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Here Come the Holidays....

We are excited to have our first Christmas at the shelter - and we know Santa CLAWS will be making an appearance to have his photo taken with your kitty! Come and join us at the CLAWS Rescue and Adoption Center on Saturday, December 12th from 12 noon to 3pm to have your cat's picture taken with Santa CLAWS! For your donation of litter, food, toys, etc. you will receive a picture of your cat or kitten with Santa CLAWS!

Be sure to mark the date of May 8th, 2010 on your calendar! We will host our 2nd annual Cat Tails and Cocktails Gala with our special guest, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald D.V.M. from Animal Planet's "Emergency Vets". Dr. Fitzgerald will perform a hilarious comedy show! Tickets will include a plated dinner, Dr. Fitzgerald's show, and our outstanding silent auction. Tickets will go on sale January 2nd, 2010. They will be priced at \$65 each or 2 for \$120. This event is sure to sell out, so get your tickets early! All tickets will be sold in advance. You can reserve your tickets by calling (970)241-3793. You will be put on a list to be called when tickets become available. All proceeds from this event will go to helping the cats in Mesa County and the surrounding areas find permanent, loving homes.

As a special note, we would like to acknowledge the extraordinary effort and work by Cottonwood Veterinary Hospital with our beautiful Chloe (Leona), and Tiara Rado Animal Hospital with our sweet Choppers and Elvis. Your veterinary clinics are a wonderful asset to the animals in this community. Thank you both, more than words can say!

Also, don't forget, if you are looking for a purr-ball of love to warm your heart this season, you can call us at (970)241-3793 to make an appointment to visit our 100+ cats and kittens at our shelter, the CLAWS Rescue and Adoption Center! We have a kitty of every size, color, or age that you can imagine!

Thank you all for your continued support!!

Happy Holidays,
Valerie Mazrin

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Don't miss out, there's still time...

Due to the overwhelming success of our last carpet cleaning fundraiser, A+ Carpets has volunteered to extend their offer to professionally clean your carpets for a minimum donation of \$85, with ALL of the proceeds going to CLAWS!! This offer is very generous, and we are excited to once again be working with A+ Carpets! The holidays are coming up and if you are expecting company, you should take advantage of this offer!! Don't miss this opportunity to have your carpets professionally cleaned and to help out the cats all at the same time! Call us at (970)241-3793 to set up your appointment now! Thank you to A+ Carpets for volunteering your time and services, it is very much appreciated!!

In memory of...

We would like to recognize a donation made by Janean and Bill in honor of Bunny, their beloved cat. Bunny was a much loved family member for many years. Bunny was a lucky cat with a wonderful life and loving family. Your thoughtful donation will ensure that the memory of Bunny will live on. Thank you for thinking of CLAWS in your time of sorrow.



Leepers' second chance

We wanted to share an email with you from a wonderful cat "mom"! Some time ago, we got a call for help from a local pet grooming/boarding facility. They said they had an elderly cat that they were boarding, the problem was that the family had left the poor cat there for almost an entire year! They had made numerous attempts over the last year to contact the owners, with no luck. They were all getting very attached to the cat, who was named Leepers. We, of course, agreed to take Leepers to adoption events and try to find her a home. Time after time, she was passed up in favor of a younger cat or kitten, even though she would rub on the cage and meow at people to get their attention. Well, one day, she got noticed!! We recently received this update on Leepers (now named Agnes) and we couldn't be happier! The email follows:

Hi there,

My name is Arden Peters. In April I adopted a sweet, sweet kitty named Leeper. She had been in a boarding house for a year as someone had left her there. I got her at the pet-adoption fair at the PetSmart. I renamed her Agnes. I just wanted to let you know that she is doing great. I had her kidney levels tested just a week or so and they are wonderful. She is a real trooper and she is just as sweet as can be.

She has a nice life now -- I feed her three times a day, she has a heated bed in my guest bedroom (for some reason she does not want to sleep on the bed with me), and she always has special time to be petted every day. I give her good food and lots of love. She sleeps most of the time.

I just wanted to let you know that Agnes is doing well and happy. She adds so much to my life. She has been a very special animal in my life. She is much loved.

Thank you for saving such a precious creature.

Best Wishes and Thank You,
Arden



Thank you Arden for giving Agnes a wonderful, loving home! And, thank you for showing people that older cats can make wonderful pets too!

Making a difference through the eyes of a 10 year old.

This essay was an elementary school assignment for a girl named Ashley. We were so impressed with the wisdom of someone so young, that we wanted to share it with everyone:

If I could pick one spot in the world to make a difference, I would choose the animals. People think it's ok to just throw them outside and leave them there. Why does their life have any less value than mine or yours? It doesn't right?

Close your eyes and imagine, just imagine that you are a cat, loved by your owners, you get enough to eat, and go outside every day. One day, you go out, you return tired and hungry, then you claw at the door. They don't let you in. You meow and meow. They still don't let you in. A few days later, they come out carrying boxes and bags, they get in the car, and drive off. You find a way in, but the house is completely stripped. They have abandoned you. Forever.

This is only one of the hundreds of ways people abandon their pets, some are even sadder. Unfortunately, this happens every single day. Can you see through my eyes? Do you know a way you can help?

-Ashley

Help the CLAWS Rescue and Adoption Center win a \$20,000 grant!! Vote for CLAWS at www.theanimalrescuesite.com and we could win \$20,000 to help cats and kittens in need!

The Animal Rescue Site is hosting a special challenge for Petfinder.com member shelters and rescue groups. The grand prize is a \$20,000 grant, and they will be awarding many other grants to rescue groups with the most votes, a total of \$100,000 in grants!!

Think how many cats we could help for \$20,000!

Help us win! All you have to do is click to help rescued animals, and then, click on "The Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter Challenge" to cast your vote. Both of these actions are absolutely free! You can vote once a day, every day until December 20th, 2009. Vote today!!



Camo is waiting!!

Camo is a beautiful, spayed, female Tortoiseshell cat available for adoption at Kitty Condos, Luxury Cat Boarding. Camo's family lost their home and had to give her up. If you would like to see Camo up close and personal, or to adopt her, come to Kitty Condos located in the Cottonwood Mall at: 2493 Hwy. 6 & 50, #21. Thank you to Dede Norris for making this possible!!

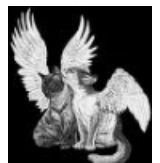


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**You will receive a receipt in the mail for
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 to donate while doing your regular grocery
 shopping! How it works:

You fill out the form below and mail it in to
 CLAWS. Every time you shop at City Market,
 and show your card, a donation is made to
 CLAWS!! This does not cost you anything,
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