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Together we CAN make a difference

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CAT ANGEL NETWORK MISSION STATEMENT

- ◆To alleviate suffering of stray cats through rescue, spay/neuter, shelter in a no-kill facility and adoption to approved homes.
- ◆To educate the public re proper care of cats and the importance of spaying and neutering.
- ♥Our shelter is operated by an all-volunteer staff.

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

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. <u>REQUESTS</u> <u>WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.</u>

ATTENTION:

TELL YOUR FRIENDS THEY CAN NOW
ACCESS OUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE
See our Website, including pictures
and biographies of Kitties for
Adoption

WWW.CATANGEL.COM .

WANTED/NEEDED - MAIL SPONSORS

We are looking for people to help sponsor our newsletter mailings. A roll of 100 stamps is \$37 and we use many rolls for every mailing. We are pleased, of course, to report that our mailing list continues to grow. We would be most grateful to receive rolls, books, or any number of stamps you can send us.

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CAT ANGEL NETWORK ART AUCTION BENEFIT IS BIG SUCCESS

C.A.N. ART SAVE(S) LIVES! (?)

Henry Grabb, Director of Development

Before the grammar police arrive, art CAN save lives, and recently an art auction run by Cat Angel Network volunteers raised over \$6,000.00 for our cat rescue efforts! Held at the Elks Club in West Chester on November 8th, the near-capacity crowd enjoyed an array of light hors d'ouvres as well as beer and wine. The live auction featured 150 beautiful prints, lithographs, serigraphs, sports memorabilia, and originals. All told, 81 pieces (with a total price of \$13,000) were sold (or as we say in the cat business, "went home"). The silent auction was a runaway success. Attendees did some heavy Christmas shopping and showed their support for Cat Angel Network by purchasing a variety of cat related items, gift certificates, and items donated by businesses and individuals. In addition, the art auction booklet provided a venue for businesses to show their support by placing advertisements. The funds from these ads were 100% profit for CAN and helped guite a bit toward our total profit! Please peruse the listing of our advertisers later in this newsletter and consider giving your business to these communityminded businesses.

What excited me the most about this event was the application of the word "together" in our motto, Together, we CAN make a difference. This was our first event of this type, and the first time that we asked our entire volunteer team to participate. Many hands went into this project to save many paws!

While we clipped it a little short in our preparation time this year, we will just take a short paws to get through the holidays and then start planning next year's gala auction!

HOW GENEROSITY CAN BENEFIT YOUR BOTTOM LINE

Reduced Income Taxes:

The tax benefit most often associated with gifting is the income tax deduction for charitable contributions. An individual who gives to a qualified organization can generally receive a reduction in federal taxable income based on his or her marginal tax rate if deductions are itemized. Thus, someone in the 28% tax bracket who makes a \$1,000 charitable contribution can save \$280 in federal taxes. This effectively reduces the cost of donating \$1,000 to \$720.

Excerpt from Oppenheimer Funds Investor Education Series ♥

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 – <u>www.catangel.com</u> - 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 Meowmmy 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 Meowmmy 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.♥

SANTA IS COMING – TO PETSMART!!

By Charlotte Jay A wonderful opportunity is knocking at your door! Yes, it's Santa Photo time again. You can have a lovely memento of your favorite pets in the form of photos with Santa in ornamental Holiday frames. There's nothing like a visual remembrance to capture the moment, and from past experiences, the moments that have been captured by our Santa and his elves are priceless! These adorable framed pictures make fun tree ornaments and create interesting conversation as your friends and family listen to the tales of "how it all happened".

HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN . . .? Just bring those four-footed family members to PETsMART on Route 30 in Downingtown on any Saturday or Sunday this December and get ready for a fun experience. All pets of any size or type are welcome and our CAN Santa Elves will assist you and your pet to strike the most interesting pose with Santa! Just watching the antics is entertaining and often quite hilarious!

In addition to creating a fond memory for you and your pet, you will also be helping many homeless kitties because PETsMART contributes 50% of the proceeds to CAN. No appointment Is necessary – just show up between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and join in the fun.

Many of you have asked us to repeat the story which Henry found last year so here it is. Got a tissue handy ?

THE ISLAND OF MISFIT TOYS

Submitted by Henry Grabb

One of my favorite holiday programs has always been <u>Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer</u>. I watch it every year, and must admit crying a little when Herbie, Rudolph, and Yukon Cornelius get to the island of misfit toys. The boat that sinks, the squirt gun that shoots jelly, the Charlie-inthe-Box, all just wanting to belong to someone. At the end of the story, they sit on the ice block on Christmas Eve, sure that Santa has forgotten them yet another year - but just then, they hear the jingle in the distance . .

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Cat Angel Network has many cats who might be considered "misfits." They range from just a bit too shy to show at PETsMART, to slightly disabled, to FIV or FeLV positive. These cats are waiting for you to open your hearts to them. With your love, they will no longer need to feel like misfits.

YOUNTEERS' YENUE

WANTED - A FEW GOOD MEN (AND WOMEN)

By Lynn Hammet

Do you have a few hours to spare? Cat Angel Network needs YOU.

Are you are **retired**? Do you have a little **free time**? Do you have a **skill** that we need?

<u>Allergic?</u> You can be allergic to cats and still help! If you enjoy fundraising, have grant writing, accounting, or marketing skills, we can put you to work and you never have to see a cat (unless you want to, of course!)

Not allergic? Would you like to introduce our cats to their future families at PETsMART? We always need people who enjoy dealing with the public to staff the Adoption Center at PETsMART in Downingtown. The Adoption Center is always busy and we could use help especially on Friday evenings and Saturdays. This is a critical time for the cats and you can shorten a stressful stay for them if you are available for a few hours a week or even every other week.

Want to help but don't have lots of free time? If you are interested in **volunteering occasionally**, you can sign up for special events. For example, we just held our first Art Auction and raised over \$6,000 for the cats. It took a large number of volunteers (20+) to organize and run the event. We'd like to do more special events and we need people who are willing to organize and assist at these events.

Do you want to be more <u>hands-on with the cats</u>? We desperately need foster families to care for the kittens until they are old enough to be adopted. Kittens too messy? How about socializing a frightened teenager or shy adult until they are ready for a new home? A separate room, a good book to read, and a bit of patience are all you need! Are you home full-time? Consider bottle-feeding orphans. These little ones require a lot of care and the feeling of satisfaction you get from keeping them alive cannot be matched.

Can you <u>drive</u>? Don't mind being in the car with constant meowing? You can transport cats to and from the shelter, PETsMART, and our veterinarians' offices.

If you like to <u>clean</u>, we have jobs for you! The cats at the shelter are uncaged so they 'live' in their rooms and most of them don't pick up after themselves so you can always find a fur ball! Sign up for a room at the shelter, you can do 'heavy' cleaning once a month or clean weekly and you'll always have the help of someone, cat or kitten, trying to sweep or wipe with you. Would you rather <u>socialize</u> with the kitties? You can do that, too. There are always a few Timid Tillies who need some encouragement to be more outgoing

Did you ever consider helping Santa do his work? Right now, we are looking for elves to assist Santa with the <u>Pet Photos at PETsMART</u> every weekend in December. This is your chance to be an elf, hand out candy canes, get dogs and cats to smile and sit still for their picture. It's fun! I guarantee it!

You might want to learn how to assist us with **TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return)**. We receive more and more calls from people who have 'inherited' a cat colony and are not sure what to do about them. You can help us by working with these people onsite.

There is a place for everyone and we **CAN** use **YOU** to help the organization find a permanent place for all our cats and kittens and keep them happy and healthy until they do find their special home!

Go to our website – www.catangel.com - click on <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> to find our <u>VOLUNTEER APPLICATION</u>. Include as much information as possible to help us include your skills and time into our program.

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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!

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