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We have several kittens and a new puppy available for adoption – See page 2 for more information.

Through your generous support, we can help ensure that the animals who come to us now, and in the future, will no longer know hunger, sickness, loneliness or pain. Check out these easy support methods:

iGIVE.com

Show your support by shopping at over 300 well-known online stores. You can receive free gift certificates and coupons just by being an iGive.com member. Refer to www.igive.com or to the Safe Haven Web site and start helping today!

eSCRIP.com

Safe Haven is registered with eScrip.com and proceeds go to support our youth education program. To participate in this fundraising program, refer to www.escrip.com or to the Safe Haven Web site and start supporting now.

Save a life...spay and neuter!

I looked at all the caged animals in the shelter...the cast-offs of human society. I saw in their eyes love and hope, fear and dread, sadness and betrayal. And I was angry. "God," I said, "this is terrible! Why don't you do something?" God was silent for a moment and then He spoke softly. "I have done something," He replied. "I created You." – © Jim Willis 1999

FERAL CAT COLONIES – HOW WE CAN HELP.

Most people never see feral or "wild" cats unless the cats are near a restaurant or garbage can or are wandering in your neighborhood in search of food.

This sad truth is a big problem that is becoming worse. The reality is that feral cat populations are everyone's problem—one that is easy to solve by spaying and neutering our pets. This procedure is safe and easy, and it is the single most effective way to control cat populations before they get out of control. And, your pet will benefit from better health because of it. Pet owners benefit too: they won't lose sleep due to screams from cats in heat, nor will their eyes burn from the highly concentrated urine smell caused when male cats spray indoors.

Each year in this country, animal control agencies spend more than \$50 million in U.S. tax dollars on shelters and feral cat-related expenses, primarily expenses related to euthanasia. Because feral cats live by survival, they have shorter life

spans which causes them to breed more rapidly as a natural form of self-preservation. It is estimated that there are over 60 million feral cats in the U.S. alone.

Feral cat populations are a direct result of abandoned or stray/lost house cats. One pair of feral cats can produce as many as 420,000 cats in a seven-year period – if they manage to survive that long. This equates to 10 million new feral cats in just 10 years.

Even though these numbers sound high, these populations, when managed properly, are essential to controlling rodent populations in rural and urban areas.

Trapping, treating and releasing ferals can be a challenge, however, there are local resources that can assist with this process. A good place to start is on the Web at: www.1888PETS911.org/ (you can search their database by zip code), or you can reach them toll free at: **1-888-PETS-911**. Bay Area residents can refer to the Silicon Valley Friends of the Ferals Web site at: www.svff.org.

SpayUSA provides low-cost and free spaying/neutering. They can be found at: www.spayusa.org/about/about.html or by calling **1-800-248-SPAY**. Of course, we at Safe Haven are always here to help. Call us at **408-420-SAFE** or visit our Web site for additional information.

Now is the time to send in your 2002 membership dues. See insert for more details.



10 Reasons to Keep Your Cat Indoors

Looking for an argument to give a friend who insists house cats should be allowed outside? How about ten of them? Each and every item on this list happens every day. The best policy is to keep your cat inside!

1. Cars – Thousands of cats get hit by cars every year.
2. Car Engines – Looking for warmth, cats will climb into engines. You can imagine the outcome if the car is started.
3. Antifreeze – Cats like the sweet taste of this extremely toxic liquid. Less than a teaspoon is all it takes to kill a full-grown cat.
4. Poisoning – Some people set out poison to kill unwanted squirrels or rabbits...or cats.
5. Fighting – Cats have little chance of survival when fighting with dogs, raccoons or other wildlife.
6. Other Cats – Cats can be killed when fighting with each other.
7. Feline Leukemia – FELV, contracted through saliva and tears (and possibly urine and feces) can wreak

havoc on your cat's immune system. Some cats may live a normal life and not develop symptoms, but many live only several weeks or months.

8. Feline Immunodeficiency Virus – FIV is spread mainly through bite wounds. This virus also attacks your cat's immune system. Infected cats may appear normal for years before developing any symptoms. Some cats live long, happy lives; however many more may die.
9. Feline Infectious Peritonitis – FIP is primarily spread through contact with saliva or feces (inhaled or ingested). The most deadly form of FIP is the wet form, which is a buildup of fluid in a cat's abdomen or chest. Eventually the cat's breathing will be labored. FIP is deadly when the wet form develops, but not all cats will advance to this state. The question, as with FELV and FIV, is do you want to take that chance?
10. Animal Abuse – Cats are sometimes shot with BB guns, burned with lighters and firecrackers, and otherwise tortured. Often times this can lead to loss of limbs, eyes or life.

A d o p t i o n s

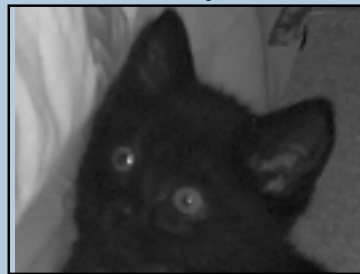
These happy and healthy kittens, and others not pictured, are available for immediate adoption. Each have been in our foster care program and are well-socialized to humans, dogs and other cats. Please contact Ginny Nichols at 408.420.7233 for adoption info.



Sarah



George



Yody



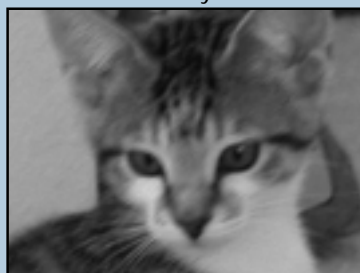
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Sinead



Princess



Help Safe Haven Out By Volunteering!

We need your help! If you have interest in any of the following areas and would like to volunteer, send an email or call us. Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary can use your "collective, creative, connections!"

Event Director: Work with our Event Coordination Committee to plan, organize and supervise fundraising events. Would be required to attend monthly board meetings.

Promotions Coordinator: Promote our fundraising relationship with iGive, eScrip, and other promotions.

Educational Director: Responsible for designing, implementing, and managing educational programs for children with funding from eScrip.

Fundraising Director: Create and supervise a fundraising plan and delegate assignments to volunteers. Would be required to attend monthly board meetings.

Event Workers: Work SHAS events, set up information tables at other local events, provide creative input, etc.

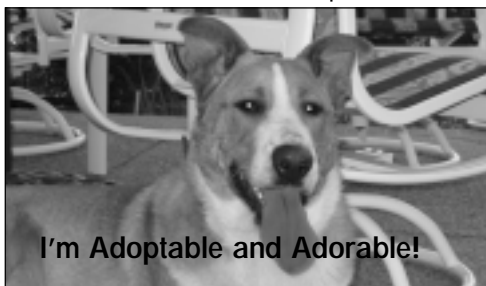
In-Kind Donations Coordinator: Work with local merchants to obtain donations of pet food, merchandise, and services.

Entertainment Coordinator: Know any animal-loving CEOs, key decision makers, or celebrities? We are planning some upcoming events and could use some local talent.

Foster Caregivers: To provide temporary shelter, care and love for potentially adoptable animals so that their chances of being adopted are increased.

Foster Coordinator: To assist with locating and managing SHAS Foster Caregivers.

If interested, please send an email to Laurie, our Volunteer Director at: lawmelo@pacbell.net



I'm Adoptable and Adorable!

Did You Know?

- That Safe Haven is going to expand its current feral cat facility?
- That the City of San Jose has a funded spay and neuter program? Check out www.ci.san-jose.ca.us/code/spay.htm
- That Safe Haven is supported by individual donations, volunteers and membership dues?
- That your financial support is helping to care for "special needs" animals?
- That most corporations will match your donations? [Please help us make a difference.](#)

A Little Bit Goes A Long Way

The pathway to adulthood can be a challenging transition. For Laurie Ellsworth, this is an understatement. Due to some unfortunate life circumstances, Laurie ended up living in a vehicle that she temporarily called "home." Interestingly enough, during this tough personal struggle, she got a "Little Bit" of help from a new friend.

Little Bit, a kitty with striking black and gray stripes, chose Laurie as his new friend—Laurie's only friend. His warm heart and caring demeanor really helped Laurie see the world in a new light. Laurie now had a new friend, one that she was ultimately responsible for, and a great reason to turn her life around. Little Bit inspired Laurie to pull her life together and make the transition from car to home with her new friend.

After a long and happy life together, Little Bit made his way to kitty heaven.

"After having him in my life for fourteen and half years, it is very different going home and not finding Little Bit waiting at the door for me." Laurie recalls some of their best

moments before he passed way. Little Bit received his name because of his unusually small size. As an adult cat, he still behaved as though he were little. He would climb onto Laurie's neck for his special cat nap—even when his size made it difficult for Laurie to function as a neck rest. He acted like a bat when he wanted his tummy scratched; he would let Laurie place his body upside down and indulge him in a tummy scratch. Never aware of his size as an adult cat, Little Bit would do things only cats a third his size would do. He would fall asleep on the window sill, walk on top of the open front door (like a gymnast on the balance beam), but like most cats, his favorite pastime was curling up and sleeping peacefully.

"Without Little Bit, I really don't think I would have ended up where I am today. He was my best friend and a good listener. Little Bit certainly made his mark—he gave me the gift of his friendship when I needed it, shared his love when I didn't know it existed, and we worked together as a team to stay on a clear path to becoming a responsible adult...I will miss him, and never forget him."

The Perfect Gift

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary volunteers are working hard to reach our goal of building a new facility as quickly as possible. We are anxious to extend the care and peaceful environment to even more of our furry friends, and you can help us get there!

Currently, we are in need of the following donations:

- Cat food (canned or dry)
- Bedding supplies
- Paper towels
- Pet dishes
- Copy machine
- Plain paper fax
- High-speed PC-based printer
- Storage/warehouse space in Silicon Valley
- Office space in Silicon Valley
- Building supplies

If you can help provide any of these items, please contact Ginny Nichols at **408•420•7233**



We have reached capacity with the current Safe Haven Feral Cat Park. In the coming months we will be adding a second section and we are in the process of finalizing the plans. If you can assist with construction, donation of funds or materials, please contact Ginny Nichols at **408•420•7233**. **Thank you!**

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Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary was founded on the belief that no animal should have to go hungry, be homeless or live in fear or pain, regardless of its appearance or health. The Sanctuary believes that all animals deserve to be treated with dignity and respect and be provided with care in an environment that will help increase their opportunities for a better and safer life.

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