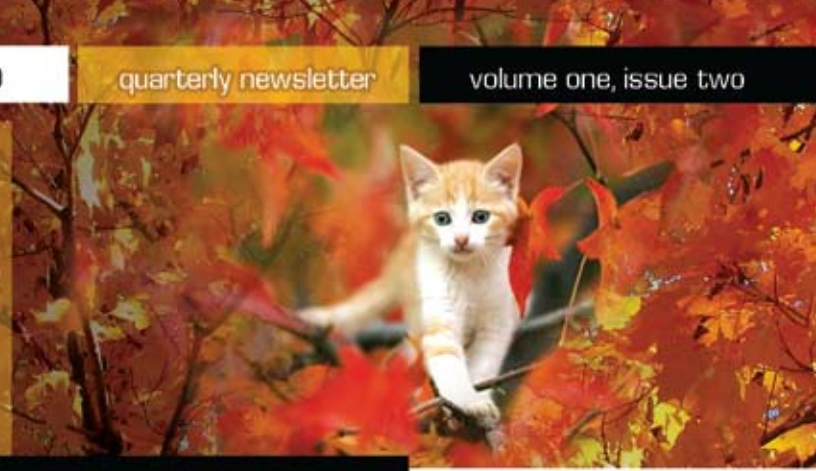


The Cat House on the Kings

FELINE RESCUE



letter from lynea



To all of our supporters both those who have been with us since the beginning and for all of you who have discovered our sanctuary in the last few years, we are ready to open a new chapter for THE CAT HOUSE ON THE KINGS. In January, we will be featured on ANIMAL PLANET's Must Love Cats series. We are confident that when this airs even more people will become believers in our dream.

We have so much left to do. Our senior center, open for less than a year, has not been able to keep up with demand. There is a tremendous need to accommodate elder, unadoptable animals, whose owners may have died or can no longer care for them. These animals deserve a quiet, peaceful environment in which to live out their days and our dedicated three bedroom home with patio and private yard has been a godsend for those we have taken in. Seniors are the most fragile of our rescues, and their stress increases at any hint of overcrowding, which means we have had to turn away countless surrender requests to protect the health of our current residents. It is especially heartbreaking to know that these animals whose world has been turned upside down may have no alternative other than death. We also have 6 undeveloped acres in need of permanent enclosures and the staff to man them.

There are 3 things we must do to accomplish our goal of a no-kill society. Spays and neuters must be FREE, MANDATORY, AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE. We would like to start with free spay and neuter mobile clinics that will travel to areas of need. Please help us to continue working toward a no-kill society, through your generous contributions of time, talent and treasure The Cat House on the Kings will meet this goal. It can and will be done. We can do this together. Thank you for making it happen.

Lynea
Lynea

quote of the day

*"People that hate
cats will come
back as mice in
their next life."*

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Coming October

Join Us for The Cat House Halloween!!

HUNDREDS OF CATS AND KITTENS CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON SATURDAY, October 30th FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM FOR THE CAT HOUSE HALLOWEEN!! There will be food, fun, and lots of furry friends. This family-friendly event promises to have something for everyone!

There will be a silent auction and raffles featuring gift certificates and free passes from Santa Fe Basque Restaurant, Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park, Chaffee Zoo, Red Lobster, Splash Cafe in Pismo, and China Peak Mountain Resort in Lakeshore just to name a few, plus digital cameras, Cuisinart Food Processor, Cuisinart Rice Cooker and tons of gift baskets donated by our animal-loving supporters.

Other activities will include DJ Party DJ providing the music and PA system, a costume contest for kids, a bounce house, a large selection of cats, kittens and a few puppies available for adoption. Satisfaction guaranteed. Appetizers, beverages & desserts will be served and tours of the facility will be given so you can see our progress. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL HERE!! Admission: Bleach, Paper Towels, Pine Cleaner.

**Help us win the shelter challenge! Vote every day for The Cat House on the Kings (sign up for daily reminders)!
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The Cat House on the Kings
FELINE RESCUE

CALLING ALL "FELINE"THROPISTS!

World's Best Cat Litter™ has launched a new charity that will donate much-needed cat litter to The Cat House on the Kings and other top-notch animal shelters. And all you have to do is vote!

Using Facebook or the website, fans of World's Best Cat Litter™ can vote daily to donate pounds of litter to shelters and organizations devoted to helping our cat communities.

From now to November 8, visit our Facebook page, and vote for one of these three deserving organizations:

- The Cat House on the Kings (www.cathouseontheKings.com)
- Baldwin Park Animal Shelter in partnership with Alley Cat Allies (www.alleycat.org)
- Kitten Rescue (www.kittenrescue.org)

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And tell your friends. To make this a true success for these fine organizations, we need the help of the World's Best Cat Litter™ faithful to recruit voting and doting fans. The more people you can get to become a fan, the more pounds of cat litter we will donate!

Vote for change (of litter).

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Watch for us on Animal Planet's **Must Love Cats** To be aired in January 2011

Spotlight on Volunteers: Ivor Durham

Our wonderful website is the creation of Christina Peck and Ivor Durham. I caught up with the publicity-shy Ivor for the following e-mail interview:

How did you hear about The Cat House?

Either through the Stanford Cat Network (Carole Miller) or the Palo Alto Humane Society (Ann Nussbaum). Don't recall which now.

When did you start volunteering for The Cat House?

Soon after we surrendered our first clowder of cats in 2007. Christina Peck & I volunteered to develop a new web site to provide a more professional and credible web presence for The Cat House. Christina had been doing web development as a consultant and I had been leading the development of web applications. We based the new design around the software I had developed and deployed for a number of other rescue groups. The first interim step I did was to insert Jack's video and a PayPal donation button into the old web site. Christina did the detailed site design and I integrated my software to enable all of the information about the cats to be managed online. It took a while because the new site didn't debut until mid-2008. We've been adding functionality ever since.



What type of rescue do you do in San Jose?

Christina was one of the founders of the Stanford Cat Network over 20 years ago. SCN focuses on cats on Stanford University properties. Christina received so many calls for help from the broader community that we formed Fat Cat Rescue to respond to those calls. Our primary focus is on TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return), so responding to requests for help with feral cats that need to be fixed. We also respond to cats in danger: we've rescued several cats from underground pipes, a cat with a severed leg hiding in a garden covered in Juniper bushes, a cat lodged behind a built-in bookcase etc. Unless people would be in danger rescuing cats, the fire department, for example, is unlikely to respond to such requests. Finally we have been responding more lately to low-income families who need to get their pets fixed. They cannot transport the cats to the clinic or afford the surgery, vaccines, etc. We respond to calls primarily on the San Francisco Peninsula (Santa Clara and San Mateo counties). We also feed several colonies of feral cats and participate in the San Jose shelter's pilot "Feral Freedom" program for which we transport fixed, tipped,

vaccinated & microchipped feral cats back to where they were trapped by the general public so they have a chance at a life rather than being euthanized at the shelter. Recently we've been pulling kittens from death row at the San Jose shelter and holding adoption fairs to get them and the other cats we have in foster care into forever homes.

What is your "day job" and your background in computers?

These days my "day job" is pretty much cat rescue and the related running around, although I occasionally do some consulting. My last consulting jobs were on software patent litigation and on reliable print production workflow for a software company. My background is a PhD in Computer Science from Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA and a B.Sc in Computer Science from the University of London. However, I have been writing software since I was in high school. I was an early employee at Adobe Systems producing software for printing systems and later I was the Chief Technology Officer for a couple of start-up companies that focused on reliable print production with job submission to print shops over the web.

Have you always loved cats?

I got turned into a "cat person" by a kitten while I was in graduate school in Pittsburgh, PA. "K.C."

scuttled past my legs and up the stairs into my apartment one day after he'd been hanging around the house next door for some days (I discovered later). Where he came from I don't know. I knew nothing about cats and did all the wrong things, like give him a saucer of milk which caused him to throw up all of the grass and junk he'd been eating lately. I intended to take him to the local shelter the following day, but that first night he hopped up on the bed not five minutes after I'd gone to bed, promptly curled up under my chin and started to purr. Needless to say, we didn't make that trip to the shelter.

There are a lot of lucky felines alive today because KC turned Ivor into a "cat person". The Cat House on the Kings will be forever grateful to Christina and Ivor for creating and maintaining our user-friendly website. Ivor has just completed a self-guided virtual tour of the property which now appears on the Facility page. The What We Do and Home pages have also been updated. There are more updates in the works so please visit often. www.thecathouseontheKings.com



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Letters to The Cat House

To My Dear Friends at the Cat House On the Kings,

From the bottom of my heart and soul I thank you for all of the love and devotion you all express in what you do. As we live our lives here on Earth, we create our own slice of heaven. To me, I see your devotion to your trade as a great noble act in which I highly respect. To all of the animals in need at your sanctuary, I see you all as guardian angels, serving and protecting them to the best of your abilities. I thank you for everything you do.

Losing my beloved cat Ladybug so suddenly is a deeply tragic loss for me, but I trust he is in a better place now. It is natural for us to have regrets and want to blame ourselves in one way or another as we go through the mourning process. But I do trust that everyone tried their best to ensure his safety and wellbeing. There must be a reason behind life's events even if we in our limited abilities cannot understand or comprehend life's plans. I like to believe that Ladybug was called home and it was his time to leave us here like this.

I cannot express enough the gratitude I feel for you and your amazing organization, helping so many loving creatures in need.

Sincerely,
Christina

Editor's note:

Christina moved from Long Beach to attend Cal Berkeley and could not bring Lady Bug, her 9 year old cat, with her. He passed away after a short illness about three weeks after his arrival. Christina, you have our deepest sympathy.

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Tim Daw (a professional photographer from Britain who now resides in San Francisco) and his wife, Anna, spent a couple of days at The Cat House on the Kings in August, where he took this picture of the hard-working staff of the Cat House on the Kings.

Pictured: Starting left back row- Albert Puga, Donna Hicks, Karla Cortez, Patricia Lopez, Pat Miranda, Armando Solis, Homer Oviedo, Chris Oviedo Jessica Tucker, Venessa Gamboa Group in front- Lynea, Carmen Gutierrez, Linda Baker, Deanna Salamanca, Lupita Campos, Crystal Barrocio

Hi Lynea,

I'm very happy with the portraits of all the staff, I think everyone looks great. I included a few of Anna and I at the end, we were so happy there. I miss waking up in a land full of cats and it's breaking my heart thinking of all the cats that can't be saved.

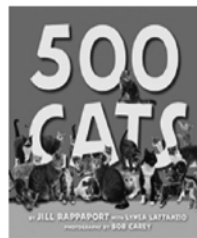
We called our kitten Fernanda. After Fernando Torres, the greatest footballer alive today. She seems happy in our bathroom and our big cat, Tag, seems quite curious but not upset so I'm confident they'll get on just fine.

Thank you so much for having us. I can't express my gratitude enough for all the selfless work you do. The world is a better place because of you and all the people at the Cat House and I feel honored to have met you all. I hope it won't be too long before we can come down again and spend some time snuggling all the lovely kitties.

Thank you, thank you, thank you,

Love,

Tim and Anna.



500 CATS BOOK AVAILABLE

Our children's' book, 500 CATS, by Emmy-nominated entertainment correspondent for NBC's Today Show Jill Rappaport with our own Lynea Lattanzio, is still available. You can pick up a copy at the shelter (with a donation of \$10), at Willow Bridge Books near Oakhurst, or order your copy from Amazon.com through our website on the Contribute page.



Oh, my gosh, have you heard the news?! It's time to PARTY at The Cat House! Break out the Halloween costumes, Cat House supporters, and join us for a HOWLING good time. I so love this day! There will be tons of food to steal, lots of legs to rub against and hands to scratch me in all the right places. Maybe I'll even see my sponsor Paula! It simply does not get any better than this for me or the rest of the feline residents. People, food and cats altogether in the same place for hours of fun and entertainment. Too bad it's not like this every day, but I suppose if it were, then I would never get my required catnapping time.

Just wait until you see what's been happening here these past few months. Phew! I tell you, my job just isn't getting any easier. There's another new building to include in my patrol duties while trying to keep track of the burgeoning population in the senior home. This new building is one I will work very hard to avoid. Most of my faithful readers should recall that my undercover work led me to spend a few days in the old ICU where I was subject to all sorts of poking and prodding all in the name of investigative journalism.

Well, I certainly showed them just what sort of patient I might be if ever I'm REALLY in need of their medical attention. It's hard to believe, but that crafty Venessa has been given her very own ICU building. I'm going to have to be very, very careful so as to avoid visiting her new building, yet still maintain my patrol obligations. Armando and his crew are constructing a new deck for the humans to use. Maybe I'll pussyfoot my way around using the deck, just to say I did my job. We'll see.

There are only a couple of other odds and ends for me to report. The evenings at The Cat House are usually very predictable. The humans and Lynea go home and we cats stay wherever we want. This summer was different! We had sleepovers in the driveway WITH HUMANS! Yes, two nice ladies spread out their kitty blankets and pillows and shared them with us, the cats, on two different occasions. Then, nearly every weekend, other humans stayed overnight in the senior home. Those lucky old cats were able to share their home with humans once again. Some of the seniors told me how much they enjoyed having human company, and they're hoping to have more.

Otherwise all is well. The seasons continue to come and go as do the humans, felines and occasional canines. Please continue to bless us with your presence and support. We, the cats, need you.



Zaney Grey

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- Clumping litter
- Postage Stamps
- 2 Rice Cookers (we add rice al dente to the food for cats and kittens with diarrhea)

odds & ends

Fall adoption special. We have so many kitties needing homes. For September and October we are offering the special adoption rate of \$40 or 2 for \$60 adoptions at Petco or on site at The Cat House.

the dedication wall

The Dedication Wall helps raise much needed funds. You may make a donation for a plaque in memory of a lost loved one (In Memory of...), to honor someone (In Honor of...), or just to show your support of The Cat House (The Miller Family Supports...). The plaques are black metal with gold lettering and are hung in the entryway of The Cat Hosue.

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Victoria B.C. Rescue

On August 16th, 16 dogs and 28 kittens and cats left The Cat House on the Kings for a 900 mile trip to new forever homes in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Beverly Archer of Cat's Cradle Animal Rescue and Carol Broad of Victoria Adoptables Dog Rescue made the 1800 mile round trip to The Cat House on the Kings to fulfill a need for adoptable animals in their city.



The following is an e-mail interview with Carol:

How did you find The Cat House on the Kings?

Lisa from L.A. had forwarded your email and website onto myself and Bev. As I operate the website and also run Victoria Adoptables Dog Rescue, the adoptable dogs on Lynea's site caught my eye. Bev and I then began planning

the logistics of a road trip down to Parlier to visit Lynea's sanctuary.

I emailed Lynea and it was discussed what dogs/pups would be available. Bev and I needed to figure out just how much room we needed. We took out the two back seats in her Dodge Caravan and loaded small and large crates, allowing "comfort room" and easy accessibility to change water, towels etc.

I took on 16 dogs from Lynea's and Bev brought back 46 cats. Believe me, the van just hummed! We did get used to the fragrance after a few hours though.

We made sure we had all our medical records in order for Canada Customs at the border...rabies vaccinations for dogs over 3 months etc.

How is it that Victoria has a shortage of adoptable animals? Is it due to aggressive spay/neuter laws or campaigns? Weather? We don't have spay/neuter laws for dogs up here. The weather here is temperate...mostly rainy winters. We rarely see stray dogs in the Greater Victoria area.

Compared to the situation down south we don't have the same population and overcrowded animal facilities. However, I rescue from the small

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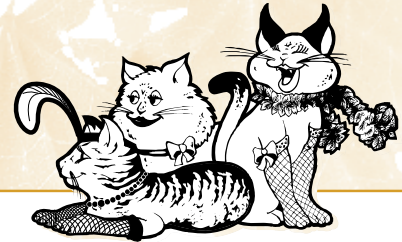
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The Cat House on the Kings is a private, nonprofit, no-cage, no-kill sanctuary, rescue and adoption center for cats run solely on donations and out-of-pocket funding by our founder Lynea Lattanzio.

The Cat House is open to visitors Thursday through Sunday (except major holidays) from 1PM to 4PM. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. We are located near Reedley, CA. SouthEast of Fresno.

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Victoria B.C. Rescue (continued)

community sand pounds on the northern part of the island and a great number come off the First Nations Reserves where spay/neuter of animals is not a priority. The majority of these dogs are shepherd/husky mixes...large dogs.

Small to mid-sized dogs are sought after here...I put it down to condo-owners plus Victoria has a fairly large retired population. We have lots of great places to walk a dog and a lot of people look for small dogs for the love and companionship.

If our local SPCA gets some small dogs in, they're adopted within a day or two.

Just a few weeks ago a woman surrendered 43 chihuahuas to our Victoria SPCA...it made our local news and the very next morning people were lined up out the doors to adopt. The chis (all ages...from young to senior) were all adopted within 48 hours. Neat, eh.

How long did it take you to drive? Did you drive straight through or make overnight stops? The internet says it is 840 miles one way, so I figured it as a 1700 mile round trip. Am I close?

We caught the B.C. ferry from Swartz Bay here on Vancouver Island Friday morning...one hour and 40 minute ferry ride to Vancouver B.C., then over the Peace Arch Border Crossing between Surrey, B.C. and Blaine, Washington. We overnighed at a hotel in Roseburg, Oregon. Got up early the next morning and carried onto Parlier...arrived early evening.

So, we caught the 8 a.m. ferry from here Friday morning and arrived at Lynea's Saturday evening. Left mid-morning on Sunday and drove all night. (We knew there wasn't a hope we could find a hotel that would accept our lot!) The I-5 is not a bad freeway at all to drive...we listened to talking books all night and I just followed the big rigs. We caught the 10 a.m. ferry back here, unloaded all the animals and I went home to shower :-)

I think Bev figured it closer to just over 1800 mile trip. Saw some fantastic scenery.

Did you already have families waiting for the animals when you contacted Lynea about the transfer?

No, we didn't but it's certainly an idea to post pictures and writeups beforehand and accept applications.

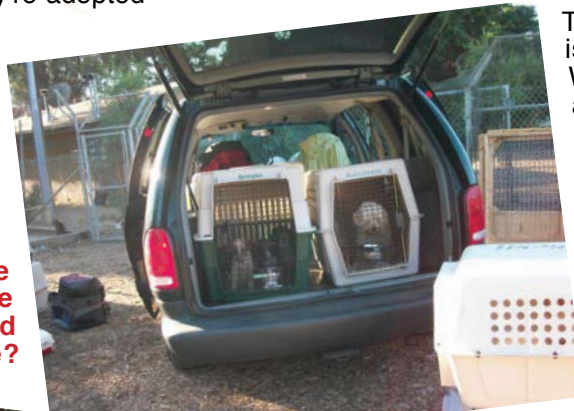
We had a small "adoption event" the following weekend...what a turnout! Bev can explain the cat side of things but I was doing the dogs...we had a lab/corgi x mom and her 7 pups, 2 chweenies, 3 Queensland mixes, an older maltese and a young poodle mix. There must have been over 150 people who came to see the dogs. It got to the point that we had to slow the visiting down...the dogs were getting tired and wanted to nap.

Oh, and by the way...the little poodle mix that was pregnant and arrived at Lynea's the day before we arrived....well, she gave birth to 6 little pups this morning! She (her name is now Lulu) is adopted by a friend of mine and when they're 8 weeks

old we'll start accepting applications for the babes. I think we'll have a "Name the pups fund-raiser".

How many have already been placed in forever homes?

All the dogs except one are in their forever homes...everyone is delighted with them and I'll forward pics down. I look for homes where someone is home most of the day, can take the dog to work with them or put them in doggy daycare. It's great to see businesses are starting to allow employees to bring dogs to work. This is a new concept in Victoria.



The last dog needing placing is the mom lab/corgi mix. We've had interested applicants but just not the right fit yet. She is such a sweetheart, very affectionate and is fostered here in my home.



As an aside first great application I had was for one of the lab/corgi pups...the only female. The couple live on a lighthouse station just off the northern tip of Vancouver Island...they'd been searching all the shelters/pounds here on Van Island for a mid-sized dog...big enough so it wouldn't be carried off by eagles and small enough to jump into the float plane and boat. They sent pictures of this wonderful small island they live/work from and I was delighted to be able to adopt them...perfect for a dog! However, the husband decided he wasn't quite ready for a dog. But believe me...when they are I shall definitely adopt to them. Doggy heaven up there.

(And note how they found it difficult to find a mid-sized dog from pounds/shelters here.)

Is this something you have done before with other rescues, or was this the first time?

There are a few rescue organizations on my site who do over the border rescue. I worked alongside one rescue who took dogs from Alabama. We'd meet the dogs at Sea-Tac airport outside Seattle and then travel back with a vanload. And this is where it's realized that people want small dogs up here. And why not rescue a life down south if we have the adoptive homes up here.

Would you do it again?

You betcha! I regret not sitting down by the river and sipping a glass of wine as Lynea had suggested. Will hold onto that thought for next time!

As I don't have a sanctuary, the biggest challenge is finding foster homes. That and funds, but we do what we can do with the resources we have.

Cheers,
Carol Broad