

The ICRA Catalyst

Celebrating Our Volunteers

December 2013



Mama's kittens:

*left > right: Bonnie, Samantha, Rocky, Pinky and Marty
lower right > Mama*



Fostering: A Huge Gift!

A Series of Rewarding Twists and Turns

Mama, a petite feral two-year old orange and white tabby, had given birth to five kittens on the grounds of a housing project in West Alameda, in a small space between a wall and a chain link fence. She was an excellent mother who took good care of her kittens. Unfortunately, some neighborhood children started throwing bottles and rocks at the little family. A resident of the area called ICRA and volunteers managed to rescue Mama and her babies, using clothes hangers to lift the kittens over the fence to safety.

I had the privilege of fostering Mama and her kittens until they were ready for adoption. The kittens had just opened their eyes. Mama was nursing her kittens so my work merely involved feeding mama, cleaning the litter box and playing with the kittens. Every morning I would peek in the cage and see a pile of kittens all curled together in a giant ball as if they had all fallen asleep nursing as Mama had moved away to rest.

The kittens grew quickly and soon developed their own personalities. All were rambunctious and loved to run and play. My son and I would hold and play with them as part of the socialization process. They were very affectionate and loving kittens. We constructed a kitten playground with slides and hurdles and loved to watch the kitten antics as they leaped and wrestled each other. We loved to scoop up a kitten for a quick hug and purr before they scrambled off again.

When old enough the kittens were taken to our Saturday adoption event at the Alameda Petco store. Full of energy, they tore up the cage while entertaining potential adopters. Two of the kittens were adopted and two went to the San Francisco SPCA where they starred in the Macy's holiday windows. When one of the kittens became the 2,000th animal to be adopted through the SF SPCA holiday adoption program, he and his sister, who were adopted together, were featured in the SF SPCA magazine.

My family and I decided to keep one of the kittens and Mama. Mama was still too feral to keep indoors so ICRA volunteers helped relocate her to our backyard as a garden cat. Four years later she is the Queen of the Yard, spending lazy days sunning herself on the deck and watching (helping) me as I garden.

The fostering experience is truly a rewarding and hands-on way to help kittens and cats find their forever homes. – *Cindy N.*

Cat Transport:

Alarm Clock Blues

*One of the pleasures of being retired is no alarm clock. But another of my retirement pleasures is time to do community service I could not when I was raising kids and practicing law. These pleasures collide nearly every Sunday morning when my alarm blasts at 6:30 am and I wrest myself out of bed to be a **cat chauffeur**.*

Huh? What's that, you ask? Well, I'll tell you.

I've volunteered with ICRA for six years and began with cleaning a foster area where a dozen or so cats live. That felt good: I liked being with the cats and liked making sure their environment was neat and clean. One day, ICRA's President called to ask if I could take a cat to a vet appointment that she could not make. That sounded like something I could manage, so I said yes. All went well and she began asking me to do more of the same. I thought, This is great! I'm retired; most days I don't have to be anywhere and many volunteers can't do this. So I became an occasional cat chauffeur.



Volunteer Beth S. fills her wagon with cats ready to go to spay/neuter surgery appointments.

Then one day Merry asked me if I could take some cats to the East Bay SPCA to be spayed/neutered. The cats had to be there by 8 am! I know, I know — that's not early! For anyone who works for a living, it's not. But to me, for whom waking up without an alarm was the height of retired luxury, getting up at 7 am to an alarm clock was a big deal. Still I did it. Since this was not more than one day every few weeks, I made peace with it.

Then I hit *the big time*. The San Francisco SPCA (SFSPCA) generously offered low-cost spay/ neuter to cats from other counties. That's where I come in. The SFSPCA not only takes some of our cats, it takes a lot of them—10 weekly...and sometimes more. My old wagon's cargo area is perfect for carrying cats in humane traps across the bridge and into the city.

Picture this: it's 6:30 am on a Sunday. *The alarm sounds!* Up I jump (sort of), put on my tea kettle, dress, feed my cats (3 indoor and 2 garden cats), grab clipboard, blue tape, black pen, cup of tea, and head off to meet the amazing ICRA volunteers and the cats they've trapped overnight. We make sure all traps are covered to keep the cats calm and numbered to match the SFSPCA forms, which must include a description and note any health issues. Then my fun begins.

How will I fit all in the car? What a jumble! Eventually I work it out.

Pretty soon I'm ready to go...over the bridge, to the SFSPCA by 8 am. I unload as many traps as will fit on their carts and move the others to the freight elevator to the second floor. There, the fabulous staff greets us (*hats off to Laura, Erin, Allison, and volunteer Zelda*). After handing over paperwork and discussing all cats I'm back in my wagon, morning work done. I do it all in reverse that afternoon, picking up cats for the ride back to the East Bay and returning them to the volunteers for post-surgery recovery.

This is the perfect gig! No human family at home who need me. I have the right car. I get a free upper-body workout. And, perhaps best of all, I can brag about how many cats I transported (one week it was 18!). Now if I can just figure out how to wake up without that d--- alarm clock, it truly would be perfect! I'm working on it. — *Beth S.*

GARDEN CATS UPDATE

FRED + GINGER

Fred (rolling) tries to show his pal Ginger how to lighten up a bit—we're garden cats now... let your hair down and put your dogs up now and again! Just to prove he's not always the clown, Fred also shows us his regal side (inset).

Guardian: James, S., Alameda

FURBY + MITTENS

Who knew that gardens come fully furnished? We DEFINITELY were living in the wrong place before. "My ferals finally use their beds from ICRA! I got this great picture of Furby hugging Mittens while they sleep! I am so happy they have some comfort!"

Guardian: Judi R., Hayward



WE'RE A MATCHED SET!



larry, moe, curly

3 goofy brothers

Yes, they are hard to tell apart (at first) and they are all so cute! These brothers are just wonderful. They love people, kids, and other cats. All three are good natured, gentle, and super playful. They would make a great addition to any family. They each need a home with another cat friend, and calm kids should be fine. Friendly dogs would likely also work well. We estimate they were born April 1, 2013.

It Takes *Work* to Find Forever Homes

Do you like to give back to your community? Do you have a few hours a month to play matchmaker? Do you like cats? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then we have the perfect volunteer activity for you!



Adoption Coordinator Nel O. at work with volunteer Teresa C.

As an Adoption Coordinator, you can be instrumental in matching up cats/kittens – many of which have had a rough start to life – with their forever home. But what does it take to get to that end result? It all starts with setting up the adoption site at Alameda Petco.

We set up the cages and the displays so that they are comfortable for the cats who will be “visiting” for the day, but are also appealing to the potential adopters. Once the foster cats/kittens have been dropped off for the day by their respective foster homes the fun begins. We get to visit with potential adopters (and even some past adopters who may drop by to share success stories and pictures of ICRA alumni). There can be a range of visitors on any given day – those that are new to providing a forever home for a cat to those that are super cat-savvy (and everything in-between). We get to find out what their household is like and what they are looking for in their forever companion. It could be personality or even just color or breed. That’s where the matchmaking begins. The potential adopter will get to meet some of the kitties at the adoption site that may be a good fit, but we also have many others that may not be Petco candidates but can be introduced at the foster home. Once a potential match is identified, we have a very short interview/questionnaire that we complete with the potential adopter. If the foster parent thinks that this is a good forever home for their foster cat/kitten, we will complete the adoption at the kitty’s new forever home.

I can’t tell you how rewarding it is to see the happy faces of the new parents and to hear the sweet purrs of the kitty who is now home – for good! And to think... you can also experience this joy by just donating a few hours of your time every month. – *Debbie S.*

FOREVER HOME READY



autumn

playful kitty

Do you want to play, let’s play! Do you want to relax, let’s relax! I’ll cuddle, purr and snooze with you all night long. I love to play with kitties! I’m your all around, all purpose kind of cat. I’ll wait for you when you come home, purring and jumping and ready to go! My date of birth was April 15, 2012.

ADOPT ME NOW



tinkerbelle

gorgeous young lady

Tinkerbelle was found in a feral colony in Hayward. This cutie loves to be petted and cuddled. She also loves to play with toys and would enjoy another kitty in her new home. She is a sweetie! She was born in June 2012.

Alumni Mews

We reservethe right to use your photos and comments to update the community on our work.



ANNIE

Look at me ALL you want, but this seat is taken. Move along, people. Clearly, **Annie** has settled in very well with her new 2- and 4-legged family. *"She likes it here, and we couldn't be happier that she's part of our lives, thanks to you."* Adopted September 2013 by Vic S., Beverly Hills



BODHI

Do you see them back there?!? I do, too. Maybe if we ignore the little black cats they will stop trying to ruin my close-up. **Bodhi** was adopted March 2005 by Toni Z., San Ramon



BUBBA

Yeah, what of it? **Bubba** knows that it's the best gig ever if your foster mom just can't give you up. Adopted June 2011 by Janet N., Alameda



CECE

Her guardian writes how **Cece** (f. Fiona) has helped her family through several losses over the past year. "I love her so very much." Also, I never knew that animals grieve almost the same as humans. However, a year later, we are moving forward together." Adopted July 2010 by Char F., Castro Valley



CLAUDE+CHLOE

If you'd just move your big head out of the way, maybe I could get a good sip, too! Siblings **Claude and Chloe** (f. Chelsea) demonstrate that strategy is everything in sink drink wars – much more fun than using the boring old water bowl. Adopted May 2009 by Dawn R., Piedmont



DAISY+TALLEY

Plea from **Talley** (standing): Please help! They brought me into a home with **Daisy** (f. Chardonnay)—a vocal, bossy tortie disguised as a tabby. She thinks she owns the place. My life will never be the same. Daisy & Talley were adopted in August 2012 and December 2012, respectively, by Amanda M. & Michael S., Oakland



DICKENS

Okay, **Dickens** (f. Ghost). You waltzed in here and nursed on the dog. Well, I'm NOT the shameless dog and you're NOT pulling any of those shenanigans with me. Got it, little dude? Adopted July 2013 by John T., Alameda



DOTTIE

Humans say anything to get their names in print? Why else, demure **Dottie** wonders, would my person erroneously accuse me of attacking covered toes (known through-out cat-dom as dangerous killers) and hoarding fish-flavored Fancy Feast?, Adopted June 2013 by Virginia T., Oakland



EYECON

Eyecon, a study in how to crash and burn with style and complete conviction. Adopted May 2009 by James & Camille K., Alameda



FELIX

Felix (f. Winky)—poster kitty for the resilience of felines—doesn't let his lack of sight slow him down. *"Felix gets around well. It's funny watching him dig in for the dismount from the cat tree. He loves to chew hair after a bike ride, and his favorite is rolling in stinky laundry."* Adopted July 2010 by Gretchen G., Oakland



GEORGIE

Yep! If you get in good with the right people at just the right time, the only difference between F0ster home and F0rever home is a simple matter of a few letters. Nice work, **Georgie!** Adopted May 2013 by Gretchen W. & Peter A., Oakland



LUCKY

My name may be **Lucky** (f. Allie), but my new mom is the lucky one for having ME around the house, if I do say so myself. I mean, look at me! Adopted February 2009 by Rita P., St Helena



MARVIN

Marvin (right; f. Blueberry) KNOWS that Jimmy won't admit it, but he always dreamed of sharing this snazzy perch with a stunner like me! I complete him. Adopted June 2013 by Jeff F., Alameda



MIRKO

Mirko (f. Tigger) wonders just what kind of companion he would be if he didn't let mom know his thoughts on her every move? She would feel so lost! *"...[H]e does always have something to say...I'm so grateful he's in my life. What a great pal to have!"* Note open mouth... Adopted June 2013 by Bethany S., Oakland



MO

Mellow **Mo** challenges us to name any other 17-year-old cat who looks so totally WAY cool wedged into a sink. Adopted January 1997 with the late Mollie by Justine & David K., Alameda



MOCHI

Nice touch putting that big hammock on my shoulder, Sis. It shows how much you adore me, right? RIGHT!? "[Mochi] and Lola keep each other busy but I think he knows she's boss"... "We are so happy he is part of our family and excited to see him grow." Adopted June 2013 by Steve, Tanya & Lola S., Alameda



NICO

Of *Nico* and her new brother, their guardian writes: "They are best friends and love each other! I'm so happy I adopted a new kitten because she makes *Ziggy* feel like a kitten again! He teaches her how to catch flies and have good manners. It's quite funny. Nico definitely has tortitude!" For those of you who have lived with tortoise-shells and calicos, you KNOW what she means. Adopted June 2013 by Jennifer W., Oakland



OMAR

Omar has become part of a three-rescue cat home since his adoption seven years ago. He also has mentored (inspired?) his person in the art of backyard kitten rescue, adoption, and trap-neuter-return (TNR). WAY TO GO, MOM!! "Thank you to Heather (Omar's foster mom) and ICRA for the inspiration and encouragement to do this. Keep doing great work!" Adopted January 2006 by Liz & Sean O., Raeford, NC



OSCAR

Yes, yes, these two will do as part of my new collection of people servants! We understand that *Oscar* is not "*The Grouch*" anymore since trading the company of other foster cats for the love and affection of his new family and their friends. Adopted July 2013 by Kimberly S., Alameda



PANTHER

Panther does his part to dispel the myths and old wives tales about black cats and sleeping children. Catalina doesn't seem to mind the company of this sleek beauty. "*He is the perfect fit for us and reminds us of two other special cats we shared ~19 years with...Thanks again for doing what you do.*" ICRA wishes you and Panther a very long life together! Adopted December 2012 by Kathy M., Alameda



REMINGTON and LUNA

Two are always better than one, and these two look like troublesome bliss (a good thing for true 'catophiles'). "*It is a remarkable thing to witness this relationship grow right in front of us. They are inseparable ... and we feel this is only the beginning of their adventurous lives.*" Adopted June 2013 by Ted C. & Alexandra G., Alameda www.tedcraigphoto.com



RHAPSODY

It is so nice to hear good news about another ICRA old timer. "I adopted *Rhapsody* (Lil' Rhap, for short) in July 1997. She was all snuggled up with her brother and I fell in love with her. 16 years later, she is still running around like a young cat and purrs ALL OF THE TIME...Thank you for the most precious kitty." Adopted July 1997 by Ben & Marylee M., Walnut Creek



SMJÖR

Shhh! *Smjör* (f. Fluffers) – pronounced Smee-or and meaning butter in Icelandic – cannot be disturbed from one of his 16+ hours of restorative beauty sleep. His guardian reports that *Smjör* is "really a lap cat." Adopted July 2013 by Elaine C., Oakland



TELE and MILLA

Apparently, the feline-human bonding period between *Tele* (f. Peaches), *Milla* (f. Sasha) and their new dad could be measured in nanoseconds. These cuties are from a litter of four that was rescued from under a wheel- chair ramp using a wooden spoon-soup ladle contraption to scoop them out! Adopted October 2013 by Dean & Beth G., Oakland



jade purr party

Jade is a kitty who loves to purr. She's shy at first but once she warms up she'll give you lots of love. She will crawl in your lap and give you nose kisses. She's playful and a jumper! She responds well to no, and is adorably inquisitive. She'd prefer to be a solo pet and should be OK with calm kids 8+. She was born in January of 2012.

silver so handsome!

Silver is a super happy guy who loves his animal friends. He definitely needs a playful bff in his new home. Silver is a hoot and will keep you entertained. He is a cuddle bug when he slows down. He isn't a lap cat but enjoys attention. He'd make a great family pet. We estimate he was born January 15, 2011.



juliette a great mom

Juliette appeared on a doorstep with four tiny kittens, likely abandoned. She is friendly with people, and adjusts well to other cats with time. Juliette is extremely sweet. She loves to sit at a window, play with toys, and be petted. She may do well with calm kids but no dogs, please. We estimate she was born in mid-2011.

Fundraising for the Cats



Percy and Gail working the auction, 2005

Since 1998 I have been the Fundraising Chairperson for ICRA. In the early years we held some garage sales and put donation jars in a few businesses around Alameda. But in 1999, another volunteer and I got brave enough to host ICRA's first Champagne Silent Auction. This event brought in \$5,000. and we thought we had just won the lottery! In the years following, we've continued with garage sales, added a yearly holiday boutique, and a jewelry sale, and, of course, continued our annual silent auctions, which last year reaped a whopping \$21,000. for cats and kittens in need of rescue. We must have learned something because of how far we've come!

The biggest challenges in fundraising are trying to minimize expenses and finding volunteers to assist with events. We always want to ensure that as much money as possible goes directly to homeless cats and kittens in need of vet care and spay/neuter, and we are extremely proud that consistently over 91% of our proceeds at these events do just that.

Much of the thanks goes to our dedicated volunteers (*who never seem numerous enough*) who donate their time and money to make everything run smoothly with as little overhead as possible.

Why do I put in the many hours and personal expense to continue helping ICRA raise much-needed funds? Mainly it's because I love animals. But I find the experience especially rewarding because I know that money raised is never wasted on unnecessary things that do not directly benefit the cats and kittens we rescue. We have no paid staff and no rent to pay for a storefront. Most importantly, we take our donations very seriously. As such, we carefully manage every dollar to honor the valued and loyal supporters who give us their generous contributions year after year in good faith that we will do everything humanly possible to benefit animals in need.

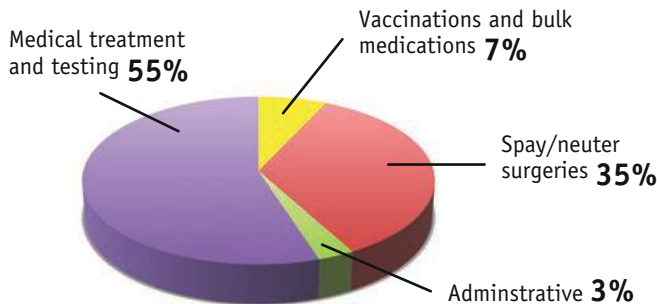
Appropriate and cheap plug: Please come and be a part of our next **Champagne Silent Auction** to be held on **Saturday, May 3, 2014** at the Elks Lodge in Alameda. **Please save the date!** - Gail C.

The Chris Flaningam Fund

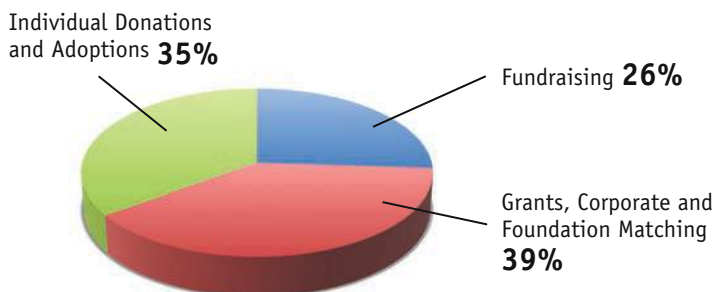
Two years ago, ICRA established a spay/neuter fund in memory of our volunteer, Chris Flaningam. She and her family's generous donation got the fund off to a great start in 2012. Thank you so much once again for the Flaningam family's 2013 donation. *Please consider joining them and donate to the fund!*



EXPENDITURES



RECEIPTS



Data reflects ICRA receipts and expenditures January-June 2013

Making Your Donations Work for 19 Years

We are nothing without funds to do our work. We are able to do what we do to help cats because of **you!**

From January to June of 2013 we have spayed/neutered 710 cats! That makes our program total **13,927** cats since our formation in 1994.

ICRA does all we can to keep our expenditures not directly related to cat care as low as possible. We have no office, we have no shelter space, and very little overhead.

We know everyone has a trim budget and we appreciate your support.

Please also spread the word to others about ICRA. We need you to help get our name out to the community to fund our programs and to find adoptive homes for foster cats.

If you believe in our work, please give what you can.

Go to www.icraeastbay.org and click on **DONATE NOW!**

► **Donations are a great gifts for birthdays & holidays!**

Donation Appreciation Donations through November 2013

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- **Barbara** from Beth Joshua
- With thanks to **Debbie Sharp** from Thomas Spitzer
- **Dennis O'Neil** from Anonymous
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- **Jake** from Ming Hui Wu
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In Memory of

- **Allie & Pico** from Theodore & Barbara Simon
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- My sister Anne's beloved cats, **Katie & April**, from Marilyn Dunn
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- **Venus Cat**, our beautiful girl adopted in 2002, from Katina Ancar
- **Wilson** from Susan Correa

Trapping Feral Cats!



has been abandoned to fend for itself and it is put up for adoption by ICRA. They are always so grateful.

Frustration stems from people who allow cats to go unspayed and unneutered and who dump cats to fend for themselves. I have met some very cruel, heartless people while trapping, but for the most part the people we help are so grateful and appreciative. The cats themselves can also be very frustrating at times. Sometimes, no matter how clever I think I am, the cat is more so and just not willing to go into the trap. To say the least, trapping can take a great deal of time and lots of patience and resourcefulness. It is sad to think that I will never be out of a job as a volunteer and that there is a seemingly never-ending supply of cats that need to be helped. But it is hugely rewarding knowing I am making an *important impact* by volunteering for ICRA. – *Jody Mc K.*

For the past five years I have had the privilege of being a volunteer for ICRA. Not being a "joiner" but wanting to contribute to the organization I offered to trap ferals for spay and neuter. Trapping cats for ICRA is at times very rewarding, frustrating, and provides moments that run the gamut from pure exhilaration to deep sadness.

I LIVE by the mantra that for every two breeding cats I trap and prevent from having kittens I prevent over 80 million cats from being born over a 10-year period. Every time I trap a cat I feel like I have won a million dollars. Being able to trap a whole colony of cats and allowing them to live healthy lives without producing hoards of kittens is a wonderful feeling. Saving the young, adoptable kittens and knowing they go to loving homes is also very rewarding. One of the best parts of trapping is when I find a non-feral cat that



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MOLLIE



Mollie was cared for and loved for 16 of her 18 years by Justine and David K. of Alameda. Adopted along with Mo in 1997, Mollie was a faithful companion to her human family. In an update sent before Mollie's illness, Justine wrote: One loses track of time...or is it that I don't really want to think how old they really are?? We believe it's a little of both.

NICOLAS



While we lost Nicolas, who was adopted from ICRA in December 2008, we know that his soul and spirit live on in the hearts of those he touched. Beloved companion of Lisa C.A.

SEZ



Sez died peacefully in her companion's arms in May after 14 years together. Of Sez, Jennifer C. wrote: "She was an opinionated, demanding, loving cat and we loved her back very much."

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