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Tuxedos Rock!! Please Adopt!

Samantha Bio # 2619 RR



Samantha is a bundle of LOVE! Favorite activities include being petted and kneading with her paws while telling you about her day. Abandoned in Hayward, she was very skinny and hungry in her former life. Now happy as can be, she would love to find someone who won't mind her snuggling and sleeping with them at night. She would prefer to be a solo kitty but may be OK with another mellow cat with proper introduction. Should be fine with calm children over 6. We estimate Samantha was born in September 2006.

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!

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Spay-Neuter Equals Compassion

An extremely thin and nursing tortoiseshell barely six months old with a small bullet embedded in her scalp — neighborhood kids toss her two kittens into the air by their tails. A tomcat with ear mites, lice, and severe flea infestation, but with gorgeous blue eyes and a bubbly personality that belie his miserable condition. Eight kittens found by the railroad tracks — crammed into a box that's taped shut. All were products of someone's unspayed and unneutered cats. All were abandoned and either left to fend for themselves in a not-so-kind environment or simply left to die. ICRA intervened in each of these cases. Ultimately, the most compassionate step we took in the care of these cats was to have them spayed or neutered.



Shown here are seven of the eight kittens found at the age of 5-6 weeks taped in a box together and left by railroad tracks.

This step alone can save or improve the quality of life for so many cats. If only more people would do it — whether for a stray cat they feed at their workplace or in their backyard or for their own pet cat — then our local shelters would have fewer cats vying for those too few homes ... with the clock ticking. Euthanasia of cats in our local municipal shelters is still occurring and, while we saw a decline for several years, it is on the increase in some municipalities including Alameda. While the mortgage foreclosure crisis has caused a significant increase in pet relinquishment and abandonment, we are still seeing far too many unwanted kittens born. The stark reality is that not all of them will find homes. But whether a cat is feral or tame, young or old, it deserves to live.

ICRA remains focused on spay/neuter as the pillar of our mission to eliminate the overpopulation and suffering of cats in our local community. We teach, support, and implement feral cat Trap-Neuter-Return projects in addition to providing spay-neuter for low-income individuals who cannot afford the surgery for their pets. Of course, we also spay or neuter every cat or kitten that enters our foster and adoption programs. Your generous donations allow us to continue these live-saving efforts.

ICRA Hits 2,000th Adoption Milestone

ICRA celebrated our 2000th adoption in November 2007 when long-time foster "Ginny" found a loving new home with Anna Tyson and her family. This was a particularly bittersweet occasion because Ginny had been a foster kitty with us for several years before her adoption at the age of eight. Ginny joined ICRA alumnus Harley in her new home in Alameda. The Tysons report that both kitties are getting along nicely and doing well in their new home.



Ginny happily surrounded by proud members of her new family.

Every cat adopted is a celebration to ICRA! We send a heartfelt thank you to all of our adoptive families for making room in your hearts and homes for the precious felines you've adopted from us over the years.

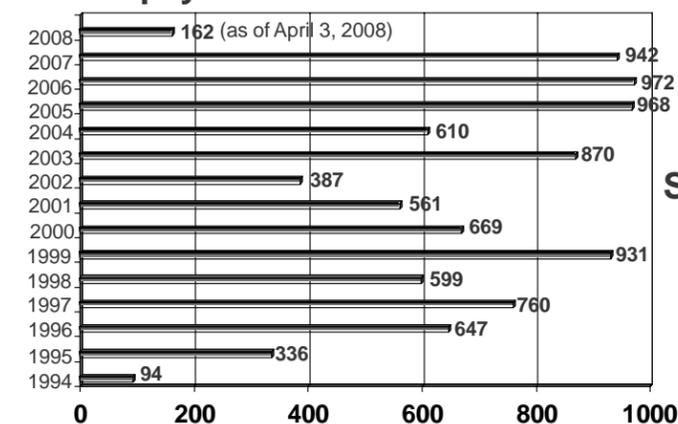
**Buck the Trend ...
ADOPT a BLACK or
BLACK & WHITE CAT**



Alums Chloe & Maggie plead, "Please give great kitties loving homes like the one we have!" Adopted November 2006 by Dana Ashby, Indiana.

See pages 6, 7 and 8 for just a few of our wonderful black and black & white cats available for adoption.

ICRA Spay-Neuter Statistics 1994-2008



**Total
Spay-Neuters:
9508+**

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Saturdays (except holidays) at PETCO in Alameda Towne Centre from 11am-4pm.

First Saturday of the month at Petfood Express on Blanding Way in Alameda from Noon-3pm.

For more information call ICRA at (510) 869-2584.

Our Mission: We are dedicated to reducing the suffering of abandoned and feral (wild) cats and to empowering the local community to aid them in their plight. We provide low-cost spay/neuter, vaccines, and medical treatment to all of our cats, and resources for people willing and able to help themselves. We provide foster care for tame or socialized cats until they can be placed into quality, permanent homes through our adoption program. We return feral or unsocialized cats back to their colonies if in a safe, managed environment. We strive to educate the public about responsible treatment of animals and the need for spay/neuter to reduce the number of unwanted kittens.

A Great Night for the Cats!!

ICRA's 10th Annual Silent Auction a Big Success

ICRA would like to thank all of our loyal supporters and volunteers who helped us raise over \$16,500 at our 10th Annual Champagne Silent Auction in May. Pocketbooks are tight for everyone right now, and we were more than a bit worried as the cost of spay-neuter and veterinary care continues to rise for the animals we are trying to help. Your continued generosity confirms that we are doing the right thing by helping feral and stray cats and kittens get the care they need and deserve. For those who don't know, we commit minimal overhead to this and other fundraising events throughout the year. So rest assured that when you donate your hard-earned money we work even harder to ensure that **91 cents out of every dollar goes directly to the cats and kittens**. ICRA would be nothing without your support! THANK YOU and we hope to see everyone again next year!

Special thanks to the Harbor Bay Community Offices for donating their Community Center again. We truly appreciate it! We would also like to thank Francie Farinet for the coffee and tea and Terrence Brewer for his guitar music. And thanks to our volunteers for making every bit of food – we are in your debt.

There would be no auction without bid items. ICRA gratefully acknowledges the following business and individual supporters for their generous donations:

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Gretchen Whittier and Peter Andrea	Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo
Heather Hanly and Dan Purcell	The Wolf and the Hare, Alameda
Infineon Raceway	Tom and Nell Cook
Jackie Barnett and The Cat's Meow	Tony Sauler
Jannie Chan and Trygve Isaacson	Twillah Reimers
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JC Cellars, Oakland	Veronica Vodopich
Jennifer Nadler	Virago Theater Company, Alameda
Jillian's Billiards in the Metreon, San Francisco	The Young Family
Jim Mead	Zatis Restaurant, Oakland

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Two new buddies steal a catnap as one. Tuffy's new guardian writes: "Tuffy (right) has settled in very well, and he and Whiskers get along great! They sleep together and clean each other. It's adorable!" Adopted November 2007 by Lena Watson and family, San Ramon.

More Donations in Honor of

...from page 5

- ♥ Heather Hanly from George & Loyce Robinson
- ♥ Heather Hanly and Dan Purcell from Charles Dirksen
- ♥ DeAnne from Kathleen Engstrom
- ♥ "Thor," "Isis," and "Zeus" from Jan Kahle
- ♥ "Manju" and "Frodo" from Mari L'Esperance & Steve Keightley
- ♥ "C.C.," adopted by Doris Neuberger, from Anda Bockis
- ♥ My friend and animal advocate, Linda, on the occasion of her 50th birthday and my cat "Lola," whom I adopted from ICRA, from Kathryn M. Caulfield
- ♥ Rachna Rajan's birthday from Jean Tom
- ♥ Rachna Rajan's birthday from Debbie Ralley
- ♥ Rachna Rajan's birthday from Louise Woods
- ♥ "Akiko" (from ICRA in 1996) from Allan Skaar
- ♥ The Crazy Cat Ladies of Central Avenue from Sarah Veters

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- ♥ Rachna and Percy from Lynette Pang & Michael Man
- ♥ DeAnne and all the people helping from Daniela Wenzlow
- ♥ ICRA and Twillah from Mohammed & Donna Khatib
- ♥ Rachna Rajan, Percy Alejos, & Juliet Inac from Donna Luiz
- ♥ Russell from Vivian & Tim Davis
- ♥ ICRA and your volunteers for providing much needed assistance of spay-neuter for three feral kittens and two adult females from Linda Sorensen
- ♥ Those helping with Fred, Leonard, Liv Tyler and Bear! from Laura Rachael Taylor

Donations Dedicated to...

- ♥ Roberta K. Wright from Arzelia Walker
- ♥ Nancy Brandt from Julie Van Buhler
- ♥ Celebration and rejoicing Lucinda Glenn
- ♥ The marriage of Jean and Laurance

How You Can Help

So many ways to give with the click of a mouse on our website! All donations to ICRA are **tax deductible**. Thank you for your continued support!!



Find details on these and other ways to help us year-round in the "Support Us" section of our website at www.icraeastbay.org

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TO DO List:

- COLLECT RECYCLABLES for ICRA
 - Plastic Soda & Water Bottles (Marked "CRV")
 - Aluminum Soda & Beer Cans
 - Aluminum Cat & Dog Food Cans (No Tin)
- RINSE Recyclables
 - SORT & CRUSH Recyclables
 - DROP OFF at Petco Adoption Site (Saturdays 11-4)

WISH LIST:

Food: Dry and canned; KMR kitten formula (unopened)
Treatments/Meds: Frontline or Revolution
Cat Supplies: Cat litter (clay, pine, wheat, corn); new cat toys (no fur, please!)
Miscellaneous Supplies: Paper towels
Office Supplies: Postage stamps; Envelopes (6 1/2" x 3 5/8" and #10 size)

More Adoptable Beauties in Black & White

Tia Mia Bio #2686 MB



Tia Mia is named after a character in a children's book because she is quite animated herself. Rescued from a large group of cats in an apartment in Hayward - she was almost evicted with her guardian. She loves to be petted or to play with interactive toys. High energy but also has sweet moments when she just enjoys being quiet company. She sometimes gets over-stimulated and plays rough with hands, so we recommend a cat savvy home with no young children. May be OK with a cat-friendly dog and other cats. We estimate Tia Mia was born in June 2006.

Quinn Bio #2589 JI



Quinn is a big, handsome and mellow boy with striking light green eyes. He loves to be petted and groomed and really enjoys being near you. Purrs like a motorboat - loud and constant. Quinn wants to be known as a happy guy who just spreads an all around good vibe. He might be a bit shy to start but will get over it quickly once adjusted. He gets along well with other cats and mellow dogs and probably wouldn't mind calm children over 8. Quinn is FIV+ but asymptomatic and in good health. We estimate Quinn was born in May 2005.

Help for One of Our Own

Many of you may know DeAnne Jarvis. She has been a very active and hard-charging ICRA volunteer since 1998, but instead of helping others right now she is in need of help herself. DeAnne was recently diagnosed with cancer and is facing months of chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery. Her doctor insists that DeAnne take a well-deserved rest from her many ICRA activities during these treatments.

For 10 years, DeAnne has trapped feral cats for spay/neuter, transported cats to veterinarian appointments, helped with fundraising, and staffed our Petco adoption site. But most important to her, DeAnne has fostered cats and kittens for adoption. Now her doctor says they must go!

Nothing would help DeAnne more than to know her fosters are finding great homes. Some would make fabulous family pets. Some are FIV+ but asymptomatic and very healthy. Some are semi-feral and need a safe backyard in which to live. If you have room in your home and heart, please consider adopting one of DeAnne's foster kitties. Check our website at www.icraeastbay.org under 'Adoption' and look for cats with "DJ" after their Bio numbers. Please call or e-mail us with your adoption questions. We would love to find forever homes for all of DeAnne's wonderful cats. Handsome **Larry** (right) would be a great start!

Visit our website at www.icraeastbay.org for information about living with and caring for an FIV+ cat. Click on "Resources" and then "Feline Health."

The Unthinkable - Leaving a Pet Behind

By Rachna Rajan, ICRA Treasurer

I think of my pets as part of the family, if not heads of the household.

As a Realtor I had been showing tons of foreclosed homes. After many cases of seeing people carrying everything they could out the door, I started running into more and more cases of people leaving behind their living, breathing pets. This, to me, is the unthinkable.

After closing up one particular home in Hayward I heard a tiny *meow* behind me - a voice seeming to ask for attention. This little guy was so small ...only 5 pounds. When I looked down, he showed happiness in his eyes as if asking, "Are you home? Can you take me inside now? I am cold and hungry." When I had leaned down to pet him I realized how tired and hurt he was, probably from being outside for so long. There was a big gash in his left eye - since it was not treated it had a white, cloudy filmy tint. The kitty also had gashes around his neck where hair was missing. His nails were just so short and the very tip of his tail was dead - it had no feeling.

The little guy followed me wherever I went. I put the lock-box away and there he was. I checked the house again and there he was. The kitty's *meow* was sort of singing to me as he followed me about. That's why I named him "Maestro."

I took Maestro home and gave him a good meal. Then, he went for all his regular veterinary appointments - neuter surgery, shots, testing, and an eye consultation. Maestro was fearless and so loving despite all he had been through in the first seven months of his life. How could anyone have left him behind? I will always wonder. He may never have perfect vision and he may always have a scar, but I knew he would make any home a happier one - all of his unconditional love and affection make music in your heart! That's just what happened when he found his forever home in Alameda with James and Camille Khazar and their cat "Caviar." Maestro, now named "Eyekon," never again has to worry about being left behind outdoors to fend for himself and fight for his next meal. Thanks to your donations, ICRA could provide Eyekon all the care he needed for a well-deserved second chance at life.



Eyekon with his new mom and dad.

Black Cats ... Sleek and Slimming!

Larry Bio # 2497 DJ



Larry is very affectionate and will make a good lap cat once he settles. He loves to be held and petted and is SO ready for a loving home! An Alpha cat who would enjoy a cat friend who doesn't mind that Larry's in charge! Found in a field fending for himself, Larry is now a heavy duty boy who won't miss a meal. He is FIV+ but asymptomatic and healthy. He would be OK as a solo cat or with docile non-Alpha cat. Should be fine with children over 12 and a calm dog. We estimate Larry was born in 2001.

and Tuxedo Cats ... Sooooo Debonair!

Jaguar Bio # 2558B FG



This super cute Oreo cookie-colored kitty is a dedicated lap cat!! He is playful, outgoing, and social but really loves to cuddle. **Jaguar** gets along very well with other cats and will need another companion cat in his new home. He might not mind a mellow dog or children over six. We estimate Jaguar was born in May 2007.

COMMUNITY and ALUMNI FEEDBACK

The Healing Power of a New Life

In 1997 I adopted two beautiful kittens from ICRA - Caviar (an all-black handsome kitten) and Frosty, now known as Annie-Girl (all white at birth and today a beautiful patchwork). I lived in San Mateo at the time, so the kittens had their first car ride from Alameda over the San Mateo bridge and were lovingly delivered to me by ICRA volunteer Margitta Gardner.

Nine years of wonderful love turned into a nightmare when Caviar was diagnosed with lung cancer. Six weeks later I lost my beloved soulmate and was broken-hearted. I thought I would never get through the pain of his loss.

A few months passed, and Margitta collaborated and conspired (!!) with Gail Churchill to introduce me to a beautiful black kitten. This little one, Livey, was fortunate to have been rescued by Gail and was a resident at her



home. Because of the grief of constantly being reminded of Caviar, I was sure I would never have another cat and, if I did, it would never be black! But here was Livey...black, mellow, loving and beautiful. I was in love again. Since her adoption Livey has been a wonderful source of comfort to me and Annie-Girl. Nothing can ever take the place of Caviar in my heart, as we had a special bond - but Livey has been a beautiful new and healing presence in my life. I believe that Caviar had a hand in delivering her to my door.

Thank you ICRA, Gail, and Margitta for all you do to put us together with these sweet and healing lives. - Joan Turmaine

Ferals Happy Outdoors Under Watchful Eyes

Last summer Twillah Reimers and I embarked on a mission. One little black cat I had been feeding on the front porch suddenly had many friends, and a few looked very pregnant. Over the next few months we trapped, fixed, and released nine feral cats. From this group, two special ones emerged - TJ and Maxi. Trapped at about six weeks of age and separated from their mother, whom we already had spayed, it was not an easy transition for them. Because mom was in the driveway calling for them 24 hours a day, TJ and Maxi went home with Juliet for a while. Soon we determined TJ and Maxi were just a bit too feral for adoption, so they came back to our house. Over the next few weeks I slowly introduced them to our backyard. At first they were a bit scared, so I gave them time and space. Slowly they came to like this wonderful new world in the great outdoors.



TJ and Maxi in their warm bed.

Then winter was upon us. Never having had outside cats before, I was a bit disturbed by the fact that these babies were out in the cold, wind, and rain, even though we had set up a house with bed warmers for them. Over the summer they had socialized with my inside cats through the back screen door. So one cold, wintry night I just happened to let TJ and Maxi slip into the house. They didn't stay long in this strange world. But they did this every night, and each night they would stay a little longer.

TJ and Maxi now spend the night inside. They wait at the back door every night to come in, and wait there in the morning to go out. Although they will not let us touch them, they don't run from us anymore. They are slowly getting used to our dog, Sadie. Poor Sadie just can't understand why they hiss at her. All the other cats sleep with her and let her bathe them. Maybe someday...

Thanks to ICRA for their assistance with TJ and Maxi. They may not have the perfect life indoors, but at least we gave them a soft place to land in a world they understand.



One-Eyed Jack

"Howdy Folks! You have probably had lots of alumni named **Jack**, but "my" Jack is special, of course! Its been a few years and we've all moved to Texas, but I just got your newsletter and wanted to update you on Jack, Gail Churchill's old foster...We live in Austin, Texas now and Jack loves it here...He had a gooky bad eye that we had taken out here, which I think made him much more comfortable and active. When people ask us what happened to his eye, I tell them very seriously: "He is a pirate." I really don't think I have to explain any further as that description just fits him. I also found him a beastie band with skulls and crossbones on it, which is perfect. Jack loves his cat-brother Sid and his dogs...His special job is finding scorpions in the house, which he takes extremely seriously. Jack is an important part of our household and we are forever grateful to ICRA for rescuing him. Oh, and he has decided that he is a lap cat after all. Best regards!" Adopted November 2004 by Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, Austin, TX (f. Orinda)



Twink (f. Meredith) (right) "...is doing great and loving life! She and Ben, our 20-month-old cat, have become buddies now and enjoy playing together and chasing one another around the place then napping in their various favorite spots...She is very healthy and a bundle of sweetness and fun. My son and I love our little kitty and coming home to our cats and playing and relaxing with them in the evenings and weekends." Adopted December 2007 by Mary Hughes, Alameda.

MORE ICRA ALUMNI FEEDBACK

The very pleasant price we pay for adopting out over 2,060 cats to so many great homes is having more updates than we can fit into our humble newsletter twice each year. Please keep them coming! It is truly heartwarming to know that these precious creatures are as special to all of you as they were to us while in our care. Good news like this make it a little easier to let them go.



Dang! The bossy girl cat has me on the ropes again! "Calypso (l) and Cedric (r) are doing just great. Cedric is getting more and more comfortable and even comes out for appearances when we have company over. Both are very lovable and especially enjoy snuggling up with us at night. We are enjoying them very much!" Adopted January 2008 by Michelle DeCamara & Tracy Brown, Mountain View.



It is a well known fact that behind every great woman are at least two brown tabbies! Leon (f. Danny) and Bessie (f. Charlotte) are certainly no exception. Adopted February 2008 by Isadora Alman, Alameda.



Frankie's (right) new guardian reports that "things are going well so far!" It appears that he is working his boyish charm to win over his new sibling. Adopted March 2008 by Ryan Chapman, San Francisco.



Yes, we are aaalll that and more. Fluffy (f. Tabatha, left) and Coco (formerly Natasha) strike their best distinguished poses for the camera. Adopted February 2004 by Lori Nelson & Phil Sandri.



Of the beautiful Sara (f. Miss T), her guardian reports: "She's doing great!" Adopted November 2004 by Nora Burns, Berkeley.



One of our volunteers likes to contact her foster cats' new guardians on the anniversary of their adoptions. Here's one response: "Thanks, Heather! As it happens, the day we adopted Whimsy (f. Gillian) was our two-year anniversary. So we all get to celebrate together. I tried to give Whimsy one little kiss, but it was impossible. That little face...I ended up giving her ten kisses. All cats are well and health. Puck is fighting the battle of the bulge. Whimsy has finally grown into her ears. And Zazu is enjoying her golden years." Adopted March 2007 by Michael Kerner & Tai Moses, Oakland.



Cute doesn't even begin to describe these two fast friends. Hashi (f. Jilly Boo, bottom) appears to be quite comfortable in the modified half nelson cat napping hold being applied by her new brother Toro. Just what every budding couch potato needs - a warm and adjustable pillow. Adopted May 2008 by Jeremy Waen, Alameda.



"Just a progress report on Reba (top) and Enver (f. Ralphie), the cats I adopted six months ago. They're doing fine--happy, healthy, and affectionate. They're still quite shy around visitors to my house, but not as much as they were at first. They get along well with each other- some squabbling and jealousy, but mostly just kitten-style wrestling matches and chase games. Here's a photo of them on the cat tower I built for them. Thanks for helping me get such good cats!" Adopted November 2007 by Phil Greden, Alameda.

More **ALUMNI NEWS** on page 7

Donations in Memory of ...

- ♥ Mary Sper's beloved "Raja" from Merry Bates and your ICRA family
- ♥ My Bahraini buddy and soulmate "Raja" from Mary Sper
- ♥ "Raja" Sper from Gail Churchill
- ♥ Bella, a dear friend's kitty, from Janice Davis
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- ♥ Flash from Valerie Trost
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- ♥ Helen Sisson from Heather Hanly & Dan Purcell
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- ♥ Gail's mother - "She raised a wonderful daughter." from Ulrich & Ursula Greczmieł
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- ♥ Gail's Mother from Denise Cahalan
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- ♥ Helen Sisson, Gail's mother from Margitta Gardner
- ♥ Debbie Damele's mother from Percy & Rachna
- ♥ Debbie Damele's mother from Ashleigh Cocks
- ♥ Millie Goff from Merry Bates
- ♥ Debbie's mother, Millie Goff, from Mary Sper
- ♥ Mrs. Goff, Debbie's mother, from Gail & Jim Churchill
- ♥ Lennie Brandt from Melinda Taplin
- ♥ Nathaniel from Donalda Murphy
- ♥ Millie Goff, Debbie Damele's mom, from Janet Niiya

- ♥ "Bucket" from Steve and Mimi Wall
- ♥ "Spatz" and "Smokey" from Ginger Roberts
- ♥ "Smokey" Roberts from Gail Churchill
- ♥ Dan and Ginger Roberts' "Smokey" from Sandra Berger
- ♥ "Cassie" and "Brutus" from Pat Still
- ♥ "Sam" from Joanna Roberts
- ♥ "Cali" from Peg Baldwin
- ♥ "Irving" and "Henry" from Ellen McGinn
- ♥ "Prince Ahmed" from Carol Watts
- ♥ "Zoe" and "Monty" from Mary Ann Nybakken
- ♥ The Ronald Project Kittens in memory of "Baby," "Hobo," and "Fergie" Janora & "Desiree" and "Junior" Churchill from Pam & Tom Janora
- ♥ "Desiree" and "Junior" Churchill from Mary Sper
- ♥ Sundance, Nadine, & Tida from Celia Wood
- ♥ Samantha (Sam) from Mary Hudson
- ♥ Mr. John Henry Watson from Scarlett Ho
- ♥ Sweet Pea from James & Melinda Martinez
- ♥ Lovely Fiona from Suzanne Renne
- ♥ Leo McHugh from Monica Vohryzka
- ♥ Mimi, Puppi, and Chelsea from Karin Seritis
- ♥ Reka from Billy & Julie Weese
- ♥ Sylvester the Cat from Diane Berardi-Stohner
- ♥ My beloved Caviar from Joan Turmaine
- ♥ Alex from Anonymous
- ♥ Alex from Vivian Perry
- ♥ My father's beloved "K.T." and "Clint" from Mary Sper
- ♥ "B.K.," the Katzmans' sweet, small, furball from Sandy Sher
- ♥ Chris Bieber from Linda & Lawrence Bieber

In Memory of Kiwi

News of the recent loss of ICRA alumna Kiwi to heart disease reminds us to cherish the time we are privileged enough to share with the animals in our lives. Her guardian's note to us reflects the very special place Kiwi will always have in her heart. From all of us at ICRA, thank you for giving Kiwi such a loving home. She was very lucky to have found you six years ago. Her soul and spirit will not be forgotten.



Kiwi

Beloved kitty of Robin Hemenway

In Memory of Ashleigh Cocks



ICRA lost a dear friend with the sudden passing of volunteer Ashleigh Cocks on May 16. Many of you may remember her best as the bubbly steward of our auction raffle table. She also helped with other fundraising events. We will miss Ashleigh and her devotion to our many cats and kittens. The following individuals have sent donations in her memory:

Merry Bates	Mary Sper
James & Bette Felton	Sarah Oliver
Doug & Jane Berl	Viki Carolyn Cebers
Aline & Warren Berl	Nancy Olson
G. Nickolas & Kathy Tri	Sandy Shier
Irma Sue Martin	Roger Eliassen
Charles & Anita Cabrera	Jan Kokjer
Chuck & Nancy Bianchi	

Note: Donations received after this newsletter went to print will be included in our next issue.

Donations in Honor of ...

- ♥ Lucky from Rita Price
- ♥ Rags, Pickles, and Loke from Shaun Reid
- ♥ Our daughter-in-law Heather on the occasion of her birthday from Sallee Purcell & John Murray
- ♥ Heather Hanly's birthday from her mother Donna Hanly
- ♥ Shadrack - '97 Alumnus - from Laura Severs
- ♥ Katie from Audrey Atkins
- ♥ Zelda, my ICRA cat, from Mary Ann Mertz
- ♥ Coco from Diane Bacon & David Brothers
- ♥ Diane Kitchens and Twillah Reimers from Walter & Kathy Downs
- ♥ Puzzle, Indie, Big Guy, and 8 others from Leroy & Martha Johnson
- ♥ Rosie from Patricia Flanagan
- ♥ Beth Hoffman from Linda Rollins & Janet Bianchi
- ♥ Fluffy and Coco from Lori Nelson
- ♥ Pudge from Valerie Trost
- ♥ Michele Harris from Laverne Cavis
- ♥ Bert from Carla McGrogan
- ♥ Musti, adopted December 2004, from Scott & Selda Heavner
- ♥ Betsy Raymond from Pauline Mohr

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