

cats'9lives



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NEWSLETTER

Yes, it is our news letter, rather late than never.

What can we say, there also seems to be more adult cats and kittens than before and that really keeps us busy.

Despite the lack of space for the adult cats we were very fortunate to have cat loving friends who are willing to foster cats for us until we find them a good home.

We also had a mommy with 6 beautiful kittens who were all adopted.

We also can do with more volunteers to help in this regard. (Thanks Eddy and Billy for taking in the cats from Silverton)



Avril and Lynn also did well with the adoption of kittens and they had a record breaking season of having over 220 kittens adopted.



The kittens also arrive in all sorts of packages, but they are always welcome

FINANCES

We were very fortunate to inherit a donation of R20 000.00 from a dear friend who passed away, but since the kitten season started all that was spent on veterinary bills and food. Now we must fill the coffers again and therefore we need all the help and support from our cat friends and supporters.

Please look out for our collection tins that Lynn so kindly put at strategic places. You could also help us in this in this matter by recommending suitable new locations for our tins. There are a number of people who donate on monthly basis which makes a difference to our bank balance but we need more such donors. Please consider donating however small the amount on a regular monthly basis.

Every little bit helps.

(See banking details above)



OPEN DAY AND MARKET

We are planning an Open/Market day on the 2nd October 2010. We are going to try and do something different this year. We will keep you up to date of where and when in due course. We can't have the fundraising event without your help therefore we would like to ask everybody for donations in the form of hand made good **quality arts, crafts and gift items**. We also need somebody that can help us with sewing (PLEASE)

For donations of these items please contact Engela.

We will not be doing the "White Elephant" this year but we will still have the jumble sale at the beginning of December. (clothes, linen, curtains and suitcases were much in demand)

For the guys we will have the popular music table again so please donate your unwanted CD'S and DVD'S that are just gathering dust in your cupboards.



Last year we made Pamper Packs for the ladies which turned out to be a best seller. We collected un-used pamper items such as lovely soap, scrubs, bubble bath, body cream etc put it in a lovely packet and voila!



Donations of these items can be given to one of our committee members or dropped of at Waterkloof Animal Hospital.

For more info contact us.

KITTEN NEWS

We are nearing the end of the kitten season with over 200 kittens finding homes. The majority of the kittens were orphaned and one again thanks to the wonderful band of bottle feeders that have done and are doing a tremendous job. We cannot stress enough the value of the panel of bottle feeders who take on this very tiring but most fulfilling task so willingly - the results speak for themselves as anyone adopting one of our bottle babies gets a most well-adjusted and loving kitten. We have rescued a number of kittens dumped in boxes in the veld or on the pavement. The latest were newly born and left in the freezing cold to die a horrible death. Luckily they were found in time and are now in foster care.

Peggy and Rinie are the ringworm specialists, caring, isolating and medicating but gratefully we have only 1 case this season. On the whole the kittens have kept well and the reports-back from the new owners has been most gratifying. We find that most of the adoptions come as a result of referrals from vets, pet shops or happy owners.

Special appreciation to Alex and Andre who come every week to play with the kittens. Thanks to them the more timid kittens have come out of their shells and love this play session.

We spent a morning at a pet shop in Waterkloof Ridge showing off some of our bigger kittens and attracted much attention.

Our best news is that our remaining catten now approaching 9 months have found wonderful homes and are so happy with their new owners. They have taken over the family beds and made themselves thoroughly at home.

(Thanks Dina and ouma)

We now have only 1 catten left, who has become very attached to Rattycat so she will probably stay here. (Love is in the air!)

We still have beautiful kittens available for adoption

“A kitten brings a joy out of all proportions to its size” (By Pam Brown)

These are some of our kittens available for adoption



ADULT CATS

The following 3 adult cats are in foster care and are looking forward to settling down in a loving and caring home. All are sterilised. They were left abandoned at a factory when the tenants relocated. (for the 3rd time) I have been feeding them for 3 years and have now decided they always get the wrong end of the stick and now they need a proper caring home.



Popeye

Is a big strong male cat with a caring nature. He has been so disappointed so many times by previous owners and needs to be giving a chance in a loving and understanding home. He needs lots of TLC



Rusty is a sweet young ginger male cat that thrives on love and attention. He is used to other cats, has a loving and friendly nature.

ADOPTED



Joseph

Is a very friendly, loving, fluffy male cat with a beautiful personality. He loves to sit on your lap and be cuddled. He will give **you** lots of TLC

ADOPTED



MG is a rescue cat that was left in an empty house by the previous owner due to medical reasons. A kind estate agent lady was feeding him for a while before she contacted us. He thrives on love and attention but is scared of sudden moves and noises. He needs a quiet home where he can gain his confidence again and settle in.



Precious

This loving Mommy was cat rescued from Villiers. At the time she was far pregnant and struggling to survive on her own. She came into our care and gave birth to 6 beautiful kittens. Her kittens have all been adopted and she now needs a loving home of her own. She is not the sort of kitty that will sit on your lap but with love, time and patience she will become a wonderful companion for a lonely person with no other animals.

Please remember all the above cats are rescue cats and desperately need a good loving permanent home.

Adopt a stray cat today

GENERAL

We often find that black cats and kittens are left behind when it comes to homing. They always grow up to be beautiful big cats with the shiniest coats and the most gorgeous copper penny eyes.

They are very loving, laidback and special.

Please, do consider giving them a chance in your heart and a good home.

“Black cats were once treated like royalty in the homes of English sailors, who believed that keeping them happy would ensure fair weather when they went to sea. They became so high-priced that few sailors could afford to keep them.’

Reference Resources:

Cat World Desmond Morris



Recently an advocate Elizabeth Nieuwoudt took on a case regarding cats in a sectional title complex and won. Some very clear rules and principles became evident and anyone contemplating moving into a complex should be aware of their rights before committing themselves. A guideline to this is available from us or CatPals.

Why do cats eat plants?

Cats nibble plants indoors as a substitute for eating grass, which is perfectly natural behavior. Eating grass is like taking medication - it's nature's way of inducing vomiting. The reason why cats need to regurgiate (vomit) is to rid their digestive system of those painful hairballs that accumulates from grooming. Because they can't very well stick a paw down their throat to do the job, they instinctively seek out grasses or plants. Since they'll eat almost anything green, it's important that cats don't have access to [toxic plants](#). You can make sure that your cat is safe from poisonous plants by buying special grasses for cats sold at pet supply stores. He will also love parsley, sage, thyme, and lavender.

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FERAL CATS

Although we are not directly involved with feral cats, there seems to be a misconception about them and they just can not be ignored. They all originate at some stage from abandoned and unwanted domestic cats. Please read the article below and next time you see a feral cat show a bit of compassion.

THE FACTS ABOUT FERAL CATS ARE:

Feral cats are the offspring of lost or abandoned pet cats who are not spayed or nurtured.

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. A feral cat typically lives with a group of related cats as a colony and defends a specific territory where food (a restaurant dumpster) and shelter (beneath a roof or abandoned building) are available. Since feral cats typically fear strangers, it is likely that people may not realise that feral cats are living nearby, because the cats are rarely seen.

- People want to “get rid “of ferals, when in fact it is impossible to get rid of them as there is thousands of ferals living in our surrounding areas.
 - When ferals are removed, a void is created and other ferals move in.
 - A sterilised feral colony will not allow other ferals to move in.
- Feral cats keep the rat population under control, as rats are attracted to the same areas as ferals, normally at rubbish bins.
 - Feeding ferals will insure food health and minimise the spread of disease.
 - Feeding feral cats will not stop them from hunting, **as this is a basic instinct.**
 - Feeding ferals away from a building will keep them away from the building.
 - Ferals, who are not given food, will suffer from malnutrition and diseases.



Cat quotes

There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast. ~ Author Unknown

Cats can work out mathematically the exact place to sit that will cause most inconvenience. ~
Pam Brown

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. ~
Robert A. Heinlein

Cats are cool. They have style, personality, sophistication, and just the right amount of
confidence. – Michael Bolton

Whether they be the musician cats in my band or the real cats of the world, they all got style. –
Ray Charles

"People, who hate cats, will come back as mice in their next life." - Faith Resnick

A graphic with the words "STOP PRESS!" in a colorful, playful font. The letters are in various colors: S (pink), T (orange), O (yellow), P (green), P (blue), R (purple), E (red), S (orange), S (yellow), and ! (blue). The text is set against a white background with a light blue shadow effect, all enclosed in a bright cyan rectangular border.

**Exciting news! The venue for our open day and market has been
finalised.**

It will be held at Kinderland Party Venue which is a lovely family venue
and there is something to do for the whole family, including kids and
husbands.

There will be the lovely items to buy and the usual tea, coffee and cake.

DATE: 2nd of October 2010

TIME: 9H00 TO 14H00 HRS

Map and further details will follow later.

THANK YOU

We also would like to thank everybody for all the support, understanding
and goodwill shown towards us.

Especially to the volunteers who bottle feed the very small kittens, the
veterinarians, who is always there for us and the various pet shops
that helps with food donations and advertising



"Wake up. The cat's got your teeth."

