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Where Your Donations Go

Only a Collaborative Labor of Love Saves Lives

Why rescue cats? It's a simple enough question. For those of us who've experienced the joy of living and bonding with a cat (tame or feral), we appreciate their unique personalities and the many ways they communicate with and express their fondness for us. We are amazed at their ability to wrap us around their little toe pads, impressed by their athleticism, entertained by their antics, and appreciate their love and soulful ways of helping to lower our blood pressure. Many of us would never live without a cat under our roof or in our garden. We are the same people who are stunned beyond disbelief when we learn that a cat who loved its family is left behind inside a foreclosed home without food or water. We are equally appalled when we learn that a pregnant female cat is abandoned at railroad tracks where many like her were abandoned before – the reason given: “*She keeps having kittens.*” We'll push through a week of sleepless nights to tube feed newborn kittens found in a dumpster at a local high school — cold to the touch and too weak to suckle from a bottle. Our compassion moves us to rescue the feline foundlings...whether as ICRA volunteers or not. For anyone who has rescued a kitty off the street, you know that there is often significant cost involved in making that cat healthy or adoption ready. More and more, ICRA tag teams with individuals in the community on this front, and your donation dollars remain critical to the effort!

Timothy was living as a stray in Alameda, surviving on food from cat-caring neighbors. When he suddenly disappeared after being hit by a car, they made every effort to find him. Finally, he was spotted dragging a hind leg. For two weeks he hid under a deck, enduring the pain of a fractured hip. Once captured, he was brought to our attention. The photo shows how one abandoned, severely injured cat can be given a second chance thanks to your donation dollars, a supportive group of veterinary partners who provide hours of care and discounted services, and individual Good Samaritans who are willing to interrupt their routines and go the extra mile to rescue and nurture a cat in need. A collective effort allowed Timothy to receive the medical care he needed, and he found a wonderful new home within three months of his terrible accident.



*Thank you, ICRA donors, for giving me and so many others a second chance. -- Timothy
Adopted by Coralyn B., San Francisco*

A bad economy has left more cats abandoned than in prior years. As a result, ICRA has spent roughly \$4000/month for spay/neuter and vaccination services so far in 2011. Your donations made it possible for us to fix over 820 cats and kittens this year alone to prevent hundreds more unwanted kittens from being born, but the need continues. For injured or sick cats, veterinary costs can be substantial. The combined cost for surgeries and rehabilitation for Timothy and **Fernando**, whose story is highlighted on page 3, was \$3,500. We know that money is tight, but donations of any size are greatly appreciated. We are an all volunteer organization, so your donation dollars go to the cats, not staff salaries or overhead.

We wish to extend our very special thanks to the following veterinary professionals who are so critical to what we do: Alameda Pet Hospital, Berkeley Dog and Cat Hospital, Chabot Veterinary Hospital, East Bay SPCA Spay and Neuter Clinic, Park Centre Animal Hospital, Thornhill Pet Hospital, and VCA Bay Area Animal Hospital. Your guidance, patience, and support are greatly appreciated!

SAVE THE DATE!!

ICRA's 14th Annual Champagne Silent Auction

Saturday, May 5, 2012

7:00pm to 10:00pm

E lks Lodge, Alameda

All proceeds go toward helping stray and feral cats in our community. Watch for our future mailing and check our website for details and updates. See you there!

Do you have a vacation rental or condo stay to donate for the event? Please contact us! Of course, the kitties welcome and appreciate all donations.

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UNFIXED CATS DON'T TAKE A BREAK FOR THE HOLIDAYS, SO NEITHER CAN WE.

Waiting for Spring to do Trap-Neuter-Return is TOO LATE!!

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Saturdays (except holidays) at PETCO in Alameda's Southshore Center from Noon-4pm.

First Saturday of the month at Petfood Express on Blanding Way, Alameda from Noon-3pm.

For more information e-mail ICRA at info@icraeastbay.org or call (510) 869-2584.

Our Mission: We are dedicated to reducing the suffering of abandoned and feral (wild) cats and to empowering the local community to aid them in their plight. We provide low-cost spay/neuter, vaccines, and medical treatment to all of our cats, and resources for people willing and able to help themselves. We provide foster care for tame or socialized cats until they can be placed into quality, permanent homes through our adoption program. We return feral or unsocialized cats back to their colonies in a safe, managed environment. We strive to educate the public about responsible treatment of animals and the need for spay/neuter to reduce the number of unwanted kittens.

Home Is Where the Cat Is

How to Find (or Create) a Pet-Friendly Rental

By Elyse Couvillion

According to USA TODAY, approximately two out of every three Americans have companion animals, and 76% consider them family members. That's why it's surprising that the growing supply of companion animal-friendly rental housing is being outpaced by demand. Even more surprising many landlords don't realize that making their property pet-friendly is the better choice business-wise.

The following information is taken from the 2005 FIREPAWS study based on a survey of 250 landlords (<http://www.firepaw.org/CompanionAnimalRentersPetFriendly.pdf>) and informal interviews with 12 local property owners and building managers.

Tenants with pets stay longer. On average, 23 months longer than tenants without pets. This translates directly to income, not to mention less time, effort, and money expended to fill empty apartments.

Risk of damage is statistically small. Cringe-inducing scenarios of pet damage and disruption make good stories, but it's important to know that on average the additional cost of damage caused by pets is \$40.00, an amount more than covered by the average \$150.00 pet deposit. Tenants take better care of rental property when it feels like a home, and home means family, including the furry and four-legged.

Tenants with pets are usually nicer people. Local, experienced professionals Jan Mason at Mason Management (25 years) and Ellen Purdy with Harbor Bay Realty (13 years), as well as every other person interviewed, share this observation. Is this attributable to the kind of person who adopts an animal or the widely documented health benefits of having pets? Who knows? Probably a bit of both.

Tenants with pets enjoy a sense of community. From sharing information on cat food, dog trainers, and local veterinarians to offering pet-sitting services when someone goes out of town, pet guardians bond easily with each other. Studies prove that a sense of community is one of the most important elements of happiness. Happy people make better tenants.

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Your Unused Vehicle Can Save a Cat's Life!

Do you have a car, truck, RV, boat or motorcycle doing nothing for you but taking up space? If so, ICRA sure can use it. Proceeds from your generous donation will help us provide even more spay/neuter services for feral and abandoned kitties. Eliminate the hassle of selling your vehicle with a simple, five-minute phone call.



There is no cost to you, and your donation may be eligible for a tax deduction!

To donate, please call 1-888-686-4483 or 925-229-5444. Tell the operator that you wish to donate your vehicle to **Island Cat Resources and Adoption**. You can also visit <https://www.cardonationservices.com/90/donate-a-car-Island-Cat-Resources-and-Adoption/> to arrange your donation online.

2011 Community Action: Putting Your Donations to Work

Fernando was one of two young cats hit by cars in Alameda this spring with whose rescue ICRA assisted. Here is his touching story.

Lindsey (rescuer): I arrived home one evening to find a fluffy brown adolescent kitty curled up next to my very busy street in Alameda. He wasn't moving and I didn't recognize him. I reached out to see if he would skitter off, but he could only limp a few feet. I picked him up, unsure of his temperament, and put him in a carrier with a blanket, litter, and cat food my neighbor shared with me.

I went online to research local cat rescues and reached out to ICRA, who responded within 24 hours and set up an appointment at a local Alameda veterinary office, where they confirmed that his leg was broken. He was likely struck by a car. Surgery was required so Fernando — the name I picked out for this handsome cat — could walk again. His recovery required two months of cage rest before he could be placed into a permanent home. My mother, Linda, agreed to foster him at her home in Castro Valley and Sunrise Assisted Living of San Mateo agreed to adopt him as their community animal companion once he was fully recovered.

VCA Bay Area Veterinary Hospital performed his surgery and ICRA's Board approved the funds needed to pay for it. Each week for eight weeks I took Fernando back to the clinic to have his leg checked and bandage changed. The staff at this clinic was amazing. They took excellent care of him and told me what a love he was. ICRA provided his medications and periodically checked on his progress. All involved with this cat were angels who saved his life.

Linda (foster mom): Fernando...what a dream boy! I didn't think I could be one to take in a cat and then let him go, but I did, although I do keep a photo of Fernando on my office desk to this day. He thrived on tummy rubs that could (and did) go on for hours. I put him in my lap while I was on the computer or next to me on the bed while I read. He would lie on his back and take whatever love he could get. He sort of adjusted to the cage but was always ready to be lifted out for more attention. I found myself in his room a lot! I took Fernando to the vet on one of his last visits. The folks there recognized him immediately and spoke to him fondly. He made his way into their hearts, too. I was out of town when he left for Sunrise. That was the best way to have him go. I appreciate that the folks at Sunrise have sent photos to let me know he has a wonderful home...giving and receiving lots of love.

Sunrise Assisted Living of San Mateo (home): Fernando was timid when he first came to our Reminiscence Neighborhood. He ran under the bed when we approached, so we let him explore on his own terms.

Mary, his roommate, fell in love with him at first sight - they quickly formed a close bond. He gives her meaning and purpose as she is responsible for feeding and brushing him daily, along with making sure he is given a lot of love and "scratches" from other residents. He spends his days lying in the common living room, enjoying the sights and sounds. He has become a delightful addition to our neighborhood and we are fortunate to have such a docile, curious kitty. The unconditional love he gives us is truly what we should all aspire to give others. We are grateful Fernando has made Sunrise of San Mateo his new home.



Fernando, fulfilling his destiny to provide unconditional love and a sense of purpose to the same kind of humans who helped him.

Lena G. reached out for help getting **Snowball** neutered.

"...I am so grateful for [ICRA's] help in getting Snowball neutered and giving him his shot...I just got the good news from my property management that I get to keep him. Again, Snowball and I thank you so much for helping me and making it possible for me to keep



ICRA assisted the rescuers (and ultimately adopters of) **Gingersnap**, a very sick kitty found at Alameda Point. Sadly, we received word just before this newsletter went to print that the family had to make the painful choice to euthanize her rather than see her suffer from acute, recurring kidney problems stemming from her pre-rescue days. We at ICRA thank and admire Gwyn and her daughters for caring enough to give Gingersnap the three best and most loving and pampered months of her life.

"As my daughter said when the emergency clinic referred to her as a stray, she stopped being a stray when we took her in...Please pass on my deep gratitude to your colleagues and thanks for all of the e-mail support. - Gwyn J."



ICRA (along with Layla, a neighborhood feral cat caretaker) assisted Cheryl and Cap K. in neutering two young, stray orange tabby brothers who managed to show up at the door of their purple warehouse in Oakland only 40 hours apart. Unable to take on any more cats themselves, Cheryl and Cap convinced fellow warehouse dwellers Tad and Deborah to adopt the dapper duo of **Winston** and **Ellington** so they could stay together after all they had been through.

"Now these lucky kitties not only have a loving home, they have jobs and a website: <http://orangecatstudios.blogspot.com/>. How great is that! Thanks again for everything you do. These happy stories couldn't happen without your help."

- Cheryl and Cap K.
This gorgeous photo, taken by their new mom and dad, proves that these two street-savvy youngsters turned photography studio moguls certainly seem to be naturals when it comes to working the camera and rocking an outfit for just about any occasion.



Home Is Where the Cat Is

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'Love Me, Love My Cat'

Good news! Demand is increasing the amount of "Pet OK" units, BUT there still aren't enough. Foreclosures and scarce credit have made the rental market more competitive. Sneaking in your cat is NOT an option because eventually, without a doubt, you will be found out and probably evicted. Then you AND your kitty will be homeless.

But fret not! You will find the perfect pet-friendly rental. How? By selling yourself AND your kitty as good tenants. This also applies when trying to convince your current non-pet-friendly landlord to consider allowing you to adopt.

"No Cats" is often hidden code for "No Careless Tenants With Incontinent or Emotionally Disturbed Cats." So when you inquire about a rental, try to get a sense of what the "No" in their "No Pets" clause really means. Given any encouraging sign, look at the property with the landlord/property manager **and bring a copy of your 'Feline File'** (see below). If possible, talk to the owner in person. If they are unreachable, get the property manager on your side and have a request letter for the owner signed and ready for delivery.

For an in-depth guide to finding/creating pet-friendly rentals, go to the "Open Door" section on the San Francisco SPCA website: <http://www.sfsPCA.org/programs-services/open-door>.

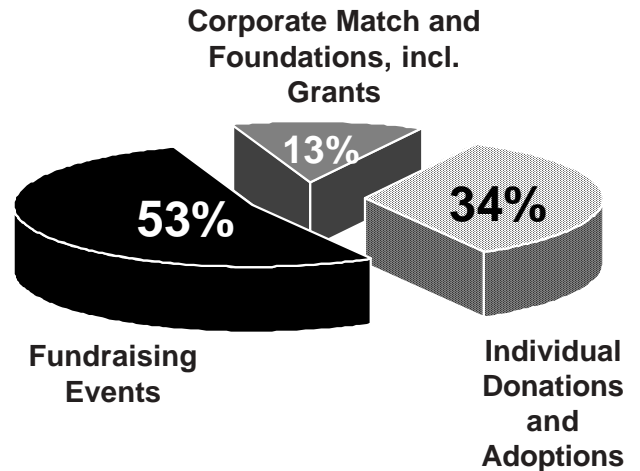
'The Feline File'

If you live in a "No Cat" unit and want to adopt (or a "Single Cat OK" unit and want another cat) a 'Feline File' on your prospective cat(s) can make all the difference. Adoption groups should be able to find you with a cat with good references. Kittens are a little tougher, but cuteness counts. 'Feline Files' should include:

1. **Photos** – **KEY** to the covertly powerful "charm offensive."
2. **Resume** – Capture the unique, quirky, wonderfulness of your cat(s) and detail good litter box, scratching post, and grooming habits as well as favorite toys, sleeping places, and tolerance for grooming and routine vet visits. Add a little humor ... this is a cat resume after all.
3. **References** – Landlords love third-party input. Ask prior landlords, veterinarians, and pet sitters to vouch for good health history and behavior.
4. **Blank Pet Agreement** – The landlord may have one, but this shows you are serious, organized, and business savvy.
5. **FIREPAWS Study** – This recent study provides statistical proof that pet-friendly policies mean better business (<http://www.firepaw.org/CompanionAnimalRentersPetFriendly.pdf>).

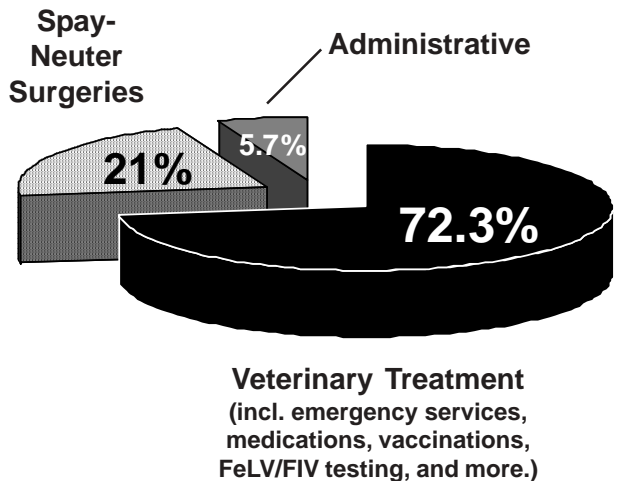
Sharing life with an animal is one of the most wonderful experiences we can have. With a little work and preparation, you WILL find that perfect, pet-friendly rental or coax your landlord into becoming pet-friendly so you can make your house (or apartment, condo, duplex or cottage) a home.

Where ICRA's Dollars Come From...



Even though ICRA has succeeded in broadening and diversifying its targeted fundraising portfolio, **YOU** - our **individual donors** - remain the core of ICRA's revenue base. As such, you are critical to us being able to offer robust spay-neuter and adoption/foster cat programs for cats and caretakers in need.

...and How We Put Them to Work for the Cats!!



We at ICRA are extremely proud of our concerted effort and continued success through the years in keeping annual administrative expenditures, i.e., those not directly related to cat care, between 6-9 percent. That means that **91-94 cents of every dollar** you donate goes toward providing spay-neuter surgeries, routine and emergency veterinary care, and foster cat support.

**Data Reflects
ICRA Receipts and Expenditures
January-June 2011**

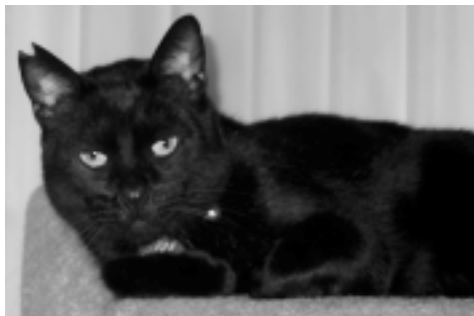
ALUMNI Mews

Why rescue cats? Because if we can find homes as wonderful as these for even a fraction of them, it's worthwhile. Best wishes to all of our alumni, many of whom are spending their first holiday season in the warm embrace of a loving family.

We reserve the right to use your photos and comments in our newsletter or on our website to update the community on our work.



Beau is patterning his new dog and guardian to his routines and desires. "He is really an exceptional cat, and has added a dimension of joy (the special 'cat aspect') that I've missed since my last cat...passed away. I really cannot thank you enough. I finally have the exact two animal companions that I've always dreamed of." Adopted June 2011 by John T., Alameda.



Beemer's (f. Black Bean) new person reports "he turned 5 in May of this year, so he's still a young man." **P.S. From the Cat:** What she failed to mention is that I'm crazy handsome, too. Adopted June 2008 by Karen S., Alameda.



Former feral **Mouse** says: Purrfect fit! What good is this thing anyway if it's not actively feeding **ME**? Adopted June 2011 by Elyse C., Alameda.



We don't recall authorizing photos as part of the deal. Where is that adoption contract? Despite the intrusion on their beauty rest, **Cosette** and **Saioirse** are adapting well to their new home. Adopted July 2011 by Nancy T., Alameda.



Lovely and svelte **Natasha** (a.k.a. Nattie Gram) continues gaining confidence to come out of her shell - on her on terms - thanks to the patience and love of her family. We couldn't ask for anything more! Adopted December 2010 by Anthony & Amanda G., San Mateo.



Char (f. Chardonnay) and **Pia** (f. Petit Syrah) are caught putting this cat tree through the ultimate stress test for rigorous physical activity. Adopted September 2011 by Jonna B., Alameda.



Gia 'Maria Sophia Lolabrigida' surveys her new kingdom, awaiting the arrival of throngs of adoring subjects ... and killer birds and insects. Her guardian writes: "Thank you for giving her such a good chance at having her own home!" Adopted August 2011 by Chris S., Alameda.



Bongo and **Taiko**, rescued as kittens from the Lake Merritt Boat House, look as happy as two peas in a pod (almost literally) in their new home. Adopted January 2011 by Jim B., Alameda.



Cece (f. Fiona) says: 'Keep chewin' on that bone, Buddy...acting like you don't notice me back here. Someday you'll learn that what's mine is mine and what's yours is mine...even if I could care less what it is. I'm a cat. It's how we roll. Sooner or later you're gonna have to go out for a walk...and I've got noooothing but time. Adopted July 2010 by Char F., Castro Valley.



Merlot has worked his charm on new older sister **Eclair**, who is either worn out by his youthful exuberance or - through him - has recaptured her kittenish days of care-free power naps. Adopted August 2011 by Willbe H., Oakland.



Simon (f. Niles) shows us why he epitomizes elegance in ... umm ... 'action.' From what his guardian writes, **Simon** has found a balance between 'helping' his humans around the house and getting in that much-needed nap time. Adopted July 2011 by Stephen B., Alameda.

More ALUMNI Mews next page



I was supposed to be a garden kitty, but the dogs need me! According to her guardian, **Rhoda** (f. Laney) **chooses** to stay indoors despite the inviting garden beyond a dog door. She's come a long way from her feral days as a colony cat whose elderly feeders foreclosed and moved away. Adopted June 2011 by Jean E., Concord.



It is so awesome being me that the only thing better would be taking care of me! Of **Bob**, his adoptive parents write: "We're so glad he came into our lives and we can't thank you all enough for taking care of him for the first few years of his life." Adopted May 2010 by Christine S., Patrick L., and Leon the Cat, Emeryville.



Move it over, Scout! Geez, Louise! The humans just told them how we share and everything, but this is a bit much. All reports indicate that **Finn** (f. Tiger) and **Scout** (f. Molly) were quick to bring joy, spirit, and domestic 'help' to their new family. Scout's a computer expert, while Finn specializes in laundry. Adopted September 2011 by Tess G. O'C., & Kiernan O'C., San Francisco.

Do you want a piece of what these alumni stories reflect in your life? Check our website to query our list of [cats available now for adoption](#) or visit us at our Saturday adoption sites.

Memories of Buddyboy and Betty

Little Furry Souls Leave Behind Unbreakable Bonds

My 20 years with Buddyboy began in 1992 during a snowy December in Burlington, Vermont. I was attending graduate school after nearly three years of service in the Peace Corps. A neighbor complained to me about a stray cat whom I met one day, his black fur striking against the fresh snow. I imagine he was around six months old, with huge paws and a sweet, open personality. Buddyboy was quickly named and quietly loved. A year later Betty, another beautiful black kitty, joined us. Buddyboy and Betty were a study in opposites. He was quiet; she had a lot to say about her Siamese heritage. He could always eat, having known hunger. She picked and nibbled when so inclined. They were the best of friends, tumbling, running, chasing and climbing into all kinds of trouble. Winter was cold in Vermont and my kitties dove under the covers, burrowing in and creating a space in my heart that was theirs alone.

Our next home in San Francisco had a little porch that caught the afternoon sun. They sat on the top step to watch the tiny yard. Buddyboy wandered, sometimes staying out later than I liked. I turned 30, met my husband to be, and made sure the cats made it into all the Christmas news I sent back east.

Buddyboy loved our brief stay in the Santa Cruz Mountains near Los Gatos...the rain, the redwoods, the wildness. He never wanted to come inside and protested when put into a moving crate six months later. Betty worshiped the wall heater in our new Menlo Park apartment. She stretched extra long to soak the heat deep into her bones. Buddyboy gazed out the windows into an old oak to monitor the comings and goings of a gang of squirrels, mostly content with the shift back to a more civilized existence.

Tom and I got married and moved to Alameda where Buddyboy and Betty were joined by Manzy, a shelter dog who was with us for nearly eight years. Two stray cats joined the ranks. Six years ago our son Leo was born. Three years ago Betty started losing weight, fading quickly. Leo and I took her to the vet and when the tech took Betty to the back, Leo protested: "She can't take our cat. Tell her she can't take our cat. Why is she taking her!" She was in congestive heart failure. We decided together, in a stilted conversation meant to not scare, that it was best to have her euthanized that day as breathing was a struggle. I was unprepared to say goodbye and already missed her sweet presence.

Meanwhile Buddyboy was aging, losing weight for the first time in his life. He was completely deaf and started peeing in a corner of the living room and needed thyroid medication daily. The best medicine for him was Viola, a breeding dog from Guide Dogs for the Blind. He improved dramatically when she joined us in January 2009. He gained weight, stopped peeing in the wrong places, and was more social. When Viola was gone for six weeks to have her puppies, he missed her...sleeping on her bed and walking around the yard looking for her. When she returned, Buddyboy was more settled.

Buddyboy was nearly 20 years old, slowing down and sleeping more. I wanted him to die at home, at peace, with his people and dog. Some evenings we had to go outside to find where he had fallen asleep and bring him in. ICRA's website had links about hospice and cats. I found the material very helpful in making me to believe that we could do this on our own as long as Buddyboy did not appear to be in pain.

On Friday, September 16th Buddyboy didn't eat his special food. Saturday afternoon Tom, Leo and I sat with Buddyboy. We talked about how he was going to die soon and how we needed to give him lots of our love while we could. Monday morning we found Buddyboy dead near his favorite sleeping spot. It was terribly sad. We buried him under the swing in the backyard. We talk to him most days — the kids tell him about their days and that they miss and love him. I see him in the shadows — the black backpack on the floor, the pile of clothes, out of the corner of my eye in the yard. Buddyboy, with his warm heart and old kitty soul, graced us with his presence for nearly 20 years. I feel truly blessed to have shared that time with him. - *Jacqueline Bruhn*



Betty (left) and Buddyboy sharing their sunny San Francisco backyard perch.

Donations In Memory Of...

- ❖ Comet from Christine Shaheen
- ❖ Jasmine from Fred Heckendorn
- ❖ Ellen McGinn's much loved cat 'Penny' from Gail Churchill
- ❖ 'Penny,' my Sunshine sweetheart from Ellen McGinn
- ❖ Leigh and Bob Lofgren's adored rescue kitty 'Miss Scarlett' from Gail & all at ICRA
- ❖ The Post's sweet 'Leo' from Gail Churchill
- ❖ Sarah Rasmus' beloved kitty from Gail Churchill
- ❖ Leslie Cobb's sweet 'Dominique' from Gail & all at ICRA
- ❖ Elizabeth McDonald from Linda Gibboney, Nelda Ann O'Neil, & John Martin Manion
- ❖ Gertrude Stevenson from Peggy Withrow & Mary Sofatzis
- ❖ Allie, Molly, Nemo, and Sammi from Karin Seritis
- ❖ Leslie Straus from Isadora Alman
- ❖ Brenda from Julia Illescas
- ❖ Marge Jost's kitty 'Riley' from Scarlett Ho
- ❖ Sandy Sher's brother from Gail Churchill
- ❖ 'Buddy Boy' from Jacqueline Bruhn
- ❖ Jacqueline Bruhn and Family's 'Buddy Boy' from Merry Bates & all of us at ICRA
- ❖ Debbie Sharp's 'Chevy' from Heather Hanly & Dan Purcell
- ❖ Debbie Sharp's 'Lizzy' from Heather Hanly & Dan Purcell
- ❖ Virginia Tiger's 'Pretty Girl' from Heather Hanly & Dan Purcell
- ❖ 'Miss Scarlett' from Leigh & Bob Lofgren
- ❖ Merry's beautiful grey 'Gracie' from Peggy Harding
- ❖ Our Big Tuxedo 'Goo Goo' from Michael Gong & Barbara Wong

In Loving Memory of Miss Scarlett



This sweet and sophisticated girl, who has graced the pages of many an ICRA newsletter through the years, passed away on August 26, 2011. Miss Scarlett's truly was a rags-to-riches rescue journey that took her from being thrown out of (literally) a bad home in San Leandro to eating in a gutter to spending the 11 most glorious and pampered years of her life in the loving care of devoted guardians Leigh and Bob Lofgren. Because of them, Miss Scarlett blossomed into a feline princess through and through, and we will miss the regular updates on her various pursuits among Greensboro, Georgia's social elite.

We at ICRA thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Leigh and Bob, for giving Miss Scarlett the kind of warm and nurturing home that every cat and kitten deserves.

Donations In Honor Of...

- ❖ Patricia MacGinnis from Mark & Dorothy Boynton
- ❖ Gail Churchill from Marella Guigou
- ❖ Gail Churchill's B-day
- ❖ Tiny and Spot from Michael & Sandra Poland
- ❖ Simon's 10th Anniversary from Victoria Klum

Donations Dedicated To...

- ❖ Bob the Tabby's one-year anniversary from Christine Shipley
- ❖ Wesley Thompson from Penny Scott
- ❖ Troy Benschoter from Craig McCauslan
- ❖ Help Adrienne Celebrate her milestone birthday from a Group Donation
- ❖ Anne Clarke: Trapper ... Thank You from Sarah Rogers at Clifton & Miles. Couldn't have done this project without you!
- ❖ Peggy Harding in celebration of her milestone birthday from Merry Bates
- ❖ Peggy Harding and Merry Bates ... Thank You from Joanne Driscoll

Many Ways to Make Holiday Kitty Wishes Come True!



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SUPPLY WISH LIST

- Used)
- Bath-sized Towels
 - Cat Beds (New or Disinfected and Gently
 - Cat Food (Wet and Dry)
 - Cat Litter (clay, pine, wheat or corn)
 - KMR (Kitten Milk Replacer) - unopened
 - Paper Towels
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 - Postage Stamps



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A New Way to 'Go Green'... Adopt a Garden Cat

Meet handsome **Gandalf**. He's one of an increasing number of ICRA's 'garden cat' success stories. The last kitty pulled from a West Oakland relocation project with which ICRA assisted, Gandalf went to his new 'green' home in June 2011.



"Just wanted to let you know that Gandalf, our new garden kitty, now loves us! Wants to play, get petted, and is getting along great with Picaboo (another garden kitty). - Erin G." Do you have a protected yard that would make a safe home for a semi-feral to feral cat (not aggressive, just very shy)? Please consider opening your heart and garden to a kitty in need of care and understanding.

Visit the website for more information on
ICRA's 'Garden Cat Program'
(www.icraeastbay.org/gardencats.php)

Sponsor a Cage at ICRA's Adoption Site!

With every \$100 cage sponsorship donation we will engrave a brass plaque with your personalized message and display it on a cage for one year. After that, it's yours upon request. Commemorate almost any occasion -- the adoption of a new pet, a birthday, an anniversary ... whatever you want. **Be creative!** It's also a nice way to make a donation in memory or honor of a beloved pet, person or group.

Just fill out the form in the 'Support Us' section of our website and send it with your \$100 donation to: ICRA, P.O. Box 1093, Alameda, CA 94501.

Get Ahead of the Kitten Curve this Winter...

QUICK REFERENCE for LOCAL SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS

East Bay SPCA Free Feral Program

Feral Fix / Feral Hotline (510) 563-4635
<http://eastbayspca.org/resources/theferalfix.cfm>

- * Call (510) 563-4635 or e-mail feralfix@eastbayspca.org
- * Cats must be in humane traps
- * Right ear will be notched

East Bay SPCA Low Cost Spay/Neuter

- * Appointment required
- * Call the clinic directly at (510) 639-7387

Island Cat Resources & Adoption Low Cost Spay/Neuter

- * Call ICRA at (510) 869-2584 or e-mail info@icraeastbay.org
- * ICRA provides funding for low cost spay/neuter through private donations