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Together, we CAN make a difference!



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Cat Angel Network to Open New Adoption Center in Pottstown

by Charlotte Jay

We couldn't be more excited about the wonderful opportunity presented to us by PETsMART to be their Adoption Center partner at the new Pottstown PETsMART store! This is like a dream come true for us since Cat Angel Network was "born" in Pottstown, and for many years it was our only "home."

In 1999, we had the opportunity to join PETsMART as the Adoption Center partner at the Downingtown/Exton store on Route 30 where we will continue with our adoption work which grows steadily week by week. During our association with PETsMART we have main-

tained an outstanding record of adoptions, acquired many wonderful volunteers, and made lots of valuable contacts to help us in our labor of love, and we look forward to continuing this successful relationship for many years to come.

Now, another of our dreams has come true: to extend our growing network to serve the town where we started, as well as communities beyond. Our goal is to develop the Pottstown location with the same rate of success as in Downingtown by finding many more homes for our little furry feline friends and attracting new volunteers to join us in this exciting and

rewarding experience.

The new PETsMART store is located at the Town Square Plaza at Route 100 and Cedarville Road in South Pottstown, just north of Chester Springs. We are enthusiastically gearing up for the store's **Grand Opening on October 15**. Plan to come in and meet many of our angel kitties and lots of our dedicated volunteers who will be very happy to tell you about the rewarding experience of volunteering to help save precious little lives. 🐾

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Gala Fundraising Auction by Henry Grabb

On Sunday, November 6, 2005, Cat Angel Network will hold our third annual auction in the Grand Ballroom at the West Chester Holiday Inn, with doors opening at 2:45 p.m. and a start time of 3 p.m.. The event will begin with a silent auction, during which hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a carving station will be presented. Coffee and dessert will also be served during the live auction, which will begin around 4 p.m.

In addition to the silent and live auctions, we will have a store where attendees can buy (without bidding) many fun holiday and gift items. In addition, we will have a quality used item "Bring and Buy" table. This table will be for quality items that retail for at least \$10. You can bring an item directly to the auction or donate in advance. Items brought to the auction should be marked with the asking price and should not be larger than a breadbox. These items

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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.

New Volunteer Opportunities

by Charlotte Jay

The Pottstown PETsMART partnership has presented us with opportunities to add new volunteers for many facets of the operation. We will be accepting applications for Care-givers, Cat Socializers, Fostering, Adoption Helpers, and assistance in many other categories. We also are always interested in discussing administrative and clerical functions which is a wonderful way to provide assistance for folks who cannot help with

hands-on cat care but would like to participate or be involved in other ways.

If you are interested in joining the Cat Angel Network Volunteer Family, please complete a Volunteer Application which you can find online at our website – www.catangel.org. If you would like us to mail or fax an application to you, please call 610-327-6870 and leave your name,

phone number and address and we will be happy to mail or fax an application to you. Applications also will be available at both our PETsMART locations. We will be interviewing new applicants as quickly as possible and are looking forward to having you join forces with us to help find homes for the many kitties who are looking for their forever families. 🐾

Gala Fundraising Auction *(continued from page 1)*

will be sold directly from the table and must be paid for and removed immediately upon purchase. All items not sold in the “Bring and Buy” will go to a future CAN fundraising event.

This year, Bud and Annette Smith of Smith Auction Company (www.smithauctionco.com) are graciously supporting our event by

serving as our auctioneers. The live auction will feature donated items from individuals and area businesses as well as an outstanding selection of hand-made carved-wood items imported from Bali, Indonesia. In addition, we will have cat-related art and jewelry! Many items in the live auction will be sold with no reserve to the highest

a self addressed, stamped envelope along with your payment and we will mail your tickets to you.

A great way for business owners to help is to place an advertisement in the Auction Booklet. If you are interested in this, please send an email to catangelpa@aol.com or call 610-873-0430. Ads run \$50 to \$200.

CAN 2005 GALA AUCTION TICKET ORDER

send to
Cat Angel Network
Attn: Tickets
PO Box 3071,
Stowe, PA 19464

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

email:

Enclosed please find my check for _____ tickets at \$25 each, for a total of \$_____.

I cannot attend the auction but would like to donate \$_____ toward auction expenses.

“The live auction will feature an outstanding selection of handmade carved wood items, cat related art, and jewelry!”

bidder, no matter how low! We are planning a “something for every budget” event, and we hope to see many of you there.

We are accepting donations of new items and also financial donations to defray the cost of the event. Please contact me at catangelpa@aol.com if you have a new item to donate or would like to ask a business owner for a donation and would like me to send an official CAN donation letter.

You may purchase your tickets by filling out the coupon at left and sending payment to: Cat Angel Network – Attn: Tickets, PO Box 3071 Stowe, PA 19464. Tickets are \$25 each if purchased prior to October 30, and include all food and one drink coupon. After that date, tickets are \$30 each. Advance purchased 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

The Holiday Inn West Chester is located just south of West Chester near the intersection of 202 and High Street. 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 Street Exit, which directs you right (north), back toward West Chester. Either make a hard left, or go right and turn around in the shopping center on your right. Once you are headed south (away from West Chester), the Holiday Inn will be on your left.



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.**

The Rewards of Fostering

by Kirsten Byrd

What is fostering? To foster is to provide a loving, temporary home for cats that are not yet ready to find a permanent home. There are several reasons that CAN makes use of foster homes. By utilizing foster homes, we are able to save more cats than we could if we limited ourselves to the space available in our shelter and at PETsMART. Some adult cats come to us from traumatic or abusive situations. By staying in a caring home environment, they learn to trust people and can become better adjusted and thus more adoptable. Other cats may require special medical care or physical therapy, and are able to recover more quickly and comfortably in a foster home, where they can have a single, devoted caregiver.

We especially like to place young kittens into foster homes. Kittens develop their opinions and attitudes about humans between four and ten weeks of age. If they live in a normal home environment during this time, where they receive lots of atten-



Tibbits, Montgomery, and Griffin at 3 weeks

tion and love, they are much more likely to grow up to be friendly, sociable companions. Ideally, the mother cat will live in the foster home with them, at least until the kittens are weaned. Sometimes the mother is absent, in which case the kittens need extra doses of attention, love and care.

Why foster? It is extremely rewarding to slowly gain a frightened cat's trust and affection, or to nurse an ill or injured cat back

to health. To see a mother cat give birth, and to watch tiny, helpless kittens grow and learn about the world is an amazing experience. Kittens are an endless source of amusement as they learn to play, wrestle, hunt, wash and try their hardest to be like "big cats". It can be exhausting at times (kittens can be extremely messy!) but the rewards far outweigh the effort required.

When do we need foster homes? All the time! We primarily need foster homes for kittens and their mothers in the spring and summer (the height of kitten season). But kittens are born year round, and foster homes are always needed for adult cats.

What is involved in fostering? The fostered cat needs a place to stay where it can be isolated from other pets in the home, at least initially. Usually, a spare bedroom or a warm, dry basement is perfect. In the case of kittens, extra care must

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Financial Fast Facts About CAN

by Henry Grabb & Linda Petro

Though not as cute and cuddly as our kitties, the financials behind CAN are important to understand. Check out these Fast Facts...

- ▶ Each year, 25-30% of our budget comes from adoption fees, and 70-75% comes from generous donors, grants, and fund raisers.
- ▶ Veterinary care is our largest ex-

pense. In 2004, 52% of our expenses went to veterinary care.

- ▶ Other major expenses include food and litter, postage, printing, and utilities.
- ▶ As our organization has grown in recent years, our income has kept up with expenses, but only by a few wispy cat hairs. From 2002 to 2004, our income increased by 175%. Luckily, our donations increased

by 175.5%, a very thin margin indeed!

▶ We need a successful auction *and* a great Happy Holly Spays/Happy New Year to keep our heads above water as our expenses continue to increase for 2005 .

Our volunteers and our supporters keep us strong! Cat Angel Network is on firm footing, and here to stay! 🐾

Happy Endings (Letters From Adopters)

"In February, I adopted Dawn (aka 'Piglet'). I know that many of your volunteers were very attached to her. She has added such joy to my life. She is a huge love who craves human company. As you can tell from her picture, she loves to eat and is now a healthy 10.5 pounds. Everyone who meets her is amazed at how agile

she is and how friendly! She has never seen a stranger and runs to greet people as they enter the house. I wanted to let you know how she was doing and thank you for picking me to adopt her. I had not lived with a cat for many years and now cannot imagine my life without her! Thank you so much.

-Amanda



"I cannot imagine my life without her!"

Special Needs Kitties Who Need You!

Meet Harley

If you have ever enjoyed the sight of radiant fall foliage speckled with flecks of warm, golden sunlight and wished you could preserve the beauty all year long, Harley is the cat for you! This stunning red-patched tabby should have been named "Autumn," however the burly guy who rescued her thought that "Harley" was a more fitting name for a policeman's cat! When the spayed and front declawed stray started to hang around his house, the kindly officer took pity on her and brought her to his vet for vaccinations and testing. Her test for FIV came up positive, and the sad decision was made to find the affectionate cat a new home. FIV kitties have somewhat weaker immune systems than the average cat, but eighteen month old Harley is happy and healthy, showing no signs

of disease. She is loving, sweet, and extremely clean and tidy about herself. Please give Harley the chance to bring the warmth and color of autumn to your life 365 days a year! 🐾



**Will you be my
mom or dad?**

Angelina

Angelina is a gorgeous tortie-tabby kitten who was found up a tree in western Chester County. She's incredibly sweet and affectionate and has already decided that she wants to be a lap cat when she grows up! Angelina has the most adorable little meow and loves to talk to her foster mom. When given a routine test for FIV/FelV at the time she was spayed, the results came back positive for FelV. She loves other cats, so if you already have one or more cats who have tested positive for the FelV virus, she'd be a wonderful companion for them – if she ever leaves your side! 🐾



May I sit in your lap?

Nicholas & Alexandra

This adorable brother & sister pair were born on March 19, 2005. Alexandra has fine, silky, fluffy black fur and white markings. Her features are very delicate. She just loves to snuggle and be held,



**Could your house be
their forever home?**

and will often fall asleep in her foster mom's arms, lying on her back with her feet in the air and purring away. Nicholas is all black and has thick, lustrous short fur and an adorable little round face. He also likes to be held and purrs like mad when he gets his special back massages. Adventurous and curious, he's a typical little boy who likes to investigate absolutely everything. Both kittens love affection and attention and will return it many times over. They both recently tested positive for FeLV (feline leukemia), but are currently healthy and active. They have all the energy, curiosity, and playfulness that make kittens so special. We'd like to be able to find a permanent, loving home for them soon. Could that special home be yours? 🐾

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be taken to ensure that there are no hazards that could harm curious, exploring paws and noses. The foster parent provides food, litter, and most importantly, love; CAN provides advice, moral support, and veterinary care.

It can be difficult to say goodbye to your temporary houseguests, particularly kittens that you have watched grow from tiny babies into precious miniature cats. But you always have the joy of knowing that you are making a tremendous difference in the lives of these animals. Because of our dedicated foster parents, CAN is able to save – and find forever homes – for many more cats. 🐾

*If you'd like to become a foster parent
for Cat Angel Network, please call
610-327-6870 to obtain an application.*