

The Mewsletter

Cats Haven

Fall 2010



Cats Haven's Mission :

Cats Haven's mission is to provide a non-institutional shelter (no cages) for cats and kittens. Cats Haven was founded for special-needs cats or kittens with birth defects, visual impairments, neurological problems, medical issues or injuries that require veterinary care. Cats Haven strives to educate the public about available resources and proper care of companion animals.

A note from Barbara,

Hello to everyone,

So sorry for the length of time between Mewsletters. Time is one thing that never is on abundance around here!

It's hard to believe that from helping one special need kitten over 22 years ago, that Cats Haven was created. It has taken lots of hard work, time, wonderful volunteers and your continued support.

Now we have a shelter home that is full of windows for the kitties to watch birds, squirrels, and people. It has space for them to race up and down stairs, which Albert, Tom Dooley (aka: Doodlebug) and Johann take great delight in doing. The bay window at the landing is always full of kitties sleeping.

I have a favor to ask of anyone who is reading this. It would benefit the kitties, wouldn't take much time or effort. What is entails is pick one or even two kitties and promote them. Many of you have Facebook pages, blogs, etc. It can be a kitty you have met, seen on our website or saw at one of the adoption events. I think it would increase the chance of finding a home or sponsor for that cat .

In December we will be holding our Annual Open House. The date is Sunday, Dec. 12th from 1pm to 6pm. There will be snacks, hot chocolate and apple cider. Sue Hobbs has promised to bring one of her famous torta's. The Gypsy Cat will also have handcrafted jewelry for sale. A portion of the proceeds is always donated to the kitties. I hope that you'll be able to attend.

Cats Haven
P.O. Box 30206
Indianapolis, IN 46230
317-925-7001
Catshaven.org



The kitty pictured is Woden. He was a wonderful special need kitty. He now resides in a home of his own.

Barbara Wills, is the caretaker and founder of Cats Haven



Saying Goodbye to Bandit

Bandito Franco del Diavolo **May 12 2001-July 3 2010**

Our dear shelter manager crossed suddenly this past July. He was never totally healthy after surviving the flood in Southern Indiana. He had severe sinus problems with ongoing infections. He used to have major colorful sneezes that we talk about fondly. However, at the time he was sneezy; they were just yucky!

We also have the funny memory of the day in Broadripple Park that he actually treed 2 Chihuahuas. He had managed to slip out of his harness and took off after them. All of a sudden, Sue Hobbs and I saw a black and white streak running after them. Never did find out why he did that. He was very proud of himself tho.

Bandit took his job of shelter manager seriously. He greeted guests that came to the shelter house. Kittens were taught many important lessons. Some of his lessons were how to leap and frolic, climbing up the legs of humans and the most important one, knowing the sound of a cat food can lid popping open. He also used to make sure that my grandson Alexander practiced his violin daily.



Cats Haven Wish List

Volunteers	Large and small mailing envelopes	Bleach & Laundry detergent
Cat food— Wet and dry The senior cats eat a case daily	Postage stamps	White vinegar
Cat litter	Gift cards to Target,	Scrubbies for cleaning
Baby food * meat with broth No onion or garlic powder*	Walmart , Office Depot, gas card, etc	Paper towels
Baby wipes Used to clean eyes and faces		Paper plates (small/large)
Little Noses saline drops	Volunteers to help clean & decorate the shelter for the Open House	Trash bags, large and small
		Clorex clean up

If you would like to donate any of these items, please call 317-925-7001 ext 0 or email catshavenltd@sbcglobal.net to arrange a convenient time/location for drop off.

We do have limited ability to arrange a pickup.

Monetary or gift card donations may be mailed to :
Cats Haven, LTD, P.O. Box 30206 Indianapolis, IN 46230

You're Invited to Cats Haven's annual Open House

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2603 N. College Ave
Sunday, Dec. 12th from 1pm to 6pm.



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Who Is That Big Orange Cat?

Lots of folks have asked "Who is that big orange cat on the Cats Haven home page? The one sitting in the cat tree?" Well, that is Stuart Longtail. About five years ago, a Cat Doctor client brought in a scraggly, skinny orange kitty. They said that his owners had moved out of their condo and just left this guy behind. They already had cats and couldn't keep the homeless boy, but didn't want him running loose. Volunteer Sue Hobbs happened to be at the Cat Doctor that afternoon, and asked Barb if she could foster the year-old baby. Barb agreed, and the homeless, nameless cat became Stuart Longtail. "We gave him the last name of Longtail because he was so skinny, it made his tail look disproportionately long compared to his body," explains Sue. "As he grew and put on weight, though, he became more in proportion. He kinda grew into his tail. And he's one big kitty!!"



Probably because he was abandoned by his family, Stuart doesn't warm up to new people. He loves his foster home, and he's a great companion to other cats, but even after all these years, he's not sure about humans. "It's only been in the last couple of years that Stuart will actively seek me out and want to be petted," says Sue. But he adores other animals and spends a lot of time with his fuzzy housemates.

Stuart's favorite activity, though, is hanging out on the screened porch and watching the birds and squirrels. "Now that it's getting a little chilly, we'll be moving the bird feeder to the front yard so Stuart and friends can watch them from the picture window in the living room. We've already got soft and fluffy beds lined up for Stuart and friends," chuckles Sue. "Sounds like Stuart Longtail will be spending another warm, happy, and comfortable winter in his foster home."

Volunteer Spotlight—Meet Sue Hildebrandt!

"Volunteering for Cats Haven beats working on my rental houses any day!" says Sue Hildebrandt's when asked what she liked best about being a Cats Haven volunteer.

Sue's tenure with Cats Haven began in 2003. She had been doing cat rescue in the Fountain Square area (where she lives and owns several rental properties), neutering strays and ferals and finding homes for them. Realizing that she and Barb of Cats Haven used the same vet, Sue

got in touch with Barb and the rest fell into place. "It was great meeting someone who was doing the same thing," says Sue. "We had met a few years before when I responded to an ad Barb ran in Nuvo, so we kinda knew one another."

Since becoming a Cats Haven volunteer, Sue has helped over 400 cats find their "fur-ever" homes. She also volunteers with IndyFeral to get feral cats neutered and returned to their colonies. Presently, Sue has

over 30 fosters.

As part of her volunteer responsibilities, she's become Barb's "designated driver," performs repairs at the shelter, and keep Barb in good spirits. "It's important to have that support group when you work in animal rescue."

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What's Goin' On?

November 2010

Remember the Indiana State Fairgrounds does charge a gate fee for vehicles to get onto the grounds.

Christmas Gift and Hobby Show

Nov. 10th to 14th
Wed. & Thurs. hours 10-8 Fri. & Sat. hours 10-9 Sun. 10-5

We will be there daily with an adoptable cat, catnip toys, Gypsy Cat jewelry, and other gift items. Over 300 vendors under one roof! Truly something for everyone on your gift buying list! Admission fee.

Great Indy Pet Expo

Nov. 13th to Nov. 14th
Sat hours 10-5 Sun 11-4

Adults: \$6.00
Seniors: \$5.00
Children (6 – 12): \$3.00
Children (5 & under): Free

Great Lakes/Midwest Region Cat Show

Sat. Nov 20th 10-5 Sun. Nov. 21st
Sat. 10-5 Sun. 9:30-4ish

There will be over 400 cats, great vendors.

We will have adoptable kitties.

There is an admission fee.

December 2010

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Sunday, Dec. 12th from 1pm to 6pm.

Adoption site information for the weekends is available on the voice mail of the shelter house 317-925-7001 ext 1.

Thru the end of the year we will be at Speck's in Brownsburg every 3rd Sunday

**A huge thanks to the
vet clinics that assist us in our efforts to
care for the kitties of Cats Haven**

Emerson Pet Clinic
1502 N. Emerson
317-375-1737

The Cat Dr
5654 Georgetown Rd
317-291-2287

Hamilton Hills Animal Hospital
1375 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, IN
317-770-1111

Zionsville Country Vet Clinic
5366 S Indpls . Rd
Whitestown , IN
317-769-7387