



CAT ANGEL NETWORK



Together, we CAN make a difference!

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- 🐾 *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.*



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Where Would They Be Without Cat Angel Network?

When I visit either our Pottstown or Downingtown PetSmart locations, I see clean, healthy, sociable cats, waiting for that special person to come along. They may not know it, but they are the luckiest of the lucky. While circumstances that brought them to Cat Angel Network might have been tough, they are headed to a new tomorrow, have been restored to health, and have a bright future.

In our area, Cat Angel Network is one of the few and also the largest of the non-profit, no-kill cat rescue groups. We were able find homes for over 500 cats and kittens in 2007 — and 2008 looks even brighter.



But what would happen if Cat Angel Network did not exist? Where would these animals go? These are tough questions to ponder. Walking through PetSmart, I do not like to think about the other cats that are not given the opportunity to find a home. But knowing that I volunteer for Cat Angel Network, and knowing that Cat Angel Network is dedicated to finding solutions for our area's homeless cat problems, I am able to feel some comfort in my thoughts.

Our solutions include expanding our spay and neuter program, carefully screening adoption homes to find just the right love match between owner and pet, and counseling owners to help them through cat behavior problems that might otherwise cause them to relinquish their pets.

Please consider the difference that Cat Angel Network makes in the lives of the cats and citizens of our area! Help us do more! Donate, volunteer, adopt!! Our wonderful volunteers and supporters have enabled us to save the lives of thousands of cats since our inception. We need YOU to ensure our successful future! 🐾

Four Easy Ways To Help Support CAN Financially Without Spending A Single Penny!

There are a number of easy ways you can help support Cat Angel Network without spending a single penny!

Recycle Your Printer Cartridges

Cat Angel Network is now collecting and recycling ink jet and laser printer cartridges. We receive either cash and/or merchandise credit at Staples which we use for office

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Four Easy Ways to Help

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supplies such as file folders, paper, envelopes and labels for our mailings and other miscellaneous supplies.

Make it a personal project with family, friends and co-workers. Collect the cartridges and bring them to the Pottstown Petsmart store Adoption Center or the Downingtown Petsmart Adoption Center. They can be dropped off to one of our volunteers on weekends or any time you find a Cat Angel Network volunteer on duty.

ACME and Redner's Grocery Store Receipts

Keep collecting grocery store receipt tapes from these stores. Cat Angel Network receives 1% of the total receipts collected in cash. Every little bit helps to feed, spay/neuter a cat, or provide other much needed veterinary care.

GoodSearch.com

What if Cat Angel Network earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now we can! GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Just type www.goodsearch.com in your browser and when the screen comes up, be sure to enter "Cat Angel Network" as the charity you want to support. Type in what you want to search for and click search button. You have just added another penny to Cat Angels' pot! Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! And, be sure to spread the word!

iGive.com

Like to help Cat Angel Network in a big way? Start your online shopping at iGive.com. It's easy and it's free. To support CAN, go to www.iGive.com/catangel. Then whenever you access hundreds of online merchants through the Mall at iGive, up to 26% of every purchase is donated to CAN. Participating merchants include Barnes & Noble, Eddie Bauer, Lands' End and PETSMART. Join www.iGive.com/joinLink, and then shop 'til you drop. We'll appreciate it! 🐾

Concert For Cats a "Roaring" Success Donations Exceed \$6000

Each year, CAN has been the beneficiary of an outstanding concert presented by West Chester University faculty and students, as well as other friends of cats.



This year's concert, presented in the new Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, raised over \$6,000 to help us with our ongoing work.

One highlight of this year's concert was a performance of snappy tunes by Gracenotes, an all-female acappella ensemble, featuring select WCU music majors.

Next year's cat concert will be held on Sunday April 26, 2009 at 3 PM. Mark the date! 🐾

Annual Auction in the Works!

On October 26, 2008, CAN will hold another auction at the West Chester Senior Center. The auction will last from 2-5 PM, and will feature a silent auction and a live auction.

This is the perfect time to help us by finding merchandise for our auction! We are looking for new items that are worth at least \$25 retail. We need a good many items in the \$50 plus value for our live auction. Please put on your thinking caps and help us by coming up with some fun donations for this year. We are not accepting very large or extremely heavy items. We will take a few gently used items but they need to be worth at least \$100 new and must be in mint condition. We would like to collect all items between August 20 and October 15.



On the Lot of Littles donation request form, you will find a section where you can commit to donating a specific number of items. We need about 40 items worth more than \$50 and about 180 items worth from \$25 to \$50. Please consider committing to finding a few items for our auction. It is fun and easy to shop for the big discounts. We also need volunteers who are willing to solicit items for the event. Tickets will be available in advance from our volunteers for \$15, or at the door for \$20.

Watch our web site for more developments. By late August, we will have a full list of ways that you can help. Mark your calendars now for this fun event. Together, we can have a great auction this Fall! 🐾

Please contact Henry Grabb at catangelpa@aol.com
if you have questions or wish to help.

Ask "Angel"



"What should I do about the stray cats in my yard?"

QUESTION: Several strays appeared in my yard this winter, and I didn't have the heart to see them go hungry so I started feeding them. Now my neighbor is complaining to me that "my cats" are in his yard, fighting and mating at night, and he expresses concern that they will reproduce and have the neighborhood crawling with cats. He blames me for the cats hanging around, saying if I wouldn't feed them, they would go away and the problem would be solved. They're not really my cats, but I feel that I'm being made the scapegoat for the situation just for showing compassion. Help! What should I do that would be the right thing for both the cats and the neighborhood? This is getting extremely stressful!!



ANSWER: We cats do seem to "know" the right house to go to when we're looking for a kind stranger to offer a meal! Luckily, there are many people like you whose compassionate natures will not allow them to turn away from any living creature in need. Being kind is ALWAYS the right thing to do! And being kind, in this case, means following BOTH parts of the GOLDEN RULE of feeding those cute strays (I WAS one, long ago):

**"FEEDING A STRAY?
NEUTER OR SPAY!"**

Now, most people who hear this say, "What? I'm fond of these cats, but getting them spayed and neutered sounds overwhelming! I can't pick any of them up, and even if I could catch them, isn't it expensive to have them neutered? Is this really necessary for ME to do?"

Well, as a kitty myself, I would say that making the effort to get some help in neutering these cats is the most compassionate thing you could ever do for their future well-being. As you've noticed in your neighborhood, one or two stray cats can "fly below the radar" for a while, but once that number starts increasing, people who don't love cats as you do start complaining and making calls to places to "take them away." And, believe me, Animal Control agencies, etc., are not finding homes or relocating wild (feral) cats. They are doing something else, something that I don't like to mention or even THINK about. Sometimes neighbors take matters into their own hands, and then things get REALLY mean and ugly for us cats.

So it's up to people like you to take the step of calling a group like Cat Angel Network to learn about the widely used and effective program called T-N-R (Trap-Neuter-Return). It involves borrowing a humane trap and learning the simple steps to using it to catch each stray. Information about "Low Cost / No Cost" Spaying and Neutering services is provided so arrangements can be made to halt the population growth, PRONTO! People who have completed a T-N-R program often say that it was a much easier process than they ever expected!



Recently, a lady called CAN for advice on the six strays in her backyard (a mother cat and her five half-grown kittens). Within the space of a little more than two weeks, she trapped all six and had them neutered and vaccinated! Four of the six cats turned out to be females. Without the dedication of this one animal lover, this spring there would have been 12- 24 kittens born to those four females (usual litter size is three to six kittens)! In another

six months, THOSE kittens would have been old enough to reproduce. Eighteen to thirty cats would have been loose in her neighborhood and, with about half being females, the population of cats would have exploded. And with that explosion would have come a lot of pain and suffering for those unwanted strays.



This cat heroine single-handedly made a HUGE difference to the kitties in the scope of her sight. So often people feel overwhelmed and wish they could do something to help when they hear of the plight of the millions of unwanted cats that are killed every year. Well, this lady did SOMETHING.

I hope that you and all the other caring people who fill up food bowls "for the strays" will follow this lady's example. One backyard at a time, this will make a better world for us cats.

Now, before I close this plea for neutering, I have a confession to make. My name being "Angel," I cannot tell a lie—I wasn't ALWAYS in favor of neutering. As a young stud-muffin male, I was living a rough-and-tumble lifestyle of wandering in search of girlfriends and fighting other males for the privilege of loving and leaving them. It was an exciting life, but all the battle-scars were taking a toll on my handsome good looks. Now, if I do say so myself, I'm sleek and shiny, and my formerly thin, raggedy looking body has never looked better. And the guys I fought with? They're my buddies now – we can't, for the life of us, remember what we used to fight about!

So, neutering? This DOESN'T annoy us! It makes us purrrrrr..... 🐾

Lots of Littles

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!



Dear Newsletter Friends,

We depend on each of you to advance the work of our wonderful organization through your hard work, and donations. While adoption fees cover some of our expenses, we need additional support to meet the ever increasing needs of our feline friends. An obvious financial gap exists between our mission to keep adoption fees reasonable, and our utmost commitment to adopt cats that have had all necessary medical attention.

This is where the pot and the beans come in. Our newsletter goes to several thousand homes and is picked up at numerous locations. If each reader can add a bean or a handful of beans to our pot, we will be able to meet our expenses and save as many precious lives as possible. Without your support from this newsletter, summers can become a time of great financial concern.

Our goal is 2500 “beans” from this campaign to help us raise \$12,500.

Please add some beans to our pot! You will be glad you did, and all cats and cat angels will be most grateful.

Every \$5 donated is one bean.
A handful of beans (20) is \$100.

Cat Angel Network 2008 “Lots of Littles” Campaign

- I would like to donate _____ beans and have enclosed a check for \$_____
- I would like to donate a handful of beans and have enclosed a check for \$100.
- Yes! I think I will have _____ items to donate for the Fall 2008 Auction

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please make checks payable to **Cat Angel Network** and mail to:

Cat Angel Network
P.O. Box 3071
Stowe, PA 19464



They’re Here!

It’s kitten season once again, and Cat Angel Network is stretching its resources, shelter space and volunteer foster homes to make room for ‘just one more.’ Added to the multitudes of kittens who are born to mother cats thrown out of their homes for coming home pregnant (apparently, their owners never took time to prevent unwanted pregnancies by spaying their pet) are those born in feral colonies who can be tamed and successfully adopted.

The influx doesn’t stop there. Cat rescue groups have heard just about every excuse why people want to surrender their cats, from “we’re moving and can’t take her with us,” to “we no longer have time to care for them,” to “we just redecorated and this cat no longer matches the color scheme” (yes, it really has happened).



Undaunted, Cat Angel Network volunteers continue to plug away in an effort to help rescue, rehabilitate and re-home cats and kittens wherever possible. Operating as a no-kill, all-volunteer, non-profit organization, Cat Angel Network endeavors to prevent the suffering of abandoned cats through rescue, spay/neuter, medical care, shelter, and adoption to approved homes. Additionally, we strive to educate the public about the proper care of cats, the importance of spaying and neutering, and the benefits of adopting shelter cats.



Welcome donations help, as do fund-raising events such as a popular cat concert (nope, this doesn’t involve a cacophony of cats), an auction, booths at cat shows and pet events, and the ever-present donation box. Should Cat Angel Network be chosen as a beneficiary of the 3rd Annual Paws in the Park event, sponsorship would be applied to cover vet expenses, both usual and extraordinary, food, shelter, and further efforts to expand our adoption and trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs.

Cats are counting on us! 🐾