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CAN Presents 2nd Art Auction

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CAN will hold its second art auction on **October 23, 2004**, in the Grand Ballroom at the West Chester Holiday Inn, starting with a 7 PM preview.

This year's auction will feature many hard-to-find cat and animal works of art as well as other prints of local interest. Many local artists and local scenes will be presented, as well as traditional prints and some exciting original art presented by West Chester University Art Department faculty. Ginger DaCosta, a professional artist and WCU faculty member, will introduce each art work as it is brought to the floor for bidding.

While last year's auction had many fine selections, this

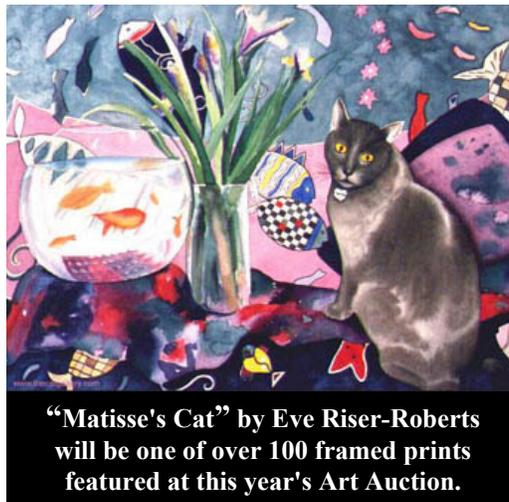
year's auction is going to have at least 25% cat and animal related art, while overall offering a slightly shorter auction. While the majority of

prints and original works, will have higher starting bids.

We have art coming from numerous sources, and are working closely with the Framers' Market Gallery in Exton. They are handling most of the framing and are supplying more than half of the prints. Due to both volume and nonprofit discounts, we will be able to offer these wonderful art pieces at excellent prices well below retail! Through a special arrangement with Framers' Market Gallery (195 W. Lincoln Hwy, Exton, PA, 610-363-1371), those who cannot

attend the auction or who would like to purchase additional art will be able to support CAN by buying art

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"Matisse's Cat" by Eve Riser-Roberts will be one of over 100 framed prints featured at this year's Art Auction.

the custom-framed prints will have opening bids of between \$75 and \$225, special selections, such as signed and numbered Richard Bollinger

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Happy Endings

Rescuing cats and kittens can be an exhausting job for those of us in the thick of it. There never seem to be enough loving homes for all the wonderful, homeless felines. But the letters, emails, and telephone calls we receive from happy

Letters from CAN Adopters

adopters help to keep us going strong. One kitty at a time, we can make a difference.

Here are some happy ending letters from recent adopters:

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Mission Statement:

- To prevent the suffering of abandoned cats through rescue, spay/neuter, medical care, shelter, and adoption to approved homes.
- To educate the public about the proper care of cats, the importance of spaying and neutering, and the benefits of adopting shelter cats.
- To operate as a no-kill, all-volunteer, non-profit organization.

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

CAN Presents 2nd Art Auction (continued)

between October 16th and 30th. Simply tell the sales representative that you are there to support Cat Angel Network. An amazing 20% of your total purchase price will be donated to CAN at the end of the two week period!

During the preview hour, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served in abundance, as well as coffee and dessert. A cash bar will be available, with each attendee receiving a coupon for one free drink. A silent auction will also be held during the preview hour.

Tickets are \$20 individually or \$35 for a set of two, if purchased prior to October 15th. After that date, tickets are \$25 individually or \$40 for a set of two. You may purchase your tickets by filling

out the order form (see right) and sending payment to: Cat Angel Network, attn. Tickets, PO Box 3071, Stowe, PA 19464.

Advance purchase 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.

DIRECTIONS: The Holiday Inn West Chester is located just south of West Chester near the intersection of 202 and High St. Coming from the south, the Holiday Inn will be located on your right just as you approach the 202 bypass for West Chester. Coming from the north, you should take the High St. Exit, which directs you right (north), back toward West Chester. Make a hard left and head south (away from West Chester). The Holiday Inn will be on your left.

CAN 2004 ART AUCTION TICKET ORDER	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
_____ 1 Ticket	\$20 enclosed (\$25 after October 15 th)
_____ 2 Tickets	\$35 enclosed (\$40 after October 15 th)
_____ 3 Tickets	Add \$17.50 for each additional ticket prior to Oct 15 th (\$20 for each additional ticket after Oct. 15 th)

Happy Endings (continued)

Dear CAN:

Do you remember Mia (beautiful, sleek and shiny back kitty)? Well, I'm sending you a picture of her, very much at home in the crib we keep for our grandkids when they visit. We take her to our home in Bethany Beach, DE every time we go. She hates the carrier and the ride, but once there, she is very happy. Mia and our dog Fred are quite good friends – Freddie lets her sleep on his bed (or rather she chases him away!) We love our dear Mia! We thank you every day for her and we're so pleased to see the wonderful progress of Cat Angel Network.

Sincerely, Marie Nigro

Dear CAN:

We adopted an orange and white female called "Conchita" (now called "Peaches") about a year ago. She was warm and darling from the moment we met her and has been such a wonderful fit for our family of two other rescued cats, one dog and two little girls. Peaches is SO gentle and

tolerant with the children, always choosing to be in the middle of the action. She has helped heal my sorrow from the untimely death of my favorite cat and has been a real companion to me. Peaches has been and continues to be a GREAT gift to our family. Thank you for bringing us together.

The Herr Family

"We love our dear Mia! We thank you every day for her and we're so pleased to see the wonderful progress of Cat Angel Network."

Hi, Cat Angels:

Just thought you'd like to see a picture of two former CAN residents. We adopted them in 2002. You probably knew them as "Outback Girl" and "Major". We've since renamed them "Sheila" (Australian slang for Woman) and "Tom" (David Bowie's

Major Tom). Both are doing well and living large here in Limerick. Sheila is the reserved type who greets our guests and sometimes reminds them with a wee nip that she wants some attention. Tom is so mischievous – always where he shouldn't be, stealing the food of others, and shamelessly seeking attention by rolling on his side with a soft meow saying "Pet me." Both love to be groomed and are such a treat to be with. We're SO glad we took your advice to adopt them together.

The Foss Family



We'd love to hear from you!
Email us at jaysing@aol.com
or drop us a line at our PO Box.

Cats Teach Children About Love

After reading the article in the last CAN newsletter about being pregnant while having cats, I felt inspired to share with others the wonderful experience of my family.

My husband and I had two cats when we found out we were expecting (Ben, who at the time was 10-years-old, adopted at age 8 from Cat Angel Network, and Patches, who was about five-years-old at that time.) It never occurred to us to get rid of our "boys" – after all, they were our first babies! The only two things that changed were 1) I handed over cat litter duties to my husband while I was preg-

nant, and 2) our cats soon had one more person to love and to love them.

Let me jump ahead about the relationship that our daughter Carlee (now almost three-years-old) has with Ben and Patches. When she talks about her family, Ben and Patches are always included. Ben joins in during play time and Patches has taken on the role of night time routine supervisor. When Carlee is getting ready for bed, Patches is right there with us, and if he isn't she calls for him! Carlee helps feed them at dinner time and believes they are "her cats." The bond between them is a wonderful

By Pam Salem-Warfield, Adopter

thing. Our "boys" have helped teach her many things such as how to be gentle, and about the responsibility of helping to feed them their dinner. Most of all, they have taught her about love and kindness. And she will be the first to tell you they love her and she loves them.

One last thing: When Carlee was a baby and I was up throughout the nights walking the floor and rocking her to sleep, my cats were right there with me to keep me company. I truly feel that the boys even took their shifts!

My cats *know* they are loved and in return they share their love with us.

Dawn's Story

If you have ever wondered whether your donation to CAN really makes a difference, please take a moment to read the following story. It tells of just one of the dozens of calls we received on a typical day this past summer. It would break your heart to hear of so many cats and kittens in our area that are victims of injury, abandonment, abuse, starvation, or disease. Typically, the cat requires expensive medical care that is far beyond what the caller can provide. It's only because of you, our supporters, that we

are able to say, "Yes!" to cats like Dawn.

Dawn's Story:

A desperate phone call alerted us to the plight of a pretty little tabby cat in Philadelphia. She had been injured and was limping badly, holding up her useless left paw. Neighbors in the apartment complex continued to feed the stray, but six long days passed without anyone stepping forward to get help for her dangling leg. Finally, an employee of the complex could stand the pitiful sight no longer. She got on the phone and called over 25

vets and rescues, looking for someone to help. She told us that Cat Angel Network was the only one who agreed, no matter the cost. We named the cat Dawn for her



Can you give Dawn a home?

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By Elaine Richert, Vice-President

Donate Your Car to CAN

By Henry Grabb, Director of Development

Selling a used car can be quite a hassle, and sometimes the trade-in offered by dealers is hardly more than the discount you could get with some good haggling! If you have a car that you are ready to trade in or sell, consider donating to Cat Angel Network!

We do not actually pick up the car, but, like most other non-profits, are registered through a company called

V-DAC. To donate, simply go to www.v-dac.com and follow the instructions. Once you have filled out your donation information, they will contact you and arrange to pick up the vehicle. After this, they wholesale the vehicle and give Cat Angel Network a significant percentage of the profits. This percentage varies with the ultimate sale price of the vehicle, but our profits can be substantial. V-DAC strives to take as many vehicles as

possible, but they sometimes do reject donations where the handling cost of the vehicle exceeds the expected wholesale price.

In return for your donation, you are able to take a tax deduction for the fair market value of your vehicle (assuming you itemize your deductions). Full details of the program and tax information are available on the V-DAC website.

Dawn's Story (continued)

benefactor and whisked her off to Dr. Atkinson for radiographs. Although no breaks or fractures were found, Dawn had suffered severe nerve damage. She had no feeling or use of the lower part of the limb. Amputation seemed the only option until an orthopedic surgeon was consulted, and Dr. Moss suggested that acupuncture might restore some feeling and mobility to the limb. Arrangements

have been made to get Dawn this treatment, as well as her spay surgery, testing, and vaccinations. Thanks to all of you, this sweet tabby will indeed experience a whole new "dawn" of her life as she prepares for adoption. If you are interested in this wonderful kitty, Dawn will be available for adoption in October, 2004. Please contact CAN to receive an application.

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.

All requests will be kept confidential.

A Lot of Littles: Progress Report

By Henry Grabb, Director of Development

***A lot of littles is a lot,
A thousand beans can fill a pot,
We all can do what one cannot,
A lot of littles is a lot.***

In our last newsletter, we sent each person on our mailing list a stamped envelope and asked for a reply of some kind from each recipient, even if just to indicate that the newsletter was no longer of interest.

While we still would like to hear from many more of you, we have had an excellent response to this program, and have already collected almost \$5,000! While this may sound like an ocean of contributions, there are still mountains of little stamped envelopes out there just begging to be sent back! In fact, almost 75% of those little stamped envelopes are still out there, and would just love to be sent on their merry way to P.O. Box 3071, Stowe, PA 19464.

I was most pleased to hear from our treasurer this past week that, due to these contributions, we did not experience our usual "summer dip" where we have to dig into the "kitty."

This means that we will start this season with a nest egg large enough to allow us to continue to expand our efforts.

Thank you so much to all who have contributed! While we are not sending out individual thank you letters for this fundraiser, rest assured that we are most grateful that you consider Cat Angel Network worthy of your support! In this issue, you will find another response insert (just in case you misplaced the first one) but without the envelope.



Remember, you don't have to send or spend a dime to reply. It just takes a few minutes of your time. Please think of those little stamped envelopes as library books. We checked them out to you, and are now asking that they be returned. Send in your response today and help us make A Lot of Littles the biggest kitty saver yet!

Please fill out this form and mail to CAN:

- \$3 Bean Soup Club
 \$5 Catnip Club
 \$10 Prancing Paws Club
 \$15 Frisky Feline Club
 \$25 All Kittens Great and Small Club
 \$ _____ Other amount

___ Enclosed, please find my contribution.

I have checked the appropriate box above.

___ I have contributed to CAN in the past 12 months.

___ I cannot contribute at this time, but please continue to send me the CAN newsletter.

___ Please remove me from the CAN mailing list.

___ Please send me ___ CAN brochures that I can pass along to my cat-loving friends.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____