



CAT ANGEL NETWORK

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☛ *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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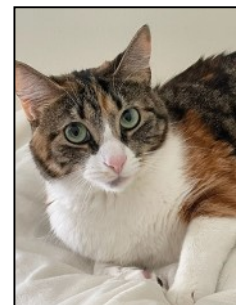
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Need More Fur and Purr In Your Life?

We want to thank our readers for their support of our mission to help cats and kittens in our area that are searching for forever homes. Your generous support, both financially and/or by adoption of our beautiful felines has given them a wonderful new beginning!

The success of any volunteer organization largely depends on financial support, of course, but also the support of volunteers is essential to get the job done. We have a roster of very dedicated volunteers but we are always in need of additional support to help us continue our work! We are currently seeking volunteers for our shelter in Pottstown and both PetSmart stores (Pottstown and Downingtown) to:

- Help foster cats and kittens in need of a soft landing while searching for their new homes
- Help with cage set up and breakdown when we bring in extra cats and kittens to PetSmart on the weekends
- Help meet and show the cats and kittens to potential adopters
- Help feed and take care of the cats both morning and evenings at the shelter and both PetSmart stores
- Assist us in our efforts to help community cats with Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR)



For more information on either becoming a foster or helper with TNR (and a life saver!) or to help care for the cats and kittens at the shelter or stores, please visit our website at www.catangel.org and complete an online volunteer application.

Our volunteer coordinator will be happy to go into detail about the various tasks for each function.

We hope to see you at the adoption centers or shelter soon! ☛

CAT\$ ~ Our Life's Work Made Possible Through Your Financial Support!

We never know from one day to the next where our help will be needed the most. Thankfully, through your generosity, we are able to help many special needs cats who would otherwise live in misery or have to be euthanized. Ranging from true medical emergency cases such as Mila, who was near death due to inability to deliver a stillborn kitten, to difficult and costly recovery situations such as Duncan and Blackie, Cat Angel Network has been able to bring joy where there was sorrow.



Duncan, shortly after his arrival at CAN

Please help us continue to be able to help our most expensive cases by donating to this spring's Veterinary Expense Fund. Your donation will allow us to say YES WE CAN!!! Turn to page two to meet Mila, Duncan, and Blackie, who are just a few of the cats we've been able to help through your generous donations. ☛



Yes We CAN! Meet Duncan, Mila, and Blackie

Duncan

On January 26, 2023, Duncan had the good fortune of finding his way to the porch of a cat lover in Pottstown who put out a plea for help for him. As luck would have it, a foster was available and not too far away from where he was found so things started to look up for dear Duncan.

The next day he went to the vet for a complete checkup. The vet estimated that he is 7-10 years old. His first visit was a bag of mixed results. He only had about 5 teeth left, 2 of which were broken and badly abscessed. Dental surgery would be necessary eventually when he feels better. His ears were loaded with Demodex mites and he also had Demodex mange causing his horrible and sore skin condition. He was 3-4 pounds underweight and at risk of refeeding syndrome. That is where a starved or very poorly nourished animal gets too much food at once and their system can't handle it and animals in his condition would be fatal most of the time. He had a nasty upper respiratory infection (URI) and any plans for surgery would have to wait until he is strong enough as the possibility of anesthesia could more than likely be fatal for him. He has a long recovery ahead but the good news in this is that he has a strong healthy heart and is negative for FeLV and FIV.

His lungs, despite the URI, were clear. The vet gave Duncan a good prognosis as long as he would continue to eat and gain weight.

Two weeks after he was found he had a follow up vet appointment and he had gained 12 ounces from his first visit and his skin started to improve. His ears were cleaned out and medicated to clear that up and a different antibiotic is finally clearing the URI.

In this vet visit, there was an additional discovery that a small lump right above his spine by his hind end was an embedded BB – how sad for this poor boy! And despite all of it, although he has his moments of feistiness, he is being a good patient and enjoying head pets and purring up a storm.

Duncan will need to have regular vet appointments for the foreseeable future to help manage all the issues he has. He will be with his foster mom for a long time to overcome all his health issues but thanks to the generous donations from our supporters, he will not have to worry any more about his next meal or where to stay safe and warm. 🐾



Duncan when he first appeared on the porch



One month later, on his way to recovery

Mila's Malaise



Mila recovering after surgery

If cats have nine lives, Mila was just about 2 hours from spending all nine of hers.

The surrender call came about 11 p.m. Friday night saying Mila had been struggling in labor for more than a full day and the only evidence of birthing was discolored discharge. Her person called CAN wanting to "surrender" this 3-year-old angel although she had only hours left to live. We couldn't turn our backs on this innocent

kitty and agreed to take her as a surrender and assume the cost of trying to save her life.

Emergency help was desperately needed! We finally succeeded in reaching a 24-hour-emergency vet who agreed to see her although the elapsed time gave little hope of saving her and the cost would be several thousand dollars. She was delivered to the vet, emergency surgery was performed and they managed to pull her through. The one and only kitten was way too big to be born and decomposition had progressed to the point of poisoning dear Mila.

We are so pleased that Mila has survived and Mila seems to understand her good fortune, too. Turns out she is a super little lovebug who can't get enough hugs and kisses. She is now resting and recovering at the CAN shelter and will be looking for a loving, caring family to adopt her into a happy home where she will be treasured forever. 🐾



Mila after recovery

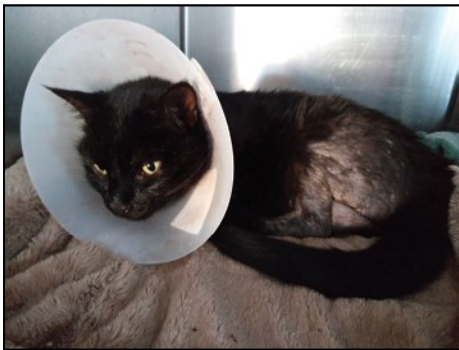
Blackie's Story

Every rescue is regularly told of animals who are seen outside suffering from some injury. Blackie is one of those cases.

She lived as a community cat in a neighborhood where many people fed her, all calling her different names. One day in October, a feeder noticed that she was holding her left rear leg up, with the limb hanging uselessly. He contacted CAN for help.

Blackie was brought to PAWS in Pottstown where radiographs confirmed that she had suffered a complete break of her leg, and the type of break would require a repair with a surgical plate by an orthopedic specialist.

CAN brought her to VRC where surgery was performed on Tuesday, 10/25/22. The bill to relieve this kitty's suffering was over \$5,000. A Fundraiser on Facebook and a collection in the neighborhood where she lived have helped to defray some of those expenses.



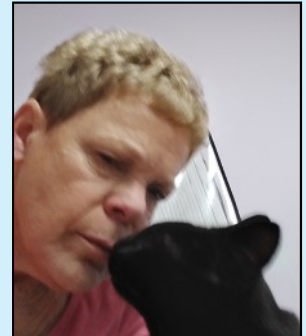
The pictures show Blackie soon after surgery and then after her required eight weeks of cage rest. Blackie is now fully healed and ready for her forever home!



Meet Our Volunteers

In 2019 Vicki Malick found herself without a job, collecting unemployment. She was also craving something new and different in her life when, on a trip to PetSmart, she noticed volunteer applications in the Adoption Center. She decided to submit one and a few months later she was trained and working as a shelter volunteer. A year later Vicki was hired as a receptionist/technician at her vet's office.

Vicki is married with a stepson and two grandchildren. Presently she has three fur babies at home. Sandy Whittington, CAN's TNR specialist, was instrumental in helping Vicki rescue her two girls, Lovey and Babgirl who were living outside as a feral and stray. Once they were vaccinated and spayed with CAN's help, Vicki was able to socialize the girls and give them a forever home. Vicki's boy, River, was rescued from living in the woods along the Schuylkill River Trail. After his picture was posted on Facebook, it took several weeks of daily feeding before Vicki was able to catch him and get him some badly needed medical care.



CAN has discovered that Vicki's soft, gentle treatment of and conversations with the shelter kitties has resulted in adoptable lovebugs who were previously unadoptable as a result of her special connection with them.

"Becoming a CAN volunteer was the best thing that could have happened [to me]. Kitties are my passion and working at the shelter gives me purpose."



Dawn Miller's first cat entered her life when, as a young girl, her father allowed a neighborhood stray into their apartment. She soon gave birth to five kittens which Dawn helped to raise. "I love all animals, but cats have been my absolute favorite since then."



Dawn was born in Philadelphia but her Dad's job as a career Army officer insured multiple moves over the years. She visited many countries, lived in Germany for four years, eventually moving 12 times before settling in Gilbertsville. Dawn and her husband Chris have two adult children, Tim and Tierney, who have inherited their mother's love of animals and her gentle spirit in communicating with them. Their first pet together, Schatze the dog, was followed by all cats: Indigo, Cyclone, Ben and currently Eclipse and Blossom. Dawn adopted 16-year-old Ben from CAN to give him the best golden years a kitty could have. Eclipse and Blossom followed soon after the loss of dear Ben.

She has worked for the same company in customer service for almost 30 years. She began volunteering with CAN when her job allowed her to work from home several days a week. During the pandemic, it became a full-time at home job which pleased her greatly as, after 27 years, she was able to give up a daily 20 mile commute. Dawn loves all of her time spent with "CAN-great people plus lots and lots of cats-it's the best." The feeling is definitely mutual!

2023 Cat Angel Network Fundraising Auction

Our 2023 auction will be held on Sunday October 29th with setup on Saturday October 28th. Because of the huge effort that goes into this event, we rely on many people to create an enjoyable and profitable experience for our attendees. This past year, we hit a milestone of approximately \$18,000 raised! There are many ways that an individual can help as listed below:



2022 silent auction tables

- 1) Help with setup on Saturday morning and/or teardown on Sunday (requires about an hour for each and involves some heavy lifting).
- 2) Help to organize an auction table. This can involve your finding items yourself for your table, working with the auction committee by taking donated items to create a table, or a combination of the two. We need up to three new table coordinators. Just to clarify, you can coordinate a table without buying anything!
- 3) If you are attending, bring some people who have never been before. This can be a huge help in upbidding!
- 4) Help with soliciting items from businesses. This involves taking a pre-written letter to a business and asking for a donation. If you spend a lot of money at a business, they may be excited to help you. An example: the donated pizzas come from Brothers Pizza and Pasta in West Chester. A CAN board member eats there frequently and is friends with the owners.
- 5) Help with auction food. We are still in the planning stages of how we will handle food for 2023 and there will be more about this in a future newsletter.
- 6) Help with advertising – we need a dedicated team to get the word out to the general public about our event through social media, articles in free newspapers such as Community Courier, etc.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Henry at catangelpa@aol.com or text him at 484-947-3684.



2023 Veterinary Expense Fund Donation Form

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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| ☐ 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!

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

Donations for our 2023 Veterinary Expense Fund may be sent to:
Cat Angel Network, P.O. Box 3071, Stowe, PA 19464, or donate online at
www.catangel.org.

“Holly Spays” Brings in Record Donations

Our 2022 Happy Holly Spays Fundraiser brought in a record of approximately \$20,000. These funds will help us end 2022 in good financial standing. We so appreciate the extreme generosity of our donors to this fundraiser as well as our other 2022 fundraisers. We are also thankful for our donors who make monthly and quarterly donations. As always, since we are an all-volunteer nonprofit, 100 percent of your donations go to cat rescue! 🐾

2023 Cat Angel Network Concert Canceled

Due to late breaking changes in university policy, we are unable to have our annual fundraising concert this spring. Over the 20 plus years that we have had our unique concert, we have raised approximately \$125,000 that has gone directly to veterinary bills and daily operational costs. Please check our fall newsletter for updates on our 2024 event.



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By the time you receive this newsletter, the Amazon Smile Program will no longer exist. This is a big blow to us, as we have been receiving about \$3,000 per year from this program. While this program is no longer available, those interested can visit www.goodshop.com and choose Cat Angel Network as their charity. Numerous stores participate including Staples, Best Buy, Alibaba, Banana Republic, and hundreds more. In addition, there are many coupon codes listed that can be used to reduce your total cost. We hope that you will visit goodshop.com and take a look at the many options available from their website.

