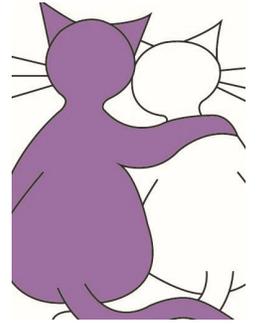


## Cats Haven's Mission:

Cats Haven's mission is to provide a non-institutional (cage free) sanctuary for special need cats and kittens, plus elderly cats that are accepted from other facilities and organizations. Cats Haven provides its' residents with a lifelong, safe, clean, and loving environment. Cats Haven strives to educate the public about the quality of life for special needs or senior animal companions, the importance of spaying and neutering and about available resources



### From Barbara's desk:

I realize that our Winter newsletter is late. I struggled with the thought of even sending one out. I am well aware of the struggles people are going thru.

Yet, here it is; the cats' needs go on. I try to be very frugal with the monetary donations we receive from our supporters. This way, the needs of the cats who are at the shelter house, the foster/hospice homes and the colonies are met every day.

### Winter 2020 Co writers S. Hobbs & B. Wills

Has this been a year or what!?!? In the nearly three decades that Cats Haven has been helping cats of Indianapolis, we have never seen a year like this. I know we're not in a unique position in this Covid 19 pandemic, but between the state, the city, and our own efforts to keep everyone safe and healthy, it's been a wicked crazy year.

We've suspended our community service program. We closed, reopened and required masks, temperature checks, and provided hand sanitizer. We've planned events, and then we've canceled events. Now we're closed again; at least the end of Feb, then we'll reassess. We've done and will continue to do, what we can to keep everyone in good health, from our staff, cleaning help and the veterinary staff that continues to help our kitties.



#### How you help

Your donations help us care for medically needy cats like Durango. He is one of several broken-leg kittens we took in this fall from Indianapolis Animal Care Services. His leg is finally healed, his vetting is complete and he goes to his new home this month. Thanks to you, Durango (on the left, now Henry) will be a cherished family member for many years to come.

Xander (on the right) is another broken leg kitten from Indianapolis Animal Care Services. His leg is healing, it will just take time and supportive care. Once he has healed and his vetting completed we will work on finding him a loving, forever home.



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Although this has been a roller-coaster year with lots of ups, downs, twists, and turns, the need for help has remained constant.

We've taken in more seniors and special-needs cats this year who have been dumped at shelters, and we've stepped up to help feral kittens and moms after spays and neuters were halted for two months by the governor (so that all PPE could be routed to hospitals).

Our ability to raise funds has been hampered, but the needs seems to be greater than ever.

Take, for example, Herbie and his mom Beatrice. She's a feral mom who had her litter in a elderly woman's back yard. Beatrice took her family of four to a basement window well and finally to a dog house on the back of the property. That's where they were trapped and brought to Cats Haven. Altho Beatrice has remained feral, her kittens tamed down and could be available for adoption. Thanks to a long-standing relationship with IndyHumane, they took all of Beatrice's kittens (except for Herbie, who is a special-needs baby and is staying with his mother) and placed them in loving, responsible homes. Beatrice and Herbie (seen here) remain at Cats Haven and have joined the shelter family.



Beatrice and Herbie (front)  
She calls to him every day  
to take a nap with her



Your donations help us offer care for the older souls who end up in shelters. Such as Dove, again from Indianapolis Animal Care Services. She is such a gentle, sweet old soul whose owner died and she found herself in a strange, noisy place with people she did not know. She needed a soft spot to land. We do not know how long she will be with us, as she is in end stage renal failure. I can guarantee that her foster/hospice mom and the clinic that sees her; all of them will make sure she is comfortable, loved and receiving the care she needs to keep her end of life peaceful.

### **Ways to help the cats**

I have been asked if there are other ways people can help while visitors and volunteers can't come in.

Here are a few I can think of:

Share our newsletter, we have email options or I can mail out extra hard copies.

Sponsor one of the cats who will require daily medications due to medical issues or have other problems.

Shopping at Kroger and having Cats Haven as your charity of choice gives us funds every quarter. It doesn't affect the fuel points you get.

We can use the Fresh Step Paw Points. We use the points to get coupons of free scoopable litter after a number of points have been accumulated. You can mail the points to us, we have a wonderful person who will enter them for us.

**Thank you to our supporters,  
Barbara and the cats**

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