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Community Spay-Neuter Action Saves Feral Mom Cat and Kittens ... GARDEN CAT RELOCATION: Simba's Story

It was late August of 2009 when Rebecca G. noticed a tiny litter of newborn kittens under the loading dock of her workplace in Fremont, California. She contacted an ICRA volunteer she knew and asked what to do next.

Rebecca's first job was to gather up the kittens before their mother sensed danger and moved them to a totally inaccessible or unknown location.

She acted quickly and, with the help of her boss, collected all six kittens, borrowed a humane trap from a local shelter, and used the babies to lure mama cat into the trap (the kittens were placed in a towel-covered carrier at the end of the trap). Rebecca then set up mom and babies in a large dog crate with everything they needed.

Rebecca reported to coworkers via email, *"Meet the cats of our Conference Room Cattery. Six 3-week old kittens and their feral mom are living large in our midst. Someone heard them crying in our loading dock and a plan was put into action per our boss' request. He even re-routed the delivery trucks so the kittens would not be disturbed. All were trapped on Thursday and will be with us until they are old enough to be spayed/neutered and adopted out to loving homes. Boss gets high marks for coming up with the idea, giving up the conference room, and paying for everything."*



A skinny Simba nursing her kittens in the "Conference Room Cattery."

Through a network of animal loving friends, Rebecca was able to find loving homes for all of the kittens after they were weaned, dewormed, spayed/neutered, and vaccinated. ICRA assisted by setting up appointments for them through our clinic partners.

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We're Ready for You to Take Us Home ... C'mon, What are You Waiting For??



ICRA volunteers love us, but we keep coming, and coming, and coming, and coming ... PLEASE! Rescue them and ADOPT us!!

It's that busy time of year again. **Kittens, kittens everywhere ... in foster care, that is.** They've been tested, de-wormed, vaccinated, spayed/neutered, loved, and are ready to go! As much as ICRA treasures them, we don't want this year's kittens to grow up in our adoption program. We need you to find room in your hearts to adopt a homeless kitten (or two) so they can blossom and find their own way in a permanent, nurturing home. Please contact us or visit one of our adoption sites so we can help you and your two-and four-legged family members find a *purrrfect* match. If you crave feline companionship but don't have the lifestyle (or stamina) to

take on kittens, please, **PLEASE consider adopting one of ICRA's wonderful adult cats like Oliver H**, who's just as precious now as he was as kitten. Love match!!



Oliver H.

Bio# LH001
DOB: 2001

- * All boy but also a snuggler
- * Very "H"andsome
- * May prefer to be a solo cat

Oliver H. was rescued by neighbors when his former guardian refused him veterinary care for injuries.

AGH!!

**It's Almost Time For
HOLIDAY SHOPPING!!
Must...Beat...the Rush!!**

**Okay not really, but
SAVE THE DATE ANYWAY!!**

ICRA's annual **Holiday Boutique** will be held on **November 19, 2011** from 10:00am to 6:00pm in the foyer of the E lks Lodge, Alameda. Come one, come all! Please stop by to peruse and B U Y some of our many holiday gift items and decor. All proceeds go toward helping stray and feral cats in our community. We hope to see you there!

In this issue are two stories which, on the surface, are obvious plugs for ICRA's new **"Garden Cat" adoption program for FERAL CATS**. Yet their two underlying themes constitute the core of our mission:

1. Encouraging COMMUNITY ACTION, and
2. Showing the benefits of spay/neuter and TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR).

In addition to highlighting that the human-feline bond can take many different forms, these stories prove what just ONE caring and empowered person can do to make a difference in the lives of homeless cats.



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For more information e-mail ICRA at info@icraeastbay.org or call (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.*

A Record Evening of FUN(ds) for Homeless Cats and Kittens!!

We are thrilled to announce that our 17th Champagne Silent Auction in May brought in more than \$19,000 for our community's cats in need. It was an evening of record crowds, a record number of bid items, and our highest donation total to date! This all translates to much needed funds to continue our mission.

We again thank the Elks Lodge of Alameda and ICRA volunteer Pat McCall for their hospitality in providing the use of their huge venue for such a special night. To jazz guitarist Terrence Brewer, thank you for your great entertainment and continued support. To the ICRA volunteers who donated the wonderful food for this event, in addition to decorating and staffing, please know this successful night would not have happened without you — Thank you all.

Of course, there would be no auction without the many generous donations from area businesses and individual donors. To our annual stalwarts and newcomers alike, we never can thank you enough!

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We hope to see all of you (and your friends) next year!

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GARDEN CAT RELOCATION: Simba's Story

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Rebecca's place of work was closing its doors in a few months so there was the problem of where to place mama cat after she was spayed. Rebecca had an idea and spoke to her sister about turning her into a garden/yard cat. It took some gentle convincing, but sister Kim and family decided to give it a try. They completed the steps for safe relocation provided by ICRA and began getting to know their new cat, now named Simba. She is a beautiful orange tabby.

At first Simba wouldn't get near her new caretakers, but she was clearly enjoying regular meals and shelter from the elements. She was skinny when found with newborns, but she finally started to put on some much needed weight.

Rebecca reported to friends, *"Attached are pictures of the mama cat. My sister Kim adopted her and she is doing great! A little too*



Take a look at me now! A more shapely Simba enjoys the safety of her new porch 'villa' in San Ramon.

great as you will see from the pudgy photos. I think part of the problem was no exercise for so long while she was caring for her kittens. I'm sure she'll trim up now. She has a bed in the garage and a kitty door to access it, a feral villa on the back porch and a huge yard to roam. She has learned to knock on the back door when she wants food. She is adorable! And very happy."

Over the next few months Simba began to adjust to her new home and family. She decided that her primary caretaker, Kim, would sometimes be allowed to pet her. By this point, her occasional hissing had completely stopped.

This garden cat relocation for this feral kitty was a huge success and a wonderful happy ending for Simba and her caring family in San Ramon, California. Thank goodness for people like Rebecca, "the Boss," Kim, and family who took the time to intervene to help this kitty family survive and thrive. - Heather Hanly

Another Great Adult Cat Who Needs YOU!



Sunny

Bio# 2979 NO

DOB: 2006

- * Calm & sweet
- * Shy to start
- * Loves brushing & affection
- * Talkative when he feels secure

Sunny literally was skin and bones when he was found this past February. He is recovering well with an understandably healthy appetite. Sunny has a heart mur-

mur and is FIV+ but is asymptomatic and otherwise healthy. He is very sweet despite his very rough start in life. Give Sunny the chance to show you what we see in him!

PEGGY'S GARDEN CATS

A Blossoming Story of Unexpected Bonds, Joy and Loss

It started out small. Baxter, my neighbor's cat, moved across the street to my backyard. Although he had an ideal situation with lots of love and plenty of food, he was an old curmudgeon who wouldn't tolerate the new puppy. He begrudgingly had accepted the two little boys who were born many years after he had arrived, but the little golden retriever was just out of the question! After I realized he was here to stay, I accommodated him with food, water, a cozy bed, and plenty of treats. He still would cross the street to visit and enjoy his 7:00am breakfast even though he had an earlier breakfast at my home at 5:00 am. Life was good, my tame indoor cats entertained themselves chatting with Baxter, and he would come inside every morning to look for other treats. He was the proverbial indoor/outdoor ... indoor/outdoor ... indoor/outdoor kind of cat who ruled my heart and door for many years.

Then one day, while I was not paying attention, a big, beautiful grey boy came walking through my yard. I assumed he would just walk on by without so much as a "How do you do," but ... No. He liked the yard, he liked the food, he liked Baxter, and he even tolerated me. Since he was already neutered, all I had to do was put out another bowl and another cozy bed. He became known as Grey Goose (a favorite vodka for lemon martinis), and life settled back to normal, now with two backyard cats. In time Grey Goose would let me pet him, and he would take treats from my hand. He always could be found under the canopy of flowers on warm summer days. He was a gardener at heart and always close by to supervise my gardening adventures. Come nighttime, he would cuddle up in his bed next to Baxter. I never knew where he came from.

Then a few years back ICRA began a "Garden Cat" program. This program was established to help feral cats who were living in intolerable situations. After a cat was neutered or spayed, sometimes he or she did not have a caretaker to go home to. So, safe gardens and guardians were sought to allow these feral cats a new life in a garden rather than alone on the city streets. One winter day, Merry and I trapped an older feral cat living her life on a hill above our local Safeway. She had been spayed many years before and had a regular feeder, so life for her wasn't too bad ... until she became sick. She would never have survived another winter without medical care. We brought her back to Merry's home, sick and weak. Months went by and she slowly recovered after her teeth were extracted and her upper respiratory infection was cleared up. Here the story begins.

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The Safeway cat could not be returned to a place without proper shelter, good nutrition, and a watchful guardian. I thought, "What is one more cat in my garden? No big deal." I also wanted to do the same thing that we were asking of our community. So, we transferred Luna to my yard in a large crate in which she would live for three weeks to get accustomed to my home, my other cats, and me. We placed the crate in a sheltered area where Luna could observe all of us on a daily basis. I would talk with her every time I was in the garden. She was given her favorite wet food and plenty of treats. Her hissing stopped after the first week, but she continued to be very cautious and always gave me that feral cat 'look.' But moving a cat to a new environment takes time and patience. After the third week I opened the crate door and quietly went in my house. Luna disappeared for three days and I was devastated. I thought I would never see this sweet cat again, but on the fourth day she showed up for breakfast with Baxter and Grey Goose, acting as if she had always lived on my street. I added another bowl and another cozy bed. Years went by, and I enjoyed every minute, watching the three cats frolicking in my backyard and sleeping together every night. Luna became healthy and quite plump. She kept her distance from me but was always enticed by treats. She couldn't resist knocking them out of my hand to eat them. I built a shelter for them in the winter using a blue tarp over my garden umbrella. They slept on the garden table all through the winter. I used heating discs when the nights were too cold. Baxter, after all, was an old man of 17 and Luna was close to 12. They deserved to be warm and safe.



Luna, a stunning senior black & white matriarch, surveys the various human and feline activities in her outdoor domain from a perch atop a garden wall, a much nicer vantage point than her former haunt on a hill behind a grocery store.

Sadly, this spring I lost my Baxter and Grey Goose within two weeks of one another. One day Baxter walked into my house and didn't want to go out again. The vet said he had a tumor that would take his life. I held him as I said good-bye. Luna and Grey Goose looked for him all over the garden. The two of them had always been the closest friends, so I am sure they were a comfort to each other. Ten days passed and I saw that Grey's belly was swollen and he seemed lethargic. I trapped him and took him to the vet. Once again, the news was bad. A fast growing tumor was pushing on his organs. Nothing could be done, and once again I said my good-byes.

Luna was now alone and seemed so distraught. In the early spring I had helped trap 10 cats in West Oakland after their guardians were forced to move due to a foreclosure. Martin Snapp wrote a wonderful article about adopting these cats for the garden, as they had never lived inside. Thanks to this article many folks opened up their hearts and homes to a garden cat. But an older kitty, Pearl, continued to live in a condo cage waiting for a home. Pearl came home with me the next week and we began the three-week process of relocation. From the start, Pearl wanted to be engaged. She wasn't sure how to respond to touch, but she purred and rubbed against the bars of her cage. She made me laugh with her silly antics. After three weeks I opened the door and watched from the kitchen as Pearl began to explore her new environment. Unlike Luna, Pearl never left. I guess she knew she was home.



Pearl, the latest denizen of Peggy's garden retreat, settled into her new surroundings quicker than many older, abandoned kitties. Perhaps she just knew that she was finally safe ... and finally 'home.'

Today, on this warm summer day, Pearl rolls around in the flowers and chases butterflies. She is curious about everything I am doing. Unlike Grey Goose, she is not a real gardener but prefers to offer her constructive criticisms from under a shrub. She and Luna are working out their differences, but I have noticed that Luna, once again, seems happy. In time I will look for another garden cat that needs a second chance.

ALUMNI PHOTOS & NEWS

We were happy to receive many updates since the last edition on our former foster kitties who have settled into or are finding their way in new fabulous, forever homes. Please enjoy the photos and news about these very lucky cats as much as we do.

We reserve the right to use your photos and comments in our newsletter or on our website to update the community on our work.



We're all ears! **Bob** (f. Wally) the 'party animal' and **Jazz** (f. Jasmine) 'the lady' are settling into their new home quite comfortably. Adopted December 2010 by Joanne K., Oakland.



How could anyone resist this face? **Callie** is quickly working her charm on her two new brothers and her new mom, who writes, "I am a very happy camper and thank you again for all you did for this sweet, lovable angel!" Adopted May 2011 by Julie I., San Lorenzo.



Nitro is keeping his new family busy, especially his three new feline companions. A talent for plopping down in front of human feet for a belly rub has earned him the nickname 'Speed Bump.' Adopted November 2010 by Erin A., Oakland.



Quick, Linus! I need a touch-up for the camera. **Dean's** new people report that 'he has blossomed into a big, beautiful boy and loves his brother Linus very much. They are like two peas in a pod and share a very special kitty bond.'" Adopted April 2010 by Kristin H. & Matthew B., Oakland.



Lori (a.k.a. Pudge) and **Harry** enjoy some R&R on the cat tree. Despite the indelicate nickname (Geez, Mom!), these two are reported to be 'happy and healthy' and 'a true blessing. Adopted October 2010 by Tahlise H., Oakland.



Danged Velcro!! **Don Diego** and **Ying-Yang** (f. Maria) jockey for optimal nap time position. Adopted May 2009 by Van T., Alameda.



Whoa! Wake up, Peach! You are TOTALLY missing this! **Emma** is using her sweet, kittenish ways to worm her way into big brother's heart. According to mom, 'everyone is happy!' Adopted November 2010 by Simone P., San Francisco.



Excuse me, but just WHERE am I supposed to put MY head in this whole deal?? **Buster** (f. Pepe) and **Reuben** will work it out eventually. Adopted January 2011 by Donald G., Oakland.



Natasha (a.k.a. Butter Bean & Nattie) is a sweet, nervous kitty who, according to her new family "is making amazing progress, but remains her own cat." Like many rescues, Natasha will learn to trust and love on her own terms. We truly admire her guardians for their patience and commitment to taking 'the good with the not so good' and to 'love her as best as we can. We see that she wants to be loved and have a good home.'" Adopted December 2010 by Anthony & Amanda G., San Mateo.



Sally looks quite at ease here hitching a ride with 'sister' Marina. Adopted September 2010 by Jennifer G., Alameda.



Even with obvious 'bed head' and that mid-nap stupor, **Caz** (f. Lester) is ready for the paparazzi. Adopted March 2009 by Stacy H., Alameda.



Lanai is using her ICRA kitty afghan to maximum advantage as she adjusts to her new home. Adopted June 2011 by Karalyn B., Oakland.

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Oliver (f. Carroway) and **Mr. Bingley** (f. Keanu) share a catnap in a rare moment not spent taking turns to help mom on the computer. Adopted August 2009 by Julia G., Oakland.



Illy (f. Eden) shows us how the stylish kitty needs to accessorize for those unexpected photo ops. Adopted February 2011 by Amy B., Oakland.



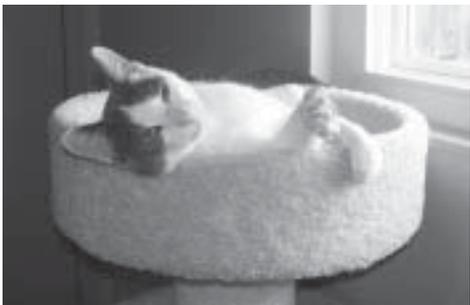
Like me, the spot I've chosen for family bonding is GENIUS!! **Zen's** (f. Tobias) family reports that he 'has warmed up to us and is very affectionate and adorable.' He's also best buds with fellow ICRA alum **Merlin** (f. Ollie). Adopted April 2011 by Mirta J. & Family, Menlo Park.



Kitties with an Eye for Color and Humans Best Suited for Nighttime Activity ...

Camille, one young guardian of **Jellybean** and **Jamba**, tells us that Jellybean likes her and her sister's room the best 'because it's pink.' Who knew that a former stray would have such a flair for interior decor? Apparently, the color makes Jellybean snuggle, while it sends brother Jamba into outbursts of foot pouncing. That's what people feet are for, right? Or maybe he just prefers blue. Adopted October 2010 by Stephen O. & Family, Alameda.

After some adjustment, **Minou** and Nana have become good sisters to each other. Minou was adopted January 2011 by Wu C., San Francisco.



Tyler (f. Hugo) leads a very busy life that includes orchestrating activities from his favorite cat tree perch. His guardian reports that he is 'doing great!' and 'enjoying his new home. ICRA definitely does some good matchmaking!' Adopted March 2011 by Robin E., Hayward.



Rocket says, "Yeah, I'm baaad. This toy is toast. The human's shoe is next." Adopted February 2010 by Kimberlee W. & Chris J., Berkeley.



Ah, the allure of an elegant, well-read lady cat! According to her guardians, **Stella** (f. Ella) is everything her new brother (boyfriend?), Sumsum, could ever dream of having. Adopted December 2010 by Gabriela C. and Ada B., Oakland.



Dew (f. Lily) and **Zip** (f. Molly) also employ the popular compact Velcro napping technique. Adopted November 2010 by Linda R., Alameda.



Ooo, **Fernando** liiikes this soft, fluffy blanky thing. Uh, but I still look big, tough, and manly, right? RRRRIIGGHHT?!?!? Adopted June 2011 by Sarah D., San Mateo.

From the 'My Cat Does What?' department...

Zeeva's guardian reports that her most bizarre behavior is putting one of her toys or his socks in the wet food bowl after she's finished eating. A therapist friend opines that Zeeva considers her human a lost kitten...another friend offers that Zeeva thinks he's just another cat. The good news from ICRA's perspective: "I don't care. All I know is that we have bonded and she seems really happy. And so am I." Adopted September 2010 by Michael C., Alameda.



Meanwhile, **Luke** and **Lindy** dare to be different with an independent lounging formation that occupies maximum usable human seating space. And just what of it?? Adopted January 2011 by Karen B., San Francisco.

Donations In Loving Memory Of...

- ❖ Baxter and Grey Goose, my precious garden kitties, from Peggy Harding
- ❖ Peggy Harding's garden kitties, Baxter and Grey Goose, from Merry Bates
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- ❖ Mary Sper's beautiful cat from Bahrain, Tareq, from Peggy Harding
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In Memory of Cammie ~ A Tribute to Those Who Adopt Older Animals



This beautiful, sweet, one-eyed tortie passed away in April 2011 after a battle with acute kidney failure. We don't know how old Cammie was when she came to ICRA, but we do know that she was lucky to have spent the last years of her life with a guardian and a feline companion who gave her the love and respect she always deserved. Her guardian wrote, *"I miss her very much. She was a wonderful rescue kitty. She had a tough life before, but I was glad to give her over three years that she almost didn't have. Her remarkable story came to me from the granddaughter of the woman who had her before me. I am grateful she and her family saw that she was worth saving and getting placement. If you want a pet, please think of giving an older animal a chance. You won't regret it."*

- Kevin K., formerly of Alameda, adopted Cammie in February 2008

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- ❖ Ron Kamangar from Dolores Kelleher
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Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) - Saving Lives Humanely, One Cat at a Time

*It's Kitten Season ...
but Don't Forget About
ICRA's Mature Cats*



Gia

Bio# 2809C CC
DOB: 2/19/2009

- * Mellow & gentle
- * Shy to start
- * Loves affection
- * Will flourish in a calm environment

A mellow and gentle beauty who likes to hang back and be cute. Once comfortable, she will purr incessantly in your presence, especially with some back scratches and belly rubs as added incentives. An affectionate lick to the hand means she trusts you despite some lingering insecurities. Gia's shyness prevents her from showing well at our adoption site, but her sweet nature will prevail in the right new home. She'll be a model low-maintenance kitty with gentle guidance from an experienced cat guardian or in a family with older children. Could be a solo cat. We know she's OK with a small dog.

Check out our website to query our list of available cats or visit us at our Saturday adoption sites.

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Martina Tran: "What's with these funny little colorful things on the table anyway?"



Denise Cahalan: "Touchdown!"