



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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October Auction Raises The Bar

This year's auction, held on October 21, raised over \$12,000 to aid Cat Angel Network, thus becoming our most financially successful event ever! Perfectly organized by Lucia Still of *For Paws*, the auction was a runaway success. Attendees munched on delicious hors d'oeuvres, socialized and perused the 120 plus silent auction items while enjoying the music of the Fiorenza-Dowlin Duo. The live auction followed, with the captivating Annette Smith of Smith Auction Gallery keeping bidders engaged and bidding lively. Great fun was had by all, and many waves of laughter filled the hall as Annette coaxed that last bid out of a reticent cat lover.



Our 2007 auction was a runaway success!

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Our "Paws" For Thanks

As we begin another year, Cat Angel Network pledges to continue to dedicate our time, efforts and resources to prevent the suffering of abandoned cats through rescue, spay/neuter, medical care, shelter and adoption to approved homes. Year after year we continue to be amazed at the steady growth of our support system — which is all of you who contribute in so many ways. Without your help it would be impossible to continue with this work. Therefore, it seems an appropriate time to extend our heartfelt thanks for your participation in helping us to continue with our mission.

- ♥ Our VOLUNTEERS and FOSTER PARENTS work tirelessly to care for our kitties and devote many hours of time and love to those in need of sheltering and nursing.
- ♥ Our PARTICIPATING VETERINARIANS are a critical part of our organization both financially as well as providing their skills and compassion.
- ♥ ADOPTIVE FAMILIES, who open their hearts and homes to the joy of special companionships, are an integral part of our work. We are always thrilled and our spirits are lifted when our adoptive parents share the news of the happiness that our angels bring to their lives.
- ♥ And, of course, ALL OF YOU — our generous friends who so faithfully continue to make all of this possible — are the lifeblood of the organization. Without your financial support we couldn't exist. Please know how very important you are and how much you are appreciated.

So, from the bottom of our hearts and on behalf of all our kitties, including those who have yet to become part of our Cat Angel family, THANK YOU. 🐾

Ask "Angel"



Angel shares his advice on maintaining a healthy feline figure

QUESTION: I would like to adopt a kitten in the near future but am wondering what to do about the feeding situation. I presently have two adult cats who are eating a special low-calorie food, and I know kittens need a kitten chow which is high in proteins (and calories!). How do I prevent my adult cats from getting into the kitten's food? The vet has already told me that my cats are overweight, and I am concerned that



Huh? What? Exercise? Who, US?!

they might put on even more unhealthy pounds once the kitten is here. Any tips on how to manage the food setup so all the kitties reach and maintain a healthy weight? I notice most of the cats at your shelter seem to be so slim and trim.

ANSWER: Thanks for the compliment! We shelter kitties have to maintain our gorgeous figures for a very important reason — we want to get adopted! And the truth is, overweight cats are often passed over at adoption time in favor of cats that present a younger, healthier appearance. That motivates us to cooperate with the feeding system followed here at the shelter. Our friends, the volunteers, are really MORE concerned with our health and well-being than anything else, and they know that overweight kitties experience a lot of problems: illnesses like diabetes and fatty liver disease, a reluctance to jump and play and get proper exercise, and also the embarrassing problem

of difficulty cleaning the "backside area" the way a normal cat can. This results in unsightly matted hair and "stinky stuff" clinging to our fur. And when we cats can't keep ourselves immaculately clean, THIS ANNOYS US!

So here's the feeding system followed for all of us C.A.N. cats: First, and most importantly, we are fed a MEASURED amount of a high quality dry food: a quarter cup, twice a day. NO FREE FEEDING! NO SELF FEEDERS! Cats were never meant to be grazers. In the wild we catch a mouse, and then our body fasts until we catch again. Grazing on food all day long is not natural or healthy for predators like cats and is the NUMBER ONE reason cats become overweight or obese.

Secondly, our cat carriers are left out at all times with cozy mats in them. At feeding time they are used to insure that each kitty gets the food that is best for his or her individual needs and that no "Greedy Gus" steals someone else's portion. When the volunteer comes into the room with the tray of plates, she calls out, "Suppertime!" and, believe it or not, each of



Help your cat maintain his weight with sensible, controlled portion sizes

us runs to our very own carrier to eat! Visitors are amazed, since many think it's impossible to train a cat to voluntarily go into a carrier. NOT SO — we LOVE our carriers and never run and hide when we see one like so many other kitties who only see their carriers when they have to go to the vet's office. This is the way you would be able to feed your adult cats their special food while allowing the kitten to have her high protein/high calorie kitten chow. Kittens under 10 months old can be fed more than twice a day. Three or four feedings a day will help to meet your kitten's high nutritional needs because of her rapid growth and high energy output. She should be weaned down to two meals a day between 10 and 12 months of age unless your vet feels she is a skinny Minnie.

The cats who come to the shelter already overweight are very gradually tapered down to the quarter cup portion. It is EXTREMELY dangerous to drastically reduce an obese cat's food intake too quickly! We kitties can develop a potentially fatal condition known as fatty liver disease so SLOW is the way to GO!

I'm so glad your vet gave you a "Head's Up" alert about your adult cats' weight issues. A normal female cat weighs eight to ten pounds and a male should weigh ten to twelve pounds. So often people don't acknowledge that their beloved kitty is overweight, preferring to describe him as "big-boned" or "fluffy." If your kitty does not have a visible waist when viewed from above or his belly hangs close to the floor, making his legs look short, you've got a FAT



JUMP for the laser dot! You can do it, Mango!

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We owe so much to the many people who made this auction such a success! Lucia Still and the volunteers of For Paws, the individuals and businesses who donated items, the auctioneers, the musicians, the Cat Angel Network volunteers who helped set up and assisted wherever else they were needed, and those who supplied food. Many hands and hearts made for a great event that was enjoyed by all.

Now is a great time to buy an item to set aside for next year's auction! Stay tuned for details of our 2008 auction in the next newsletter. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer for next year's auction, please email Henry at catangelpa@aol.com. 🐾

Visit us at
www.catangel.org

Cat Angel Network Plans 9th Annual Benefit Concert

On Sunday, February 24th 2008, Cat Angel Network will hold its 9th annual Benefit Concert. The concert, which will be held in the Performing Arts Center – Theatre in the new Swope Hall at West Chester University, will begin at 3 PM, and a reception will immediately follow the program.

Those who have attended our past concerts know to expect the unexpected, and to look forward to a great afternoon. Faculty and Friends of the School of Music are preparing fun musical selections. Many of these selections will be accompanied by the ever popular and entertaining video of cats. Attendees are often amazed at how well cats' movements reflect the music being played. In fact, the gracious movements and silly antics of cats depict music in a unique and wonderful way.

You won't find anything quite like this anywhere else. It is free, fun, and includes food! Bring your friends and prepare to laugh and smile as we celebrate cats in a unique way.

We depend on your generosity to make this event a success. Donations received prior to February 10th will be acknowledged in the program. 🐾



Ask Angel

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CAT! And, as Dr. Fel(ine) McPaw always says, "You can't fix what you don't acknowledge!"

Reducing a special pet's food and treats can be very difficult for an owner that equates food with love. BUT FOOD IS NOT THE ONLY WAY TO SHOW LOVE TO US KITTIES! How about spending 10 extra minutes playing with your cats every night? If you haven't treated your kitties to a Laser Light or interactive dangly toy like the CAT DANCER, you're all missing a lot of fun and laughs! If a kitty doesn't



All together now, boys,
STRETCH for the feather!

show an immediate interest in toys, keep at it! Some of us who are "out of shape" can take a while to be tempted out of the recliner! Brushing and kitty massages are additional ways to say "I love you." A bird or squirrel feeder placed near a favorite window perch can be another way to add spark to our lives without adding pounds. And, of course, you've already figured out the best way to get sedate adult cats to run and chase and play like youngsters again — ADD A NEW KITTEN! 🐾

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.

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Please indicate the name(s) in which your donation should appear in the "Sponsors" section of the program:

Donations for our 2008 Concert may be sent to:
Cat Angel Network, P.O. Box 3071, Stowe, PA 19464.





Cat Angel Network's Valentine Bouquet!

C.A.N. you find true love with one of our beautiful cats? This chosen baker's dozen are all wonderful cats that, for whatever reason, are still looking for their forever homes. They offer companionship, comfort and unconditional love.

Visit our "Dozen Noses" page at <http://catangel.org/12noses> to learn which of these fabulous felines is still searching for that special someone. Could it be you?



ANNIKA

Sweet and friendly, I love meeting people. But my virtue isn't easy, so don't try a pick-up.



ANYA

Grand Champion Butterfly Kisser, though I weeble and wobble and sometimes fall down.



CINDER

I'd love to whisper sweet nothings into the ears of my new forever family.



DANNY BOY

Once you gaze into my emerald eyes, you'll forget you ever met those other guys.



TUMBLEWEED

I'll tumble my way into your heart — there's nothing shaky about my love of life!



CINDERELLA

The ghosts of my past sometimes haunt me. Can your love make them fade away?



LACY

Feminine feline seeks relaxation and gentle affection. Your reward: unconditional love.



JULIET

Brilliantly orange, I'm a girl who can be gently coaxed out of my shyness, it's true!



CAROLINA

Charming calico seeks perfect permanent petting partner. No casual pick-ups, please.



ROCKY & MARTHA

Differently-abled, we get along fine — and we don't jump onto tables.



PRISCILLA

Empty-nester looking for love the second time around. Cuddles definitely included.



TANYA

When I know I can trust you, I am an unstoppable love bug. I challenge you to try!