

The ICRA Catalyst

2016 Edition II



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Please Consider Volunteering

No Effort is Too Small

Imagine the scene. Twenty-five cats in traps lined up in a warehouse awaiting transport to a mass spay/neuter clinic. If that's not a difficult scene to fathom, then it will surely shock you that all 25 cats came from the same yard in Oakland in April 2016 through a collective and collaborative trapping effort by ICRA and Feral Change volunteers. All were spayed and neutered in an attempt to quickly and effectively slow the population growth in one neighborhood thanks to the San Francisco SPCA's Community Cats Spay/Neuter program via a grant.

The project was ongoing as of early-June. Although these 25 community cats are now fixed, we are caring for nine new-born kittens pulled from the same yard that weekend. These kittens will be in foster care until they are old enough to spay/neuter and then be placed into adoptive homes. Many hours of labor and love have gone into this project already!

Zack, Zuli, Teddy, and Penny are just a few of the nine kittens who are very happy that we made the effort on their behalf. So too are their moms, dads, and cousins who will live a better life not producing litter after litter!

Projects this dramatically large are uncommon, but volunteering with ICRA almost always involves some combination of trapping, transport, outreach to neighbors to educate them about community cat management, coordination with collaborative partners, including spay/neuter clinics, fostering and adoption. We are in perpetual need of new volunteers who are interested in doing some aspect of this work. Small contributions of time add up and may save a feline life more often than you might imagine! It goes without saying that your monetary donations, of any amount, also add up to help save lives. Thank you for your support!

Seamus is personality plus! He had been living on the streets for three years when we rescued him at Mills College, where he earned a reputation as the endearing, talkative big man on campus with the unique voice. At the age of 11, this handsome boy deserves a home and a family to call his own.

Seamus on Seamus: "If you're looking for a fellow couch rider to shower with attention, I'm your cat! Nothing pleases ME more than chatting you up while we watch MY favorite late-night TV shows. Alright, you can have the remote only because my catcher's mitt paws can't operate those stupid little buttons. I relish being the center of the universe, but I might enjoy having a younger cat around the house to mold in my own image. Older children are OK by me."

Estimated Date of Birth: 2005



ADOPT
SEAMUS



cat vase auction item by artist Deborah Muse

Silent Auction Sees Record Crowds

It was wonderful to see so many ICRA supporters at our Champagne Silent Auction on May 7th. Lots of people, great bid items, wonderful food and beverages, and upbeat entertainment helped us raise over \$20,500 to continue providing rescue and spay/neuter resources and finding loving homes for community cats and kittens in need.

Once again, we wish to thank the Alameda Elks Lodge for hosting us, specifically Bill Lawrence, Teresa Carlisle, and Pat McCall, whose support is critical in making this event a success year after year. The dedicated corps of volunteers who donated all of the food and beverages for this event – our biggest of the year – allows us to keep expenses to a minimum. It is our commitment to ALL of our supporters to ensure that the money (and time) they donate goes directly toward helping the animals. So to our volunteers – a huge thank you for not only helping cats and kittens, but for also assisting with our fundraisers!

Jonathan Sharp, entertainer extraordinaire, donated his time and talent in addition to coming all the way up from Los Angeles to do so. For making the evening a much livelier one ...Thank You, Jonathan!

Many faithful friends of ICRA donated auction items this year, and we wish to thank: Patty Rose, Teresa Carlisle, Beth Summers, Joyce Chang, Debbie and Gary Damele, John and Hanna Valva, Nel O'Neil, Barbara Krauss, Gail Churchill, Pat McCall, R. Stott, Nancy Husari, Laura Seeley, Diana McFadgen, Stacy Barr, Merry Bates, Peta Sanderson, Veronica Vodopich, Marilyn Dickerson, K. Sander, Scarlett and Andre Shepard-Stafford, Deborah Muse, Kathleen Kelly, Heather Hanly and Dan Purcell, Jocelyn Haybittle Gibson, Joan and Hal Lewis, Keri Spaulding and Brian McDonald, Peggy Harding, Debbie Sharp, Mike Milioto, Laurie Poe and Cathy Keese, Sandy Sher, Francesca Suzio, Gretchen Griswold, Stephanie Taylor, Mrs. Z. Taylor, Natasha Leschinsky, Nannette and Jamie Reilly, Gretchen Whittier and Peter Andrea, Deanna Lorman, Annette Rogers, Ann Graves, Sue Smith, Virginia Wetherill, Joanne Chen, Shelby and Fudge, Louise Tao, Sue Condio-Hernandez, Rita Walker, SueNee Tan and Kevin Cho, Cindy Ng, Lisa and Paul Gregersen, Lolly Pantel, Ray and Hillary Milani, Leslie and Louie Hernandez, Marina Meeker, and Robin Borelli.

We offer our humble and heartfelt thanks to the business donors who generously supported ICRA among the many local non-profit causes out there: Resurrect of Oakland, Rock Wall Winery, Oakland Athletics, Grand Lake Theater, Chick Pea Photography Studio, Rialto Cinema of El Cerrito, Disneyland, Chuck Corica Golf Complex, Alameda Theater and Cineplex, California Shakespeare Theater, California Canoe and Kayak, Oakland Zoo, Sonoma Raceway, Alameda Bicycle, Fitwise Pilates of El Cerrito, Soulful Pet Photography, Tao's Terrific Pet Care, Gold Coast Bistro and Bar, LaMéditerranée Café, Half Priced Books, Pot-Pourri of Oakland, Park Centre Animal Hospital, Spa Organica, Willow Salon, Restoration Hardware, Alameda South Shore Starbucks, East Bay SPCA, Sunset Magazine, and Hanger One Vodka of Alameda.

We look forward to seeing you all – and your friends – next year!



Alumni Mews



SABLE + PIPPIN

ICRA brothers Sable and Pippin helping mom make the bed. You know, Pippin, she never does this right. It's a good thing she has us.
Adopted July 2015 by Kevin C. and Sue Nee. T., Alameda.



GINGER

Ruh-roh! This is what happens when ICRA's 'Garden Cats' eschew labels. Her new guardian writes: "**Ginger** is getting comfortable, and I think she is more than a garden friend."
Adopted April 2016 by Heike B., Oakland.

Grateful for Your Support

In Honor of

- **Albertina** from Joe and Victoria Machado
- **All my cats**, here and in heaven from Lyn Gladstone
- **Black Cats** from Meredith Florian
- **Bodhi** from Kathleen Rolinson
- **Carla Dinskohn** from Pat Mosley
- **Chloe** from Nancy Mendoza
- **Chopper** from Bart Jarnagin and Roberta Noel
- **Crookie** from Annette Laverty
- **Debbie Sharp** from Laura Hugel
- **Ellen Lynch** from Eveyree Sharon Kain
- **Feral cats** at Chapman and Derby from Richard and Susan Cochran
- **Gail Churchill** from Deidra Jow
- **Heather Hanly**
 - from Donna Hanly
 - from Sallee Purcell and John Murray
- **Heather Hanly and Dan Purcell** from Sallee Purcell and John Murray
- **ICRA's fantastic volunteers** from Karalyn Buchner
- **Keri Spaulding** from Levon Reposo
- **Leah Kopels** from Katina Ancar
- **Louie and Leslie Hernandez** from Robert and Susan Jarvela
- **Peggy's McGee** from Marion Bayard
- **Merry Bates** from Lucy Axt
- **Molly and Marty** from Paul and Lisa Gregersen
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- **Morris** from Donald and Suzanne Lesuer
- **Nel O'Neil** from Joan Lewis
- **Peggy Harding** from Susan Ciriclio
- **Rauf** from Brette Johnson
- **Sammy** from Debra Naeve
- **Sharon Bale** from Judy Sutherland
- **Sibby** from Grace Poon
- **Sidney** from Susan Garris
- **Sunshine and Onyx's 17th birthdays** from Kanwal and Himbauri Chaudhary
- **Tammy** from Amelia Rose
- **Ted and Derryl Zeller** from Jody KcKevitt
- **Tony and Sweetie** from Richard and Margaret Umanzio
- **Zek** from Sandra Ackinclose
- **Zeus** from Janet Kahle

In Memory of

- **Amirah**, my sweet girl, who found her way to me from Peggy
- **Peggy's Amirah** from Heather and Dan

- **Baby** from Laura Hugel
- **Betty Milioto** from Lucy Renwick
- **B.H. and Pumpkin** from Claire Splan
- **Big Boy** from Leslie Hood
- **Boo** from Beverly Zia
- **Camper**, Peter and Gretchen's precious boy - Netflix shows will never be the same without him.
- **Chief**, the Coastie Cat from Ann-Marie Doherty
- **Chloe Hawkins**, a dearly beloved cat from Monica Vohryzka
- **Chris Flanigan** from Peg Baldwin
- **Cleveland and Calico** from Ria Di Costanzo
- **Comet** from Christine Shaheen
- **David Weidemann** from Ruthann Cohn
- **Dolly** from Pamela Senegal
- **Dusty** from Barbara Newell
- **Emily Cahalan** from Denise Cahalan
- **Gabby** from Bill and Robyn Jagust
- **Gene Fong** from Scarlett Ho
- **Georgie** from Scarlett Ho
- **Goose** from Clayton, Rosa, and Emma Chan
- **Harrison** from Doreen Coyne
- In loving memory of **Ika** who bewitched me from the moment I walked by his cage in Southshore Alameda in 1999. He was a gentle soul and we will remember him always! Thank you for the introduction ICRA! from Sandy Wada, Ken Richards, and the gang (fka Pip)
- **Isis** from Janet Kahle
- Loved and missed kitties: **Izzy, Katie, Mike, and Tequila** from Julie Janes
- Gail Churchill's **Jacques**
 - from Margitta Gardner
 - from Martin Snapp
 - from Peggy Harding
 - from The Temple Family
- **Jerome** from Robert Hagedorn
- My precious **Katie** from Audrey Atkins
- In loving memory of our girl **Lefty**, miss you so much, from Anonymous
- **Lola Caulfield-Chrobak** from Melinda Ramm
- **Manju** from Mari L'Esperance and Steve Keightley
- **Margaret Seglund** from Debra Seglund
- In loving memory of our sister, **Mary Shannon Foster** from Ellen Foster
- **Max** from John and Jana Morrison
- **Tomi McNaughton** from Warren McNaughton and Maureen Quintana
- **Mia Hawkins** from Monica Vohryzka

- **Midnight Louie and Autumn** from Lark McMullin-Ramirez and Jon Lee Ramirez
- **Mr. Munchers** from Robert Kuhn
- **Melinda Taplin** from Cathy Zack
- **Pattycake** from Loral Bustos
- **Petal** from Gail O'Connor-Justice
- **Princess** from Lisa and Roland Williams
- Marge Jost's beloved **Ramey** from Merry Bates
- My Mom's cats: **Red, Bert, and Tortellini** from Merry Bates
- **Reese** from Penny McClellan
- **Ross and Gloria McMullin** from Lark McMullin-Ramirez and Jon Lee Ramirez
- **Sammy**, gone too soon! from Susan Heeley
- **Sienna** from Wendy Tom-Chan
- Judy Bertelsen's **Simon** from Margitta Gardner
- **Stella** (Schoenfeld) from Heather Hanly and Dan Purcell
- Debbie's **Stevie** from Rena Fourkas
- Debbie Sharp's cats: **Stevie, Mai Tai, Fur Monster, and Baby** from Merry Bates
- Debbie Sharp's **Stevie, Fiona, Mai Tai, Fur Monster, and Baby**
 - from Heather Hanly and Dan Purcell
 - from Peggy Harding
- **Stevie and Mufasa** from Debbie Sharp
- My friends **Tasso, Serena, Mike, and Tiger** from Candace Mathewson
- **Teddy** from Valda Bindi
- **Toby and Murphy Cat** from Dolores Kelleher
- **Tomi McNaughton** from Warren McNaughton and Maureen Quintana
- **Tigger and A.J.** from Karen Caruso and Doug Waite
- **Velvet** from Dawn Graeff
- My guys and fosters: **Wilson, Jett, Sadie, and Oscar** from Merry Bates

Dedicated to

- **Dan Purcell** from Barb Harbidge
- **Gary Wendt** from Bekki Lee-Wendt
- Loved and missed kitties: **Izzy, Katie, Mikey, and Tequila** from Julie Janes
- **Jake** from Ming Hui Wu
- **Keri Spaulding** from Cynthia Johe
- For **Sassy and Lolli** from Dorothy Killian
- **Sarah C. Vettters** from Catherine Vettters
- Thank you to **Nel** from Jasna Dugorepec
- **Orange Sherbert** from August Wood
- On behalf of **Russell and Sawyer** from Vivian Davis

ACE was rescued near the San Leandro BART station. Born to a feral mama and forced to live on the streets for 11 months, he became human-friendly to find his next meal.

ACE on ACE: "[Is the camera on?] I mean, look at me. I'm really a sweet guy who loves human attention. I'm a good listener too. Other cats? Hmm, not so much. I'm not that ideal lap cat... YET, but I do enjoys me some quality holding, brushing, and petting time. While I admit to being a bit shy in new situations, I'm curious and always try my very best not to hide. Not sure how I would act around young children and dogs, but give me time and I just might shine!" Estimated Date of Birth: February 2014

ADOPT **ACE**





ALONZO

On masked man **Alonzo**, his family reports: "Things are going well. It took him a couple of days to get comfortable and it seems like he's really settling in. We have fun playing in the morning and at night, and during the day he usually hangs out on his cat tree or else sleeps on the extra chair in my office while I work. He's a very good little kitty!" Alonzo notes: Sleeping ... Incentivizing you to you work more efficiently. It's all the same to me. *Adopted November 2015 by Norene G., Alameda.*



GIBSON

After only a few short months in his new home, Gibson (*f. Sylvester*) knows victory is in his grasp. Just let the dogs think that I'm one of them for a while. When the time is right, I'll show them who's really the leader of this pack. *Adopted March 2016 by Amy M., Vacaville.*



MAEBY

Doll?? I know nothing of a doll. **Maebly** shares her new home with two young human siblings and a senior Lab, and guess who's the boss. She has laid claim to a number of the kids' toys, including this doll stroller. The name is Maebly, and you're in MY world now. *Adopted February 2016 by Annie L., Alameda.*



SAMMY

Oooooo, yeah. Right...THERE! Who knew that those clunky things they call hands are truly good for something after all? According to his new dad, **Sammy** made himself at home very quickly. Just keep those scratches coming! *Adopted November 2015 by Michael C., Berkeley.*



BLUE

Blue wonders how in the heck his pug, Buddy, managed to wedge himself into the picture. He does look kinda sorry about stealing my moment so I'll cut him some slack ... this time. After a much-needed dental extraction, Blue is progressing nicely under the loving care of his new guardian, who writes: ...thank you for saving Blue! His life is so different now. He can actually enjoy it." *Adopted February 2015 by Jacqueline O., San Francisco.*



KOLE

Mac pleads: The little dude is crazed. Our lives will never be the same. Do NOT look into his eyes! Rumor has it that **Kole** (*f. Purrky*) has tailored the household's sleep and recreation cycles to his needs. Reports mom: "Mac and Kole immediately connected to one another as playmates and brothers...I'm not sure Mac is used to so little sleep and so much play just yet, but he is keeping up and seems to love it (it will certainly help him shed his few unwanted pounds). I just wanted to thank you for helping me find Kole. He is a truly precious gift and I am so happy he is my new fur baby. I just love him!" *Adopted January 2016 by Kathryn M., Oakland.*



MARLEAU + TIMMY

Marleau and Timmy (right) know that the best way to establish any comfortable seating surface as a human-free zone is to maximize strategic leg, tail, and belly extension and to ALWAYS act as if you are sleeping. And working in tandem doesn't hurt. *Adopted October 2015 by Liz B., San Mateo.*



STORMY + CLOUDY

You may remember **Stormy's** (left) rescue story from last year - he was plucked from a storm drain as a tiny tot. He and **Cloudy** became fast friends in their foster home and remain inseparable. They are now avid bird watchers in Sacramento and very happy! *Adopted August 2015 by Sharon G., Sacramento.*



EDIE

Cross-eyed beauty **Edie** (*f. Flurry*) embraces Rule #1 for fostering a successful feline-human relationship: Never indulge them too much. It goes to their heads. As of March, her guardian reported: "Edie is doing great! It's been nearly 3 months, and I can finally give her some pets when I walk by (sometimes). She seems much more comfortable and spends most of her time out and about playing with her boyfriend, Parsley." *Adopted December 2015 by Emily T., Oakland.*



LUNA

I love you and all, but I'm drawing the line if I see a ball gown going over my head. Her guardian writes: "Luna is the loveliest, sweetest kitty I could have hoped for. She's now blossomed into a confident super-playful and loving cat who is best buddies with our black Bella...She's still sleeping next to my head every night, and I get to knit a couple of hours every night with Luna on legs and my laptop in bed, which is awesome." *Adopted August 2015 by Karin M. and Chris P., San Francisco.*



MAX

ICRA alum **Max** (*f. Sugar Ray*) and his new brother Chex (left) demonstrate Cat Twister. Right. Back. Foot. On. Orange. Butt. Ahhh! Now we rest. *Adopted March 2015 by Jeanette C., San Francisco.*



TEDDY

Teddy proclaims, "Whoa!! Whatever it is, I am innocent! A victim - just sitting here on my sunny perch." His new mom writes: "It is SO perfect - Solo [cat brother] adores him and the feeling is mutual!!! ...Teddy is such a sweetheart ... He and Solo play all day - napping on and off together as well." *Adopted November 2015 by Nancy H., Alameda.*

Alumni Mews

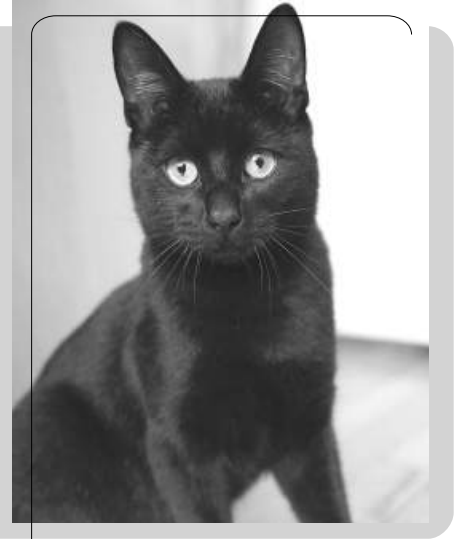
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HEY! ADOPT US!

Kit

Kit is a wonderful and active young beauty! He's smart, sweet, playful, and affectionate. Kit shares his foster home with three other cats and shows no aggression toward them and does fine. His overall good nature should make him well-suited to sharing a forever home with a cat-friendly dog and children with proper introduction, of course.

Kit on Kit: "I'm an independent type of guy who will let you know if and when I want attention. In a nutshell ... my house, my rules. But feel free to pet, brush, spoil, and play with me aaaannnytime you like. Some describe me as wild and crazy about my toys and 'chase the tail' games. Guilty as charged. It adds to my cornucopia of feline charm, plus I hear you people eat that stuff up. So, when I need to burn off some youthful steam, just sit back and let me perform solo with those fake rodents and such you all seem to enjoy showering us with, join in if you'd like, or hook me up with a playful cat pal. Whichever route you choose, a well-exercised Kit makes for a mutually beneficial evening of couch snuggling, TV watching, reading and sleeping." estimated date of birth: mid-July 2015



Benny (gray/white) is a shy, sweet, and gentle boy who was rescued at the former Fremont Radar Station with his equally handsome brother, Chuckie. He warms up in time and becomes very happy, loving, and playful when he feels safe. He'll need a quiet, adult-only home to make him absolutely sparkle.

Benny on Benny: "Who WOULDN'T love a Suh-WEET tuxedo to call their own!?!? With me, you get both in one package. Many a human fan have asked me what I covet most, and to that I say: a CAT buddy to play with, perhaps a gentle, cat-friendly dog to train, and a nice fat chunk of your bed to sleep on at night. You wouldn't mind the company, would you?"

Chuckie (black/white) is shy to start but warms up with love and support to bring out his inner lustre. This handsome, playful boy was rescued with his brother Benny at the former Fremont Radar Station. He'll need a quiet, adult-only home.

Chuckie on Chuckie: "In a nutshell, I'm not your average cat. Let me prove it by laying one of my trademark hugs around your neck. It's just my way of telling you how much I love being held, plus I hear humans really go for that kind of sappy stuff. Hey, it's a win-win for me either way, especially if you let me sleep with you at night. As much as I love kind people, I really need a cat friend in my life, too. A gentle dog might be to my liking, if only for my sheer amusement."

estimated date of birth for the brothers: October 20, 2014

Chuckie



Benny

Sachi



Sachi was surrendered by his loving guardian when she suddenly lost her home. He is a boldly striped, brown tabby with a softhearted personality. Although timid with new people, he morphs into an affectionate marshmallow when given a chance to bond. He could be a solo cat or live among other gentle pets. Please help us put an end to Sachi's journey to regain a caring home.

Sachi on Sachi: "Okay, I'll just cut to the chase and say what they didn't. I have big dreamy eyes. I'm stunningly handsome. I know my way around a home. Everyone knows that **TABBIES RULE**, and I am no exception! So **WHY** have I been cooling my jets in foster care for almost two years?!?! Someone out there needs a cat like me, I just know it!" estimated date of birth: 2008

Splash

An Amazing Rescue Story

Cats are so resilient. Time and time again, we are witness to the strength and perseverance they can muster to survive some of the most frightening and dangerous situations imaginable. It reminds us never to give up when acting on their behalf, because the cats certainly don't.

Enter **Splash**. His rescue played out over an intense and harrowing 24-hour period last Fourth of July weekend and tells the story of what one tough cat, three tenacious cat-loving volunteers, and the fortuitous appearance of a lock-savvy homeless man can do together.

It was Friday morning when Christa, a cat lover and rescue-adopter, and her husband saw a tabby with a white belly fall from the 880 Freeway overpass near High Street to the road 40 feet below. By the time they could get to him, he was running back and forth across the median near the on-ramp. Panicked, the cat ran into a large, padlocked storm grate. Christa could see him below her huddled on a narrow steel beam abutting a concrete wall of a small room, a maintenance entrance to the storm drain system. At the end was a narrow platform with a thin-rungged ladder attached. Eight feet below was a large storm basin where water from multiple pipes periodically rushed in and churned about. A metal door leading into the room was locked. Reaching or coaxing this terrified, injured, and presumably feral cat seemed grim at best.

By mid-afternoon it had become sadly apparent that a combination of jurisdictional, procedural, and policy-related issues vis-à-vis animal rescue would preclude obtaining timely and constructive assistance from any public agency, to include Oakland Animal Services, Oakland Public Works, CalTrans, and the California Highway Patrol once all was said and done. So Christa called ICRA's Merry Bates who, by evening, enlisted the help of ICRA volunteer and cat-stuck-in-a-storm-drain *aficionado* Ellen Lynch. The three pretty much knew they would have to go it alone and do something if this cat – frozen on a narrow ledge for hours – had any chance to get out of this mess alive.

After dark, the worst happened. Even though the cat had remained still throughout the day, his rescuers' hearts sank when they heard a loud splash.

He had either jumped or fallen into the cold water when they tried to position a wood plank below him for egress. They caught sight of him by flashlight a few minutes later, clinging to a metal ladder by his front legs – scared and soaked. Any sense of relief proved fleeting, however, as Splash fell back into the water. He managed to find a spot to stand and keep his head just above the rushing and rising water, but no one was sure how long this guy could hang on. Fears only worsened when the cat disappeared from view for what seemed like an eternity.

Had he washed away? Had he found refuge beyond the concrete wall? Refusing to give up, they made more phone calls for help and spanned sheets and anything they could think of from the grate to the water hoping that the cat they could neither see nor hear might grab onto something.

Hope turned into luck around 3:30 a.m. when a helpful homeless man appeared and was able to open the metal door leading into the pitch-black room. In the flashlight beam they finally spotted Splash, who had miraculously managed to climb one of the ladders out of the drainage pool and onto a six-inch-wide ledge above the water! Merry, Ellen, and Christa knew it was a long shot, but they left a trap and a carrier and blanket for Splash on the platform while they formulated a more hands-on Plan B. They reconvened three hours later, armed with large nets, towels, and lots of adrenaline. Christa –

donning waterproof gear worthy of a boating expedition – signaled that the trio was prepared to go into the water if necessary to save an exhausted and wary Splash.

Merry and Ellen began the cautious process of trying to corral the cat with their nets before he fell into the water for a third time. Splash retreated along the ledge, but when he momentarily leaned toward Ellen's net she was able to scoop him up while Merry placed her net on top to prevent an escape. But 24 hours into his ordeal, Splash had nothing left – he clung to the net for dear life. They wrapped him in a towel, put him in a carrier, and took him to PETS Referral Center in Berkeley, an emergency



the access door to the storm drain area



ladders inside the storm drain area



splash resting in safety



finally out of harm's way



veterinary hospital open on the July 4th holiday. For his rescuers, it was finally time for joy and relief.

After what could have ended so much worse, Splash emerged from his ordeal relatively unscathed. A full check-up under mild sedation revealed only a 'traumatized liver' consistent with his fall to the street, pushed in front incisors, a bruised and abraded lower chin, and minor fluid in his lungs. **What a tough boy!**

And what a *lucky* boy – whether he'd admit it or not – to have three people like Christa, Merry, and Ellen who stuck with him, asking for help when necessary, to get Splash out of his deadly situation.

They should all be extremely proud of their collective role in rescuing Splash and allowing him to enjoy the remainder of his nine lives in safety and security under the watchful eye of a human guardian.

Are you that special guardian?

– Mary Sper

SPLASH UPDATE:

Splash has been safe in foster care since his rescue and his minor injuries have healed. He has been tested for FIV/FelV and neutered. Splash is not comfortable with most people, although he will let those he knows and trusts pet him briefly. He needs a secure outdoor space with hiding spots and shade for naps. We estimate he was born in 2013.

Do you have the space in your life and the love in your heart to provide Splash the home he deserves?

WISH LIST: gas station cards, unopened kitten formula, store gift cards for pet supplies, silent auction items, food/litter
PLEASE DONATE NOW to help support local cats at icraeastbay.org

IMPORTANT RECYCLING REMINDER

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WE DO **NOT** NEED ✘ Stainless steel cans



Please bring items we can turn into cash to our adoption site at Petco on Saturdays. We'll cash them in at a recycle center and use the money to help cats. To determine if a can is aluminum use a magnet. If a magnet sticks to the can, it is probably steel. If a magnet does not stick, it is most likely aluminum. Please rinse all and crush what you can. **Thank you!**



ADOPT RODNEY

Rodney looks just like a big fancy Norwegian Forest Cat. But calm, lovable, and good natured, there isn't a mean bone in his body. His stature belies his shyness in starting out in new environments, so he will need a quiet, peaceful home in which to thrive. Earn his trust and he'll be the best couch potato ever!

Rodney on Rodney: "I really am a gentle giant with a good soul. I enjoy cuddling with my fellow foster buddies AND my humans. You will absolutely ADORE brushing my soft coat. I could do it, but I have so much else going on in my life it's simply daunting. You know how it is. Same goes for playtime – it's so much more fun for when you have to indulge me by whipping those interactive toys around. I have been called a 'catnipaholic' – so sue me. And prepare to move it on over – I love to sleep with my humans, too. Please don't hold it against me, but for reasons I have elected not to disclose to my foster parent, I'm not big a fan of dogs or children." Estimated date of birth: September 2008



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OUR MISSION: We are 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 access to low-cost spay/neuter, vaccines, and medical treatment to all of our rescued cats, and resources for people willing and able to help themselves. We provide foster care for our tame/socialized cats until they can be placed into quality, permanent homes through our adoption program. We return feral/unsocialized cats back to their colonies if in a safe, managed environment. We strive to educate the local community about the responsible treatment of animals and the need for spay/neuter to reduce the cat overpopulation problem and unwanted kittens.