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MISSION STATEMENT

- ♥ To alleviate suffering of stray cats through rescue, spay/neuter, shelter in a no-kill facility and adoption to approved homes.
- ♥ To educate the public re proper care of cats and the importance of spaying and neutering.
- ♥ Our shelter is operated by an all-volunteer staff.

CAN is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, no kill charitable organization

WANT TO HAVE YOUR PET SPAYED OR NEUTERED BUT CAN'T AFFORD IT?

THE SPAYED CLUB CAN HELP. DON'T WAIT AND RISK BEING FACED WITH AN UNWANTED LITTER OF KITTENS OR PUPPIES. BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION TO PET OVERPOPULATION – NOT PART OF THE PROBLEM!

CALL: 610-275-7486 FOR HELP.
REQUESTS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

ATTENTION:

TELL YOUR FRIENDS THEY CAN NOW ACCESS OUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE

See our Website, including pictures and biographies of Kitties for Adoption

WWW.CATANGEL.COM

WANTED/NEEDED - MAIL SPONSORS

We are looking for people to help sponsor our newsletter mailings. A roll of 100 stamps is \$37 and we use many rolls for every mailing. We are pleased, of course, to report that our mailing list continues to grow. We would be most grateful to receive rolls, books, or any number of stamps you can send us.

CAT ANGEL NETWORK TO HOLD ART AUCTION BENEFIT

Henry Grabb, Director of Development announces CAN's premiere art auction

Submitted by Henry Grabb

We are excited to announce that Cat Angel Network will hold our first annual Art Auction and "CAT-tillion" at the Elks Club in West Chester on Saturday evening November 8th, 2003. While the event will serve as one of our main fundraisers for the year, you can bet that we plan to have a good time. Your participation is important to us, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

The preview will begin at 7 p.m. with the live auction starting at 8 p.m. Ross Galleries of Holbrook, NY will conduct the auction, which will feature more than 150 custom framed and matted works of art; documented sports memorabilia; estate jewelry; lithographs; watercolors; and original oils signed by the artists. Featured artists include Kinkade, Wooster Scott, Picasso, Delacroix, Chagall, Boulanger, Neiman, Fauchere, and Shaviko. In addition, plenty of cat and animal related art will be available. The majority of the art will have opening bids ranging from \$45 to \$300 and opening bids are generally 50% less than traditional framed gallery prices.

During the preview hour, hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese, beer, veggie trays, coffee and dessert will be served. A silent auction and door prizes will make this hour fun for everyone!

You may purchase your tickets by filling out the coupon ([see Page 4 for coupon](#)) and sending it with your payment in the enclosed envelope. Tickets are \$20 individually or \$35 for a set of two, if purchased prior to November 1st. After that date, tickets are \$25 individually or \$40 for a set of two. Advance purchased tickets will be held in your name at the door for you to pick up as you enter the auction or, if you prefer, send a self addressed, stamped envelope along with your payment and we will mail your tickets to you.

A great way for business owners to help is to place an advertisement in the Auction Booklet. If you are interested in this please send me an email at WWW.CATANGELPA@aol.com or call me at 610-873-0430. Ads range from \$25 to \$200.

Come one - come all – bring your friends, family, and coworkers. Plan on having a great evening, and buy your tickets early! WE NEED YOU for this event to be a success!

Directions:

The Elks Club is located at the intersection of Wayne and Washington Streets (there is a Mobil Station on the northwest corner of this intersection) on the west side of West Chester, one block north of 322 (Hannum Avenue).

From 202, take the PA-3 exit and head west towards West Chester (PA-3 becomes Gay Street). Follow Gay Street to North Matlack and turn right (about a mile), go 1/10th of a mile and turn left onto Chestnut Street. Follow Chestnut for one half mile to the intersection of Chestnut and Wayne. Turn right and go up the hill to the Elks Club Parking lot.

From Route 100 North, follow 100 into West Chester (it becomes North High Street); turn right onto West Chestnut Street and travel 3/10ths of a mile to the intersection of Chestnut and Wayne. Turn right and go up the hill to the Elks Club Parking lot.

From PetSmart, take Quarry Road (east side of the PetSmart plaza) until it dead ends into Boot Road – turn right. Follow Boot Road until it dead ends into 322 – turn left. Drive approximately 6 miles to the intersection of Hannum (Route 322) and Wayne – turn left. Go up the hill to the Elks Club Parking lot.

For best driving directions from your home, try Mapquest or Yahoo on the internet.

SILLY SALLY - WORLD TRAVELER

***SO YOU'RE MOVING AND THINK
YOUR CAT CAN'T MAKE THE TRIP?***

Read on . . .

Some folks are afraid to have their cat "travel" to a new home. When I received an email message from a lady who adopted a kitty from us several years ago, I was elated and inspired and asked her permission to share our correspondence. I think you'll be impressed with this exciting update of Silly Sally's interesting experiences. Tabitha's message is such an inspiration, and an unsolicited testimonial about the very real possibility of transporting a cat when moving to a new location.

Dear Cat Angels:

I adopted one of your kitties in 1999, her name was Silly Sally (since then shortened to just Silly). It was a rough first few weeks of adjustment. She kept trying to "play" on her terms, of course, which included running up to me and biting me, then running away. I explained to her that wasn't proper behavior for a young lady of one-year-old and she straightened right up! I have had her in my life for 4 years now and I love her so much! She grew into quite a large cat! My vet says that she is just "big boned"! She has traveled with me extensively and we currently reside in Los Angeles, California, where she enjoys meeting celebrities, celebrities-in-the-making, and international travelers! I must say that the adoption process was such a great experience. Thank you so much for rescuing her and for allowing me the opportunity to adopt her into my life.

Sincerely, Tabitha

Dear Tabitha: I was SO pleased to get your email - how very kind and thoughtful of you to think of us after all this time! We try very hard to find the very best possible homes for our little angels and it sounds like little Silly Sally "hit the jackpot" when she found YOU. I absolutely remember this little cat; she was found as a stray on the street in Pottstown, taken in by a very poor and young mother with a small daughter, and sheltered in her one-room apartment on the third floor (hiding her from the landlord so she wouldn't lose her meager home), until she could find someone to take the kitty. Her little girl called her "Silly Sally" because of her playful antics, and they fed her bread because that's all they had. (I wish I could locate her to let her know what a wonderful deed she did when she saved Silly's life.) We deal with so many sad and depressing situations that stories like Silly's help to convince us we should not be discouraged; your email is the kind of inspiration that inspires us to continue. Thank you so much the update.♥

FIFTH ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT AT WCU

Just a little heads up regarding our West Chester University Spring Concert. Our Fifth Annual Concert will be held at the same location on Sunday afternoon, March 28, 2004 at 3 p.m. Many of you have expressed interest in a more relaxed, convenient time - SO this is for you!

Watch our website - www.catanangel.com - for more exciting details as we approach the date. ♥

EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND

. . . a true story about the wonderful guardian angels who combined their efforts and resources to save the life of one very sweet kitten

When I first got the email, I had no idea how to work all of this out in such a short time. This is truly an amazing story of the determination, goodness, charity, dedication and humanity of a few special people to save one precious little life. The following is a chronological sequence of communications excerpts; it goes something like this . . .

Charlotte: This is a long story so I'll cut to the chase. Do you know anyone who would be willing to adopt a totally blind kitten? My friend found him wandering aimlessly in the middle of the highway and took him to the vet and if a home isn't found he will be put down. He needs to be kept inside all the time as he is totally blind. Please let me know. Gail

Gail: We will have to do a search. Can someone foster him while we do? Also we would need some info about him to put up a quick story on the website. Let me know. Charlotte

Charlotte: The vet said that two families were interested, but yesterday one fell through and if the other does they will put him down. They are NOT willing to hold him until we can find him a home. He's very sweet - purrs constantly when held. He was in terrible shape from exposure - perhaps he was a farm cat, maybe lost and injured. The vet is running tests for FIV, etc. I'm just sick over this. Gail

(Meanwhile, we received this email from a website response)

Hi, I'm interested in Captain, the visually impaired kitty on your website. I have a cat who is also almost blind which I adopted from a shelter. I have 3 blind dogs and a deaf dog. My heart goes out to the special needs animals. Please email me with any additional information about Captain. I live almost 2 hours from you and hope that isn't a problem. I live alone, no children - my pets are my children. Thanks, Marcia

Marcia: I was so impressed by your email and your sincere love of these poor, helpless furry angels. Call it God's hand in the matter, but at the same time I got your email, I also got one from a friend of ours which I'm inserting for you to read. Please let me know what you think - this is a very desperate situation and time is running out for this dear baby. If you believe in fate, that may have an influence on your response. God bless you, Marcia. I'll await your response. Charlotte

Hi, Everyone: I just learned that he has to have both eyes removed due to the infection/pressure behind them. He's been on his own for quite a while but his senses are excellent; he begins purring if anyone goes near his cage. He uses his litter pan and has a good appetite. He was very matted and dirty but they are cleaning him up and getting the mites out of his ears. Oh, Charlotte, he is so sweet, purrs and purrs. You can tell that he has captured the hearts of everyone working at the vet's. In fact, that was one of the "complaints" the vet mentioned yesterday - "the staff is beginning to bond with this kitten and we cannot keep him." So . . . Thanks for your help. Gail.

Charlotte, bad news. The other home fell through, basically because he would require so much attention due to his disabilities. They will not hold him any longer than tomorrow so time is of the essence. I feel such stress and anxiety over this. I hope there is a loving home for him - somewhere. Thanks for your help. Gail

Charlotte: I'm getting scared that there will not be a home for Raymond (so named because everyone loves Raymond according to the TV show). I'm so worried - I don't know how I've gotten so emotionally involved in this but I have and I'm so hoping for the best for him. Just wanted you to know that I'm anxious for the "big" phone call saying he has a new home. Gail.

(. . . after "connecting" Gail and Marcia via emails and phone calls . . .)

Marcia: Since I didn't hear from Raymond's vet before I left work I drove to their office. They said the vet wasn't sure if Raymond would be strong enough to withstand two operations (eyes and neutering) at the same time. **UPDATE**: According to the technician, they will operate on Raymond's eyes and have him ready for me on Friday at noon. My plan is to take him to our beach house with me to recuperate for several days. It should be a good time for me to watch over him as he recovers. I'll be back on Wednesday, and, if you're agreeable, will deliver Raymond to you that evening, August 6th. If you have any reservations about this, please tell me. One way or the other, I have been assured by Cat Angel Network that we will find Raymond a home. It sounds like you will be the perfect person but only you can decide. I will keep you posted - often - on Raymond if you decide to adopt him. I look forward to hearing from you. Gail

Hi, Everyone: This morning Raymond had his eyes removed - they were in horrible shape probably from a terrible infection which was never treated. The surgery went very well; he was also neutered and is doing well; I'll call again tomorrow. This is all wonderful news and I am sure everything will be fine. Marcia says Raymond is doing great and she is crazy about him He was the sweetest cat I have ever known - And, oh, how he purrs. Gail

Charlotte: Raymond is doing just great! He's putting on weight - and playing - and never stops purring. He sleeps with me every night. Thanks so much. Marcia

Gail, thanks for the update and pictures. I'm so glad this all turned out so well; so many don't, you know. He is just precious and I understand why you were so anxious to help him and why Marcia loves him so. I often look at a little guy like this and think what his fate might have been without a guardian angel. You, your friend who found him, and Marcia are all truly a guardian angels and I'm sure that little Raymond is most grateful for the extensive efforts you made on his behalf - and so am I. Charlotte

Everyone: Raymond is adjusting well in his new home. Thanks to all for your efforts in making it happen. Marcia seems perfect; she has only handicapped animals. So this story has a happy ending. As I said, Cat Angel Network deserves so much credit for this happy ending. They connected Marcia and me and I am forever grateful to them.

Should you wish to make a donation to them - perhaps in Raymond's honor - their address is: Cat Angel Network, P.O. Box 3071, Stowe, PA 19464 - and mention Raymond's name. Once again, thanks to everyone who was involved in this wonderful success story - we're all so pleased that everybody DOES love this Raymond. Forever grateful, Gail and Raymond

YES - TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! (Just ask Raymond . . .)♥♥

MAIL FROM ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Note: One of our rewards for the work we do is hearing from you, the adoptive parents of our little angels. Please send us updates and pictures.

PARKER, SEBASTIAN, FRAUG, & MYLO

Dear Charlotte: Sorry that it has been so long since I sent you an update on my 4 precious babies: Parker, Sebastian, Mylo and Fraug. I know that so many cats pass through the shelter that it must be hard to remember all of them. I adopted my 4 fuzzy babies back in November. It is impossible to describe the amount of joy, laughter and happiness they have brought to my life during these past 9 months. I live with my mother, so the joy is multiplied. In fact, she was unemployed for about two months during the late Spring and she thoroughly enjoyed the extra time spent with them. I came home each day to a full report about mischief and play time that was enjoyed during the day. I think what amazes me the most about these 4 cats is how much they love one another, and yet none of them are from the same litter. Of course they rough and tumble, but they never hiss at one another. They spend hours grooming one another with great determination and affection. Every other Sunday is "nail trimming day" - while they no longer protest this necessary evil, they still all gather around me while I trim their siblings' nails to make sure they can step in and protect one another if need be! Brushing is a daily activity - Frauggie and Parker view brushing as a real treat. They try to dominate brushing time, but everyone gets their fair share. Sebastian and Mylo seem to think the malty hairball treatment they get twice weekly is "a wonder drug". They know exactly where I keep that tube of hairball treatment and come running as soon as they see me heading in the direction of that cabinet. Sebastian jumps off the ground as if he were a Mexican jumping bean. They think it is fabulous! Even though they bonded with my mother, they still all sleep with me at night. Luckily I have a giant king-size bed, so there is room for all. Do you think they would spread out and enjoy the extra space? Of course not, they all nestle in close to me. During the winter the added heat was greatly appreciated; during this hot summer, it has been a little harder but I could never push them away. Sometimes I wake up in the middle of the night and just listen to their "heavy peaceful breathing" - and a little snoring here and there. I know that they feel incredibly safe and loved. During these past 9 months I have taken two vacations. During the time I was gone, I hired a professional pet sitter to take care of them. She did a wonderful job. She even left me little notes about funny things they did each day. Her notes always end with "if human beings were treated even half as well as your cats, the world would be a better place." I am sure that is true. I just know that I feel incredibly blessed to have all four of them in my life. Not once have I regretted taking the 4 of them. Sure, it is a little extra work cleaning those litter boxes daily, but they are worth that extra work. And they continue to use the scratching posts. They have never once damaged furniture in the house. This could be because they have millions of toys to play with to keep them busy, but I suspect it was the excellent training they received while living in the shelter. I am truly the lucky one - not them! I will send pictures soon. With great love and admiration for the work that you do.

Sharon♥

VOLUNTEERS' VENUE

Submitted by Michele Christman

Hi: Here's an update on our "Charcoal", the cat who was left when my mother-in-law passed away last year. If you remember she was an outside cat and never was really in a house for the first 8 years of her life. Well, you should see her now! She thinks she's a queen! She just loves to stretch out on the bed and sleep the day away. She enjoys sitting on my lap and at night - she adores cuddling up. She truly appreciates the opportunity to share the luxuries of living inside like a sweet kitty should. I'm sure she often remembers being outside and seems so relieved to be living the good life - inside. In short, **she is proof that an outside cat can easily and gratefully become an inside cat and reap the benefits of safety, cleanliness and a much longer life**

Submitted by Sue Weber

Hi: I just wanted to write you a short note to let you know how much I admire what CAN is doing for all those furry little angels. My exposure as a volunteer was limited to seeing and working with the kitties at Petsmart, but I was never fully aware of what went into actually getting them to that point. Last evening I spent some time at the shelter and it was a real eye-opener for me! I was never involved in the agony and worry of rescuing from the jaws of death and suffering - nor had I experienced the extent of the weekly Monday evening vetting. I had no idea how much behind-the-scenes work, frustration and heartaches are involved. If there is any way that I can do more to help lighten the load, please let me know. I so admire what you are doing and have a whole new appreciation for the extent of work and love that goes into saving these precious lives.

Submitted by Tanya Bruce

Well, guess what? CAN helped save another precious life. Yup, Elaine agreed to take Rusty, the FIV+ cat who was scheduled to be euthanized so he has been given another chance at life. I can't tell you how happy I am to be able to go and pick him up, look into his eyes and tell him, "Don't worry Rusty, everything's fine now and you'll have your whole life to live." I'm so sorry for all those frantic phone messages I left on your answering machine. I was so upset about the whole situation I just didn't know what to do. I couldn't bear to have Rusty's life end like that. I felt so bad for him. He was so frightened in the cage at the vet's. He was crouching in the corner of the cage, shaking and dribbling from the mouth because he was so terrified. The release form authorizing his euthanasia was hanging from his cage door and I wondered if he knew what was going on.

Charlotte, I can't tell you how proud I am to be a part of CAN. Rusty's life would've ended Tuesday night had it not been for CAN, its connections, capabilities, and the hard work and love of all of our compassionate volunteers. P.S. Oh, by the way our little Blackie Boy is doing great! He is such a sweet cat! Such a talker and guess what? He turned out to be a lap cat! He sits on my lap and purrs and doesn't mind being held. I released him from my garage earlier this week so now he's living at my house and seems very happy. Thanks again for your help with rescuing him.♥

HOW GENEROSITY CAN BENEFIT YOUR BOTTOM LINE**Reduced Income Taxes:**

The tax benefit most often associated with gifting is the income tax deduction for charitable contributions. An individual who gives to a qualified organization can generally receive a reduction in federal taxable income based on his or her marginal tax rate if deductions are itemized. Thus, someone in the 28% tax bracket who makes a \$1,000 charitable contribution can save \$280 in federal taxes. This effectively reduces the cost of donating \$1,000 to \$720.

Excerpt from Oppenheimer Funds Investor Education Series

KEEP THOSE REDNER'S & ACME TAPES COMING SIGN UP FOR ESCRIP (Genuardi's)!

Submitted by Linda Petro, Treasurer

If you have signed up in the *escrip* program for Genuardi's and other participating merchants, please be aware that you need to renew your membership before November 1st for your purchases to be counted. If you miss the renewal signup date, you will need to do the "new member" signup and you will get a new number. If you need more information about *escrip* you can find out all about the program and how it works by going to www.escrip.com and click on the link "Sign Up" to enroll your Genuardi's saving card or to sign up your other credit cards

We are still collecting ACME and REDNER'S register receipts. And remember when shopping at Redner's, you must show the cashier your "Save-A-Tape" card in order for your receipt to be eligible for redemption. We get 1% back in cash on these receipts. You can drop off those receipts at the Downingtown PetSmart adoption center table, at PETCO in Royersford or Douglassville Veterinary Clinic in Douglassville, or mail them directly to CAN at PO Box 3071, Stowe, PA 19464. Encourage your friends, neighbors and relatives to save the tapes for us, too.♥

WHY YOU SHOULD BUY YOUR PET'S MEDICINE FROM YOUR VETERINARIAN

With easy accessibility to the Internet and mail order companies, you may have considered purchasing your pet's medicines from a supplier other than your veterinarian. Here are some important risk factors to consider first:

- Medications are usually dosed on a weight basis (milligram per kilogram). It is important that your vet determines your pet's weight and calculates the correct dosage to achieve the desired effect from the medication. Your pet's current health condition may also alter the prescribed dosage.
- Some medications should not be administered until your veterinarian determines that it is safe for YOUR pet to be given them. For example, heartworm preventatives should not be administered if there are active heartworm infections because it can lead to a fatal reaction. Therefore, it is important to consult your pet's vet to determine what program and timetable best suits your pet.
- Many meds need to be reconstituted or diluted specifically for your pet. Some must be kept in a controlled environment or refrigerated. The meds that are shipped to your vet are properly packaged and delivered under controlled temperatures so you don't have to worry about receiving "spoiled" meds that were exposed to temperature extremes, sunlight, moisture, etc.
- Each animal is different and unique and some have special needs or sensitivities that your vet is aware of and can select the product best suited for your pet.

Some medications require follow-up monitoring for adverse reactions or dosage adjustments. If an adverse reaction does occur, it is important to have established a veterinary-client-patient relationship to ensure that your pet will receive the appropriate

WINGS TAKE FLIGHT!

One of the Cat Angel Network's longest standing programs has recently been revamped! The "Wind Beneath our Wings" Sponsorship Program allows donors to choose any week of the year to make a contribution. The week you choose should hold special meaning to you, such as the week you adopted a cat from Cat Angel Network or a week that honors a lost pet.

Wings donors agree to give a minimum donation of \$100.00 during their adopted week. After the week, a bill and tax receipt will be mailed to you, along with a pledge card for the following year.

Over the past 4 years, the Wings Program has generated thousands of dollars in revenue for CAN. These contributions go directly toward our veterinary expenses.

Our current Wings donors are some of our most loyal and generous contributors. To become a Wings donor, simply fill out the form below and return it to: P.O. Box 3071, Stowe, PA 19464. You will be contacted with payment information shortly after your selected week. Join this valued group of special donors today! You will be glad you did.

CAT ANGEL WINGS-TAKE-FLIGHT PROGRAM

Name: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

Yes! I would like to become a Wings Contributor. Please put me down for a donation of \$_____ (\$100.00 minimum) for the following week)

Week of _____ 2003

Week of _____ 2004

**CAT ANGEL NETWORK
2003 ART AUCTION RETURN COUPON**
Please return with your check payable to Cat Angel Network.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____

Before NOVEMBER 1

\$20 for 1 ticket
\$35 for 2 tickets
Additional tickets \$15 each

After NOVEMBER 1

\$25 for 1 ticket
\$40 for 2 tickets
Additional tickets \$20 each

Enclosed is my check For \$_____ for _____ tickets.

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_____ Please send my tickets (SASE enclosed)

medical attention on an emergency basis. An adjustment to the dosage may need to be made after lab tests and/or examinations are performed. In deciding where to purchase medicines for your pets, you need to balance any cost savings with the unique services and expertise you receive from your veterinarian. Your pet's health and well-being is your veterinarian's primary goal. Keep in mind that medicine prescribed and purchased from your vet comes with the comfort of knowing that you and your pet are individuals and have distinct needs that can best be served by your veterinarian. ♥
(Excerpt from www.pvma.org)

NOTICE: For a copy of our newsletter please send an SASE with your request to Cat Angel Network, Inc. P.O. Box 3071, Stowe, PA 19464

REMEMBER- ALWAYS BE KIND TO ANIMALS. IT WILL ENRICH YOUR LIFE BEYOND BELIEF