

# The Cat House on the Kings

FELINE RESCUE



## Just another day at The Cat House on the Kings

On Wednesday, February 1st, Tammy Barker, second in command at The Cat House, answered the phone that seems to never stop ringing. A party was calling to report there were friendly kittens being neglected or abused outside a shack someone called home. Tammy immediately drove 40 minutes to the address she was given. When she drove up, she realized she should have brought someone to back her up as the condition of the dwelling, with broken down cars and trash strewn everywhere, did not look like a place she would be welcome.

As she got out of the car, three kittens and a mom cat ran up to her. One of the kittens had an eye hanging out of its socket by a thread. Tammy gathered the kittens and put them into a carrier.

The mama cat and an older kitten were not as cooperative, so Tammy put out some food for them and netted them when they came to eat it. Into carriers they went, but Tammy saw one more cat, an old tom

with a bleeding ear and a beat up face. Tammy was out of carriers, but a cardboard box would have to do. The old tom sat quietly in the box and seemed to know he was going to a better place. Tammy could hear other cats inside the house, but was afraid to con-



*Jack Sparrow after eye surgery*

front whoever was living in these deplorable conditions. Tammy contacted the local authorities to come back for the cats in the house.

Tammy drove the 40 minutes back to The

Cat House with some trepidation. She hadn't told Lynea where she was going, and knew it would be expensive to save these animals, and money, as always, was in short supply. She need not have

worried about Lynea's possible disapproval. Lynea took one look at her cargo, started giving directions and everyone shot into action, tending to the wounded and making sure all were put into



*Deplorable conditions where the cats were found.*

warm cages with food and water. There was never any question, or hesitation on Lynea's part. These animals needed help and they were going to get it no matter the cost.

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By Friday, two days after the rescue, the baby with the bad eye came out of surgery looking much better and is expected to make a full recovery. The staff has named him "Jack Sparrow" and he has been transferred to a shelter in Van Nuys, CA.

The mom was spayed the following Monday, and she is keeping her babies warm and happy. The injured tom cat with the

ear and facial injuries is recovering in the ICU, eating and flirting with all the staff.

Sadly, events like this happen all too regularly. If Tammy hadn't made that drive these six cats would surely have died a horrible death (there were several cat carcasses strewn about the property). Let us know if you'd like to sponsor one of these kitties (or better yet, give them a forever home).



*The old tom is doing much better now that he's warm and fed and been treated by the veterinarian.*



*Lin Faurie, left, Cat House Board member is shown with Emily as they get ready to depart for her flight back to Vancouver.*

## What a great place to work!

Lush Cosmetic has been a supporter of The Cat House on the Kings through their "Charity Pots" program (in which 100% of the funds goes to a particular charity). Lush is located in Vancouver, Canada and ships worldwide. Through their 3 Wishes program, they granted employee Emily McMananma's wish to fly out to The Cat House on the Kings for several days of volunteering! What a great way to treat their employees and encourage community service.

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THANK YOU LUSH, FOR BRINGING US EMILY. What a joy it was to have her here!

## Kids Help the Cat House

Lynea is pictured with future entrepreneurs, Bryanna, Riley and Danny Richardson who made and sold bracelets at their schools to raise funds (\$51.63) for the animals at The Cat House on the Kings. Not pictured is mother, Brooke Richardson, who is doing a wonderful job raising such generous and motivated children! Thank you!



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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 daily **by appointment only** (except major holidays)  
Hours 8:00am -11:00am; 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
*We are located near Reedley, CA. Southeast of Fresno.*

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**A Note from our Amazing Facebook Coordinator:**

The Cat House on the Kings recently received a generous donation of "Tickle Pickle" catnip cat toys and Tickle Tassel catnip cat toys from Tip-syNip Organic Cat Products as a thank you for a successful Facebook cross-promotion. The certified organic, made-in-Vermont treats look like large pickles (hence the name, "Tickle Pickle") and they have been an instant success with Cat House on the Kings cats. Please visit their website and check out their product line of organic catnip and toys!



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the cat house on the kings

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**Holy Moly! What an operation!**

I was glad to get to meet Lynea. She took the time to give me a full, end-to-end tour and we took all the dogs for a walk in the process. Everyone was very sweet, and I even came within inches of adopting Hoss the Basset Hound with the bad leg (I already have two basset hounds).


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the dedication wall

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We are sad to report that Gayle Jorgensen, who was featured in our last newsletter has succumbed to brain cancer.

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Candy Jacobsen  
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## Volunteer Spotlight, Tammy Barker



Tammy is Lynea's "right hand woman" at The Cat House. She can be counted on to do just about anything, from rescuing animals in distress to successfully chairing the semi-annual Cat House on the Kings open houses. (Ed. Note: next one is May 5th)

Tammy was born into an animal loving family and has photos of herself at the age of one with her Great Dane, Duke. Her love of cats started with Hershey, a Siamese kitten given to her by her step dad when Tammy was in the 7th grade.

Tammy was a responsible young pet owner from an early age. Like most kids, Tammy would promise to feed and clean up after whatever pet she wanted to add to her menagerie. Unlike most kids, Tammy followed through on her promise to care for the animals. So much so that she didn't want anyone else to do it, because she "wanted it done right".

It was spring, 1998 when Tammy found herself trying to find homes for several litters of kittens she had taken into her care. A friend at her favorite pet store suggested she call Lynea at The Cat House on the Kings to see if she could help. Lynea took two litters of Siamese kittens which are the easiest to find homes for. Tammy also learned a lot from Lynea about saving more lives, treating fleas and worms and how to get low cost vaccinations.

For the next few years, Tammy called Lynea every kitten season for help. By 2002 she started volunteering at the Cat House, doing everything from scooping litter boxes to medicating cats. Tammy was responsible for getting Petco on Blackstone near Ashlan in Fresno to allow her to bring animals for adoption on Saturdays. After many Saturdays making two round trips (32 miles each way) to pick up and drop off kitties at the Cat House, Tammy formed a foster group to take care of the ones who didn't get adopted, then bring them back to Petco the following Saturday.

Tammy and fellow volunteer Kathy Scheer are regular visitors to the Central California SPCA to rescue animals about to be put down. This is by far the most heartbreaking job, as you can't take them all, and you know the fate of the ones you leave behind.

Tammy's long suffering husband Terry and daughter Amanda have made it possible for Tammy to follow her dream. She spends at least two days every week at The Cat House, volunteering, and puts over 5,000 minutes a month on her cell phone answering people's questions about cats. Wednesday is Spay Day and Tammy makes a 65 mile round trip to get cats altered (did I mention that Tammy hates to drive?).

Tammy has taken over the administration of the Accounts Receivable, she still does adoptions at Petco and transports cats out of town to other rescues at least 5 times a year. She is also a member of the Board of Directors at The Cat House on the Kings. (Did I mention she has cats, dogs and a cockatiel to care for at home?)

Lynea, staff and volunteers really love this self-described "Crazy Cat Lady" who does so much for The Cat House on the Kings. Thank you, Tammy, for being a "Little Lynea".

# Surrenders dropped 24.2% once NYC implemented a Low Cost Vet Mobile.

For years, Lynea has wanted to bring spays and neuters to the public, if we can't get the public to bring their animals in on their own. If you'd like to donate to this cause, please earmark your donation for Mobile Vet Van. Thank you!



In honor of reaching over \$3 Billion in sales this year, the Petco Foundation allowed each of their stores to make a cash donation to a deserving animal-welfare partner of their choice. Here, Paul Jolly presents a check to Tammy Barker from their Blackstone and Ashlan store



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# A thank you to my readers and goodbye:



I have enjoyed bringing you news of The Cat House on the Kings for the past two years almost as much as I've enjoyed gathering it. All good things must come to an end, and sadly, this will be my last newsletter.

Lynea still has much to accomplish and I've assured her she will get there in her lifetime with supporters like you. With her genes, she should have another 30 years, so I'm counting on all of you to continue to spread the word about the phenomenal work she is accomplishing.

If you haven't already, please "friend" us on Facebook, as our publicity shy volunteer coordinator does an amazing job.

At this point I will still be designing and warehousing Cat House merchandise, so you can reach me through the "shop" tab on the website: [www.cathouseontheKings.com/shop](http://www.cathouseontheKings.com/shop) Thank you for reading, but most of all, thank you for supporting the Cat House on the Kings.  
Rochelle (Lynea's sister)

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