

# Paw Prints

by The Cat House on the Kings®



Feline rescue & sanctuary — dedicated to the care and adoption of homeless cats & kittens

## German Documentary Gives The Cat House International Exposure

The Cat House on the Kings has gone international again with a documentary airing on one of Germany's most popular television programs.

“The Ultimate Cat Lady” is of course about our own founder/director Lynea Lattanzio, who spent time last fall with an American-based reporter for the German TV show “Galileo.” The roughly 10-minute documentary – available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcacXry1ZZc> – is in German but English subtitles are available

by navigating to Subtitles in the Settings button.

The documentary offers a quick



look at our wonderful sanctuary and director along with some history and factoids. The episode tells the story of how Lynea came to devote her life, home and fortune to rescuing cats and kittens.

The two-person crew – producer Johannes Wiebus and Chandler Knowles – spent a day at our Parlier sanctuary along the Kings River, and got to know Lynea as well as a few (or possibly many more) of our furry residents.

This is great international exposure for The Cat House. “Galileo” is the most-widely watched German news/infotainment television show and airs nightly in prime-time on the country's largest cable network. The show – on the air for nearly two decades -- is well-known for the breadth of stories it covers and is comparable to American brands such as “60 Minutes” and “The Today Show.”

“Galileo” draws up to 2 million viewers every night and millions more on YouTube.

We're honored to be featured in this documentary and grateful to have the opportunity to share our history and good works! The Cat House is always open to film projects, and anyone interested can contact us at [media@cathouseonthekings.com](mailto:media@cathouseonthekings.com).

## Shop and Support The Cat House at Our Spring Estate Sale!

The Cat House on the Kings is planning an estate sale in April that will be one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Watch our website and social media for the date and other updates about this one-of-a-kind event!

“In lieu of our annual Open House, we are having a huge estate sale with furniture, antiques, cat-related items and so many more fun items,” said our founder/director Lynea Lattanzio. “These are pieces donated to us by our supporters and will help raise much-needed money for our cats.”



Our 12-acre sanctuary in Parlier is the state's largest no-cage, no-kill, lifetime sanctuary and adoption center. The Cat House is a nonprofit organization and doesn't receive any government funding; we rely completely on grants, donations and other forms of fundraising.

As kitten season approaches (it really never ends in the Central Valley), The Cat House could use more financial support. We're hoping this fundraiser will help bring in the money we need to continue to rescue and save precious lives.

Our estate sale will have something for everyone! Here is a partial list of available merchandise:

- Cat-themed items
- Smaller-scale Budweiser wagon with horses
- Christmas items
- Antique furniture
- Four antique saddles
- Antique dishes and glassware
- Antique silver mining tools
- Records from all eras

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Most of the pieces available have been donated by people who remembered The Cat House in their wills or estate planning. In some cases, we received donations from the estate along with the individual's cats.



"The Cat House is grateful for these donations and looking forward to this sale," said Tammy Barker, our assistant director. "We do have some beautiful pieces and everything sold benefits the hundreds of cats that we care for every day."

Only in-person sales will be conducted and there is no admission fee. Tours of The Cat House will be available on the day of the estate sale. We also are looking for volunteers to help out on that day; contact [beth@cathouseontheings.com](mailto:beth@cathouseontheings.com) for information.

More details are coming so watch our website ([www.cathouseontheings.com](http://www.cathouseontheings.com)) or find us on social media to stay in the loop. We hope to see you at our estate sale!

## Shelter Challenge, Other Donations Help Support Our Mission

From the most recent Shelter Challenge to an assortment of other donations, The Cat House on the Kings is eternally grateful for your support!

We're happy to report that The Cat House took second place in the most recent Whiskers and Wonders Shelter Challenge. We were awarded \$3,000 in cash and \$4,000 in supplies that will certainly come in handy as we head into peak kitten season.

Thanks to our loyal supporters, The Cat House has been pretty successful in these challenges that are based on daily online votes. We're hoping you will do your part again because another Shelter Challenge -- New Leashes on Life -- is already under way! We need your daily votes to rise to the top!

To vote, go to [www.cathouseontheings.com/shelterchallenge](http://www.cathouseontheings.com/shelterchallenge), which redirects you to the voting page. Then click the "Vote" button. Voting ends soon. If you need a daily nudge, sign up for our daily voting reminder at [www.cathouseontheings.com/managesubscriptions](http://www.cathouseontheings.com/managesubscriptions). There, you can also select other communications preferences from The Cat House.

The main sponsor of the Shelter Challenge is Greater Good, an independent organization formed in 1999 that is committed to the health and well-being of people, pets and the planet.

The Cat House on the Kings relies solely on grants and donations to support its rescue mission and care for hundreds of cats and kittens each year. That's why we are so grateful for all donations of any size.

Speaking of donations, The Cat House recently received a \$5,352.67 grant from the PayPal Giving Fund. The grant is based on donors who recommended our nonprofit through charitable programs on PayPal, eBay, GoFundMe, CrowdRise, Airbnb, Humble Bundle and other online platforms.

In more good news, our wonderful partner Purrs and Whiskers donated \$414 for December and January based on sales to our supporters. We invite you to check out their website at [www.purrsandwhiskers.com](http://www.purrsandwhiskers.com), where you can buy unique goods and support The Cat House at the same time! Simply enter promo code "10%CATHOUSE" at checkout. [www.cathouseontheings.com/shoptogive](http://www.cathouseontheings.com/shoptogive)

We are grateful for every penny that helps finance our mission to rescue and save precious lives. And you can find different ways to support The Cat House by visiting our website at [www.cathouseontheings.com](http://www.cathouseontheings.com). Thank you!

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Brand, Sandra..... Mocha & Rusty  
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Durbin, Linda..... Seamus  
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# Volunteer Spotlight

## Arianna Vidales, Awesome Volunteer

How many kids would jump at the chance to go to work with their Mom because she works at a cat rescue?



Meet Arianna Vidales, one of our wonderful young volunteers! Many of her peers might enjoy playing with animals but might not feel like sticking around for the hard work of caring for them.

Arianna, however, continues to volunteer and is learning new areas of work where she shines! The Cat House on the Kings is always grateful to have patient volunteers who help socialize the cats so they are more comfortable around visitors and potential adopters. That work also includes the less fun part of wiping eyes, cleaning noses and keeping everyone looking good.

Have you've ever had to help feed a few hundred cats and kittens? If so, you understand that it takes real skill just to get into an adoption room with a full tray of wet food and 50 or so waiting hungry kittens!

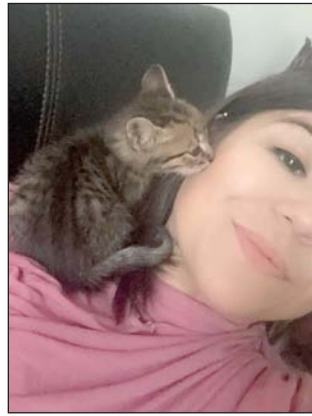
We appreciate Arianna's help in juggling the daily duties that can stack up when emergencies pop up out of nowhere!

Arianna also is making a big impact by assisting with visitor tours. We love having visitors tour Kitty Heaven and Doggy Disneyland in person, so we always want to give them the best possible experience. Visitors can do self-guided tours but it makes a world of difference when an experienced volunteer or team member can lead the way.

Tour guides offer valuable details about our work, history and goals, for example. We applaud Arianna's dedication to becoming such a knowledgeable tour guide!

You can probably see from this photo that Arianna loves the cats and puppies in our care. We thank Arianna for all of her hard work at The Cat House – your help is “meowvelous!”

## Amber Torres, Amazing Foster Mom



Each year, The Cat House on the Kings takes in between 1,200 to 1,500 cats from a variety of sources.

These sources include people who find kittens in their

back yards or at work, other shelters and rescues, and even our employees who spot kittens abandoned on the side of the road or illegally dumped in a box on our doorstep.

And that's where fantastic volunteers like Amber Torres also come to the rescue as foster parents. Meet Amber in her own words:

“When I first discovered The Cat House on the Kings, I was just looking to adopt. I went on the website and read the option to also foster, which prompted me to fill out both applications (foster and adoption) and within a couple of days I got a call to see if I could foster three baby kittens.

“I could not say no, so I took them in as fosters and then ended up adopting one of them. A couple of weeks after my first litter had all been adopted I fostered five more baby kittens that the shelter didn't have room for, so they couldn't have taken them if I didn't foster them.

“I love helping and watching the kittens grow and then go on to find a new home. I love seeing all the different personalities that each kitten has. I will continue to be a foster mom for a long time. My family and I enjoy it deeply.

“We are very grateful to have discovered The Cat House on the Kings!”

Here at The Cat House, we are thankful that Amber considered fostering and has fallen in love with it. Our foster parents are simply critical to our mission, and we hope they know how much they mean to us and the kittens and cats in their care.

At least half of the kittens we take in will enter our adoption program after receiving any needed medical care and after they are healthy enough to be spayed or neutered. The Cat House simply couldn't save as many of them without foster homes like Amber's.

We are immensely grateful for Amber's volunteer work and we hope she will inspire more people to foster!

## Joanna Arredondo, Fabulous Foster

“You might be temporary in their lives, they might be temporary in yours. But there is nothing temporary about the love or the lesson.” - Tonia Christle

Giving moms and kittens the safe space to thrive is priceless. It's also a luxury in our current state of overpopulation. There simply aren't enough homes of all types -- including fosters -- as we implore local governments to fund spay/neuter services that are the solution to overpopulation.

Each foster – like our cherished volunteer Joanna Arredondo – makes an incredible difference. We're honored to introduce her in her own words:



“Witnessing my older and younger sisters volunteer for The Cat House on the Kings over the last few years inspired me to get involved as well. Seeing their dedication to helping animals made me realize how rewarding it could be to contribute to such an important cause in our community.

“As a mental health therapist, I've always been passionate about supporting others and fostering healing, and helping animals feels like a natural extension of that work. Preparing kittens for their forever homes has become one of my favorite ways to give back to the community.

“It is an honor to play a part in their journey while getting to spend my days playing with these adorable kittens. Currently, I'm fostering a young mama and her seven kittens, and I'm excited to continue fostering many more litters in the years to come.

“Every day brings new joy and fulfillment, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to make a difference in these animals' lives. Thank you Cat House on the Kings for supporting me in supporting our furry friends!”

We thank Joanna for her support, care, kindness, and the difference she makes in the lives of all the cats and kittens she fosters!

## Couple Adopts Two Cuties That Brighten a Quiet House

Lynne and Joe Sceili were heartbroken when the last of their five orange kitties passed away in July 2024. They didn't know if they would ever adopt again.



"We'd been losing one geriatric kitty after another and it felt too sad," Lynne said via email. Zoey, adopted with her brother Mango in 2006, was the last of the group.

But as time went on, the house felt empty and Lynne started looking online for cute orange kittens. "I wasn't seeing any locally and kept expanding my search until I spotted Oaklyn and Orvil," she said.

These two cuties were available at The Cat House on the Kings. "I didn't even realize that I was looking at kittens in Fresno," said Lynne, whose home is in Castro Valley in the Bay Area.

Still, she fell in love with the photos and discussed adopting again with her husband. After their adoption application was approved, the couple drove more than three hours to pick up their new family additions – and then drove three-plus hours back home.

Happily, the two newcomers – now named Petey and Poppy – have settled in just fine. They were 5 months old on Jan. 11 and have distinct personalities.

"Joe and I love them so much and they make us laugh every day!" Lynne posted in an update to The Cat House.

"Petey is a talker, is VERY adventurous, and wants to be in the middle of absolutely everything. My little helper!"

"Poppy is a love bug and curls up in my arms like a baby. She loves playing with her mice and has become famous for stealing bottle caps! Thank you again for allowing us to adopt these precious furry kids!"

"Our home is no longer quiet!"



## Official Cat House Photographer Continues to Make Magic in Pictures

Val Woodward doesn't have a magic wand but she does have an eye for capturing wonderful pictures of The Cat House and its furry residents and adoptees.

Val, who operates Fur Real Life Photography, is our official photographer – and we couldn't be more happy or grateful. While her business has exploded, she still finds time to work her magic with our cats and remain an integral part of our annual calendar fundraiser.

Just like people on dating sites, our cats and kittens (and sometimes dogs and puppies) can use great photos. And that's what Val contributes as one of the incredible volunteers who bring specific talents to rescue work.

It's not always easy to photograph a cat (just ask any cat owner). Kitties tend to work on their own time and show off only when they feel like it – making adoption portraits a challenge for even professional photographers.

Val's experience with many different temperaments allows her to bring out the best in cats and kittens, including those who may still be adjusting to moving from foster home to adoption center. Even the spiciest cats have a good side, and Val finds it.



Our team members know when a photo touches someone's heart. We hear it all the time: "Their photo just pulled at my heart," or "once I saw their photo, I had to come meet them," and sometimes, "once I saw those eyes it was true love."

So we know and appreciate the fact that Val's photos increase adoptions and bring people and pets together. We could go on and on about the vital importance of Val's work – for example, our media partners are always thrilled to have professional photos when helping with our adoption outreach.

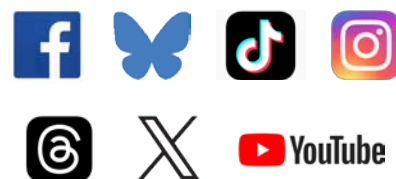
Val also is a superstar photographer for our annual calendar, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Her high-quality photos of the residents at our 12-acre sanctuary have graced the pages of our calendars for several years.

The Cat House is grateful, proud and fortunate to call Val our official photographer!

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## Take a 'Cat Walk' on a Visit to Our 12-Acre Sanctuary

Here at The Cat House on the Kings, we love visitors!

Our founder/director Lynea Lattanzio likes to call our Parlier sanctuary the world's largest feline petting zoo. In the past few months, we've welcomed visitors from several different states.

Linda from Cameron Park came



through on her way back from a trip to Arizona (top photo). Sarah and Willow (middle photo) made plenty of friends on a visit from Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Finally, our Assistant Director Tammy Barker was overjoyed to bring her sister, Ronda Thomp-



son, to tour The Cat House. Ronda lives in Vermont.

We invite everyone to take a "cat walk" through our 12-acre grounds in California's Central Valley. The Cat House is open seven days a week (except major holidays), from 1 to 4 p.m., by appointment. Please remember to call (559) 638-8696 (Option 1) for an appointment before visiting.

Tours are offered Thursday through Sunday (weather permitting) but visitors can take a self-guided tour on other days. If you plan to stay overnight in the area, several local hotels offer special rates for our visitors.

For the most fun, remember to bring treats for our cats! Shake a bag of treats and you'll make plenty of furry friends who will follow you – that's the "cat walk."

Book your visit today! We'd love to meet you, but if you can't visit, you can at least take a virtual tour at [www.cathouseontheKings.com/tour](http://www.cathouseontheKings.com/tour)



## Enterprising Sisters Generously Donate 'Cat Kicker' Toys for Our Kitties

Gia and Bella Bursey are proud farmer's daughters who have a love for animals that extends to helping The Cat House on the Kings.

The two amazing girls recently donated dozens of "cat kickers," along with 40 pounds of food and treats, to our sanc-



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### Wish List:

Money, Bleach, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent (HE), Dish Soap, Postage Stamps, Postcard Stamps and Gift Cards (Amazon, Home Depot, Costco, etc.) The above items can be dropped off at the Blackstone/Ashlan Petco in Fresno, or at the Cat House

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The Cat House on the Kings is a private, non-profit, 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 (except major holidays) by appointment only.

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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 House. Find out more at [www.cathouseontheKings.com/plaque](http://www.cathouseontheKings.com/plaque).

### Sizes and Prices

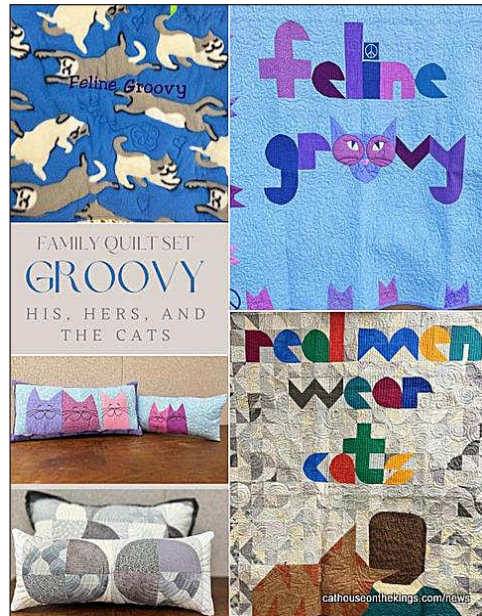
3" x 12"	.....	\$100.00
7" x 12"	.....	\$180.00
10.5" x 12"	.....	\$250.00

# Buy Tickets Now for a Chance to Win in Our 'Feline Groovy' Quilt Raffle

What's better than a chance to win one cat-themed quilt? The chance to win three!

The Cat House on the King's Spring Quilt Raffle is a package of three by Diane Lotzer. She created the original designs especially for The Cat House and also donated the beautiful family quilt set. Tickets are just \$1 each and the drawing will be May 28.

This assortment includes the "Cat Daddy" quilt (Real Men Wear Cats), the "Feline Groovy" throw quilt and "The Cat's Quilt" (to discourage your furry friend from stealing your spot).



The "Cat Daddy" quilt is an extra-large (73 inches by 55 inches) throw boasting countless tricky "Drunkard's Path" blocks. This one-of-a-kind quilt, made from cotton fabric with polyester fill, is large enough for a twin bed. It also comes with matching neck and lumbar support pillows.

The whimsical "Feline Groovy" throw – inspired by the 1970s – features a "flower power" quilting design with a backing of lavender flowers. Measuring 60 inches by 50 inches, the quilt also is made with cotton fabric

and polyester fill and comes with matching neck and lumbar support pillows.

Finally, "The Cat's Quilt" is (hopefully) a cat magnet that will entice your kitty to nap there rather than on your clothes or in your favorite spot. This cozy fleece quilt measures 27 inches by 19 inches, features a cute quilted design and will machine-wash beautifully.

Tickets are now on sale! As a bonus, anyone who purchases 20 tickets will get another one free of charge. That works for all multiples of 20 so if you buy 60 tickets, for example, you will receive a total of 63 tickets.

To enter, prepare a check or money order payable to The Cat House on the Kings (marked "RAFFLE TICKETS") and send it to The Cat House on the Kings, 7120 S. Kings River Rd., Parlier, CA 93648. Make sure to add your telephone number and email address in the memo section of your check.

If you prefer, you can call our office at (559) 638-8696 (Option 3) to purchase tickets with a credit card (\$20 minimum) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST). Be prepared to provide your email address.

For phone/check purchases, we will email a receipt with your ticket numbers. You will receive physical ticket stubs if you purchase raffle tickets at a Cat House event.

You need not be present to win and shipping of the prize is free to U.S. addresses. An international winner will need to help cover shipping costs.

Unfortunately, we are prohibited by law from accepting raffle ticket payments online. We apologize for that inconvenience.

Ticket sales end at 12:30 p.m. (PST) on May 28 and the drawing follows at 1 p.m. Get your tickets now and help support The Cat House and our mission!

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## Perfect Pair Celebrates Happy Five-Year Adoption Milestone

More than five years ago, Lauren Downum's first attempt at kitty adoption didn't work out at another shelter. But that near-miss ended up in the perfect pairing with a sweet Siamese mix now called Emma, who was adopted from The Cat House on the Kings.

"Emma has brought so much love and joy to my life, I truly cannot adequately express it in words," Lauren said via email. "She really is the most precious and special little soul and I feel incredibly fortunate to get to love and take care of her."

Lauren and Emma (formerly Sandy Siamese) celebrated five years of togetherness last fall in Fresno. Back then, in 2019, Lauren had been looking to adopt but struck out at another shelter when no one could meet with her during a scheduled appointment.

Discouraged, she gave up on the idea until one day she began scrolling through available cats and landed at The Cat House and Emma's profile.

"As soon as I saw Emma's sweet little face, I immediately fell in love with her," Lauren said. "Her big blue eyes and beautiful markings stopped me in my tracks. Then, once I read her bio and got a sense of her personality, I knew I had to submit an application to adopt her."

From there, the process went smoothly and Emma was soon on her way home with Lauren. Emma was a bit timid at first but quickly warmed up.



"Emma has a very special personality. She is incredibly sweet, funny, and smart. Loud or sudden noises or people in her home make her nervous, but she is otherwise a calm girl with a big personality," Lauren said.

"She is also very loving and brave – even when she's afraid she will get between me and wherever the sound is

coming from to make sure I'm safe."

Emma also loves to play fetch, adores hunting anything on a wire/string and truly enjoys the tunnel presented by Lauren's dad. "She loves to watch birds and squirrels from the window and will find any excuse to get up somewhere high," Lauren added.

This was Lauren's first adoption from The Cat House but she would happily return if Emma wanted a pal. Meanwhile, these two girls are happy together.

"Her coming into my life has truly been the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to me," Lauren said. "My favorite thing in the world is when she hops up on the bed, makes some bread, and plops down to cuddle with me, just purring away.

"Doesn't get any better than that!"



## Shopping for Cat Food, Couple Also Falls for New Family Addition

Karen and Rick White were shopping at Petco when they experienced love at first sight at The Cat House on the Kings adoption center.



They had been grieving the loss of their 15-year-old kitty, Lily, but were ready to find a companion for Teddy, their orange and white cat. While shopping for cat food, they spotted a black-and-white tuxedo and just knew that Felix was "the one."

"We were looking for a kitten to give Teddy a little brother and playmate," Karen said via email. "He never really had the chance to have one with Lily since she was so much older and definitely wasn't interested in that. Poor Teddy. Who could resist Felix's tuxedo coat and friendliness!"

The adoption process went smoothly and soon Felix was off to his forever home in the area foothills. Felix quickly made himself at home (Karen gives thanks to his foster mom) and won over Teddy after a while.

"It took Teddy a week or so to become tolerant but they now play wrestle, sleep near each other and I see an increasing bright relationship in their future," Karen said.

Felix is loving and playful, she said. He also delights in the many toys that have been accumulated over the years. Felix even inspired Teddy to play again and "since he's a big chonky we are so happy he's getting some exercise!"

She added that "Felix is extremely respectful of his big brother but doesn't hesitate to get in there and wrestle or chase Teddy around the house."

Felix loves everyone and definitely has a fan in their 17-year-old grandson who visited for a few weeks. He wanted to take Felix home, Karen said.

She appreciates the important work done by The Cat House and our thorough adoption process and protocols. "I was particularly impressed with the requirement that these cats be kept indoors. As a birder, I know the impact of outdoor and feral cats on bird populations. In addition, indoor cats live longer, healthier lives without predation risks.

"Thank you to The Cat House on the Kings (and Petco) for honoring us with Felix's presence in our lives for many years to come. Teddy thanks you, too!"



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tuary. They dropped off their donations during a January visit with their mom, Jessica.

We so appreciate their hard work to support our sanctuary and cats!

So here's a little background on Gia and Bella. When the girls aren't out riding shotgun with their dad on the ranch, they attend Fresno Christian and are 4-H members.

According to their mom, Gia has a love for cats and older sister Emily is attending Fresno State with plans to become a large farm animal veterinarian. Emily's multiple veterinarian internships have shown her the overwhelming needs for homeless cats.

When Gia heard that Fresno Christian was having an artisan market, she and her sister Bella wanted to participate and also help The Cat House on the Kings. Emily taught Gia how to make cat kickers that were sold at the market to benefit the school's music director.

For each cat kicker sold, one was donated to The Cat House on the Kings. We are so grateful to Gia and Bella, along with their family, for their fantastic donation and support!

