini
Sarah F. Kuck

My beloved dog & sister of
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Tammy Smart

"Rambo Selvidge"
Ronald & Helen Crandall

"Spike" for Barbara &
Bert Lerma
Gail Horsley

"Kitty"
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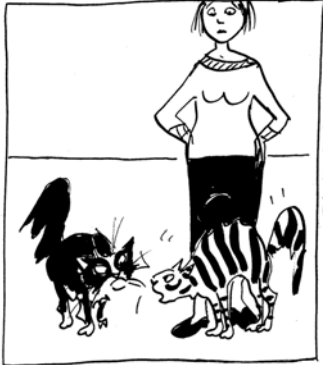
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UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WHISKER TICKLER - FAIR GAME



"Your scent? Don't make me laugh! It's OBVIOUS she has MY scent on her!"

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JUNE

June is Adopt a Shelter Pet month!

- 4 PetCo Booth: *Volunteers needed!*
Critter Capture Photo Shoot, 9:00 - 3:00: Come in and get a picture with your favorite pet. *Details on front page!*
- 11 Outreach Booth, Veterinary Medical & Surgical Hospital Open House, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Summer Sale Donation Drop-Off, 1-3 p.m.
- 18 Summer Sale Donation Drop-Off, 1-3 p.m.
- 25 CAT's Annual CAT-A-Pult Into Summer Sale!

JULY

- 2 PetCo Booth: *Volunteers always welcome!*
- 11-15 Bow Wow & Meow Cat Camp!

AUG

- 6 PetCo Booth: *Volunteers appreciated!*



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