

FIFTH ANNUAL WCU SPRING CONCERT

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. Many of you have expressed interest in a more relaxed, convenient time; SO this is for you!

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



STRAY CAT

Wonderful poem by Francis Witham.

Oh, what unhappy twist of fate
Has brought you, homeless to my gate?
The gate where once another stood
To beg for shelter, warmth and food.

For from that day I ceased to be
The master of my destiny.
While he, with purr and velvet paw
Became within my house, the Law.

He scratched the furniture and shed
And claimed the middle of my bed.
He ruled in arrogance and pride
And broke my heart the day he died.

So if you really think, oh cat,
I'd willingly relive all that
Because you come, forlorn and thin
Well,

don't just stand there . **come on in!**



STRAY'S SONG

By Evelyn Szczepanski

So many things
We forget all about.

Soft memories...
A mother's touch, a loving hand,
Someone that finally understands.

A sad cat's face that's been through war,
Pads worn down, ears tore.
You cry out, and I hear,
Just wanting to be loved,
Simple and clear.

Scars and nicks, much more than a few,
Yet still trusting as I extend my hand to
you.

As you lie still, finally at rest,
Sleep at last and at your best.
Giving back to me that sense of calm,
Paws in prayer, no longer a Tom!
Quiet tonight, with no where to run,
A peaceful dream –You have begun!



NEWS FROM OUR ADOPTED FAMILY MEMBERS

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

Dear Cat Angel Network:

Just a note to let you know that "Tipper Gore" has moved to Florida. We had her exactly one year when we began our trip of 1020 miles. She was an excellent traveler – slept all the way – just looked around if the car stopped. She and Moe got very used to staying in a motel. It is amazing how many pets were traveling!

We had big travel cages for each cat and they had food, water, litter and toys in each. They were played with at night but never taken out until we reached our new home. We know how easily pets can get lost.

So now Tipper has low window sills to sit in, a screened lanai and lots of new creatures to watch. She loves the house - never had a single problem adjusting – it was her home and she knew it. The big boy, Moe, is just now feeling comfortable.

Enclosed are some pictures of the cats getting used to the travel cages which we had out on the PA porch for a few weeks - the best thing we could have done!

Tipper certainly is our Queen.

Bruce & Jane Woodruff ♥

Dear Aunt Charlotte and Aunt Elaine,

I was sort of ashamed that I threw tantrums when I first arrived at CAN. So, I made sure I was on my best behavior when the Smurthwaite family brought me home. I was very quiet in the car and when they took me into "my" bedroom, I walked out of my carrier and checked things out. I didn't growl, hiss, or swipe at all. I didn't even hide. I just walked around sniffing things. I let my new Meowmy pet me and I did a lot of purring. I have to admit I was a little nervous, and puffed up my tail now and then, but I was such a good boy!

Their other cat, Sapphire, is very curious about me. She stays outside my bedroom door all the time. Sometimes we chirp back and forth and sometimes I stick my paw under the door. She seems to like this. When Meowmy opens the door a crack, I touch noses with Sapphire. I'm dying to get out of the bedroom and check out the rest of the house. I'm starting to meow at the door to let them know I want out of this bedroom, and I want to be with the family. I think I'm going to like my new home. I'm adjusting really fast and there's lots to see and do here! I'll write again soon. Thanks for taking care of me when I was at my worst. You would be proud of me now.

Sincerely, Smudge (the Banana Cat) Smurthwaite ♥

A thought...

These days, I pretty much have 4-6 kittens crawling all over me purring at every waking moment. In the morning, when I'm in the bathroom, they're all hanging around purring and it sounds like the startup of the Indy 500 in there. Then when I'm sitting on the sofa in the living room, Dema, Aloysius, Flynn, and now Caitlin seem to think it's their duty to crawl all over me, give me kisses, and keep me from getting "lonely". I've never had so much kitty affection in my life.

But at the end of the day, when I crawl into bed with my little DeeDee, and she comes over to me with that trust in her eyes, and snuggles up to me and purrs - that's when I'm reminded what "true" kitty love is all about.

I mean, heck, those kittens are great, but they'll throw themselves at pretty much anyone that's willing to pet them. But not my DeeDee!

Kirsten, (Dee Dee's Greatest Admirer)♥

Hi, Everyone:

Something really amazing has happened with my Brittany. She has become best friends with my rabbit. She jumps in his pen and hangs out all day and sleeps with him in the plant at night. They roll around and play together and she is even using the rabbit's litter box. She comes out only to eat and drink. I take her out several times to lay with her and pet her and she just purrs away but she ultimately always hops back in the pen with the rabbit. Watching them sleep together is the most precious thing. It's funny how things work out. For a long time I wanted to get another bunny so my rabbit would have a companion but I never did because the vet recommended getting him neutered first but also warned that it was very risky and many rabbits die while being put under. I never wanted to take that risk. Then Brittany came into my life and now it all makes sense.

Lisa Maria Penny & Brittany.♥

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**Cat Angel Network Announces our
Second Annual**

"Happy Holly Spays" Gift Giving Program

We at the Cat Angel Network just love to see cats and kittens curled up together sleeping gently. What a warm holiday picture a basket full of kittens brings to the heart! But also, for us, there are many concerns. Can all of these kittens find homes? Will the older or needy cats that need homes be passed over for adoption because of all of the kittens? We all know that there are too many unwanted cats and kittens in the world, which is why we do our best to be good stewards to the environment by spaying or neutering every cat that finds its way to Cat Angel Network. This holiday season, we present to you our second annual "Happy Holly Spays" Gift Giving Program. We are asking each person who reads this to donate either a spay (\$65.00) or a neuter (\$35.00).

By donating a spay or a neuter, you are keeping one cat from reproducing. Your gift will make a difference for years to come, since your sponsored cat will not be contributing to the overpopulation problem!! Please put Cat Angel Network's Happy Holly Spays program at the top of your holiday list!

Yes! Enclosed is my tax -deductible contribution which will go toward the spay or neuter of a cat in need. Simply return this page with your check in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope!

Visit our website www.catangel.com for more information about us!

Sponsorship levels:

- _____ \$65 "Happy Holly Spays!" Sponsor
 _____ \$35 "Happy New(ter) Year!" Sponsor
 _____ \$100 "Pink and Blue" Sponsor—both "Happy Holly Spays!" and "Happy New(ter) Year!"

or other amount:

_____ \$_____ " Holiday Cookie" Sponsor

Name: _____

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