



# CAT ANGEL NETWORK



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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.*



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## Cat Angel Network's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert for Cats is Coming on April 7<sup>th</sup>



Not everyone knows this, but musicians tend to love cats, and so it is very fitting for West Chester University faculty, students, and friends to help support cat rescue efforts by hosting an annual cat concert at West Chester University.

Each concert is a unique multimedia experience, where cats (on video) interact with musicians. This year Wayne Zimmerman will be joining our usual wonderful cast of musicians who support cat rescue. He will be performing organ music with an early 20th century silent movie! If you look closely, you might even see a cat. If you haven't come to a Cat Concert before, you really should come this year. You will laugh, cry a little, and leave with a warm fuzzy feeling in your heart. The concert is appropriate for cat lovers of all ages. One measure of success of our cat concert is "repeat business." Many cat lovers in the area look forward to this event and many have attended every concert!!

This year's concert will be held at 3 PM on Sunday April 7th in the Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre in Swope Hall at West Chester University. There is plenty of parking and the event is free, but donations are appreciated.

The majority of our financial support comes from pre-concert donations. This year, we have set a goal of \$10,000.00 in concert donations. With our ever-increasing vet bills and our commitment to our TNR (trap, neuter, return) Program, we must raise significantly more money each year. Please fill out the coupon on page 4 and mail in your donation! Donations of \$25 or more received prior to March 27th will be acknowledged in the program. 🐾

## Special Needs Cats

In our last newsletter, we included an article on "Special Needs Kitties". Many Special Needs Kitties are cats or kittens who, like many of us, have conditions that have almost no impact on their life at all. While there are many cats with more severe conditions who are also in need of loving homes, this article features three of our most loveable young adult males: Baby, Benny, and Bubba, who are "special" in more ways than one.

Baby, Benny, and Bubba all share the same condition; yet, it really doesn't impact their quality of life or even the things they like to do. They do not need medication, and they do not see the vet any more than any other kitty. They all love to run, jump, and play... and they share one more thing that really makes them special...they are as loveable and affectionate as can be!

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BABY is a handsome, young white male with black spots, whose personality fits his name perfectly. His sweet and gentle ways, and the love he has for everyone he meets, make you just fall in love with him. Baby will follow you around the house, just hoping to spend a few quiet moments with you. He is a laid-back kitty, who gets along well with other cats; but spending time with someone he loves is his favorite thing to do.

Benny is an adorable young, black male, who just loves attention, too. Benny is a playful kitty, who brings the fun with him! If there is a ball or a paper bag around, Benny will stop to play with it. Better yet, if another kitty in the house wants to get in on the fun, Benny's day just gets even better! He is one of those kitties who loves to be held and cuddled. He will sit patiently by your feet, waiting to be picked up and hugged. Benny has been raised with dogs and young children, who pick him up and carry him off to play on a whim; and he wouldn't have it any other way!



BUBBA is a young black and white tuxedo male. He is a big, loveable boy with a short tail. Bubba spends his day playing and loving life; and is happiest when he has the chance to climb onto your lap and sit for a while. He just purrs and purrs! Bubba has been raised around dogs and young children, and is used to a busy household. He is a "gentle giant" with a personality that makes you smile each time you see him! 🐾

## Meet Our Volunteers

*Lest you think all CAN volunteers are female this issue profiles two of our devoted male volunteers.*

**Harold Hummer's** love of cats can be traced back to his early boyhood in Maine and continued when his family moved to Royersford in the 1950's. His dad managed "Newbury's" in Phoenixville and the family always included a variety of kitty companions.



Harold had two cats when his rescue dog passed away at the age of 16. He wanted to adopt another kitten, but had to wait until he retired in December of 2010. After 39 years at the Royersford Post Office, he retired and moved to Douglassville. He came to CAN looking for his kitten and found Callie, who soon joined Dinky, his 17-year-old black kitty, and Diana, a 10-year-old tuxedo, on daily medication for seizures. Harold began volunteering at the Cat Angel

shelter and soon after fell in love with, and adopted, Snowball.

This spring Harold will celebrate his two-year anniversary as a CAN shelter volunteer. He likes caring for, and bonding with the cats and the volunteers at the shelter. He loves going to the shelter, interacting with the kitties and knowing they are excited to see him. He often visits shelter kitties that have moved to the adoption center in the Pottstown Pet Smart store. Harold has become part of a network of shelter volunteers who help each other by trading pet sitting. He is also a sports fan and enjoys cheering on local teams of most any sport.

When he came to Cat Angel, Harold felt that he knew a lot about cats but he says he's learned a lot as a volunteer especially about older cats and those who need special care. Although he is not ready to adopt another cat right now, when he does it will be an older or special needs kitty.

**Jack Myers'** life is filled with a myriad of colorful careers and interesting hobbies. Woven into his background are many fondly remembered cats although he did not actually "own" his first one until his 30's.

Jack grew up in Southwest Philly and assisted his grandmother with caring for a number of "alley cats". Jack's chores included feeding the cats. His first feline attachment was to Herman, a giant grey tom. Sadly Herman met the fate of many free roaming cats on busy city streets. Eventually, Jack was able to adopt his very own first cat, a 13-year-old buff orange tabby named Big Boy who lived to almost 19. Next came Mo, a hulking orange tabby and world-class mooch with a notched ear and Jack's all-time favorite cat.

Jack holds a Bachelor's Degree in English and a Master's in Technical and Science Writing. He has worked as a teacher, newspaper editor and reporter and a pizza shop owner. For the past 22 years he's been employed as a technical writer for Fiserv.



In his youth Jack dreamed of playing professional baseball and played everything from Little League up to semi-pro ball and even had try-outs with the Phillies, Reds, and Pirates. He boxed as a junior welterweight and was a distance runner, competing in and winning 70 road races, a silver medal at the Penn Relays and was the Delaware State marathon and 10-K champion.

Jack is a published author of three books. His best seller "Row House Days" a historical fiction set in Philadelphia and his other works are all available on Amazon. He is currently working on two more books and has a provisional patent for an "embarrassingly simple modified piece of restaurant equipment."

Somehow in the middle of his busy days, Jack decided he wanted to help find homes for adoptable cats and became a CAN volunteer in early 2010. His duties include showing cats to potential adopters and training new volunteers for CAN's weekend adoptathons. Cecelia, his fiancé volunteers with an English Setter Rescue and together their home includes several dogs and CAN kitties. Jack says: "one of the biggest unanswered questions I have about cat rescue is why more guys aren't involved?"

We hope that reading about just two of CAN's amazing guys might inspire some of you out there to volunteer.



## Ask “Angel”



### How Do Cats Get Opportunities for Adoption?

**QUESTION:** I know that the kitties who appear in the Adoption Centers of the Pottstown and Downingtown Petsmart stores are only a few of the many cats that Cat Angel Network has. How do the rest of the cats get opportunities for adoption?

**ANSWER:** Great question! Petsmart offers a wonderful opportunity for approximately fifty lucky kitties to be seen and met by prospective adopters each weekend. Kittens typically get the majority of those spaces as they are at their most adoptable stage, and the months of kittenhood are fleeting! That leaves some spots for adults, though many find it hard to compete for attention next to the antics of the youngsters.

The vast majority of our adult cats are back in their foster homes or the shelter, each one hoping that someone sees his or her picture and write-up on the CAN website or through Petfinder. Certain cats are featured as “Cat of the Week” in the Community Connection newspaper on Fridays or on our website or Facebook page. Adopters who ask about a certain type or personality of cat are directed towards specific cats on the website, and meetings are arranged for the cats they’d like to get to know better. These are typically the ways that many of adult cats find their homes.

Ronnie, Gracie, and Allegro are three examples of the many, many loving & loveable adults that are waiting for someone to ask to meet them.



Ronnie is a gentle soul who is looking for an equally gentle soul mate. His sweet spirit is so appealing - he makes whatever room he is in an oasis of calm. He gets along with all the other cats in his foster home, sleeping among them peacefully, even though he was an only cat in his original home. He had been very close to his owner, but when she became ill, she was no longer able to care for him. It was a big adjustment for him to lose her, but he has been a brave boy and has adjusted beautifully. His favorite activities now are brushing, petting, and head scratches. He is fine with other friendly companion cats but has no experience with dogs or young children. He could be an only cat as he enjoys the bond with a loving human companion. If you’re looking for a peaceful friend, Ronnie is the perfect low maintenance pet. Ronnie was born in 2005, and is neutered and front-declawed.



Gracie, a beautiful and charming black and white lady, was born 11/10/05 but she thinks she’s still a kitten. Her favorite greeting when you enter the room is to roll over on her back and wave her four little paws in the air at you. That means, “I’m glad to see you and I’d love to have your attention as soon as possible”. Gracie was living outside for a while when one day a nice lady took her and let her live in her furniture store in Norristown. She was very good to Gracie and wanted her to have a loving, forever home where she would be treated like the princess she is. Gracie is very sweet and, like all girls, she likes to talk a lot, too. Gracie is the feline counterpart of one of those established

movie stars who just absolutely knows she will be beautiful and desired forever. She gets along well with other kitties, but wouldn’t mind being “your only girl.” Gracie is spayed, tested negative for FIV/FelV and is current on all required vaccinations.



Allegro, a handsome classic brown tabby male, was born in April 2011. His sister, Melody, and brothers Staccato and Presto are also hoping to find their new homes soon. As you can tell, they are a very musical family! Allegro must know that his name means “fast” because he loves to run and play. You may have noticed that one of his eyes looks a little different than the other. This happened when he was very young; and while his vision in that eye is not 100%, it does not slow him down a bit! He is as normal as any other kitty around. His greatest hope is to find a home where he will be loved for years to come. He says that even if you’re not musical, he promises to bring the sweet notes of fun and friendship to your life! 🐾

Cat Angel Network has cats of all sizes, colors, and ages to match all kinds of homes! If you are thinking about adding a new pet to your special family, please think of Baby, Benny, Bubba, Ronnie, Gracie, or Allegro. Or, come to one of our adoption centers, or visit us at [catangel.org](http://catangel.org), and our friendly adoption coordinators will help you find your purrfect match.

## Winners All Around at 2012 CAN Auction

Our auction this past October was a runaway success, raising more than \$16,000 in support of homeless cats and kittens. Not only did we raise a great deal of money, but everyone who attended had a wonderful time bidding on items, socializing and enjoying the snacks. As usual, there were many amazing deals to be had, while some items received very healthy competition! Our Silent Auction was very stimulating with a huge variety of unique selections. Each table was organized and hosted by a Cat Angel volunteer. Auctioneers Bud and Annette Smith of Smith Auction Co. ([www.smithauctionco.com](http://www.smithauctionco.com)) donated their talents to help make the live auction a fun event. We are thankful to everyone involved in the auction. Our auction was greatly enhanced by the many hands and hearts who organized tables, helped with food, helped with setup and advertising, and donated money and items.



Next year's auction will be held on Sunday October 27th in the afternoon at the West Chester Senior Center. Late winter through spring is a great time to pick up heavily discounted fall/winter items that will be just coming into season for this year's auction! If you would like to host a silent auction table, please email Charlotte ([jaysing@aol.com](mailto:jaysing@aol.com)) to inquire about details. If you would like to donate a new item for the live auction worth \$60.00 or more, please email Henry ([catangelpa@aol.com](mailto:catangelpa@aol.com)).

## Light Up A Life with Cat Angel Network's Ambit Energy Program

Have you noticed your electric bill has gone through the roof this past month? If so, it's likely that you had a special residential heating rate that has now expired. With so many companies to choose from to supply your electricity, there is no reason to stick with the more expensive PPL or PECO. To check Ambit's electric rates in your area, please visit [www.catangel.myambit.com](http://www.catangel.myambit.com). Cat Angel Network benefits by earning up to \$9 per month, per customer, depending on usage. You can choose from yearly fixed contracts, variable rate contracts with no cancellation fee, or even green energy plans. To check all suppliers available in your area, please go to [www.papowerswitch.com](http://www.papowerswitch.com). Here you can compare Ambit to other suppliers. Do take note that some offer low first-month-only introductory pricing.

By choosing Ambit, you can help Cat Angel Network attain a steady income that will help guarantee our longevity in the decades ahead. Thank you for considering Ambit Energy; a wonderful way to support Cat Angel Network's long term financial needs. 🐾



## Thank You CAN Friends!

Thanks to you turning in your Redner's Market register tapes, we received approximately \$1500 in 2012 from Redner's Markets. We receive 1% of the total receipts on the tapes.

Please keep saving your register receipts and bring them in to the adoption centers at Petsmart in Downingtown and Pottstown. You can also mail them to us at P.O. Box 3071, Stowe, PA 19464

PLEASE remember to save the ENTIRE register tape. Do not alter or cut the tapes in any way as they will not be accepted if the entire tape is not submitted. It's an easy way to help Cat Angel Network and it doesn't cost you anything!

Remember...when shopping at Redner's...show the cashier your Redner's Gas card. You do not have to use this card to purchase discounted gasoline, but you do need the card to make the register tapes count for CAN. If you don't have a Redner's Gas card, ask for one at the customer service counter. 🐾

### C.A.N. 2013 Concert Donation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a category for giving and enclose your check made payable to **Cat Angel Network**. All donations are 100% tax deductible. Cat Angel Network is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

- Seraphim      \$250 and up
- Archangel      \$100 to \$249
- Angel            \$50 to \$99
- Puss in Boots    \$25 to \$49
- Tail Wagger     up to \$24

Thank you for your continued support!

Please indicate the name(s) in which your donation of \$25 or more should appear in the "Sponsors" section of the program:

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Have you adopted one (or more) cats from Cat Angel Network? Tell us who!

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