

The ICRA Catalyst

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Want to Be a Hero?

BECOME A FELINE FOSTER PARENT

Foster parents are heroes in our eyes. From the cat's perspective, foster parents are lifesavers. Many of the cats and kittens we rescue were born as strays or to feral moms and have never known a loving, safe home environment, or they may never have experienced kindness from a human. By providing a temporary home environment, you are giving a cat a second chance at life. It is an invaluable service for cats who need time to rehabilitate from injuries or illness and for helping undersocialized cats or kittens become adoptable.

Foster care means caring for a rescued cat or kitten as if it was your own, providing for its basic needs (food, water and shelter), as well as special handling as required (medical care, training, socialization, and above all, love and affection). We also ask that you commit to bringing your foster(s) to our weekly adoption site once they are ready for adoption so we can find them new homes as quickly as possible. ICRA pays for all pre-approved veterinary medical care. As for supplies, ICRA can periodically provide donated food, kitty litter or toys; however, we cannot guarantee these provisions. All supplies you purchase for foster care are fully tax-deductible expenses as a volunteer with ICRA.

If you are interested in fostering, we strongly recommend that all new cats or kittens coming into your home be segregated from your personal pets for at least two (2) weeks (the normal incubation period for most infectious diseases). Additionally, your own cats should be up-to-date on vaccinations — minimally, the vaccination that protects them from Feline Panleukopenia (Feline Distemper) and the most common upper respiratory viruses.

Worried about surrendering your foster cat or kitten after giving it your tender loving care for a period of time? Who wouldn't get emotionally attached? We understand that. You are always welcome to adopt your foster, but if you want to continue fostering cats and not keep every one, ICRA's Adoption Program is designed to make it easier for the foster parents to let go by including them in the adoption placement process. You will have the opportunity to meet the new family and to introduce and transition your foster cat/kitten into its new home.

Fostering can be a wonderful family volunteer experience or can provide companionship for someone who lives alone. Choose from a diverse array of needy cats, from underage or undersocialized kittens to nursing moms with newborns to hard stray adult cats that need time to socialize and to learn to trust people again and to acclimate to a home environment or recuperate from wounds or illness. Regardless, they all need a loving and safe environment to ready them for adoption.

Fostering is hard work at times, but it is also incredibly rewarding to watch foster cats and kittens blossom under your care and gain the renewed confidence and social skills that will make them treasured lifelong companions for a lucky family.

Help Us Find Homes ... MEET A FEW OF OUR 150 ADOPTABLE CATS

Holly is one of seven wonderful cats we are featuring with hope that a few kind souls out there will resist the kitten urge this summer and find room in their hearts and homes for a mature, loving, and loyal companion. Adult cats have a hard time getting adopted this time of year despite all they have to offer. Please read about them and encourage others to do so. Give these incredible cats a chance!

Holly



Holly was very shy when rescued as a small kitten, but she has come out of her shell and is quite friendly now. She'll try to get your attention with her tiny chirping meow. She loves to run and play with her foster buddies. Holly would prefer an adult home and probably would not do well with dogs. She was born in November 2004. Bio #1927.

**See More Adoptable Cats on
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For more information on fostering, please go to <http://www.icraeastbay.org/foster.php>, e-mail us at info@icraeastbay.org, or call 510-869-2584.

Our Mission: We are an all volunteer non-profit humane organization dedicated to reducing the suffering of abandoned and feral (wild) cats and to educating and empowering the local community to aid them in their plight. We provide low-cost spay/neuter, vaccination, and medical treatment to all of our rescued cats, and resources for people who are willing and able to help themselves. We provide foster care for tame or socialized rescue cats until they can be placed into quality, permanent homes through our adoption program. We return feral or unsocialized cats back to their colonies if in a safe, managed environment. We strive to educate the public about responsible treatment of animals and the need for spaying and neutering, thereby reducing the number of unwanted kittens.



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Saturdays (except holidays) at PETCO in Alameda Towne Centre. For more information call ICRA at (510) 869-2584.

A Message to Our Donors:

THANK YOU IS NOT ENOUGH!!

When all is said and done, ICRA could not do what it does without the generosity of the many businesses, foundations, collaborative organizations and volunteers, individual donors, and adopters who have supported us over the years. Their collective and often selfless efforts and energy sustain and enable us to do so much to help a huge and seemingly endless population of wild, stray, and abandoned cats and kittens in our community with no voice of their own. For that alone, we offer our infinite and undying gratitude.

There is no way to name everyone who helps us every day, but we would like to recognize and extend a very special thank you to some of those who have been instrumental to the success of our program over the past year.

For their generous support to ICRA's community initiatives, a special thanks to **Perforce Foundation, Petco Foundation, Philanthropic Fund of Mal Warwick & Associates, Inc. and Response Management Technologies, Inc.,** and the **Thelma Doelger Trust for Animals.**

We also wish to thank the following East Bay veterinary clinics and businesses for helping us with veterinary care, fundraising, and adoptions: **Alameda Pet Hospital, Berkeley Dog and Cat Hospital, VCA Bay Area Pet Hospital, Chevy's Restaurants, Dog Bone Alley, Marti's Place, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Petclub-Emeryville, Petco-Alameda, Petfood Express, Piedmont Grocery, and Whales and Friends.**

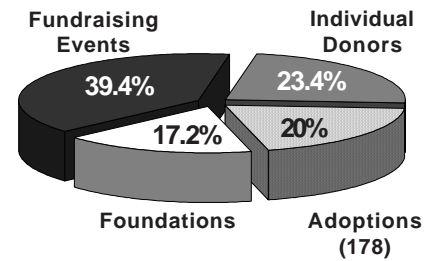
For their collaborative work with ICRA, a special thank you to **Berkeley East Bay Humane Society, East Bay SPCA and Spay/Neuter Clinic, Fix Our Ferals, and Hopalong Animal Rescue .**

Thank you to **Ken Crowley** and the **Red Cross** for donating cat food and litter, to **Girl Scout Troop 1593** for making the kitty blankets, and to **Pat McCall and friends** who waited tables at the Elk's Club and donated all of their tips to ICRA.

Special thanks to **Wilma Bryant** who has knitted 100s of kitty blankets over the years so our fosters have something soft and familiar to take to their new homes.

Most importantly, **THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS** who donate dollars, big and small, to our organization. From donations to attending fundraisers to adoptions, you keep us going strong. Every bit of your help allows us to continue our work.

2005 Fundraising



Arthur

Arthur is a slightly timid and handsome fella who does not like dealing with strangers or new surroundings, but once he gets settled and knows his people, he is friendly and easy-going. Still a young and very playful cat, this active guy would do well in a home with another cat or cats. We estimate Arthur was born around April 2005. He would prefer a home without dogs or small children. Bio #2179A

ADOPTION...the Best Gift of All!!!

Community Feedback ...

YOUR DONATIONS at WORK in 2005

"I want you to know that your organization changes lives and families. "Ivory" helped me through a very difficult time as well as the trials of life. She gave us so much each day. She was our baby. Thank you for introducing us to one another so many years ago. We will always appreciate it." -- J.K.

"We would like to thank ICRA's Merry Bates for her help (along with ICRA friend Heather Hanly) rescuing our cat, Claudia, from the big, scary outside. Many thanks!" -- J. & S. K., and "Goose" and "Claudia" (El Cerrito, Jun 2005)

"Gail and all Island Cat Ladies! Just a little something -- you are all so fantastic to care for all the wonderful kittens and cats." -- M.G.

"WHAT A RELIEF!

Thanks so much for taking 'us' on - I am glad they're (we're) in good hands ... and I was right, the black one is a little boy? Ha!" -- "Kitties in Alameda" -- J.G.

"Dear Merry: I really enjoyed talking to you about Greymore and your work with Island Cats. I admire the work you and your colleagues are doing with cats. Your selfless devotion to providing homes for strays and feral cats is a very important contribution to society. I just wish I had the courage to follow your example. Enclosed is a small contribution. Please keep me posted on your group's activities as I would like to keep in touch. Just knowing that there are people like you in this world has helped me heal [from the loss of her longtime feline companion]. Sincerely, S.C." (Belmont, Nov 2005)

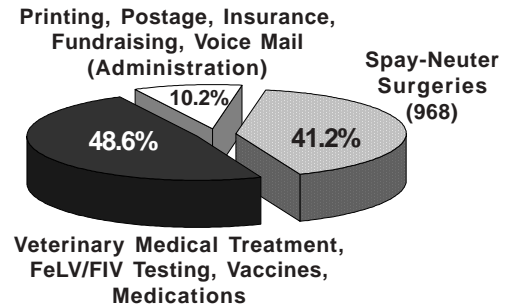
"Thanks so much to Twillah Reimers for all her work!" -- O.E. (Alameda, Sep 2005)

"My husband and I just adopted two beautiful kittens from your wonderful organization. We wanted to write in and let you know that they are doing very well and are enjoying their new home. We really appreciate all the help and support from the foster parents, Gail and Twillah. Thanks again for the great work you do rescuing cats in Alameda and for bringing these two precious kittens into our lives." -- L.D.

"A little less than 10 years ago, I adopted two sweet black and white kittens from ICRA. Some who have been volunteering for the entire time that ICRA has existed might remember Matty Bear (who almost died of an infection a few days after he and his litter mate were snatched out of the bushes and rescued) and Muffin (who was very quiet and sat at the back of the cage when anyone came to look at them). They are very sweet. Once during a visit to a new veterinarian, Matty crawled over into the veterinarian's lap and curled up to take a nap. As the veterinarian proceeded to ask questions about their history, he asked, astonished, "This cat was feral!?" On their last veterinarian visit, their current vet (with a British accent) said of Muffin "Now, this is the perfect cat." Even at 10 years, she still has a perfect cat weight and still loves to jump and play. Thank you so much for doing such a good job with them before they were adopted." -- T.P.

"Dear ICRA, On 12/3 I went with my boyfriend to buy a Christmas tree at a lot around the corner from my house. We noticed a black cat hanging around and asked about it. The kids selling the trees said it had just shown up the same day the trees had arrived and thought it was a stowaway on the tree truck from Oregon. I went back to bring the cat some food that night and sat with him for some time. When I got up to leave he followed me home and I couldn't resist letting him in and giving him a warm bed and some food. After calling the tree farm and placing his pics on the web, I met Merry Bates at Petco on Sat. the 10th. I had already fallen in love with the cat by this time but was unable to keep him due to my landlord not allowing pets. I am happy to say that within hours of telling Merry this story, the real owner had called me [after coming to Petco and telling ICRA about his lost cat] and "Nikko" was reunited with his owner yesterday. It turned out his real name was "Two" and he did come from Alameda where his family was missing him. I urged the owner to at least try a collar if he was going to continue to let the cat outside. I just wanted to say thank you so much for being so kind to me and helping "Nikko" ("Two") find his real home just in time for the holidays. Please use the enclosed donation to help other strays find a home. You should also be receiving a matching contribution from The Gap, which is where I work. Warm regards, S.S." (Alameda, Dec 2005)

2005 Expenses



"Hello, I would like to take a minute and acknowledge the energy and help provided by your volunteer Gretchen ... she is a fine representative of your organization. I hope this donation helps." -- D.N. (Oakland, Aug 2005)

"To whom this may concern, Please accept my donation to your organization. I appreciate all the work you have done. I adopted my adult cat, "Georgie," two and a half years ago when her owner was dying from cancer. Keep up the good work!" -- S.H. (Alameda, Apr 2005)

"Thank you so much for all the work you do. Know that you are very deeply appreciated. We'd like to make a donation to your organization so if you can e-mail and send an address we can get something off to you." -- from "cats with kittens in our garage" or J. & M. D.

"Dear Friends: The time has come for me to close my campaign account. I wanted to donate the remaining funds to a few organizations which I have seen contribute much to Alameda. I chose all-volunteer organizations. My very best for your future efforts. It has been a pleasure to serve the people in Alameda." -- B.K. (Alameda, Jun 2005)

"Thank you so much for connecting me with Merry, Juliet! She was amazing. She is very professional and skilled at what she does. I basically anxiously hovered and got in the way more than anything really. She caught 6 cats in about 40 minutes. It was something to watch. I don't have much time to donate to ICRA but I would like to make a small money donation. Please let me know how to do that. I am very impressed with the work that your organization does." -- "Feral Kittens" - L.H.

ICRA ALUMNI NEWS

News keeps coming from families of many of the 1,779+ cats we have adopted out since 1995, and WE LOVE IT! Regardless of the varied circumstances that brought them to us, these cats share one special thing in common -- the love & warmth of **home**.



Athena (top) writes: "...I wanted you to know how happy I am in my new family. As you can see, my brother Milo is my favorite pillow & we snuggle a lot. Punkin & Boo love to chase me around the house ... Mom is so happy that I came to live with them. Love, Athena." Adopted March 2005 by Suzanne Ochs, Alameda.



Julius is one regal and stunning boy. We have learned that he recently was diagnosed with lymphoma and is undergoing chemotherapy treatment. **All of us at ICRA are wishing the best possible recovery for him!** Adopted May 2005 by Jannie Chan, Alameda.



Musti (formerly Noah) sent this holiday greeting (tho' we doubt he chose the hat?): "Dear ICRA, Thank you for rescuing a cute kitty like me. I hope you can rescue more and find homes for all cats." Adopted December 2004 by Scott & Selda Heavner, Alameda.



Cupcake (left) & **Zorro's** guardians write: "Thanks so much for your hard work. Both cats are absolutely perfect for us." Adopted March 2005 and September 2001, respectively, by Mike Rottmayer & Agnes Consolacion, Alameda.



Princess doesn't need the camera to prove she's a stunning vision in black & white. Adopted June 2005 by Lois Leverone, Oakland.



Hmm, it looks as if **Selma** (right) is about to forfeit her favorite nap spot to **Santina**. Adopted August 2003 by Keri Spaulding, Brentwood.



Nacho (formerly Buddy) seems to be enjoying what is probably a rare pensive moment atop the cat tree away from his four feline housemates. Adopted March 2005 by Toni Zirkle, San Ramon.



Saffron reigns supreme atop the cat tree ... it's all about ME! Lurking somewhere below are fellow ICRA alums **Scarlett & Serena** (adopted January 2005). Saffron & Scarlett adopted June 2005 by Roberta Kingrey & Dan Vengley, Hawaii.



Yeah, they dig me! **Omar** is still thriving. He loves to sleep on our lap for hours at a time, as well as run spastic laps around the apartment ... His new favorite activity is climbing the drying rack where my clothes are hanging. He seems very happy and energetic, and we love him!" Adopted December 2005 by Liz Brown & Sean O'Toole, Alameda.



ICRA took its adoption gig coast-to-coast when **Phoenix** took flight ... literally ... as co-pilot in the cockpit of a jet with his dad en route to his new forever home in Massachusetts. Adopted July 2005 by Steve Churchill & Pat Lovett, Holden, MA.



Their guardians report that **Sophia & Oliver** "are doing really well and love water." They are caught here red-pawed doing some plumbing



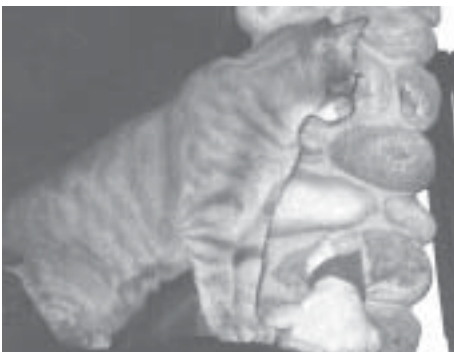
The '3 Bears,' **Teddi, Panda, & Molly** (formerly Meisha) "enjoy every moment with brother (cat) Oliver and sister (dog) Sadie. This is a normal afternoon nap with all five! Signed - happy mother of five black & white beauties!" Adopted July 2004 by Kathy Downs, Hayward.

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"I just wanted to let you know that everything is going REALLY well! **Foxy** (right) definitely has wrapped us around her little paw! She is an amazing, amazing little kitty. She is getting comfortable in our house and can jump on the beds, couches, and chairs easily. It's very interesting watching her figure out a room ... walking the perimeter ... using her paws and senses to feel." Adopted January 2006 by Eric & Stephanie Stephan, Lafayette. Note: A birth defect left Foxy totally blind.



"We were lucky to adopt **Daffodil** a couple of years ago and she continues to love us and entertain ... Even Aflac the duck (a keepsake from her foster home) is still her favorite toy!" Daffodil was too busy eyeing a killer bird outside the patio door to turn for the camera. Adopted September 2001 by Bob & P.J. Lowrey, Vacaville.



Of **Amadeus & Hemingway**, their guardian writes: "They are such lovebugs! I'm so happy they are affectionate. Thank you for taking such good care of them and socializing them with humans. They are not shy at all with my friends and guests who have visited." Adopted April 2006 by Hain-Wei Hsueh, Pleasanton.

A Word from the Veterinarians at Alameda Pet Hospital ...

For the past nine years, Alameda Pet Hospital has been owned by Dr. Karen Buchinger. She and Dr. Jen Dalmasso put in long hours to help the island's sick and injured cats and dogs. Dr. Buchinger and Dr. Dalmasso earned their DVM degrees at U.C. Davis and have backgrounds in wildlife biology and marine biology/zoology, respectively. These two veterinarians have become a key part of ICRA's rescue efforts, as they often make themselves available to our volunteers at a moment's notice to assist with cats and kittens needing urgent care.



Dr. Karen Buchinger, DVM

Dr. Buchinger feels that rescue groups "play an important role in the management of the health and welfare needs of pets who need help" and that groups such as ICRA "can be liaisons with their local veterinarian." According to Dr. Dalmasso, "Rescue groups do amazing work giving animals a chance for adoption that might not otherwise have that opportunity." Both feel that spay/neuter is the key to the "management of health and overpopulation within a given community so that pets don't suffer needlessly. Trap-Neuter-Return is both a humane and effective tool to stabilize feral cat populations." Of note, Dr. Dalmasso is actively involved with Fix Our Ferals and firmly believes ALL animals (cats, dogs, ferals, and owned) should be spayed and neutered.

On the issue of declawing, both veterinarians want to make it known that "there are many alternatives available." Dr. Buchinger says, "It is only warranted in cases where the caretaker can suffer from cat scratches, such as having blood clotting, or immune-compromised conditions." Dr. Dalmasso adds, "It is not a procedure I believe in or will perform unless it is the only way a guardian can keep their pet and preserve the human-animal bond."

To keep your beloved companion healthy, both veterinarians agree that regular annual exams and vaccinations are of utmost importance. In addition, they stress parasite prevention and getting "the best high quality nutrition you can afford" for your pets. Good body weight, playtime and exercise, and, of course, lots of love is what they prescribe. This last part is evident to all of us at ICRA, judging by the way these doctors treat their patients! *Thank you!*

Lucianno



I got my name because as a youngster I was the first to serenade with my musical cries and the last to stop. My vocalizing has mellowed but has transitioned into energy I share with people and cats alike. I've been labeled the "rebel without a cause" by my foster parent, but when I'm not ruling the playground I can be mellow and will mesmerize you with my beautiful, sweet eyes. I have my moments of following you like a puppy. I can be very laid back and like to be held and petted. I purr instantly and enjoy playing with my foster friend Doyle. My siblings and I were rescued at 14-days old and bottle-raised. I need a home with other cats and should be okay with careful children. I was born on August 22, 2005. Bio# 2149C

Visit our website at www.icraeastbay.org for information on more of our cats.

NO COMPANION ANIMALS LEFT BEHIND . . . Are Yours Taken Care of in Case of Emergency?

Emergencies and disasters come in many forms and may require anything from a brief absence to permanent evacuation from your home. Gut wrenching images from Hurricane Katrina, highlighting the trauma experienced by evacuees forced to abandon their companion and service animals and the subsequent suffering those animals endured, remind us that the majority of community disaster and evacuation plans do not provide for animals. Even though Congress is now considering legislation that would require state and local emergency managers to address household pets and service animals in their disaster plans (*Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act, S. 2548 and H.R. 3858*), do not assume government resources will be there when you need them. Ultimately, the safety and survival of your beloved pets in an emergency depends on YOU. It's never too soon to assess the emergency game plan for *everyone* in your home.

Each type of disaster requires different measures to protect your animals, but **always keep in mind the worst case scenario in which you must evacuate your home.** If you must evacuate, do so as early as possible and **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND.** If it's unsafe for you, it's unsafe for them. Even if they manage to survive on their own, they will suffer in harm's way, and you may be unable to find them when you return. The most important thing you can do well ahead of time is to research and plan a safe haven for your pets outside the disaster area since most human shelters will not accept pets. Also consider designating a trusted temporary caregiver whom you trust to execute your plan if you are away from home when emergencies arise. Thinking ahead can save your life and those of your pets, and the checklist at right is a quick reference to help you get started. It's too late once disaster strikes.

Helpful resources and training opportunities:

- * Alley Cat Allies: www.alleycat.org/katrina.html (includes helpful disaster planning links plus information on post-disaster feral cat management and community planning)
- * FEMA courses (IS-10/IS-11: Animals in Disaster) at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>
- * American Red Cross "Pet First Aid for Cats and Dogs" course - Go to "Courses" at www.bayarea-redcross.org for information on local class schedules and locations

DISASTER CHECKLIST for PETS

- Develop a plan. Research where your pets can go outside the danger zone, e.g., hotel/motels, friends and family, boarding facilities, and veterinarians.
- Make sure your pets wear collars with securely fastened, up-to-date ID tags.
- Keep pet vaccinations up-to-date.
- Have sturdy, portable carriers for each pet. For cats, there should be room for a small litter pan and a water/food dish. Carriers are the safest way to transport stressed animals.
- Prepare a waterproof, portable "Pet Survival Kit." Contents to consider:
 - Medications, medical records, extra ID tags and collars, and current photos of your pets
 - First aid kit. Include such items as: a pet first aid book, gauze, adhesive tape, rectal thermometer, tweezers, cotton balls, hydrogen peroxide, antibacterial ointment
 - At least 7 days of food and potable water for each pet, bowls, cat litter/pan/scoop (*Rotate food and water every 2-3 months*)
 - Small comfort items, e.g., fleece, toys, and treats

Flower

When rescued in West Oakland, Flower was barely alive due to starvation and severe wounds presumably suffered in a fight with a raccoon over food. With tattered ears, one hind toe missing, and a tail and right eye that were surgically removed due to infection, visual scars show her past suffering. But a few weeks of rehabilitation made a "Flower" bloom in this amazingly resilient and sweet cat's personality. A soft touch and gentle words taught this beautiful soul to trust humans again. We estimate she was born in early-spring 2005. Bio #2229



Cinnamon

This beautiful young cat exudes curiosity and affection. She would love nothing more than a warm lap to sit on and regular petting and cuddling. Sweet-natured with a wonderful, fun personality. She is very interactive and loves human company, so Cinnamon could go to a home with another cat or would be okay as an only cat. We don't know anything about her experience with dogs or young children. Rescued in Hayward in late-2005, we estimate she was born in early-2003. Bio# 2239A



Toby



Toby was rescued as a feral kitten with his brother Sydney. He's such a good kitty – easy going, playful, and a budding cuddler who sleeps under his foster mom's arm at night to snuggle and purr. Gentle and good with new people. A drop-and-roll cat, he throws himself at your feet so you have to stop and pet him. He likes cats, people, and probably dogs, but needs a quiet home with children 12+ years. A bit of an escape artist. We estimate he was born in April 2001. Bio# 1364

Donations in Memory of ...

- ☛ Joanna Knowles from The Ratto Family
- ☛ "K.P." & "Hissy" from Susan Denault
- ☛ In loving memory of my dear "Cala" from Merry Bates
- ☛ "Cala" Bates from Mary Sper
- ☛ "Cala" Bates, beloved cat of Merry from Gail Churchill
- ☛ "Cala" Bates and "Twiggy" (a.k.a. Juliette) Churchill from Juliet Inac
- ☛ Merry Bates' "Cala" from Margitta Gardner
- ☛ "Meitze", beloved cat of Ursula & Ulrich Greczmiel from Gail Churchill
- ☛ "Cricket", watched over and loved by Sandy Sher from Gail Churchill
- ☛ Sandy Sher's "Cricket" from Margitta Gardner
- ☛ "Bingo" from his loving guardians Andy & Sally Lorenz
- ☛ "Bingo", a favorite ICRA rescue cherished by The Lorenz's from Gail Churchill
- ☛ "Oliver", loved by Carol & Ron from Gail Churchill
- ☛ "Twiggy" Churchill, young again at the Rainbow Bridge from Gail Churchill
- ☛ The Churchill's "Twiggy" from the Greczmiels
- ☛ "Twiggy" Churchill from Margitta Gardner
- ☛ Gail's "Juliette/Twiggy," a lucky cat who gained a second chance at life in a loving home from Sandy Sher

Donations in Honor of ...

- ☛ "Tobie" from Sue Chow
- ☛ "Selma" & "Santina" from Keri Spaulding
- ☛ Pat Wood from Michael & Margaret Starnes
- ☛ "Olivia" & "India" from Sandra Hutchinson
- ☛ Jean Tom's birthday! from Louise Woods & Debbie Ralley
- ☛ Rachna Rajan's birthday from Louise Woods, Debbie Ralley, & Jean Tom

Dedications ...

- ☛ Dianne Dukelow from Ulrike Willimon
- ☛ The Beles Family from Alycia Shilton Lloyd

EVERY DONATION COUNTS!!

\$10 = 4 distemper vaccines
\$30 = 1 neuter surgery for a male cat
\$60 = 1 spay surgery or 2 FeLV/ FIV tests
\$100 = two humane traps to loan out for Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) projects

2006 Champagne Silent Auction

Join us for our 8th annual Champagne Silent Auction on

Saturday, September 16, 2006 from 7pm to 10pm at the Harbor Bay Community Center, 3195 Mecartney Rd, Alameda in the Harbor Bay Shopping Center.

We will have 200 items up for bid, including overnight stays, fine jewelry, pet-themed items, art, and so much more. Try your luck at our raffle and join the fun for a live auction, too!

There will be lots of great food, champagne, wines, coffee, and desserts. Listen to live music while taking part in bidding wars with your friends!

Donation is \$25 or \$20 with a new bag of cat food.

No Credit Cards, Please – Cash or Checks Only.

Proceeds will enable us to help many more homeless cats and kittens. What better way to have fun and support the cats!?!

If you'd like to donate an auction item, give us a call.

Watch for our August mailing, but mark your calendars now!



ICRA

Holiday Craft & Gift Boutique

New this year, ICRA will host a Holiday Craft & Gift Boutique like no other! Where else can you do all of your holiday shopping and help homeless kitties?!? We already have creative artisans signed on who will feature original artwork, jewelry, antiques, cards, baked goods, and holiday gifts and decor. These aren't the same everyday wares you see at other boutiques or department stores – our items are new, different, and exciting!

We will hold this *shopping extravaganza* at the Harbor Bay Community Center, 3195 Mecartney Rd, Alameda in the Harbor Bay Shopping Center on **Saturday, November 18th** and **Sunday, November 19th** from 10am to 5pm both days. Bring your friends and shopping lists, and join us for free coffee & cookies while you shop!

We still have a few vendor tables available, so please call us as soon as possible if you would like to reserve a space to sell your items. For more information on this or other events, please call us at (510) 869-2584.

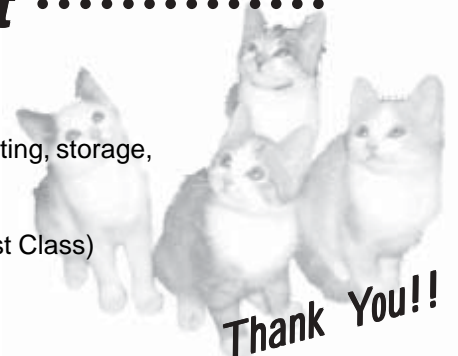


Find details on these and other ways to help us year-round in the "Support Us" section of our website at www.icraeastbay.org

..... Summer Wish List

- FOSTER HOMES!!
- ADOPTION SITE VOLUNTEERS!!
- KMR Formula (unopened)
- Four Paws nursing bottles
- Cat Food (dry & canned)
- Cat Litter (clay, pine, paper)
- Fully Elastic Collars (new)
- Microwaveable Heat Disks
- Paper Towels
- Large Plastic Garbage Bags

- Scratching Boxes
- Food Scales (to 5 lbs.)
- Pet Store Gift Cards/Certificates
- Services-in-Kind, e.g., copying, printing, storage, legal, etc.
- Household Items for Garage Sales
- Postage Stamps (Postcard and First Class)
- Polyester Fiberfill Stuffing
- Yarn



Thank You!!



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Feeding a Stray? Neuter or Spay! Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Works!

Kisa



My name is Kisa, which means "cat" in Russian. I am sweet, affectionate, and love to be brushed and groomed. I enjoy the company of people but am very cautious around other cats, so I would prefer to go to a home as an only cat. I am not a large cat ... just big boned and healthy. One of my favorite things is to have my very cute-sized belly rubbed. Once you get me purring it is hard for me to stop. I think you should get to know me! Bio #2063

SPAY-NEUTER!! ... Be Part of the Solution

Peak kitten season is back! It's never too soon to break the cycle of feral and stray mother cats giving birth to kittens who will mature, mate, and give birth to their own offspring within 5-6 months. Doing focused Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) in your backyard or neighborhood breaks that cycle. We can assist with step-by-step instructions, humane trap loans, and referrals to low-cost or free spay/neuter programs. Visit our website to learn more and ACT NOW before a couple of feral or stray cats become 5, 10, or 20 in a matter of months!

Summary of Current Local Spay/Neuter Programs

<u>Location</u>	<u>Program Requirements</u>
East Bay SPCA Free Feral Program The Feral Fix / Feral Hot Line - (510) 563-4635 http://eastbayspca.org/resources/theferalfix.cfm	<input type="checkbox"/> Referral required for free surgeries. Call ICRA at 510-869-2584 <input type="checkbox"/> FERAL CATS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Cats must be in humane traps <input type="checkbox"/> Right ear will be tipped
Fix Our Ferals Free Spay/Neuter Clinics for Homeless Cats East Bay www.fixourferals.org	<input type="checkbox"/> Call the Fix Our Ferals hotline at 510-433-9446 to reserve space and obtain trap resource information <input type="checkbox"/> Drop off/pick up cats the same day <input type="checkbox"/> Upcoming clinics: 9 Jul, 10 Sep, 5 Nov
East Bay SPCA or St. Louis Veterinary Clinic Low Cost Spay/Neuter for Low Income Households	<input type="checkbox"/> Call ICRA at 510-869-2584 <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment required for EBSPCA <input type="checkbox"/> ICRA provides funding for low cost spay/neuter through private individual donations from the public

* Find a wealth of TNR resources through ICRA's website at www.icraeastbay.org *