



# 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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## Enjoy Hauntingly Good Deals At Our 2022 Cat Angel Network Auction To Be Held Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>

We will be putting our best paws forward for this year’s gala auction, and we really want YOU to come join in the fun. While we were sad to miss our 2020 and 2021 auctions, we are back in action for this upcoming October, with our annual fundraising auction slated for Sunday, October 30th, starting at 2 PM. The event will be held in Griffith Hall, a part of the Ludwig’s Corner Fire Company. As in the past, we will have 15 silent auction item tables and a live auction, run by Bud and Annette Smith of Smith Auction Company, with approximately 45 items.



**When and where is the event?** The date is Sunday, October 30th from 2-4:30 p.m. Registration begins at 1:45. Silent auction tables will begin closing around 3:15. The event will be held in Griffith Hall, a part of Ludwig’s Corner Fire Company. The address is 1325 North Pottstown Pike, Glenmoore, PA.

**Where do I get tickets?** The price of admission is \$20 per person in advance (by October 21st), and \$25 at the door, or Oct 22nd through 29th. There are no physical tickets. Just fill out the form in this newsletter and return it with your payment or go to our website where you can purchase admission using PayPal. Your name will be on a list of attendees, so you will only need to check in at the door. We strongly encourage ticket purchase in advance and appreciate receiving your ticket return coupons or PayPal payment by October 15th. Tickets at the door will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

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## Happy Endings: Sandman’s Story

In mid-October, 2021, a man walked into the Pottstown PetSmart holding a tiny buff-colored kitten whose eyes were both swollen shut. He asked the cashier for advice, explaining that he had been at a cemetery attending a funeral service when the kitten came out of the bushes and sat on his shoe. He discreetly moved away several times, but the kitten found him each time. The man took this as a sign that the kitten was asking him for help.

The cashier Patrick happened to be a CAN volunteer and immediately called for help from fellow volunteers. When the rescuer realized the severity of the situation and how much specialized care the kitten would require, he was relieved to surrender the kitten to Cat Angel Network. CAN arranged an immediate vet visit to Pottstown Animal Wellness Services (PAWS). Dr. DiBuono said that the eyes were so swollen and infected that she couldn’t even see the eye surface to access what damage had been done.

A series of eye ointments and drops were prescribed, each being given 4-6 times a day. Re-exams were done every week. When the eyes opened enough to reveal the condition of the eye surface, it was apparent that one eye had an ulcer which required still another type of eye drop.

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## Sandman's Story

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The kitten, named "Sandman" both because of his color and his closed eyes, initially had a guarded prognosis. It was not clear whether he would have sight, limited sight, or be blind. Treatments continued non-stop for a month. Very gradually the eyes improved to the point that they were both fully open, and then the swelling, redness, and cloudiness slowly disappeared. Sandman could see! As he felt better and perceived the world around him, he began to play and regain a kitten's energy, making up for lost time in a whirlwind of activity.

Soon he weighed enough to be neutered, vaccinated, tested for FeLV, and microchipped at No Nonsense Neutering. Now we needed to find the right home for Sandman. He was not used to playing with other kittens, and he tended to be too rough, intimidating the other kitties his age. He went to PetSmart's Adoption Center with a carefully worded cage card stating that we were not sure how he would be with other cats.

That's when animal lover Leslie Amass walked into PetSmart on a mission to get cat supplies, with no intention of adopting another cat. She happened to see handsome Sandman in the Adoption



Center and instantly fell in love. She thought he would be the perfect companion to her young, high energy cat named Jerry.

She put in an application, was approved, and took Sandman home to her beautiful pet-friendly home a few days later. Introductions to the other pets went well, and Sandman and Jerry hit it off immediately! Rough-and-tumble play with lots of racing and wrestling was exactly what Jerry had been wanting, and Sandman was only too happy to oblige. Renamed Luigi, today this kitty with a poor prognosis is enjoying his "happily-ever-after" life with Leslie and her family, including best friend, Jerry.

Thank you to the village that brought about this happy ending – CAN volunteers & fosters, PAWS vet and staff, No Nonsense Neutering, and all of the loyal CAN donors who make it possible for CAN to provide the medical care for kitties like Sandman. And of course, a giant THANKS to wonderful adopters like Leslie and her family! 🐾

## Meet Our Volunteers

When **Debbie Stout** submitted an application to become a Cat Angel Network volunteer in 2017 she was grieving the loss of her two fur babies. They were both young cats when Debbie adopted them, but after 16 years, their health began to fail rapidly about the same time and she lost both cats in little more than a month. After this painful experience she swore not to ever get so attached again. She decided to join CAN to help kitties without becoming as emotionally invested.

Deb Stout grew up in Norristown and now lives in Royersford. She has a daughter and four grandkids, "Who are the best thing that ever happened to me." She also has a husband to whom she's been married for 26 years. For 34 years Deb has worked in the same field; supervising a group of Business Systems Analysts. She says, "I am a workaholic, an issue I've been trying to overcome for years."



In her spare time, when she is not with the kitties at PetSmart or the shelter, Deb and her husband have a camper at a year-round campsite and love to spend time there with their grandkids. They also typically spend quality time with the grandkids over Sunday dinner.

The picture of Debbie with two grey kittens came with the comment, "Here are the first kitties I fell in love with at the shelter. I used to stay at the shelter at night to play with them. They were the first of many I fell in love with. It can be hard to let them go but I love working at the shelter and at our adoption center at PetSmart, getting to see so many beautiful kitties get the home they deserve. It's so rewarding." 🐾

Until two years ago **Patty Odolecki** had absolutely no interest in owning or caring for cats. She was exclusively a dog person. Patty's son is partly responsible for her becoming a cat lover. He begged his mom to take in two cats, Dragon and Tiger, but she absolutely refused, "I don't do litter boxes, cat fur or scratching." Patty was adamant – no cats!

But eventually she was persuaded to take them and the rest is history. She fell in love and hasn't looked back since. Sadly, Dragon crossed the Rainbow Bridge but Tiger was soon joined by Onyx, Boo, Sissy, a diabetic cat, and recently, Willy (pictured with Patty). Luckily, her husband Mark is a willing collaborator and loves the fur babies too.



Patty's neighbor, Donna Newman (CAN Spotlight-Spring 2014) encouraged Patty's love of cats and she began helping Donna with rescues and fosters. Patty has been an invaluable friend and cat care assistant to Donna recently during some health issues and has come to love Donna's kitties and fosters as much as her own. She speaks so enthusiastically, never complains about scooping lots of litter boxes, preparing special food for a diabetic cat or hopping between two homes. "If I am feeling down or tired as soon as I open the door, and those sweet kitties come running, everything is better."

Patty feels blessed to be a part of Cat Angel Network. She is constantly amazed by all that CAN does to help cats in need. For those thinking about volunteering she says, "Try it – you will get so much satisfaction helping kitties find loving homes." 🐾

## Ask “Angel”



## 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 kitten hood 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 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 our adult cats find their homes.

Sassy, June Gal, and Ophelia are three examples of the many, many wonderful adults that are waiting for someone to ask to meet them.

## JUNE GAL JAY

June Gal Jay is a pretty torbie (red patches on a tabby pattern). Her luxurious coat and huge turquoise eyes create a gorgeous picture.



June Gal is an adult with special and unique characteristics. She is smart & curious and, when it comes to personality, she's in a class by herself. She knows exactly what she wants and will communicate that to you.

June Gal is looking for a person who is cat savvy and understands intelligent cats. She's alert, energetic, and entertaining. She's also a door-watcher and will require a human who is one step ahead of her in preventing “The Great Escape.” With the right person giving her the attention and interaction she craves, she will not want to leave your side!

June Gal is spayed, fully vaccinated, litter trained, and FIV and FeLV negative. She was born December, 2016.

## OPHELIA EVANS

Ophelia Evans is a super affectionate black & white girl looking for a quiet home to enjoy. She loves to be right by your side.

This poor girl has been through some stressful years and has some hair loss on her back side as a result. She is under treatment to overcome this issue.

She would do best in a quiet stress-free home without children, dogs, or cats. If you are looking for a kitty to spend your days with, Ophelia will shower you with love and gratitude.

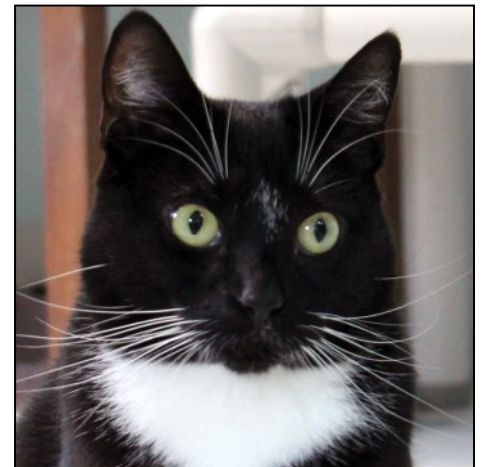
She is spayed, tested negative for FIV & FeLV, and is current on all required vaccinations. Her estimated date of birth is April 18, 2018.



## SASSY JAY

Sassy Jay is one of the prettiest tuxedo gals imaginable. Her lovely face is accented with extraordinarily long white upturned whiskers and big inquisitive eyes.

Sassy is a smart, spunky gal who came to us with an attitude that said, “It's about time somebody notices what a special girl I am and gives me the attention I deserve!”



With those who have made the effort to understand her, she has become a love bug who enjoys sitting in their laps or beside them on a chair or sofa. She has a favorite toy and her interaction with it is hugely entertaining to watch. For the right person, Sassy will be that once-in-a-lifetime, special cat!

She's been spayed, fully vaccinated, tested negative for FeLV & FIV, and microchipped. Her birthday is in April, 2019.



## Annual Benefit Auction

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**Dress/Health?** Since it's the day before Halloween, please feel free to wear a comfortable costume, cat ears, or wear whatever attire feels seasonal for you!! Masks will be optional, but please do not attend if you feel even slightly unwell. We will have the blue surgical masks on hand for anyone who wants to wear one and did not bring one from home.

**How can I help make this event a success?** If you would like to contribute a new item for the auction, please contact Henry. Also, we could use help advertising the event. We can send you a flyer to print out via email. We welcome event guarantors whose contributions will help cover expenses as well as increase our final profit margin substantially.

**What types of items are acceptable for the auction?** Unique items, restaurant gift certificates, practical items, jewelry, items of value, and bottles of wine tend to go well at the auction. Since we have limited table space, we may not be able to accommodate many larger items with a value of less than \$60.00. One never knows which items will bring in the big bids!

**What is the deadline to donate items?** The deadline is October 16th. After that date, we may still be able to take high quality items that will bring a good price at the auction. Please do not bring items to the auction as last-minute additions.

**What payment is accepted at the event?** What payment is accepted at the event? Cash and checks for all purchases. Credit cards can be used for purchases over the amount of \$100.

If you have questions, please contact: Henry Grabb at [catangelpa@aol.com](mailto:catangelpa@aol.com) (or call or text him at 484-947-3684). 📞



## Update: Ink Toner Recycle Program

We are only able to accept HP (Hewlett Packard) ink and toner cartridges at this time. Please recycle other brands on your own with your local recycle programs.

We do know that Staples has a recycle program that you could consider as a place to recycle your other used ink cartridges. If you have any questions, please contact [csedpeach2@aol.com](mailto:csedpeach2@aol.com).

## Donate Your Car

By using CARS, you can donate your car to Cat Angel Network with a few easy steps. Simply go to their web site at [careasy.org](http://careasy.org), or call 1-855-500-7433 to find out if your car is eligible for donation. Most cars are eligible even if they are not running. Generally, CARS will accept cars that they can sell at a wholesale auction for more than the cost of towing and processing.



The process is easy and painless, and most of our car donors have reported that their vehicle was picked up within a few days! In addition, since CARS is a national company, your friends and family members outside of this area are eligible to donate cars to Cat Angel Network as well. Since we began this program a number of years ago, we have had several donations from across the country.

Car donation is an outstanding way to help Cat Angel Network and remove the stress of dealing with selling a car that you are no longer using.



### 2022 Auction Ticket Purchase and Donation Form

All tickets will be held at the door.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a check totalling \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets. Tickets are \$20 each.

I have enclosed a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a donation to help save cats' lives.

Please make checks payable to **Cat Angel Network** and mail to:  
Cat Angel Network, P.O. Box 3071, Stowe, PA 19464.

**Tickets purchased after October 21 and at the door will cost \$25.** Ticket purchases cannot be refunded. If, for some reason, you cannot attend, please consider your ticket purchase to be a donation.



### Cat Angel Network Benefit Concert Raises \$7000

This past April 10th, a wonderful array of talented musicians joined together to present a fundraising concert to benefit Cat Angel Network. The event featured a great variety of vocalists, instrumentalists, and small ensembles.

The 2023 cat concert is slated for Sunday, April 16th, at West Chester University. Please mark your calendars now and come join in on the fun next April!

