

# The ICRA Catalyst

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## 'LAST LITTER - FRUITVALE' Grants Fuel a Targeted Spay/Neuter Project in Oakland

Spay/neuter is a top priority for ICRA. Every year, ICRA volunteers are responsible for having hundreds of cats in our community spayed or neutered, but we continually strive to develop programs that will provide more opportunities and venues for this surgery to help even more cats. In 2006, ICRA successfully obtained \$16,000 in grants from two charitable foundations specifically to fund spay/neuter for cats in the Fruitvale neighborhood of Oakland. We call this program 'Last Litter - Fruitvale.' Our goal is to spay and neuter 350 cats in this focused geographic area through the summer of 2007.

So far, we have distributed 200 bi-lingual door hangars to educate residents in this community about the benefits of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) for feral cats and spay/neuter for their pet cats. These flyers invite the neighbors to join us in this effort by volunteering or calling us if they know of cats that need spay or neuter surgery. Accompanied by bi-lingual Fruitvale residents who already are working to spay or neuter cats, we also have walked door-to-door on specific blocks to offer free spay/neuter for pet or feral cats.

Proving that anyone can learn how to make a difference when armed with the right kind of information and guidance, one resident has successfully spayed and neutered more than 40 cats within a six-block area of the Fruitvale. The 'Last Litter - Fruitvale' program has been a valuable resource to help her succeed in stopping the overwhelming reproduction of unwanted kittens in her neighborhood. To date, we have spayed or neutered more than 170 cats since this focused program began in February 2006. ICRA hopes that many more Fruitvale neighbors will appreciate the positive impact already being made on the well-being of humans and cats alike in their community and join us in reaching - or better yet exceeding - our target.

**The dedicated phone number for 'Last Litter - Fruitvale' is (510) 869-4552.**

### QUICK REFERENCE for LOCAL SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS

<b>East Bay SPCA Free Feral Program</b> The Feral Fix / Feral Hotline (510) 563-4635 <a href="http://eastbayspca.org/resources/theferalfix.cfm">http://eastbayspca.org/resources/theferalfix.cfm</a>	* Referral required. * Call ICRA at (510) 869-2584 * FERAL CATS ONLY * Cats must be in humane traps * Right ear will be tipped
<b>Fix Our Ferals Free Spay/Neuter Clinics for Homeless Cats</b> East Bay <a href="http://www.fixourferals.com">www.fixourferals.com</a>	* Call the Fix Our Ferals hotline at (510) 433-9446 to reserve space * Drop-off/pick-up cats the same day * Next Clinic: January 2007
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## Scared of Surprise Packages? ... ADOPT AN ADULT!

Jam's expression says it all: "Why don't I have a home yet?" Contrary to popular belief, adult cats with known personality profiles are perhaps the best fit across the full range of households than are kittens. Most don't demand a lot, and they tend to take less time and energy to "train" and adjust to new surroundings. Kittens are wild cards. With adults, what you see is what you get. Please consider giving Jam or one of our fantastic adults and seniors a loving new home! **See more bios inside!**

Jam



This extremely handsome orange tabby is mellow and affectionate, and he gets along with almost every cat he's met. He lived with a colony of feral cats with whom he unsuccessfully competed for food. Very thin when rescued, he is healthy and happy now. This elegant boy is ready for a permanent home where he can relax and enjoy life with you. We estimate he was born in 2000. Bio #PS005

**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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# "Golden Years" Gala Glitters ... THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS!!



Island Cat Resources and Adoption's  
8TH ANNUAL

## CHAMPAGNE SILENT AUCTION

ICRA's 8<sup>th</sup> annual Champagne Silent Auction in September was another huge success thanks to the many, many donors, guests, and volunteers who made it happen. This year's "Golden Years" event honoring the many wonderful adult and senior foster cats in our adoption program raised \$17,000 that will go a long way toward helping us continue our various spay/neuter, adoption, and community outreach programs moving into 2007. In addition to the volunteers who worked diligently behind the scenes, we wish to extend our special gratitude to the individual and business donors whose generosity helps us continue our mission as a voice for the countless unwanted cats and kittens in our community.

For their support eight years running in providing space for this event, we thank the Harbor Bay Community Offices. Thanks also to guitarist Terrance Brewer for this year's great entertainment and to Francie Farinett, who provided lots and lots of coffee. We also wish to acknowledge auctioneer Brian Sobrero for volunteering his time and bid items.

Many thanks to the following donors: Shawn Harmon, Natasha Leschinsky, Jannie and Julius, California Canoe & Kayak, Ashleigh Cocks, Pat McCall, Gaylin Bates, Kate & Geoff Hunter, Benefit Cosmetic Company, Sandy Sher, Parkway Speakeasy Theater, A Step Forward Shoe Store, Theater 39 & Pier 39 in San Francisco, Filoli of Woodside, Berkeley Repertory Theater, Scott's Restaurant, MaryAnn & Arthur Mertz, Sally Ann Jessie & Pet Lane, Leslie Cobb, the San Francisco Giants, Dave Barkley & Peggy Nice, Alden Lane Nursery, Velia Peters, Body Time & Vera, Rachna Rajan, Gail Churchill, Margitta Gardner, Seamus Sper, Grand Lake Theater, Nicole Ferrara, MyJewelrySource.com, the Oakland Raiders, Six Flags Marine World, Jardiniere Restaurant, Disneyland, Acme Chophouse, Gretchen Whittier, Janet Niiya, Susan Denault, Robin Ecker, Juliet Inac, Ellen McGinn, Shannon Shelby, Collette Starkey, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Piedmont Grocery, Heather Hanly & Dan Purcell, Chris Soto, Bacar Restaurant, Charles Krug Winery, Robert Mondavi Winery, Jim & Marilyn Denney, Chris Arnold, the Temple Family, Kristyn Temple-Robinson, C. Fairburn, Christine Buck, Ron Rebello & Carol Knight, Rebecca & Laura Gowen, Roman Sydorak, Kris Nill-Snow, Leslie Mandros-Bell, Christine Geoghegan, Sue Schultz, Ella Jones, The Puckett's & Pamela Jordan, Mary Hudson, Emerito Lopez, Dawn & Patricia & Fetch Pet Care, Jackie Barnett & The Cat's Meow, Trudi & Wall Mysteries, The Bee's Knees, and Copia Wine & Art Center.

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## ICRA's Annual Silent Auction is Moving to Spring in 2007!!

Mark your calendars **NOW** so you don't miss  
our **9th Annual Champagne Silent Auction**

When? **Saturday, May 12th, 2007**

Where? **Harbor Bay Community Center,  
Alameda**

*Watch for our mailing coming soon!*

April showers bring May flowers,  
but Spring doesn't mean it has to rain cats and ...  
uh ... well ... more cats!!

Come one, come all and help us continue spreading the word  
about Spay/Neuter in our community!!



## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ... Your Donations at Work

"Hi Merry!

The enclosed donation is in appreciation of Deanne's generosity in giving me a used large carrier. Everyone I've met through ICRA has been so wonderful. I'm so glad I volunteered last year. Please keep me in mind for kitchen staff at the Silent Auction. Thanks and hope all is well." — K. L., Alameda

"Dear Claudia and Merry

I wish I could be with you this Saturday to thank you and to celebrate the work you do and especially older cats. Young cats are enjoyable but I've found when you receive an older cat as they are you find, like with Princess, you love them unconditionally and then they crawl into your heart and you know how blessed and fun it is to grow older together in great companionship. Thank you so much for Princess and for all the cats you have rescued and given to us to love and care for.

Love and gratitude from Princess and Lois (Oakland)"

"I am interested in [adopting] because I had such a positive experience with my current cat. She was a feral cat in the Marina Village Office Park parking lot in Alameda right after the tube. I was temping at a company there and saw her walking about the parking lot. She had kittens and one of my coworkers caught her and her kittens in a raccoon trap. They had her fixed but were going to release her back into the parking lot since no one wanted her and the vet did not think she was adoptable. I felt sorry for her and volunteered to take her home. For the first two months I did not know where she went in my apartment. I only heard her at night eating or crying. Then slowly she would come out. It took years to build up trust but now she is a lap cat and sleeps next to me in my bed. She doesn't run away from other humans and it is incredible how domesticated she is. It is a wonderful feeling to have that trust with an animal. I guess I would like to help cats like Spooky because they may not be the first choice at Petco or the SPCA but turn out to be the best cats in the entire world once you give them a chance." — K. S., Oakland, October 2006

"I would like to take this time to thank you for all the help your organization has provided me and a family of stray cats in the Laurel District of Oakland. I called looking for some kind of help for a family of stray cats living on my property that I had been feeding. Juliet Inac responded to my request, trapped the cats, got them fixed, and returned them to the neighborhood. I am very thankful to your organization and especially to Juliet Inac. Please accept our donation to help keep your organization going. I look forward to supporting your worthy cause." — J.P. and A.L., Oakland, May 2006

"It is our sad duty to tell our friends at ICRA that our beloved "Bingo" became a "Kitty Angel" on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We discovered a "lump" growing ... back in January. We had it removed (called a sarcoma) ..., but it came back to grow to the size of golf ball by March. We took him to be evaluated by a veterinary oncologist. There was also concern over permanent radiation burns from the treatments. We decided not to put Bingo through that at his age (around 11 – we think). We decided to help him live his normal life until such time when he was in obvious pain, then have him put to sleep. We miss him terribly, as we know our friends at ICRA can fully understand. We have decided not to get another kitty at this time, but probably adopt another one from you sometime in the future. We will be forever grateful to ICRA for bringing us our friend, Bingo. Best regards to all our friends at ICRA." — A.L. and S.L., La Quinta, May 2006

"Hi from Teddy!" — V.B., Alameda, June 2006

"Ralphie is doing great!" — J.G-O. & G.O., June 2006

"Hi Gretchen,

Got StrEEK in on Saturday, no problem at all except the traffic. Strange thing was, when they got her open, she had no uterus. She showed no signs of any prior surgery so they didn't really know what to do. They did the FIV and kittykemia tests and she was negative for both, so that was very happy news. I half think that she used to be someone's house cat. She seems to be completely comfy in the house, and there was no training with the litter box. As soon as she could walk again she used it right away and has been. She is very happy, purring, eating like a horse, and being a complete love to everyone except the dog, but she's tolerating him mostly I think because he's smaller than she is. My trip to Dr. Tan only cost me \$45, so I still have \$55 left in my vet budget. Please send me an addy that I can make a donation to. You guys have been so great helping me out and I would like to make sure another kitty gets the help that StrEEK got. I saw Merry (from ICRA) at the vet on Saturday, but I didn't have my check book with me, so please let me know where I can send a check to. As soon as I get a picture I'll send one off to you. Thank you again so much for your help." — Jan and StrEEK

"Merry,

I've been meaning to write you a note for quite a while but something always seem to get in the way.

I just wanted to let you know how happy I am with Bea. It only took her a few weeks to thaw and she has become just a wonderful little kitty. She follows me around, talks to me all the time, comes when called (sometimes) and also sleeps on my bed either on top of me or just next to me. She seems to also be pretty happy with her human and I could not be more pleased with how things worked out for both her and I. Thanks" — M.R., Oakland. Adopted Bea in September 2005

## ICRA ALUMNI NEWS

News keeps coming from families of many of the 1,875+ 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**.



"Here, **Frodo** (formerly Harry, left) and **Manju** (formerly Mini) compete for a favorite sunning spot. Chances are good that Manju was there first! These litter mates are a continual delight, and we love them dearly. Thank you, ICRA, for all your good work." Adopted August 2003 by Steve Keightley and Mari L'Esperance, Oakland.



"I recently adopted **Cozmo**, right, (formerly Andre) from ICRA. The foster mom was Lisa Pemberton, and I wanted to send these pictures to her along with my heartfelt thanks. Cozmo is such a joy and our other cat, **Merlin** (formerly Benny), is happy to have a companion. After some initial hesitation, they now get along wonderfully and even sleep together. Thanks so much." Adopted May 2006 and October 2005 by Laura and Rob Davis, Alameda.



Keeping their guardian trained and in line must be VERY exhausting for tabbies **Takoda** (formerly Geoffrey) and **Teetonka** (formerly Timothy). Adopted April 2005 and July 2005, respectively, by Jennifer Nadler, Oakland.



We bring you greetings from **Marzi**, **Emma** and **Sophie** – three loving and distinguished kitties from the classes of 1999 & 2000 ... Marzi and Emma originally came to live with us on October 18, 1999 and were lovingly cared for by Twillah and Dave. Sophie actually adopted us on Thanksgiving Day 2000 and ICRA assisted us with her care. They have been extremely loving members of the family ever since. We lived in San Leandro from 1998 – 2003 and then moved back to Hawaii for two years. In November 2005 we returned to our native home of Minnesota. All three of our fur babies braved two rather long rides on the plane ... It's great to be back and live closer to our many family members and friends. The girls are loving it, too, with a large home to call their own and a family room that boasts large floor to ceiling windows ... this makes for great cat television. So many programs to watch – birds of numerable varieties, rabbits, deer, squirrels, and much more. Adopted by Jerry Salitros and Stacy Warner, Golden Valley, Minnesota.



It looks as if **Meka** (formerly Mimi) and **Kiri** (in the tent) are trying to settle a case of the 'haves' versus the 'have nots' ... apparently Kiri has the upper hand for now. Adopted October 2006 by M. Roberta Smith, Oakland.



Their family writes: "...we are so loving our new little family of sweeties! **Chi-Chi** (not pictured) is still a little shy but she's running about playing with the other kitties now. **Cosmo** is an absolute delight ... **Belle** lets us pet her and scratch her belly- she purrs and purrs. She is a great buddy of our 15-year-old **Teddy** (tabby) ... We also have one other 1+1/2 yr. old (The Inn is finally Full!) named **Jenny** who is a real sweetie. She and **Cosmo** play together and run up and down the stairs (two love-bugs). They are really fun to watch. **Chi-Chi** just joined their games, a couple days ago ... Thank you again. I hope all is well with you too! All of the best to you and Island Rescue. Adopted June and July 2006 by Susan Leffingwell, Oakland.



Hello, **Mayara** (formerly Pim) is now 5 months. She is a joy to have. Adopted August 2006 by Markee and Victor Antillon, San Francisco.



*Ms. Kiki is Mayara's mom!*

Apparently, THIS nap had to be taken on the spot! Her guardian writes, "Sophie is now **Ms. Kiki** a.k.a. "Trouble" and she loves her new home. She even lets me live here with her...lol. Thanks for a wonderful gift I have received from you. Ms. Kiki is wonderful and makes us all smile => Hugzzzzz." Adopted August 2006 by Lee Coe, Oakland.



We got **Dizzy** (formerly Alex) to keep our cat Lou company. From a nervous skinny little kitten who preferred to hang out under the bed to the silky chubby guy who sleeps at our feet and asks for a scratch on the head, Dizzy has become a part of our household. After a gradual introduction, he and Lou love to play, groom, eat, and take naps together. Thank you, ICRA! Adopted July 2006 by Maya Gurantz and Ben Au, Oakland.

# ICRA RESCUE STORIES

## ... Animal Abuse Reminds Us Why We Do What We Do

I was at work when the call came in on my cell phone. I recognized the number flashing on my phone screen. It was the dreadful woman, LaPrecia. We had dealt with her earlier this year and suspected that she was abusing cats and kittens. We warned other local rescue groups and the animal shelter. **Note:** *We have changed the abuser's name for the purposes of this article.*

"I have two kittens and one has something wrong with her eye – it keeps closing and something is coming out," LaPrecia told me. I advised her to use a warm compress to wipe the kitten's eye in an effort to keep it from sealing shut and told her that I would come by after work to take the kitten to the vet. She agreed. I rushed over after work and LaPrecia met me at the street. Thankfully, she had both kittens in a carrier. She handed them to me and off I went to the vet. Callie and Cody, as I would later name them, were frightened, dirty, and dehydrated. Clearly, they had been living for days in this tiny carrier that was no bigger than a toaster oven ...without a litter box. As was her pattern, LaPrecia had cut the nails off each of the kittens' toes — so short as to cut into the cuticles and leave each toe with blood-soaked scabs. These kittens were lucky only in that insufficient time had passed for gangrene to set in. A kitten we previously were unsuccessful in getting from her was not so fortunate. Callie and Cody were examined and both had injuries that had become abscessed. Callie had an abscess on her forehead that had burst and was draining infection into the eye. Her eyelid tissue was swollen so badly that you could not find the eyeball even with the lid pulled back. The abscess on the side of Cody's neck had been there for quite some time. Cleaning the dead tissue away revealed a gaping hole that extended from the back of his head down his shoulder to the front of his throat. I had never seen such a horrific injury on an eight-week-old kitten. The vet seemed equally horrified, expressing her concern that the injuries were unlike those she would expect to be inflicted by another cat, a dog, or a raccoon. She suspected abuse. Now completely healed, Callie and Cody remain in our protective custody. They are understandably a bit shy with new people or situations but are sweet, playful adolescents who are looking for a patient, loving home.



*Callie, 100% healed and precocious as ever.*



*Cody, healthy and ready for his permanent home.*

**Note:** *Since Callie and Cody's rescue in early-September, another rescue group has taken cats from LaPrecia with stab wounds and gangrenous toes. The animal shelter has responded that it is very difficult to prosecute without eyewitness accounts of abusive behavior. Child Protective Services also was called and has visited her home. Our hope is that they will visit the home often to protect her daughter. Maybe the frequent visits will prevent LaPrecia from hurting more cats.*

*See Captain Jack & Will Turner's Rescue Story on Page 6*

### Parker



Parker is incredibly friendly despite his beginnings. He was rescued from a parking lot in San Jose, where local kids had been known to throw rocks at and generally torment him. Amazingly, he loves people and will make an excellent family pet. He craves positive human interaction! Gets along well with other cats but isn't very interested in them one way or another. Parker is FIV+ but is healthy and asymptomatic. He has a long life of love to give! We estimate he was born in 2000. Bio #JVD001

## ALL WE NEED IS LOVE!

### Alaska



Alaska has come a long way since his rescue from the San Leandro Marina, where he was dumped as a kitten. He loves people but startles sometimes and may run to hide for a bit. He loves to be petted and to climb into laps - on his terms. An aspiring cuddle bunny, he is a handsome, orange "Gentle Ben" kind of cat. He will make a wonderful pet for someone willing to give him the attention and patience to progress. Will do best in an adult only home or one with children 13+. Alaska does not relate well to dogs. We estimate he was born in 1999. Bio# 1459TR

### Christopher



This velvety soft, handsome fellow will start out shy, but after he gets to know you he'll be quite affectionate. He will even give you love nips! Christopher likes living with other cats, although he would prefer to be the alpha cat. He would probably not do well with children or dogs. Born in 1998. Bio# 1943 GL

We will never know what these little guys went through, but we can be sure it wasn't good. At six weeks of age, two male kittens were left in a carrier in a neighbor's outdoor storage area. They were malnourished, filthy, and flea-ridden. But something else was terribly wrong. The right eye of each kitten was horribly injured – "Will Turner's" was closed tight ... "Captain Jack Sparrow's" was bulging out of the socket.



Captain Jack Sparrow (l) & Will Turner before treatment

The rescuer who discovered these babies rushed them to an ICRA foster home where they were bathed, given flea treatment, fed, and put in a clean, warm bed. The next morning they were off to Berkeley Dog and Cat Hospital for evaluation.



The 'Pirate Kittens' after treatment

While Will Turner's eye was bad, it could be left to heal; however, Captain Jack's eye had to be surgically removed. The veterinary staff suspected 'blunt trauma' caused the injuries — and we really don't want to know what that trauma was or what kind of person could have done such a horrific thing to these innocent creatures.

Two days after medical treatment, we had two healthy and happy little kittens who were ready to learn how to play and trust people, perhaps for the very first time. Their unbreakable spirit and one-eyed expressions reminded us of pirates, hence their names from *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to Dr. Alan Shriro and the staff at Berkeley Dog and Cat Hospital and to the kind people who took in these helpless little ones. Remember, **you** can make a big difference in the life of suffering animals by getting them the care they need. If you're thinking of adoption, why not consider an animal who might not look exactly 'purrfect'?!?

## TWO SENIORS WHO STRUCK GOLD!

Many of you may wonder what has happened to cats we've highlighted in past editions. Well, here's a heartwarming update on two very lucky 10+ seniors.

Last December, Debbie Sharp of Fremont was pet-sitting for a client who received the ICRA newsletter. She read it and checked out our website. With her many years of cat guardianship and experience caring for cats with chronic illnesses, she wanted to give a home to a "hard to adopt" feline. Daisy was in our foster program for approximately two years. Her diabetes and age made her an unlikely candidate for most adopters, but it was just those traits that drew Debbie to her. Felix (formerly Goldie) caught her eye, too -- he was totally blind, old, and had a sad story. His guardian had passed away from cancer, and Felix was left



Daisy



Felix

alone for many days before being found hungry and thirsty. Debbie faced a challenging dilemma ... *which cat to adopt?* Felix was diagnosed with early renal failure and, as it would be hard for anyone to take him on, it appeared Daisy would get the nod. We happily delivered Daisy and she settled quickly into her new home. Within two weeks, Debbie called. She wanted to adopt Felix, TOO!!! She acknowledged it would be hard, and we knew what she meant. It meant taking on this golden boy and falling in love with him, knowing full well that their time together could be cut short and that losing him would break her heart. But, she was willing to do whatever it took to care for him, to include dealing with potential sorrow.

So, for all the sadness and frustration that can come with animal rescue, there is always hope that all of these innocent creatures will find happy endings with good people. These two fine kitties in their 'Golden Years' certainly found a gold-hearted guardian in Debbie Sharp of Fremont. We know that Felix and Daisy have thrived with your love. You hold a special place in our hearts, too!

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

### Elena



Elena is a Siamese mix with beautiful blue eyes. She may do okay with a mellow, easy-going cat but would be perfectly happy as the only cat in the household. Elena came to us declawed. We estimate she was born in 1996. Bio# CCurnow002

### Ginny



Ginny is a sweet and affectionate cat with infinite personality and expression. She loves people! Ginny needs a special home or office environment without access to soft material furniture such as a bed or couch. Traumatized by declawing as a kitten by her former adopter, she developed a behavioral problem that causes her to urinate sometimes in inappropriate places. She does so infrequently and only on soft items such as a couch, bed, or laundry left unattended. Ginny has been fostered in a large room which has only her cat bed, tables, chairs, a cat tree, and litter box. We estimate she was born in August 1999. Bio# 1192 MB

## Donations in Memory of ...

- ☛ "Reka" Weese from Billy & Julie Weese
- ☛ "Zelda O'Feral" from The Laubach Family
- ☛ Bill Duffy from Johanne Duffy
- ☛ Bill Duffy from Robert & Patricia Colley
- ☛ Betty Gries from Susan & Howard Manipis
- ☛ "Juliette" Churchill from The Temple Family
- ☛ "Tonci" from Suzanne Renne
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- ☛ Steve Sanders, brother of our dear friends Mark & Maureen Sanders from Kit Land & Roy Poczik
- ☛ "Desiree" Churchill and "Cala" Bates from Debbie Damele
- ☛ "Desiree" Churchill from your friends at ICRA
- ☛ Kitty angels, "Willow" and "Tristan," from ICRA volunteers

## Donations in Honor of ...

- ☛ Chris Gilmore's graduation from Michael Wright
- ☛ Rachna Rajan from Linda Centoni
- ☛ Twillah Reimers from Alma Gulino
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- ☛ Rachna Rajan from Mrs. Maria Starr
- ☛ Percy & Rachna's Wedding from Louise Woods & Debbie Ralley
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# Extend the Spirit of Holiday Giving to Help the Cats, Too!



With the holiday season of giving in full swing, we don't want to see our feline friends left out in the cold (literally). Consider some of the following ways you can help, whether you care to donate for yourself or on behalf of a family member or friend. In many cases, giving is as easy as the click of a button. **Rest assured, your tax deductible gifts to ICRA will never be rejected, returned, or "regifted"!!** Thank you for your kind and generous support!!



**Network for Good:** The easiest of many ways you can support ICRA is by a **secure online donation** with a credit or debit card via our website at [www.icraeastbay.org](http://www.icraeastbay.org). There is no charge and 100% of your donation benefits the cats.



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Buy great diamond, gemstone, gold, or platinum jewelry online from MyJewelrySource.com and 10% of the purchase price will be donated to ICRA. There is a wide range of products to choose from between \$18 - \$18,999 ... and that could make a lot of cats happy! **Please mention "ICRA 10% donation" in the Comments section of the order form.**



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**Use the search box on our website for your next Barnes & Noble purchase and ICRA will receive 5%-8.5% of your purchase cost.**

**Recycle Your Print Cartridges With Us!** With RecycleFirst, ICRA will take those empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges off your hands for proper disposal and receive a monetary donation in return. Contact us for pre-paid, barcoded envelopes that you can mail in yourself on our behalf or simply drop your old cartridges in our donation bin or with our adoption site staff at PETCO in Alameda.

Through Local Independent Charities (LIC) of America, ICRA is participating in employee charitable fund drives. We will have access to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), state employee campaigns, municipal, county and university campaigns, when possible, United Way campaigns in San Francisco, and various independent corporate campaigns. *Call us for more information.*

Find details on these and other ways to help us year-round in the "Support Us" section of our website at [www.icraeastbay.org](http://www.icraeastbay.org)

## Holiday Wish List

- 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.
- Postage Stamps (Postcard and First Class)
- Yarn
- Jewelry for Mother's Day Sale

Thank You!!





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**Colette**



This quiet, petite, and gentle cat is as sweet as she appears. Colette is very timid in new situations but loves attention and being petted once she adjusts to you and her new surroundings. She would do fine as an only pet or with another cat or cat-friendly dog. One of several cats left homeless after their guardian died in January 2005. She is a good friend to Frank (Bio# 2057 MB) and loves cardboard scratching boxes! We estimate she was born in 1998. Bio# 2056 MB

**Adoption Cage Sponsorship Program**

Sponsor a cage at ICRA's adoption site! The message on your sponsorship plaque can commemorate almost any occasion - celebrating the adoption of a new pet, a two-legged or four-legged birthday, or an anniversary, perhaps. Or donate a plaque in memory or honor of a beloved pet or person.

**Be creative!**

With every \$100 cage sponsorship donation we will engrave a brass plaque with your message and place it on a cage at our adoption site for one year. After that, the plaque is yours to keep!

Fill out the form below and send it with your \$100 donation to:  
 I.C.R.A., P.O. Box 1093, Alameda, CA 94501

**ICRA Adoption Cage Sponsorship Program**

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Inscription (10 words or less -- **Business sponsorships are welcome, but NO advertisements, please!**)

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