

# Mewsing from Cats Haven, Summer 2011



## Cats Haven's Mission:

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, or medical issues or injuries that require veterinary care. Cats Haven strives to educate the public about available resources and proper care of companion animals.

## Meet Johnnie B

She and her siblings were left in a box in Garfield Park on a very hot weekend. It is thought they were dumped there late Friday, or early Sat. It was Sunday afternoon before they were found. Four of the kittens were already dead, the remaining one very listless. The IMP officer, John B., started calling to find somewhere to take the only surviving kitten. I happened to take the call, this was a no brainer — IMP needed our help and the kitten needed our help. I gave him Sue Hilde's cell number to get with her to do the "kitten hand off" at the South district building. Then I called Sue to give her a quick heads up that he would be calling.

It was touch and go for many days, she had forgotten how to suckle. Syringe feeding is tedious, but at least she ate. The great news is that she is now close to 1 pound in weight and walking. She is still underweight for her approx. age. Dr. A. Johns at the Cat Dr thinks she is close to 5wks.

I want to thank Sonia Haines for taking on the care of little Johnnie B for me. Sonia is also fostering Baron and Chloe — champagne beauties.

She still has a long road to go; but with her feisty personality and the watchfulness of her foster mom, she has a great chance.



Johnnie B at approx. 3 weeks. She had just eaten. Again! Yes, her name is to honor the officer who found her.

## Donations needed for kitten care

Dry KMR kitten milk replacer

Hills A/D Canned

Meat baby food — Johnnie B really loved the ham and the chicken

Alcohol free baby wipes

Clay cat litter — no scoopable for kittens - sometimes they eat it

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Editor  
Barbara Wills

**From Barbara's Desk:**

I want to thank all of the supporters of Cats Haven. Without your continued belief and support in the mission of Cats Haven, we would not be able to help the cats and kittens that come to us from the animal shelters and humane societies around the state of Indiana.

The cats and kittens here send their thank you as well. Especially with this heat! They really appreciate a cool home, where they can watch outside and be safe inside. The heat is especially hard on the C H kitties and the senior cats. They really need a consistent environment temperature wise. Your donations help keep them comfortable in the summer and winter.

Xena wanted me to let everyone who has asked about her that she is doing as well as a 23 plus years cat can be. She spends a great deal of her day sleeping, but still does remember to pee by a door at least every other day. That has been her signature habit since she woke up from a coma 20 years ago, that and drooling when she purrs.

We have several new kitties that need introduced to everyone that need sponsors. I will try to get more of the cats and kittens that need sponsors on our website. A couple of them will be featured in this newsletter. The Feral and Mac Feral family kitties also need sponsors. You will meet 2 of them as well.

I also want to thank the volunteers, foster and hospice parents of Cats Haven. They are the back bone of our organization.

Another huge thank you goes out to Dzana Husetic for her help every morning getting the shelter house clean after the cats have partied all night.

Thank you to Diane Richards who donates the L Lysine on a regular basis, we mix it in the canned food to boost the cats' immune systems.



Xena with her tongue hanging out.

**Sponsor me: for as little as \$5.00 a month.**

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**Paypal is available on the website**

Cats haven.org



**Butterschnapps**  
With his size, you would think he would be a cuddly kitty—not! Easily frightened



**Mrs Woodruff**  
a lovely, mature 3 legged kitty. She was unable to go back to the her colony after she healed from her injury. She is learning to enjoy being brushed and petted after hanging out for 2 years in the upstairs "faux" kitchen. She has moved herself into another room that gets more company.



**Ms Pearl Feral**  
This senior gal loves to watch people, just don't touch.

Our favorite things:  
Canned cat food  
Catnip  
Fuzzy soft beds



**Grandma Feral**  
Yes, it is true she has no eyes. She managed to raise at least 4 litters as a feral momma while dealing with painful eyes. Her eyes no longer trouble her, she rules the upstairs "faux" kitchen with a iron paw. The same paw she will hit you with if you try to pet her.

## Cats Haven's wish list

### Monetary donations:

Just the vet bills run over \$2,000 some months.

Volunteers to help with the cats

Cat food— Wet and dry

The senior cats and special need cats/kittens 24 canned or the pouch type daily

Baby food \* meat with broth  
No onion or garlic powder\*

Baby wipes—alcohol free  
Used to clean eyes and faces

Little Noses saline drops

Large and small mailing envelopes

Postage stamps

Gift cards to Target,  
Walmart , Office Depot, gas card, etc

Volunteers to help deep clean the shelter house on a regular basis.

White vinegar, bleach, laundry supplies

Scrubbies, paper towels,

Trash bags- kitchen and large

Paper plates—large and small

We still have lots of work that needs finished at the shelter house:

The first floor is still in need of flooring, being painted, electrical work and the large back room needs totally finished.

The cat play area outside still needs constructed. We do have most of the fencing needed.

Our plans to have the garage up this year is on hold. The cats daily care, medical expenses and the shelter house expenses come first.

Call the shelter house if you want to drop off items to donate. We do have a limited ability to pick up items. 317-925-7001

Monetary, gift cards and your coupons can be mailed to:

Cats Haven, Ltd P.O. Box 30206 Indpls, IN 46230



Daddy's boy laughing.

## Upcoming events

### Every 3rd Sunday of the month

Speck's in Brownsburg 2pm until 4pm  
Come and meet some of our adoptables

### Dinner on the Milano Inn patio

A fundraiser for Cats Haven  
Sept 18th, 2011 6pm to 8:30pm  
Reservations recommended  
231 S. College Ave  
Indpls, IN  
317-264-3585

### Circle City Club cat show, Indiana State Fairgrounds

Oct 29th and 30th

There is an admission fee.

Come and see cats strutting their stuff for the judges and great vendors.

We will be there with adoptable cats and items for sale to raise funds for the shelter.

It's always a great show.

## A quick note from Rosemary: Shelter manager

Sorry that I have been so lax in writing or blogging. Things are usually so crazy busy around here

Thank you to all our supporters. The crew and myself appreciate your help.

Despite the heat, 2 of our special kitties found a home this month. A big hurrah goes out to Ms Spike who barely survived having kittens and to Joe the brat. They went to the same home. Which is good because Joe can be way too busy, even for a young adult cat. She loves to ride on people's backs and help them with chores. Ms Spike distracts her with getting her to chase her around the house. Both are from IACC originally.



I have been asked to tell you how I came to Cats Haven. I was part of a litter of kittens that ended up at the Indpls Animal Care and Control because of a cruelty investigation.

My siblings and I were released to Cats Haven after everything legal was finished. I don't dwell on my beginning, what matters is that I love being the Cats Haven shelter manager

We had a mouse in the house! No, really we did. Brave Suzi Q caught it, well at least that is the story she is telling. Alex, the young human here, said that only way she could have caught it was by falling on it. What a silly mouse.

We have 2 special young ones. Johnnie B that you met in this newsletter and Smoochie who needs eye surgery. Smoochie came from Terre Haute Humane Soc. They were going to euthanize him because they did not have the means to care for him. Watch for updates on him on our website. Soon he will be having his eye surgery; maybe at the Harrison College. Boy, he will get so spoiled there.

