

# cats'9lives



Fostering and Rehoming Organisation

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## NEWSLETTER 2013

I put down my book, *The Meaning of Zen*,  
and see the cat smiling into her fur as she delicately combs it with her rough pink  
tongue.

*"Cat, I would lend you this book to study but it appears you have already read it."*

*She looks up and gives me her full gaze.*

*"Don't be ridiculous" she purrs "I wrote it."*

*By Dilys Laing*



### WHAT MORE CAN WE SAY?

First of all; a wonderful 2013 to all our volunteers, friends and supporters.

Without your help and support, we could never have had 103 kittens, 19  
cattens and 6 adult cats adopted last year. We also rescued and sterilised a  
number of feral cats

### KITTENS

We are now in the throes of the new kitten season and all our foster homes are  
full. Fortunately after a very slow start we are getting homes for our kittens.  
Strangely enough the dominant sex is male with very few females coming in. This  
however will probably change.

We have been able to cope with the demand for bottle feeders and thanks to new  
volunteers we have tried not to put too much pressure on our ever willing loyal  
foster mothers.

As usual kittens have proved to be real survivors being found in boxes, under  
bushes on golf courses and on building sites where the feral mother cat has been  
frightened away by the activity there or been killed. If not rescued these kittens  
could have died or became feral kittens. These kittens were socialised and have  
been successfully adopted.

Our web page [www.cats9lives.co.za](http://www.cats9lives.co.za) has been a great source of many enquiries leading to many adoptions thanks to Absol and we thank them for keeping it so up to date and interesting. Our official photographer, Mariette has been able to capture the kittens at their most appealing - they seem to pose especially for her and that helps in adoptions. Gumtree has given us many enquiries and some adoptions thanks to Liezel, for putting an ad there for us.

## FUNDRAISING

Apart from various donations we so kindly receive every month, we also have received generous donations from various benefactors over the past year. We will forever be grateful for all their financial help.

We will now be able to financially support our members who are actively involved with the sterilisation of the feral cats.

Our fundraising activities have been Jumble Sales with our Jumble Queen Mariette turning her home into a jumble storage area. This is a very popular event and has been a good source of revenue for us.

On the 1st December 2012 we had our annual Market/Open day held at our regular venue, Waterkloof Animal Hospital (for which we are grateful).

The rain stayed away and we had a lovely day with plenty of colorful, homemade goodies, our "white elephant" table, plants, cd's/dvd's, books and a tea table with delicious treats. We raffled a beautiful hand-painted cushion and a book on cats. Tea and treats were enjoyed in the tea garden which was beautiful decorated in a Christmas theme.

Many thanks to all those who supported our successful Open Day - Those who sewed, donated things, collected things, made eats, helped on the day and to Frank for the lovely photos. We packed up, tired but happy, after a most enjoyable morning. The money raised will be a big help towards caring for rescue kittens.



Everybody having fun!



Bottle feeding never stops

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Adopt your new best friend  
today



### GREAT REASONS TO ADOPT A BLACK CAT

Black is not just black; there are as many different kinds of black cats as there are cats! There is the deep auburn shaded black, the blue black, the black with tiny white highlights and etc.

Black cats are a symbol of both good and bad luck, mystery, magic beauty and rebellion. They are also only half as likely to be adopted, based on the color alone. This is quite unfortunate, given what awesome pets they make.

Black cats pose an enigma to people who have never been up close and personal with one. People who share their homes with one or more black cats love them beyond measure.



### The Black Cat Analogy

Philosophy is like being in a dark room and looking for a black cat.

Metaphysics is like being in a dark room and looking for a black cat that isn't there.

Theology is like being in a dark room and looking for a black cat that isn't there and shouting "I found it!"



Science is like being in a dark room and looking for a black cat using a flashlight.



For any adoption please contact Avril 0723915035

## OLDER CATS



### HERE'S TOP 10 REASONS TO ADOPT AN OLDER CAT:

The personality of an older cat is already known - making it easier to match you with the right cat!

Older Cats are generally less demanding than youngsters, and need less supervision

If you work outside the home, an adult cat is more content to be on its own than a youngster

Most older cats are seeking little more than a warm lap, regular food and love!

Adult cats from a rescue organization will be neutered, litter trained, and calmer than a youngster

If you have an older cat already, another oldie, carefully introduced, can be less stressful for him/her than a kitten

Cats regularly live into their late teens these days, so most seniors will have many years of life and love to give

A senior puss is unlikely to leap up on your shelves and knock your ornaments off, or to climb up your curtains!

Mature Mogs are so grateful to have found a loving home again - they will repay your love ten-fold!

And last but by no means least ... Senior Kittizens Rock! (between naps)



Be my valentine



Instead of spending money on an occasion such as this, why don't you have a heart and sterilise a feral cat. This can be done at cost of R250 per cat.

Payments can be made directly to participating vets.

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Feral cats are the offspring of lost or abandoned pet cats who are not spayed or neutered. Females can reproduce two to three times a year and their kittens, if they survive, will become feral without any contact with people. Cats can become pregnant as early as 4-5 months of age, and the number of cats rapidly increases without intervention by caring people. Since feral cats typically fear strangers, it is likely that people do not realise that feral cats are living nearby, because they are rarely seen. Once these cats are sterilised, they should be returned to their colony where they must be fed regularly.

♥Don't Breed or Buy while shelter animals die♥

♥Adoption is the only option♥

♥Don't Litter!!! Spay & Neuter♥

Purrrrrrry greetings from  
Avril, Lynn, Lorraine, Liezel, Mariette, Helga and Engela

"TOO MANY CATS BUT NOT ENOUGH LAPS"