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ADOPTING A SPECIAL NEEDS ANIMAL *Small Sacrifice, Big Reward*

By Debbie Sharp, Adopter and new ICRA Volunteer

We have all heard and read about how humans can benefit from having a pet. But have you ever thought about adopting a special needs animal? Maybe you think it's too demanding or you think you don't have the right space for the animal to be comfortable. These are the thoughts I once had. Now, I am happy to say, I have had the opportunity to "mother" four special needs cats, to include those with physical disabilities and medical needs.

Some of the more common cases include diabetes, deafness, vision impairment, and loss of limb. You're probably wondering how you would incorporate these animals into your household, or more importantly, what additional demands would they place on you. Let me share some of my findings and experiences.

Probably the easiest to incorporate into your life is an animal who has lost a limb. It is amazing how quickly our four-legged friends can adapt to having only three. Cats still can jump to amazing heights and keep their balance; dogs can go on long walks and run and play with their family and friends. There is very little adjustment a family need make to incorporate this special family member into their household.

A little more challenging is an animal with a medical condition such as diabetes or thyroid problems. They require a family that can adhere to a predictable schedule since medication usually needs to be administered every 12 hours or so. Insulin

Vinnie



Vinnie is a true gentleman, a sweet and soft gray guy who is very affectionate and loving. He can be quite chatty and very charming. Vinnie has a heart murmur and hyperthyroid condition but is doing very well with proper meds. Do you need a bit of sweet and mellow in your hectic life? Try Vinnie! He will do best in a calm home and would be fine as a solo cat or as a companion to another sweet cat. Probably OK with a calm dog and children over 10. We estimate he was born in October 2001. Bio# 2511 JI

injections are given with a very small needle that can hardly be felt by your furry friend. It's best to administer them while the animals are eating. That way they get the food that is required and are so preoccupied that they don't realize what you're doing. Pilling a dog is very easy – just pop it in a treat such as peanut butter, cream cheese, or even a Sausage! Cats, on the other hand, can be a little more challenging. If you are really skilled, you can administer the pill by quickly popping the cat's mouth open, shoving the pill to the back of the throat, closing the mouth, and rubbing the throat. If this doesn't work, there is a fantastic little invention called a "cat piller." Just place the pill in the end of the device, put the "piller" into the cat's mouth, and push the plunger.

As for physical disabilities, deafness and blindness are the most common. Deafness can occur through genetics (such as white cats with blue eyes) or aging. Many of these animals can be taught very simple signs in order to communicate. I love to vacuum when my

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ARE YOU READY FOR A KITTEN?



Cute high jinks are a large part of a kitten's charm but have a downside for the unwitting adopter. Kitten care is like that for a baby, except most babies don't swing from drapes or scamper underfoot at 35MPH. Here are a few questions to ask before adopting a kitten:

* **Do I have the time and energy to teach a kitten the house rules?**

Kittens require almost constant supervision, which poses a problem for people who aren't home a lot. They will get into everything. They have sharp claws and teeth and must learn how not to use them on you and your belongings. Training takes patience and persistence to ensure kittens become well-adjusted family members for the next 15-20 years.

* **Do I cherish quiet?** Kittens play and romp — your pet peeves are of little concern. With lots of energy to burn, your world is their playground. Curtains? Important papers? Your toes at 3:00am? They're all fair game to a kitten.

* **What about the kids?** Small children don't know their own strength or how fragile a kitten is. Worst case is injury to the kitten (or to the child when the frightened kitten scratches or bites). Rough encounters also can make a kitten shy or leery of people.

* **What if I want a cuddly lap cat?** All cats start out as playful kittens, but it's anyone's guess after that. If you want specific companion traits, mature cats are the way to go.

* **Can I handle more than one?** Kittens should be adopted in pairs or to a home with another youthful cat. They can wrestle and play to their hearts' content. Better yet, they learn social graces from one of their own, taking some of the heat off of you!

Adoption should never occur on impulse, but deciding to adopt a kitten requires particularly careful thought. They become cats pretty quickly, but the effects of choices you make in those formative months last a lifetime. Are you really ready for the responsibility?



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For more information call ICRA at (510) 869-2584.

Our Mission: We are dedicated to reducing the suffering of abandoned and feral (wild) cats and to empowering the local community to aid them in their plight. We provide low-cost spay/neuter, vaccines, and medical treatment to all of our cats, and resources for people willing and able to help themselves. We provide foster care for tame or socialized 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 spay/neuter to reduce the number of unwanted kittens.

Spring Silent Auction Gives Us a Jump on Kitten Season ...

All of us who volunteer with ICRA, and the many cats and kittens we help, want to thank everyone who made our 9th annual Champagne Silent Auction in May such a resounding success! This was an inaugural effort to hold this event in the spring for a boost before the peak of 'kitten season.' Even though close on the heels of our fall auction, the festivities raised over \$18,000 - THANKS TO OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS - which will go a long way toward our spay/neuter and rescue efforts.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to all the attendees and those who made this event happen. We wish to thank the Harbor Bay Community Center, Sunny Beans Coffee, guitarist Terrence Brewer and his ensemble, and this year's live auctioneer, Akash Rajan. Thanks also to our creative volunteers who made it possible to host this event at minimal expense and ensure even more money goes *directly* to the cats! Very special thanks goes out to our business and individual donors without whose generosity we would be unable to sustain our efforts year after year.



Silent auction guests skillfully balance bidding, eating, drinking, and catching up with friends.

Please look up the many local businesses who donated bid items and support them to show your appreciation.

A Step Forward Shoes
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of San Jose
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Piedmont Grocery
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Pier 39
PlumpJack Restaurant
Quilt Fans
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Though they can't tell you themselves, the homeless cats and kittens in our care truly appreciate what you do. Thank you one and all! **See you next year!**

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ... Your Donations at Work

I cannot thank your organization enough. Gail has come through for me over and over again. With rescuing kittens that were born on my porch, to taking in injured kittens that were left at my residence. I have been trapping these cats in my backyard and am still working on them getting spayed and neutered. Some of these cats are about 6 months old and I sure hate to release them back outside. I am so happy to have a contact like Gail, she is great.

— Glenna Gifford, San Leandro

Just wanted to let you know that Rocky (now Sasha) is living it up! I adopted him a little over a month ago on the day of his first "showing." It took him less than 12 hours to fall in love with my 2-year old kitty, Felix. He now follows him EVERYWHERE ... the cat box, the food bowl, the kitty condo. They play together all day long (and night), and then collapse in a big pile to sleep. He is a total character, and a wonderful addition to my family. I was just looking at your adoption gallery to see how many of the kitties that I had looked at had been adopted. Sadly, most of the cats listed a month ago are still on your site. It breaks my heart to know that all of these sweet kitties are still waiting for their forever homes. If there is anything I can do to help, let me know. You have a great group of volunteers working with you ... thank you all for doing such an important job! — Alicia Smiley (cat mom)

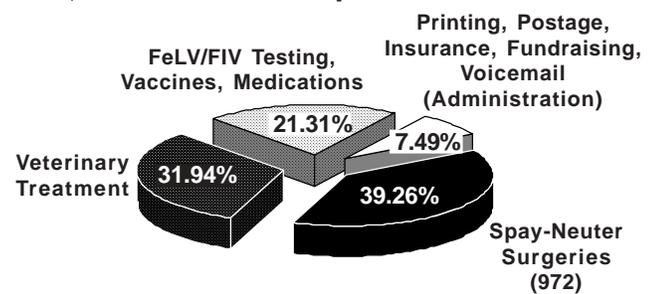
Dear Claudia, Merry, and all volunteers,
I am sorry I was not able to be at the auction and want to tell you again how grateful I am for all you are doing. Being each day with Princess makes me realize very tangibly what a wonderful work you do. Thank you so much!! — Love from Princess and Lois Leverone, Oakland

Hi, friends. Please let DeAnne Jarvis know that we absolutely LOVE our adopted cat, Sugar Snap. She and our other cat, Misu, are very fond of one another. They play, they chase each other around the house, they wrestle, and they are very sweet and gentle with each other. Plus, Sugar Snap is losing a little of her paunch! Thanks to your group and DeAnne for all your good work. — Mike Banister & Nora Privitera, Oakland

How could anyone not LOVE those black and white cats! Fluf was a foster kitty who made it quite clear that she had found her home and had no intention of leaving! We've all been happy with her decision - (except maybe Aggie and Bob). She makes us laugh every day, and tucks us each in every night. How could you not love that? We're packing up the cats in their new big crate - big enough for all three - and heading back to Seattle on Tuesday. I've enjoyed my association with ICRA and each of you and been tremendously inspired by your dedication and hard work.
— Love and blessings, Johnnie Woods

Hey Juliet! I am happy to report that Grace is doing really well. She is a wonderful little girl and she brings joy to our hearts every day! She's getting along great with her big kitty sister (Pasha) and is really comfortable with her big doggie sister (Madi). In fact, just yesterday when Madi came in from outside, Grace snuck up behind her and pounced! Madi went running for her life! It was hilarious to see! Imagine a 5 pound kitten attacking a 52 pound pit bull and winning! When Madi finally stopped running long enough to figure out what had attacked her she was so happy and excited - wagging her tail as Grace strutted confidently by. She also sleeps next to us every night and makes the cutest little sounds. She lets us cradle her and kiss her and LOVES to have her ears and chin scratched. She carries her "cat dancer toy" in her mouth and brings it into the living room when we are watching TV as if to say, "That's enough lounging around, play with me! Here's the toy!" She darts around the house so fast that my husband said we should call her "Sparrow," but I keep calling her my little lotus flower (which gets abbreviated to LiLo), so we may end up calling her that. My husband really loves her a lot and says that she's a great addition to our family. It's so cute to see them asleep together - tiny little Grace snuggled next to my big husband! I could go on and on, but I'll spare you! :) I just wanted to write you a bit about our little Grace and thank you again for bringing this wonderful little kitty into our lives. — Take good care, Ariana Mohit, Oakland

2006 Expenses



Dear ICRA:

Thanks for taking care of us until we could find our lifelong home with Dana. She is a good Mom. We have lots of toys, more catnip mice than you can count, and we can get treats every night. Did you know that peoples' beds are really warm, especially at night? Maggie likes to sleep there most of the night and Chloe comes up around sunrise. We also have some cool hiding places—in the linen closet, under the bed, under the end table, and places Dana has never found yet! We also get to help with the dishes (we only like that chore if she ate fish or yogurt) and to help her get moving in the morning. At night, we like to fight for space on Mom's lap. We can both fit if we really try. Thanks again for helping us find our Mom. We are very, very happy!
Love, Maggie and Chloe



Maggie and Chloe (p.k.a. Margie & Cassie)
Adopted November 2006 by Dana Ashby, Alameda.



Loki (r) and mentor Papa share a nap. His mom reports: "He is a crazy monkey – can jump a couple of feet off the ground to catch a toy. His new favorite toy is the Christmas tree which he seems to like to climb. Yikes! All in all, he is a bouncy, happy little guy. Papa has been teaching him the benefits of sleep and cat-like lounging and slowly Loki is catching on." Adopted August 2006 by K. Ruby, Oakland.

ICRA ALUMNI PHOTOS

We love seeing how our 1,900+ alumni have taken charge of their forever homes. Thanks to their human companions for grabbing the cameras, persevering to get the perfect shot from these su-purr models, and keeping us in the loop! ... **More on page 6.**



On the adjustment to his new home, his guardian wrote: **Noodles** (p.k.a. Sebastian) "is doing great...he is such a sweetie! He's spending a bit more time outside his room each day, but is still intimidated by Jimmy. Jimmy, in turn, is intimidated when Sebastian growls, so it all works out." Adopted January 2007 by Tracy Seneca, Oakland.



"The babies are doing great, even though they are quite big. **Kiri**, who is huge is so curious, and **Meka** (p.k.a. Mimi) is following her brother's footsteps. They are both learning to talk more and follow me into the shower every morning. They don't get that wet but love playing with the water. They also loved their picture in the newsletter!" Adopted October 2006 by M. Roberta Smith, Oakland.



"Here's **CookieWookie** (I added the Wookiee on), who 'adopted me' last year. What a great girl she is. As you can see, she has definitely made herself at home - lol. Thanks so much for finding her for me. And also to her foster mom, Collette ... Thanks again!" Adopted October 2006 by Ellen Locke, Alameda.



Gatsby "is an adorable cat and we've been having lots of fun playing with him, and I think he has lots of fun playing tricks with us and with the fish! He is so gentle, very talkative and playful. I just wanted to let you know that he seems very happy here with us after this year and a half he has been home." Adopted January 2006 by Marianne & Christian, Oakland.



"**Ti-Li** and **Oolong** (p.k.a. Matthew & Mark) continue to be as active and precious as can be. When they are not chasing each other around and wearing themselves out they are in our laps and EVERYTHING else." This includes the resident bird's cage! Adopted January 2007 by Tom & Nell, Alameda.



"The kids are doing well ... They are so lovable (usually). **Thor** is the Alpha and goes after **Zeus** who goes after **Isis** who teases them both. They are such a delight. I can't thank you enough for allowing me to adopt these 3 furballs. I miss volunteering for ICRA and all the wonderful people." Adopted June 2000 and November 2001 by Jan Kahle, Lake Havasu City, AZ (formerly Alameda).



With possession as nine-tenths of the law, **Mighty Mo** wonders if mom thinks she actually is going to USE this sink ... ever. Adopted January 1997 by Justine Kay, Alameda.



Brother and sister 'efficiency experts' **Peter** and **Beatrice** are pictured busily "helping" their mom sew a new quilt. Adopted July 2004 by Racine Linville, Albany.



Amika and **Peanut** (p.k.a. Waylon) snoozing and "...happy as can be!" Adopted November 2006 and February 2005 by Grant & Sarah Marcoux, Alameda.



"Here is a picture of **Blue** - he is adorable, very loving, and happy in his new home. Best wishes for the New Year!" Adopted August 2005 by Jon & Lori Orr, Alameda.

SPECIAL NEEDS

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deaf cat is in the room. I often have to nudge her out of the way while the rest of her siblings have run for cover! Vision impairment is another common disability. This can be genetic, a result of an injury or infection, or age-related, e.g., cataracts may develop in older animals. You may want to keep your furry friend confined to a smaller room in the beginning so that they learn to maneuver around the furniture. Also, keep their food, water, and litter in the same location. As you allow them to venture into the rest of your house, take care to remove any and all dangerous obstacles in order to avoid physical injury to your beloved pet.

If you would like to take on the responsibility and receive unconditional love that special needs cats will provide, call us. We will take the time to match your needs with those of your new furry family member. Once they're in your family, the emotional satisfaction will be immeasurable!

Naz



Naz lived on the streets for more than a decade but is thriving with human companionship and the comfort of life indoors. ICRA took him in as a skinny, sickly guy when his feeder became ill. He has recurring congestion and audible breathing but is not contagious. He has no teeth, is blind in one eye, and is possibly deaf in one ear but has the playful spirit of a kitten! He loves affection and a warm lap to sit on. Naz LOVES to be petted, but being picked up still makes him a bit nervous. He likes cats and might be OK with a cat-friendly dog and calm children over 8. Bio # 2426 JI

See More **ADOPTABLE SPECIAL NEEDS CATS** on page 6.

ICRA RESCUE STORY

... Curiosity Got the Cat ... and Kittens

What should have been an easy community assist trapping project quickly turned into a potential nightmare! An ICRA volunteer was notified that two feral female cats were taking up residence under a locked garbage storage bin in back of a local office supply store. Because this was on a busy street, because they were being fed only sporadically, and because they were most likely unaltered, something had to be done soon. This is, after all, kitten season.



Nursing mom and her kittens happily reunited and out of harm's way.

Humane trap #1 caught kitty #1. Off she went to the vet for her spay surgery and everything went well. Humane trap #2 did its job, too, so kitty #2 was driven off for her spay surgery. That's when the situation got dicey. At pick-up, our volunteer was told that kitty #2 was a *nursing mom* – translation: somewhere there were little babies without their mama, and they were cold and hungry! At this point, time was of the essence because you never know just how young or in what condition the motherless kittens are, but our volunteer knew she had to act fast. The store management proved less than helpful when they wouldn't unlock the storage area, which meant that one has to do what one has to do! A wall was scaled, garbage crawled over, boxes and shelving moved around, and then ... five tiny heads popped up and meowed! The kittens were immediately pulled from the trash and reunited with their relieved mom within minutes. We are happy to report that all are thriving and soon will be ready for adoption.

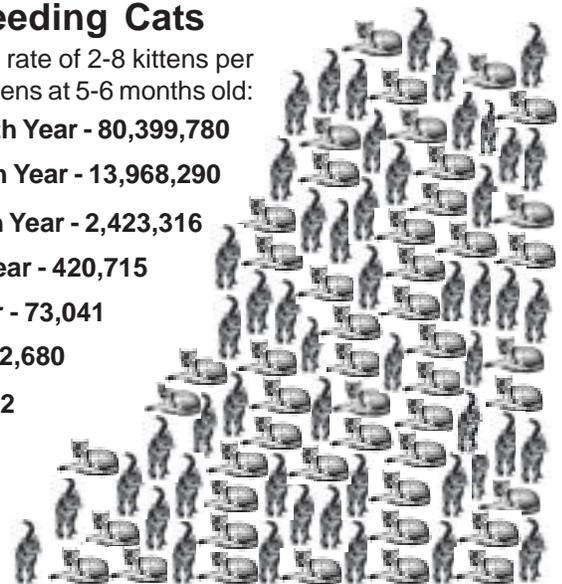
The moral of this story? *Please*, continue your humane trapping for spay and neuter purposes, but always ask your veterinarian if you have brought in a nursing mother. If you have, know that there are kittens out there desperate to be back with their mother, so do everything in your power to expedite that reunion!

Note: *If you find abandoned kittens, especially those too young to be weaned, LOOK FOR A MOM, too. For all you know, she may have been in the process of moving her kittens one-by-one to a better location when you stumbled upon the rest. Mom needs to be humanely trapped and spayed before more litters appear, plus she can care for her kittens better than you during those first critical weeks.*

Multiplication Chart for Two Uncontrolled Breeding Cats

Two litters per year at a survival rate of 2-8 kittens per litter ... AND kittens can have kittens at 5-6 months old:

- 10th Year - 80,399,780
- 9th Year - 13,968,290
- 8th Year - 2,423,316
- 7th Year - 420,715
- 6th Year - 73,041
- 5th Year - 12,680
- 4th Year - 2,202
- 3rd Year - 382
- 2nd Year - 66
- 1st Year - 12



Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) ... BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!!!



"Puma has gone from kitten to regal lady in just a year with the Daves. Vibrant, talkative and quite lively, Puma has adapted to a non carpeted environment; learning the fine art of 'drifting,' or controlled sliding across the floor. Ironically, Puma's favorite possession is the hand knitted blanket she brought with her when she came to live with us. While catnip is not her favorite, Greenies evoke her most vigorous and euphoric purring. Dislikes are the mailman, dogs, and lemons. She is happy to be indulging in the art of sun bathing." Adopted April 2006 by Dave Shultz & David Laquidara, Alameda.

ADOPT ME, PLEASE!

Sydney



Sydney was rescued as a feral kitten with his brother Toby in early-2001. A quiet, gentle and happy boy, he'll "trill," head butt, and pace back and forth until he gets attention. He needs another cat buddy and a calm household with children over 12. He will start out shy but warm up quickly. Probably would be OK with a dog. He requires daily medication for hypothyroidism that is inexpensive and easy to administer. Bio# 1364 DJ

RESCUE STORY UPDATES

... Abused Kittens Find Forever Homes

Since our last newsletter, we are happy to report that both pairs of abused kittens featured in the 'Rescue Story' section have found homes -- one-eyed "Pirates of the Caribbean" kittens Capt. Jack Sparrow and his brother Will Turner, and siblings Callie and Cody. Here is news on the "Pirates":

"Capt. Jack (a.k.a. Jax, Jackie) has truly been a blessing to our family. His outgoing and eccentric personality brings multiple smiles to our house daily. At first Jax was a little nervous in his new life and I believe he missed his brother "Will," however, after a couple days his heart opened up and an instant bond was created between him and our family. Jax loves to play and will even "fetch" his toys and bring them back to us. My wife and I joke that Jax is as loyal as a dog. Jax gets along great with our other cat, Lee, and loves having a slightly older sister. Jax cannot resist the temptation of running water or catnip making his pirate name perfect for him. Thanks again all of you at Island Rescue for bringing Jax to us. — Dustin & Erin Garcia



Jax (p.k.a. Capt. Jack) shows us how to live the good life. You GO, Jax!



It's smooth sailing now for Will Turner, happy and safe with his new family ...

"Will Turner is doing just fine. He adjusted in no time and already roams around the whole house (it's a small house!). He is happy and playing. My other cat has not really been aggressive toward him at all, but she's been keeping her distance. They are making progress though and I think in a few more days they should become friends. I am attaching a few pics of Will. Apparently, he loves sinks!"
— Paul & Summer Tokarz ... and sink.



Cody (now Simon) and **Callie** (now Sophie) were adopted together in February 2007 by Carrie Marguglio. With their terrible injuries well behind them, we wish them a long and happy life in their new home!

A warm, loving home is the most selfless gift you can give! PLEASE ADOPT!

Tuff

Tuff is a very intelligent, sweet kitty. She has mild cerebellar hypoplasia -- her only symptom is that she sometimes loses her footing when she runs fast. She needs no treatment, and her condition won't worsen. Shy at first, she will need people who are patient as she adjusts to a new home. She will snuggle up with you at night. She loves to chase a laser dot toy, but her favorite is a ball point pen - she carries it around in her mouth! Probably would be OK with children over 12 but no dogs, please. She needs another cat friend. We estimate Tuff was born in May 2004. Bio# 1926 GL



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

Donations in Memory of ...

- ☛ 'Desi' from Sandy Sher
- ☛ 'Sylvester' Berardi from Diane Berardi-Stohner
- ☛ Betty Griese from Howard Manipis
- ☛ 'Allie' & 'Molly' from Karin Seritis
- ☛ 'Jenny' Kitchens from Walter & Katherine Downs
- ☛ 'Retia' from Billy & Julie Weese
- ☛ 'Ivan' from Daniel Disanto
- ☛ 'Holly,' 18 ½ years old, from Verna Humphrey
- ☛ 'Julius,' beloved cat of Jannie Chan & Tgyvve Issacson, from Jennifer McGlone
- ☛ 'Timmy' Kitchens from Walter & Katherine Downs
- ☛ 'Smudge' Forbes from Monica Vohryzka
- ☛ Our best buddy, 'Walter' Murray, from Jeff & Betsey
- ☛ 'Daisy' & 'Felix,' Debbie Sharp's sweet and golden companions, from ICRA Volunteers
- ☛ 'Barlow' & 'Bentley' Post, two gentleman cats from Sandy Sher
- ☛ 'Darla,' a darling of the Bailey household, from Sandy Sher
- ☛ 'Baby,' a small, sweet feral kitty, from Barbara, Elizabeth, & Mary Muskopf ... We miss him.
- ☛ Gail & Jim's beloved 'Desiree' from ICRA Volunteers
- ☛ 'Desiree' from Peggy Nice & Dave Barkley
- ☛ 'Rags' Von Stein from Mimi Truong Wall
- ☛ 'Green eyes and Sam' from Merry Bates
- ☛ Merry's 'Sam,' from Heather Hanly & Dan Purcell
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- ☛ Rocky Bobcat from Mary Ellen Bauer
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- ☛ Marzi, Emma, & Sophie from Jerome Salitros
- ☛ My daughter, Heather Hanly, from Donna Hanly
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- ☛ Roy & Peggy Santa Maria from Denise Cahalan
- ☛ Roy & Peggy Santa Maria from JM Turmaine
- ☛ Jim Mead for catsitting from Gerald Flynn
- ☛ 'Rosie,' a treasure, from Patricia Flanagan
- ☛ 'Mia' from Heather Hanly & Dan Purcell

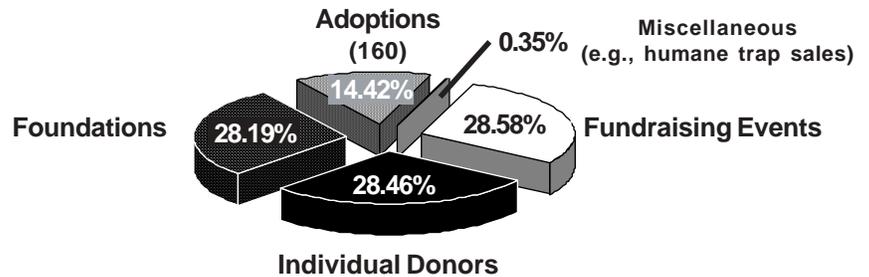
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- ☛ Sally Hoyer Holiday from Valerie Peck
- ☛ Teresa Gibson from John Lin
- ☛ K.L. Lyde from Cheryl Sawyer
- ☛ 'Julius' Chan Isaacson from Amy Kashiwabara

Fundraising News

Kitten season is an exhausting and resource-challenged time of year for us. The sheer volume of spay-neuter and rescue projects combined with rising veterinary costs more often than not force us to make difficult and deliberate decisions regarding the level and scope of community service we are able to provide. Please spread the word and help us continue to help as many cats and kittens in need as possible. Details on different ways to contribute are in the 'Support Us' section of our website at www.icraeastbay.org. Giving can be as easy as the click of a button. **All gifts to ICRA are tax deductible.** Thank you for your kindness and generosity!!

2006 Fundraising



We extend our congratulations and a very special thanks to **Steve Schoenfeld** and **Ann Marie Riley** of Alameda who will be getting married in July and have asked their guests to contribute to ICRA (or their local SPCA) in lieu of gifts. Steve and Ann recently adopted 'Stella' from us as a new pal for their two San Francisco SPCA kitties. We wish the two- and four-legged members of your family all the best!

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**Calling All Homes!
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ICRA Holiday Craft & Gift Boutique

We will host our 2nd annual Holiday Craft & Gift Boutique on **Saturday, November 17** and **Sunday, November 18** at the Harbor Bay Community Center, 3195 Mecartney Road, Alameda. Saturday night will be a Champagne Preview Sale from 4pm to 9pm. Sunday's hours will be from 10am to 3pm. Over 15 local artisans will be selling original jewelry, clothing, holiday decorations, gifts, and much more! Look for our advertisements in Alameda papers. Bring your friends and shopping lists! What better way to get a jump on some unique holiday shopping **and** help homeless cats along the way?!? We look forward to seeing you there!

..... Summer Wish List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FOSTER HOMES!! | <input type="checkbox"/> Scratching Boxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADOPTION SITE VOLUNTEERS!! | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Scales (to 5 lbs.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KMR Formula (unopened) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Store Gift Cards/Certificates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four Paws nursing bottles | <input type="checkbox"/> Services-in-Kind, e.g., copying, printing, storage, legal, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cat Food (dry & canned) | <input type="checkbox"/> Postage Stamps (Postcard & First Class) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cat Litter (clay, pine, paper) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yarn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath Size Towels | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microwaveable Heat Disks | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Plastic Garbage Bags | |

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Make a Difference in Your Community ... Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Works!

'LAST LITTER-FRUITVALE' Targeted Spay/Neuter Project Update

ICRA volunteers have been hard at work this past year coordinating Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) projects in various neighborhoods of the Fruitvale District in Oakland. Since February 2006, when ICRA received the first of two grants to fund this targeted spay/neuter program, we have been responsible for having more than 300 cats fixed! Our goal is to reach 350 spay/neuters in the Fruitvale by the end of summer 2007 and it looks like we have a good shot at achieving that goal.

We've learned a lot from the 'Last Litter-Fruitvale' project. In particular, we learned that the TNR philosophy and process must be communicated in many languages to educate the culturally diverse population in Oakland about spay/neuter for tame, stray, and feral cats. Too often, we found people feeding stray and feral cats and caring about them very much, but they had no idea that there were resources available to humanely capture and have the cats

fixed. At the same time, we also ran into people who did not believe male cats should be fixed, but rather only the female cats. Most importantly, we found that there is much more work to be done in the Fruitvale and throughout Oakland and Alameda to get more people on board with the idea that it is not only okay to spay and neuter feral and stray

cats, but that it is an absolute necessity to reduce the number of stray and feral cats that end up in our city animal shelters where many, if not most, are euthanized.

For continuing and additional Spay/Neuter programs, please see the Quick Reference Guide below.

QUICK REFERENCE for LOCAL SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS

East Bay SPCA Free Feral Program The Feral Fix / Feral Hotline (510) 563-4635 http://eastbayspca.org/resources/theferalfix.cfm	* Referral required. * Call ICRA at (510) 869-2584 * FERAL CATS ONLY * Cats must be in humane traps * Right ear will be tipped
Fix Our Ferals Free Spay/Neuter Clinics for Homeless Cats East Bay www.fixourferals.org	* Call the Fix Our Ferals hotline at (510) 433-9446 to reserve space * Drop-off/pick-up cats the same day * Upcoming Clinics: 15 Jul, 16 Sep, 4 Nov
East Bay SPCA Low Cost Spay/Neuter for Low Income Households	* Appointment required * Call ICRA at (510) 869-2584 * ICRA provides funding for low cost spay/neuter through private individual donations