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Tommy, Drake House's 'Therapy Cat' ... He moved in and stole the hearts of even the most resistant

Dear ICRA,

At the end of this story are comments from the residents who live with Tommy, a kitten I found living in a stroller outside my apartment in Oakland. For two weeks, I took out my garbage and every day there he was, meowing at me with huge eyes from the stroller. Originally, I thought he belonged to a neighbor, but I noticed he was getting slimmer and more raggedy as time went on. I have a small apartment and already own three rescued animals. So, I started feeding him and put flea control on him. Every day I fed him closer to my car and eventually in my car with the engine running. Once he seemed comfortable, I drove him to the group home for mentally ill adults where I work.

The first day I got here with Tommy and opened the car door, he jumped out and one of the residents said to me, "Your cat fell out of your car." Since I stay overnight it was easy for Tommy to acclimate because he got to stay in the room with me and could come back to the staff overnight room whenever he felt insecure. Ever since, Tommy has been an amazing cat he acclimated himself to the comfort level of each resident. He is very gentle with the people who are a little shy around him; he stays very still and allows himself to be petted and picked up. With those of us who are comfortable he can be a feisty little guy; however, I was able to teach him not to use his claws and he caught on quickly.

My boss was thrilled about Tommy "appearing" on our doorstep. Unfortunately, his boss was not thrilled about the idea and kept saying to the staff, "Where did this stray cat from? Make sure the residents don't feed him so he'll go away." So, to be honest, my boss, a few residents, and I did a lot of room shuffling when she showed up on our site. If anything Tommy started to love being wrapped in towels and blankets and spending time being held and hanging out in different rooms.

Then one day before Tommy was neutered, he was sitting on the couch in the main room. He had a cut on his neck and was probably resting from a long night of territorial fighting. I had fed him and my boss's boss walked in. I played dumb and acted like I didn't know there was a cat on the couch. She started to become angry because she caught a glimpse of the food bowl on the floor. Then, she suddenly noticed the cut on his neck and sat down next to Tommy and asked me to bring antibiotic cream. Tommy was brilliant! Even if I had coached him, he couldn't have done a better job of sucking up to just the right person. After she attended to him, he laid down on his back on her lap, purring very loudly, and started gently pawing and playing with the keys around her neck. I was watching from around the corner and saw her face go soft. She, the boss's boss, started giggling and cooing at good ole Tommy. I came from around the corner and she stood up abruptly, smoothed her outfit and said, "As soon as it stops raining, he goes outside." Not too long after that I took a two-week vacation. When I returned, she was feeding him turkey and said, "Well, I guess he has no where else to go, so we'll have to keep him."

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ADOPT A TABBY

... and you could have this!



BOB, self-appointed ICRA ambassador for tabby cat advocacy. Adopted in May 2010 by Christine S., Patrick L., & Leon the tabby, Emeryville.

Okay, not exactly because, let's face it, all who know me also know that I'm an original. But I found my cool family because ICRA helped me deal with my 'issues' and to stand out when adoptions were tough. Please give some of my fellow tabbies in this issue the same opportunity to feel the love of a forever home. Each has a unique history and personality but are missing the same thing - YOU! And for those who consider us just ordinary cats, try achieving this exotic look in even the finest salon! Won't happen. - **Bob**

STANLEY Bio# 2814B HH



Stanley is a special little love bug who was rescued as a tiny kitten with his brothers. A sweet and gentle little guy, he is very receptive to human affection and being petted.

He's also learning to bump noses with his foster people. A playful kitty, he will need another cat friend in his new home ... like his adorable brother Maxwell. Should be okay with calm, mature children. Stanley is looking a lot like a lion cub as he matures. DOB: April 10, 2009.

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SAVE THE DATE!! ICRA's next **Champagne Silent Auction** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 7, 2011** from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at the E lks Lodge, Alameda. Your donations and attendance are welcome! All proceeds go toward helping stray and feral cats in our community. Watch for our future mailing and check our website for details and updates. We hope to see you there!



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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 Life-Saving Mission Funded by YOU ... **Spay-Neuter is a Year-round Community Challenge**

If ICRA had to narrow it down to the most important aspect of our work as a humane organization, it would be our Spay and Neuter program. It involves increasing education about the benefits of spaying or neutering your cat, whether a free-roaming cat (feral or stray) that you feed, kitten(s) you find, or your own house cat, and providing access to that spay or neuter surgery. ICRA will pay for the surgery and vaccines for a guardian's cat or colony cats fed by a caretaker, if the guardian or caretaker cannot afford it. Spaying and neutering not only improves the quality of life for a cat now but saves lives in the long term. We cannot repeat this message often enough: Fixing one cat and preventing the birth of one litter of kittens gives three to five kittens already born and in a shelter a much better chance of finding a home. The bottom line is that there are a finite number of homes for the thousands of kittens born every year in our local community. The key step for preventing the needless euthanasia of so many cats for this reason is to reduce the number of kittens born by spaying and neutering. Every cat spayed or neutered DOES make a difference in terms of saving lives!

We work tirelessly to educate and provide the resources necessary to the public about implementing Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) of free-roaming cats and to make spay/neuter surgery accessible to cats living with low-income guardians. We continuously work to link the public to spay/neuter programs currently available. Whether through ICRA or another program in the community, our objective is to get as many cats fixed as possible. The challenging economic climate has increased the need for low cost and free spay/neuter programs more than ever. Therefore, we want to give a special thanks to all of the veterinary clinics that continue to provide low cost spay/neuter in our community, especially to Thornhill Pet and St. Louis Veterinary hospitals in Oakland, to Alameda Pet Hospital for quickly putting together a low cost program June - September to meet ICRA's high demand during the summer months this year, and to the East Bay SPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic. We also want to thank YOU, our supporters. Without your monetary donations, ICRA would be unable to fund a Spay/Neuter Program. When you consider that ICRA has paid for spay/neuter for more than 11,000+ cats since 1994, you could estimate that we conceivably prevented the birth of ~20,000+ kittens. As a result, 20,000 other kittens had a better chance at finding a home. That's a lot of lives saved! Thank you for helping us!

QUICK REFERENCE for LOCAL SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS

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Free Feral Program

The Feral Fix / Feral Hotline (510) 563-4635
<http://eastbayspca.org/resources/theferalfix.cfm>

- * Referral required
- * Call (510) 563-4635 or e-mail feralfix@eastbayspca.org
- * Cats must be in humane traps
- * Right ear will be notched

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East Bay
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FELINE BEHAVIORAL FOCUS:

Litterbox Issues? Help Kitty Think INSIDE the Box

Sooner or later, those of us who share our homes with a cat may encounter the dreaded 'litter box issues.' If inappropriate elimination should occur, hopefully we all know to *immediately* check with our vet first to rule out medical problems such as bladder and/or kidney infections or irritable bowel disease. But what if Fluffy gets an 'A-OK' from the vet? **Think outside the box to help keep Fluffy inside the box!**

- You don't want to use a toilet that someone didn't flush. Well, neither does your cat. Scoop the litter box at least once, preferably twice, a day.
- Toss out all of the litter at least once a month, wash the box with a mild, non-toxic cleaning solution and water, rinse well, let it dry in the sun, and refill with all new litter. Yes, bleach cleans great, but the smell might repel your cat!
- Litter boxes are not made to last for the life of your cat. Plastic holds bacteria. Replace the old litter box with a brand new one once a year. You might want to add a pinch of your cat's used litter to the new box so she knows it's for him or her.
- Size does matter! As your little kittens grow into big beautiful cats, they need a litter box that fits their new frame and ... *ahem* ... girth. Pet stores not required. Some people find great, large kitty litter boxes at hardware stores sold as plastic 'all purpose boxes.'
- Hooded or not hooded? Some cats love the privacy a covered litter box provides, while others might be afraid of getting trapped inside. Odors are also trapped inside hooded boxes and might be too strong for kitty's sensitive nose. So, experiment with hooded litter boxes to determine what your cat prefers. We also recommend removing the door flap before experimenting with new types of hooded boxes.
- So many different kinds of litter! Again, experiment to find out what's right for you and your cat. You might want to get two litter boxes and put a different type of litter in each, preferably unscented. See which one your cat uses most frequently. If you do make a change, do so gradually by mixing the two types, until your cat becomes comfortable with the new brand.
- As a cat ages, he or she may become arthritic, making it painful to climb into a deep litter box with higher sides. This would be the perfect time to get a box with lower sides.
- Kitty might not like the location of the litter box – perhaps it's too near a high traffic area, too noisy, or too confined. Try putting another box in a different spot. Multi-leveled homes should have a litter box on each level.
- Multiple-cat homes need multiple litter boxes. The rule of thumb is one box per cat + one.
- Need more info? An Internet search on "litter box issues" will yield a wealth of useful tips and information.

Tommy, Drake House's 'Therapy Cat'

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Tommy and I have a special relationship. He has a certain meow when he's looking for me and a different meow for food. When I'm on duty, he scratches at the office door to hang out and the staff bedroom door to sleep with me.



Tommy apparently enjoys chiming in with well-timed 'meows' during group therapy sessions and spending the night with each Drake House resident.

Since being neutered, Tommy sticks close to home and has not come back with scratches and he is much more playful. He has a variety of toys now and his own cat bed, and he enjoys all of it. This one cat has touched all of our lives deeply. Thanks for helping to lengthen his life and keep him healthy. - *Angella Meeks*

Footnote: ICRA assisted Angella and Drake House by paying for Tommy's neuter surgery and vaccinations.

"WHAT TOMMY MEANS TO ME"

Tommy means responsibility – and I like it! Thank you for caring for our beloved Tommy. Tommy is a part of our recovery. - *Hugh*

Tommy my friend, my cat friend, like my pit bull, whom I loved like a daughter in a family friend way. But now years have gone by and

Tommy is now like my little friend to protect, feed, and love. Great way to learn parenthood. - *Alexander*

I have two cats at my parents' house so I don't mind him. I just wish he'd let me pet him! I love cats.

We love Tommy and are so glad you took care of him. Thank you so much. - *John*

Tommy is a great cat. Tommy reminds me of being at my grandma's house when I was a kid – nice memory. - *Mike*

Love sitting with Tommy on the couch! - *Jonathan*

Thank you. We are forever grateful for what you've done, Tommy.

Tommy is a neat cat that is a little spunky – bites and scratches but he is a good little cat. Thank you for the shots and I hope he stays healthy. - *Greg*

Tommy is a little rascal with me. I love his fur and kind attitude. Thank you. - *Peter*

Tommy, have a great birthday. Love, Jessica

Tommy, I love your independence and complete freedom to explore. - *Chela*

GARDEN CAT SUCCESS STORIES: Expanding the Human-Cat Bond

No matter the designation, semi-feral cats can and do live happily under the watchful eye of their caretakers. Many caring individuals have taken on the role and responsibility of being the caretaker to one or more semi-feral cats that either found their yard or were found living in a public area. These caring homeowners and others made the effort to get these cats spayed and neutered. (Note: Feral cat spay and neuter programs are available in our community, including through ICRA.) Once fixed, the cats all were returned to their original location, often the caretaker's yard, where they're provided shelter, food, and water daily. As you will see in stories below, these cat guardians care deeply about their feral cat charges and show us all that while ferals are not tame lap cats, the bond between them and caring humans still can be very strong.

This handsome boy named **B.K.** was trapped, neutered, and returned (TNR'd) to a home in Montclair, with ICRA's assistance, where he lived in his caretaker's garden until she sold her home and bought a ranch in North Carolina. No worries! B.K. was captured and made the cross country move, too! His caretaker successfully relocated B.K. to her ranch where, six years later, he lives happily as one of three ranch cats and is doing great!



From Crispin Glover's Guardian: I'm a Landscape Designer, so gardens are pretty much my life, and nothing makes me happier than to look out outside and see a few very content, healthy semi-feral cats staring back at me. It took a little adjusting to get the garden and cats to work together, but I learned as we went along. For instance, I think soft ornamental grasses that move in the slightest breeze may have been inspiration for cat toys – stockier leaf grasses hold up to sneak attacks and pounces much better.

I wrote a story a while ago about my garden cats. Since then we have lost one and gained another. Mr. Scraggles came to our yard a little worse for wear and pretty timid. We developed a strong bond with the old guy to the point where he would let us pet him when he was feeling particularly

amorous. He was one of those old-soul cats that could have inspired a Disney character, with eyes at half mast and tongue hanging. If he could talk, he would have kept us up late at night with many stories of adventure. We were crushed, but not surprised, when one evening we went out to feed and Mr. Scraggles didn't come out from under the deck. He just didn't have the energy. We crawled under, wrapped him in a big fluffy blanket, and took him to the vet. We are so glad that we gave him as many years as we could of sunny spots to stretch out in, a cat house in which to hide from the rain, and falling leaves to chase.



Shortly afterward, Crispin Glover moved in and is slowly gaining the trust of the other cats in the yard. He's been neutered, gained some weight, and is just as lazy as the rest. His tail still flips, but his ears are no longer flat back on his head. We fully anticipate that when the rain comes he will climb into the cat house with the others and nestle in for the winter nights.

Luna was TNR'd to a colony living behind a grocery store several years ago. The cats were fed and monitored daily by their caretaker until Luna developed some obvious health problems. At her caretaker's request, ICRA recaptured her, this time to get her medical care since she was already spayed. Her good health returned after dental surgery for several abscessed teeth but, because she was now older, Luna was relocated to another caretaker's back yard for closer monitoring. Luna now insists on sharing an overstuffed cat bed with another garden cat, Grey, sometimes pushing him out altogether since she has become a bit *stout*. Luna's caretaker reports that she loves daily treats and is eagerly waiting at her patio door each morning and night. Most times, her caretaker can look out into her backyard and find Luna slumbering somewhere among the flowers, as shown here.



Endorsed by Bob the Tabby -- Please Adopt These Boys!!



TOBY Bio# 1364 DJ



Toby was rescued with his brother, Sydney, as a feral kitten almost 10 years ago. Easy-going, cuddly, and playful. He loves attention and being with his person, and even new ones. The type of guy who needs a cat buddy. Probably fine with a dog or children 12+ in a calm

household. Can be a bit of an escape artist.
DOB: April 2001

SYDNEY Bio# 1364 DJ



Sydney was rescued with his brother, Toby. Quiet, gentle, and happy despite his worried expression. He "trills," head butts, and paces until you give him the attention he wants. Needs a cat buddy and he'll probably be okay with a dog. He's shy to start but warms up quickly in a calm environment.

He does need easily administered, inexpensive thyroid medication daily, but he's healthy boy otherwise. DOB: April 2001.

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ALUMNI PHOTOS & NEWS

Hopefully these photos and updates on just a few of ICRA's alumni - which go coast-to-coast and a few points in between - will give you as much joy and warmth as they do us this time of year. Disclaimer: The unsolicited commentary from some of these furry family members do not necessarily reflect the beliefs and opinions of ICRA, its board members, or its volunteers.

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



Marie and Mini -- two gorgeous girls with distinct personalities who find common ground in their love for a good chase and romp around the house. "We truly enjoy our new additions to the family. "[They] have now found their permanent home with lots of room to run around." Adopted September 2010 by Richard P., Alameda.



Okay, really?? I know they worship me and all, but what's up with the dogs stealing my moment? Seriously, people are going to see this. Her new mom calls **CeCe** (f. Fiona) a 'furry friend for life.' Adopted July 2010 by Char F., Castro Valley.



Simone takes a break to contemplate her next high-speed activity. Then again, this seems like a pretty good time and spot to get a jump start on that 16 hours of required daily napping. Adopted September 2010 by Linda S., Fremont.



Mr. Puddy (a.k.a. Oliver) is one lucky 'Navy brat' who enjoys the love and affection of an entire family in different households. With such good looks and a charming demeanor going for me, Mr. Puddy thinks, who wouldn't want a piece of this? Adopted March 2001 by Steve & Joyce R., Milton, FL (formerly Alameda).



A masterpiece in exotic stripes and spots. **Edmund** (a.k.a. Eddy) had to apply a full court press to win over his new 'sister' Bella but, according to his new mom, "they've definitely become BFFs (best friends forever)...." Thank you for the work you do, ICRA! I know Eddy adjusted as well as he did mainly due to the love and care he received in the first couple of months as a kitten under your care!" Adopted May 2009 by Betty C., Alameda.

**"Happy is the home
with at least one cat"**
- Italian proverb



Puppy (f. Delilah) and **Boo** take a breather, perhaps after one of their kitten-like chases up and down the hall. Adopted August 2008 by Deborah S., San Bruno.



Emi (f. Suki) may be fighting the forces of physics here to establish and hold her position in the age-old scramble for a sunny spot. Adopted May 2010 by Stephanie A., Campbell.



And you were planning to use this contraption when?? We didn't get that memo. **Raisin** and **Rissy** seem quite at home with their new mom. Adopted August 2010 by Heidi B., Milpitas.



Fiona and daughter **Izzy** (f. Brianna) have come a long way from their days living near a dumpster behind a hospital in San Jose. Adopted September 2008 by Carol F., Alameda.

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From the looks of it, **Iris** is a girl who knows what she wants. This heart murmur kitty has a thing for coffee and wine glasses. It's medicinal, Mom! Adopted January 2008 by Denise C., Alameda.



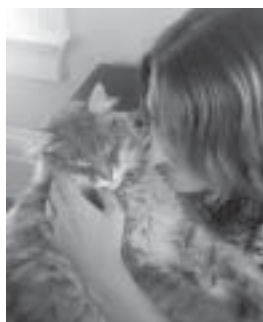
Ahhh! A comfy, dependable butt pillow to lean on!! That's what big brothers are for. **Marty** (l) seems more than happy to accommodate **Benny**. Adopted in 2007 and 2009, respectively, by Cindy N. & Family, Alameda.



Merlot and Shiraz -- two very contented tabbies! Their guardian writes: "We'll always be grateful that you took them in for a while, and that our paths crossed. They're both awesome." Adopted September 2006 by Steve B., Alameda.



Chloe and Claude (r) continue to blossom in their home. Claude was taken aback when asked about early claims that he "meows like a girl." Chloe would neither confirm nor deny the accuracy of mom's statement. Adopted May 2009 by Dawn R., Piedmont.



"Things I Rule," by **Dane**. 1. Places that seem unlikely for me to fly onto and roost, like the banister, 2. Strategic denial of human foot rest spots, and 3. Mom and Dad's hearts. Adopted by 2010 by Phil & Suzanne W., Alameda.



Tabbies Who Need Loving Homes -- Anything but Ordinary!!



Bob will tell you that being a tabby isn't about being a breed but is all about attitude ... a tabby is the epitome of a cat's cat. For those of us who are lucky enough to have at least one in our lives, we know that he's right on both counts. 'Tabby' refers to color and a marking pattern that is the most common among all breeds of domestic cats; however, variations thereof are almost endless. Look for the trademark "M" on the forehead with blazes down the back of the neck, distinct striping on the lower legs and tail, and 'necklace' stripes. Note: A black cat in the right light will even show a residual "M" and stripes.

The tabby we know today has its roots in the mixing of the African and European wild cats compliments of the Romans, who smuggled domesticated cats out of Egypt. The word 'tabby' is believed to have Arabic origins, referring to striped silk taffeta fabric once made in the *Al-Tabiyya* district of Baghdad.

BOLO Bio# 2483 SK



This big, sweet, beautiful boy is mischievous and intelligent, opening cabinets on a regular basis. Playful and happy with other cats. Bolo loves to lay on your tummy just like when he was a kitten, although he's a bit bigger these days at about 17 lbs! Incredibly sweet. Bolo should do well with children. DOB: 22 April 2007

TIGER LILY Bio# 2934 DS



A playful sweetheart. Tiger Lily can be quite the talker, letting you know what she wants with a cute "trill." A very busy girl who loves attention. She shouldn't mind calm children 8+ or a mellow dog. Definitely needs a cat buddy. Look at those exotic ear tufts! DOB: 20 March 2007

HOUDINI Bio# 2586 SK



A shy but sweet and talkative former feral kitty. Exceptionally handsome and colorful. Houdini loves riding on his foster mom's shoulders, high perches, and watching 'kitty TV,' i.e., looking out the window and making commentary on what's happening. Gets along with other cats. He hasn't met dogs or children yet,

but proper introduction should make everything okay. DOB: July 2005.

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- ❖ Richard & Holly's very special pig "Amelia" from Peggy Harding
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*Thrown out of her home as the innocent collateral victim of a human domestic dispute years ago, the refined and elegant **Miss Scarlett** (f. Princess Ginger) literally has gone from the gutter to being a true Southern belle. [Dear Iris, This is how we ladies must be seen and photographed with a wine glass. Love, Scarlett.] Adopted March 2001 by Leigh Lofgren, Georgia (formerly Alameda).*



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