

The ICRA Catalyst

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'Tis the Season for Kittens!

... Be a Part of the Solution to a Big Multiplication Problem!!!

Kittens, kittens, KITTENS! They are everywhere! Spring and summer is when the onslaught of kitten season peaks. In spring, all of the feral and stray mother cats that we have yet to reach give birth to feral kittens who will continue the cycle of mating and giving birth unless Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) programs are in place to break the cycle.

Planning and preparation for TNR are a must, and you can find a wealth of resources through ICRA's website at www.icraeastbay.org.

Don't wait! Act Now! One or two feral or stray cats becomes 5, 10, or 20 in a matter of months! We can assist with step-by-step instructions, humane trap loans, and referrals to local, low or free spay/ neuter programs.

The table provides a brief summary of local spay/neuter programs currently available. ●



Location	Program Requirements
East Bay SPCA Free Feral Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Referral required for free surgeries. Call ICRA at 510-869-2584 <input type="checkbox"/> FERAL CATS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Cats must be in humane traps <input type="checkbox"/> Right ear will be tipped
Fix Our Ferals Free Spay/Neuter Clinics for Homeless Cats East Bay www.fixourferals.org	<input type="checkbox"/> Call the Fix Our Ferals hotline at 510-433-9446 to reserve space and obtain trap resource information <input type="checkbox"/> Drop off/pick up cats the same day <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Upcoming clinics:</u> July 10, August 14, September 18, October 30
East Bay SPCA or St. Louis Veterinary Clinic Low Cost Spay/Neuter for Low Income Households	<input type="checkbox"/> Call ICRA at 510-869-2584 <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment required for EBSPCA <input type="checkbox"/> ICRA provides funding for low cost spay/neuter through private individual donations from the public

The cities of Berkeley, Castro Valley, Hayward, San Lorenzo, and unincorporated areas of San Leandro have spay/neuter voucher programs that are low or no cost. Call your local city animal shelter or the city offices or ICRA for more information.

Calling All Volunteers!!

Want an exceptionally rewarding volunteer opportunity? Look no further!

A team of highly motivated, dedicated volunteers manage and implement all of ICRA's programs. And WE WANT YOU to join us! We need volunteers to foster or socialize cats and kittens, staff our adoption site, trap and neuter feral cats, transport cats, work fundraising, and provide administrative support. Summer is our busiest season and a great time to join our team.

We thrive on the diverse talent and energy our volunteers bring. Every set of hands counts. We have no shelter, so our cats and kittens are cared for in volunteers' homes. With ICRA you can make a difference, one cute fuzzy ball of cat fur at a time.

If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out a volunteer application by **downloading the application from our website** at www.icraeastbay.org or **calling our voice mail at (510) 869-2584 to have an application packet mailed to you.**

Even if you can only give a couple of hours a month or have a cat come stay with you for a month or two, we'd love to meet you!

*I am only one,
 But still I am one.
 I cannot do
 everything.
 But still I can do
 something;
 And because I cannot
 do everything
 I will not refuse to do
 the something that I
 can do.*

- Edward Everett Hale



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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Saturdays 11-5 (except holidays) at PETCO in Southshore Center, Alameda. For more information call ICRAAdoptions at (510) 869-2584.

AN ALL TOO COMMON RESCUE STORY

... a Very Ugly Start Turns Into a Happy Ending

I'm known as the friendly neighborhood cat lady...at least, I hope I am! Last summer, while spending a quiet day at home (*a rarity*), I received a call from two teenage girls who had found a cat needing help. The girls had been going through a neighbor's trash, attracted by some items marked "free," when they stumbled across a box for a stereo system. Hoping to find an actual stereo, the girls removed the ample duct tape from the box, opened it, and found a cat instead! Not bad enough? There's more. We found that 'Casper,' a friendly, 3-yr old, declawed, Maine Coon mix, had been sealed in the box for SEVEN DAYS in the heat with no food or water and narrowly missing a week's worth of trash pick up. As far as we know, he never made a sound.

Upon taking 'Casper,' I rushed him to the vet for a check-up and fluids. Amazingly, he was in decent shape - thin & dehydrated but seemingly able to recover from his ordeal. My friend took Casper to recuperate. Word soon got out about this special little guy. Within a couple of weeks, 'Casper' had a new home with a loving couple. Before long, they adopted a buddy for him and together they have the wonderful life they deserve.

Reading this story should raise two questions. First, *what's wrong with some people?!* Second, *how can I help?!* Can't help you with that first one, but if you'd like to do something for cats in need we appreciate anything you can offer. Volunteering, donations, and services ... we put it all to good use! Most importantly, please report all incidents of animal abuse and neglect. We can make a difference together! Thanks to our supporters for caring so much about animals and allowing us to continue to create HAPPY ENDINGS! ●



I was lucky someone cared! Please don't let what happened to me happen to others who need your help. Thank you! - Casper

For their generous support to ICRA, a special thanks to Petco Foundation, PETSMART Charities, and the Thelma Doelger Family Foundation.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Wilma Briant for tirelessly knitting little afghans for our foster cats and kittens. We feel it helps them make the transition to their new homes a little easier with something familiar to take along. If you have yarn to donate, Wilma will make good use of it! Please call ICRA at (510) 869-2584 to arrange for pick-up or drop it off in our donation bin at the Petco in Southshore Shopping Center, Alameda.



We Couldn't Do It Without You!



We wish to thank the following East Bay veterinary clinics and businesses for continually helping us with veterinary care, fundraising, and adoptions: **Alameda Pet Hospital, VCA Bay Area Pet Hospital, East Bay SPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic, Petco at Southshore, Marti's Place, Whales and Friends, Berkeley Dog and Cat Hospital, and Dog Bone Alley.**

Most importantly, **THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS** who donate dollars, big and small, to our organization. Every bit of your help allows us to continue our work.

DIARY of a FORMER FERAL KITTEN:

Your Best Buddy Might Be Waiting in a Fiery Ball of Fur, Too

I never imagined that the snapping, flying, spitting, and hissing orange tabby handed to me by a fellow ICRA volunteer four years ago would be curled up on my lap ... purring, trilling, and toe-flexing as I type. 'Lady Marmalade' was a cunning, 8-week old *battle machine*.

My obvious weight advantage was of little comfort when she launched her lanky, little body at the cage walls each time I dared to approach her. Extremely wary of human contact, Lady M **needed a lot of work** and **fast** if she was to



Frightened? Feral?? Must be talking about some other cat.

become a companion to *some* unsuspecting family (*Note: I didn't plan on it being mine*). She was one of 16-20 feral/semi-feral kittens in 2001 who joined my kitty charm school ... 100s more lurked in ICRA's foster program.

Kitten season always brings to light a stark reality - time and space are precious commodities in the business of socializing. Every minute counts. What minutes? Pausing to devote attention to one hard case means voice mail is overflowing with dozens of Lady Ms just waiting in the wings.

I was fortunate with Lady M as I was able to *eke out time* and enlist the services of a cat-savvy teenager who came in during the work day to help me find the sterling companion beneath that rough exterior. Excerpts from the log we kept (*at right*) show her progress over a three-week period. In the end (and a few scratches later), persistence and patience spared Lady M a return to her managed colony in West Oakland. Had that happened, given the turnaround she made, I'm not sure who would have been the bigger loser ... Lady M or I? She's now a spirited, loving part of my family - a pleasant reminder of what can spring from a seemingly hopeless situation.

Not all kittens reach us as perfect "10s." ICRA does everything humanly possible to help when the calls pour in, but we can't take in every feral or shy kitten and certainly can't adopt them all! So, when you find kittens who need work

7/6/01: Instructions for LADY MARMALADE: She will hiss and growl when you approach. Just open the cage and move slowly to pet her. She's afraid of hands, so watch out if she tries to nip or slap. For the first day or two, leave her in the cage and restrict socializing to petting and reaching into the cage. She will purr nervously when stroked. Very, very scared.

7/8/01: Lady M is not at all afraid of me but she growls and hisses while playing and loves to try to attack hands. She doesn't bite or scratch hard enough to break skin.

7/10/01: Marmalade was more playful and social. She even allowed us to pet her while feeding her. But by the end of our stay, she had to be thoroughly distracted before we could even touch her.

7/12/01: Lady M has made great progress. She let me hold her and she played out on the couch with me. She is not afraid of my hands anymore, although she hissed at the other cats when we took them out.

7/17/01: Lady Marmalade was really, really playful but she didn't seem to understand the difference between the toy and the hand.

7/18/01: Lady M attacks me much less and doesn't bite too hard.

7/19/01: Lady M didn't hiss or growl but still wanted to attack my hands.

7/25/01: She is just getting sweeter and sweeter. She seems to want a lot of attention.

8/6/01: Now we just have to teach Lady M to play "nice" with other cats. (*Okay, it's 2005 and this area still needs some work. Just ask her three older "brothers!"*)

and pick up the phone to call us, realize that help is a two-way street. Let's face it, we're all busy and, unfortunately, none of us are paid to do right by these poor animals. ICRA will provide advice and resources to help you take charge of your own situation and work with the shyer kittens until we can place them through our or another no-kill adoption program. Who knows? Maybe you, too, will find a new buddy along the way?●

You can find helpful, quick information on Kitten Care and Socializing at:

www.icraeastbay.org

www.fixourferals.org

or

www.alleycat.org

We Need Loving Homes!

Ginger has to ask, "Who needs a dog when you can have me as a best friend?"



I watch ... I listen ... I give advice... I follow you ... anywhere. Pick me up and take me for a ride ... I'm truly happy in people's arms. I entertain myself, too. My very special talent is terrorizing the computer mouse. I haven't caught him yet, but I have my eyes on him. I'm eight years old but spring around like my younger self. I would give anything to find a secure, permanent home. Bio # 1942

Tilly is a sweet six-year old with much love to give. She starts out timid with



new people, but once she gets to know you, watch out for the head-butts and gentle kisses. She lived indoors until pushed out onto the street by relatives when her guardian passed away in January. She hung around sleeping in a box on the front porch as if hoping her guardian would return. She enjoys other cats, especially her brother Nate, who was part of the same multi-cat household. Tilly may do OK with a cat-friendly dog. Bio #2053

ICRA ALUMNI CORNER

As always, ICRA is happy to share updates from the guardians of just a few of the 1600+ cats we have placed through our adoption program since 1995. All of the cats and kittens who hit our "doorstep" need help in one way or another, and for some it's a very rough road between where they started and where they finally can call "HOME." We salute those of you who are willing to take on the harder cases, i.e., the cats who need just a bit more patience and TLC to become even more purrfect than we think they already are. The greatest gifts we as humans can give these cats - beyond food, shelter, and security - are unconditional love and understanding enough to let them **JUST BE WHAT THEY ARE** and not what we think they should be. **THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING OUR CATS AND OUR PHILOSOPHY!**



Peter (left) and **Beatrix's** guardian writes, "We're doing great, and I'm so honored to be their kitty Mom. Peter is just a lovebug, and Bea, slowly - very slowly - continues to come out of her little protective inner shell ... They are both so sweet, how lucky am I?" Adopted July 2004 by Racine Linville, Albany.






OSO (formerly Keeli) sends news from her guardian: "Bless you for bringing us together this year. We could not be happier and more grateful for giving us another one to love. OSO is a wonderful, loving cat. She has really opened up and settled into her new home." Adopted January 2004 by Leslie Jarvela, Alameda.



Pebbles (formerly Scout) reportedly found celebrity when his new Mom sent his picture to "365 Kittens a Year" calendar. He is the November 13, 2004 feature pin-up for those of you lucky enough to snag an autograph someday ... for BIG bucks. Adopted July 2003 by Margaret Saunders, San Jose.



Sweetie (formerly Louie) (back) shown cuddling with big brother Mr. Orange, who very sadly passed away since this photo was taken. Sweetie now shares his loving new home with fellow ICRA alum Beau. Gone but not forgotten, Mr. Orange is waiting over the Rainbow Bridge. Adopted October 2004 by Jan Bailey, Alameda.

If we fail 
to look after others 
when they need help,
WHO will look after us?

- Buddha



Buddy Boy (formerly Beau) (left) gets in a game of "sparkly foil on the stick" with new "sister" Pretty Girl. His guardian reports to Buddy's foster mom, "they LOVE each other ... He's such a big brother to her, it's very sweet ... All is well. We can't say how grateful we are that you cared for Buddy to this point. He makes such a great addition to our home." Adopted January 2005 by Stephen Mounce, Alameda.



Fluffy (formerly Angie) is safe in the arms of two of her new Moms, Sarah (left) and



"Just WHO does she think SHE is anyway? We were here first! GIRLS!" think **Clancy** (top) and **Wilson** (middle) about their apparently upwardly-mobile and social-climbing "sister"



Like any self-respecting tabby, **Buddy** (left) is making himself right at home with his new two- and four-legged family. Adopted March 2005 by The Zirkle Family, San Ramon.

In the "It's Just Too Good to Pass Up" category ... **Lady Luck's** new Dad proudly reports to us, "She's happier than a pig in poop!" Adopted February 2005 by Ann Bracci and Allan Massingill, Alameda.

See **MORE ALUMNI NEWS** on page 6

Please Consider Adopting an FIV+ Cat

Read On ... It's Not as Bad as You Think

At first it might seem odd to consider adopting a cat carrying a virus, but FIV+ cats make wonderful companions for humans and other - or + felines. All of our FIV+ cats are asymptomatic. They have lots of life and love to give and need excellent guardians and homes.

Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) causes immunosuppression in cats, i.e., it interferes with a cat's immune system response. This means an FIV+ cat eventually will be more *susceptible* to disease than an FIV- cat. The positive cat will have a harder time fighting off infection with its weakened immune system. Once infected, there is no cure. There are over 80 different strains of FIV and it is species-specific — people and other animal species can't catch FIV. With loving care, FIV+ cats can live nearly normal lifespans. It's common to find FIV+ cats over 10-15 years of age.

An FIV+ cat can safely live with an FIV- cat if they have compatible personalities. The key is proper introduction of an FIV+ cat into a home with other cats. If you are considering adopting an FIV+ cat, we would be happy to talk with you about how to proceed in introducing a new cat to an existing cat companion. The process should be slow and non-threatening to both cats as they get used to each other.

HOW IS FIV SPREAD? FIV is present in blood, saliva, and cerebrospinal fluid of infected cats. FIV is relatively hard to spread. Transmission is mainly via a bite wound where there is blood and saliva exchange. FIV does not survive outside the cat's body and is very rarely spread by casual cat-to-cat contact. Female FIV+ cats can pass the virus to their kittens. The cat at greatest risk is the un-neutered, outdoor male who tends to roam, fight, and mate ... getting and giving bite wounds in the process.

CARING FOR YOUR FIV+ CAT. You can support an FIV+ cat through a long life. Of course, keep the cat strictly indoors to limit exposure to infection. Get regular vaccinations as long as the cat is asymptomatic. Check with your vet about vaccinations for symptomatic cats. Good diet, including vitamin supplements such as buffered vitamin C

(sodium ascorbate) and vitamin E, builds immune system strength.

When you see signs of illness, go to the vet - early treatment can head off many problems. Antibiotics can control infection; chronic stage cats may cycle on and off antibiotics. For cats in the chronic stage, the relatively inexpensive drug alpha interferon can help stimulate the immune system. Finally, love is a powerful immune system enhancer - so don't forget to cherish your FIV+ cat!



Josie is a beautiful and affectionate sweetheart of a five-year old who really loves cuddling and her play time. Energetic, alert

and active most of the time, she's also a big couch potato. She gets along with most cats but doesn't pay them much attention. She tolerates cuddling with fellow foster cats quite well. She'd be good with children 8+ years old and probably dogs. Josie is pushy when she wants attention. **Bio #1837**

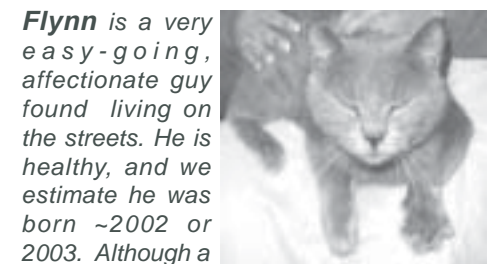
Oliver is a sweet, quiet guy except when he wants something. Then we challenge anyone to ignore his raspy, attention-getting set of pipes - Yikes! A handsome and affectionate cat who lived for several years as a neighborhood stray. Oliver is asymptomatic and healthy. We estimate he was born ~1998. He should go to a home as an only cat or with another FIV+ cat. He may be fine with a cat-friendly dog and children 6+ years old. Oliver sometimes gets cranky with too much activity. **Bio #2054**



Blue is a very handsome and big two-year old fella with an extraordinarily docile and sweet disposition. This gray and white tuxedo is healthy and would do fine with a female cat or as an only cat. **Bio #2042**



Penny is a beautiful, very affectionate, and energetic tortoiseshell who loves to be held. She is very healthy and more than ready to find a permanent home. We estimate that Penny is about eight years old. Please give this sweet girl a chance! **Bio #880**



Flynn is a very easy-going, affectionate guy found living on the streets. He is healthy, and we estimate he was born ~2002 or 2003. Although a mature male, Flynn has a young cat's spirit and activity level. He will do fine with another cat with a slow, proper introduction technique. Flynn may also do fine with a cat-friendly dog and children. **Bio #2058**



Hunter is a sturdy, middle-aged, orange & white tabby cat. He was rescued from 6th Avenue in Oakland after a car ran over his tail, which

subsequently had to be amputated. Hunter is a sweet, non-aggressive sort of guy just looking for a place to call "Home." **Bio #PS009**



This handsome guy is loving, gentle, and a big eater! **Frank** loves being close to his humans and is quite the lap cat. He will be a

wonderful companion to some lucky family, and may do fine with a cat-friendly dog and children. We estimate he was born in 2002. He was rescued from the streets in East Oakland. **Bio #2057**

Contact us about these and ICRA's other FIV+ cats awaiting adoption at (510) 869-2584 or see them at www.icraeastbay.org

Dear Fostermama Gail,

The lady here said we should write you to tell you how we are doing.

I am pretty comfortable here. The first day I was a little scared, but the second day, I met a lot of animals. I wandered around and figured out what was what. It seems like all the animals sleep on the bed - so that's where I sleep, too.

My third day, I decided to let everyone know exactly who I was, so I sprayed in just about every room. I thought it was funny. The lady who calls herself my mom wasn't too pleased. The other animals weren't either. So, I decided I shouldn't do that anymore because it really didn't get much of a rise out of them.

I tried to get Sid to play with me by hitting him in the head. Sid doesn't like that. He scratched me on my nose the other day and told me to quit it. He's a good guy though - he likes it when I stalk him and he lets me lay next to him on the bed. I just need to let him eat first. *(He is kind of a pig).*

My favorite is Gilbert. Gil is a total pushover. He lets me chase his tail and walk on him. Gil loves everyone. Sometimes Sid, Gil and I play together and it's pretty funny.

Tucker ignores me. I think he still misses his other cat. He mopes a lot. I keep saying "hi" to him and smelling his nose - I think he likes that. I took his bed the first few days - he didn't like that at all.

My very favorite thing to do, even more than my fishing pole, is race up and down the house as fast as I can. I am a very fast cat and I love to gallop! It's my morning exercise.

So that's my life so far here.

I hope you are doing well. I miss you!

Jack 

(Adopted November 2004 by Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, Orinda)

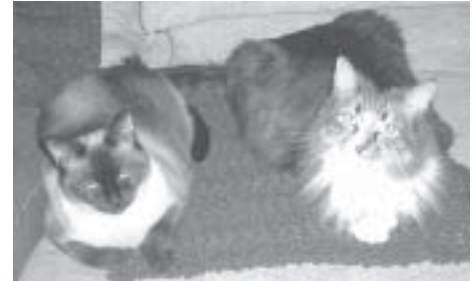


Sonny (white kitten) is caught red-pawed on camera trying to get a rise out of new older brother Sebastian, who does NOT look too impressed by this upstart's antics. Adopted February 2004 by Diana Fitzgerald, Oakland.

**THANKS FOR THE UPDATES and
KEEP 'EM COMING!
We Love Hearing from You!**



Spike (right) and **Kiddles**, who found his way to this new home one week after Spike, are "best of friends." Adopted October 2003 by Helen and Gary Rifkin, Richmond.



Coco (formerly Natasha) (left) and **Fluffy** (formerly Tabatha) are right at home! "We adore our babies and they have brought us much laughter and affection. Thank you for rescuing them!" Adopted February 2004 by Phil and Lori Sandri, Alameda.

Mom and Daughter Need a Home!!



I'm **Priscilla**. I was rescued just in the nick of time four years ago. Not only was I raising a litter that included **Opal**, but I also had

developed a gum disease that required removal of most of my teeth. My gums healed and don't bother me thanks to medicine every 3 days, which I don't mind. The upside of my story is that I got a lot of attention - now I'm rather fond of it. I don't tell you I love you as much as show you. I could definitely be described as a lap cat and I've learned to give kisses. **Bio #1368**



My name is **Opal** (Priscilla's my mom). I was born with herpes, which caused some corneal damage, but I see fine despite looking a bit "wall-eyed." I'm shyier than my mom, but I LOVE to play. Water is great - I can feel it, I can't see it, but I love to play in it. Laser toys are as cool as the water. One minute the lights are there, I pounce, and they're gone. My mom even plays that game with me. She's my constant companion - we're so close that I need to be adopted with her. **Bio # 1430**

Hey, We'd Like a Home, Too!



Stewart is a young, playful, and very loving two-year old. He has an adorable little high-pitched meow and chirps when he's happily loving his human OR chasing his laser light toy. Bottle-fed as



Hermes is a big 10-month old kitten. he adores people and will flop on his back for a belly rub while purring! Like his best friend, Stewart, he loves his laser light toy! Someone said orange cats are the Golden Retrievers of

Donations in Memory of



- “Dublin,” “Sassy,” & “Bridget” - Lisa & Molly Pemberton’s beloved 2 dogs & kitty, from your friends at ICRA
- “Sarafina” (a.k.a. Navy Girl), a major trooper and the Purr-fect kitty loved by all who met her from Juliet Inac
- Gail Kuhry & “PhfredD” from James & Carole McManus
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- Betty Parsons from David Taylor, Jr.
- Betty Parsons from Walter Jan & Katsuyo Murakawa
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- “Goldie” from Peg Baldwin
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- “Allie” from Karin Seritis
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- The Goldsmith’s “Mr. Jangles” from ICRA Volunteers
- Gesine’s “Beta Bear” from ICRA Volunteers
- Kathy & Peter Nelson’s “Jasmine” from Gail & Natasha
- The Adamson Family’s “Lucifer” from all of us at ICRA
- Sherry & Brenda’s “Pumpkin” from all of us at ICRA
- “Rusty” from Ann Savic
- “Speedy Lee,” “Pusser” and “Claire” from Barbara Knutson



Donations on Behalf of ...

- Ms. Dianne Dukelow from Ulrike & Dennis Willimon

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- Lily from Curtis Grindahl

Fundraising ... Come to Our ‘Rescue’

Mark Your Calendars Now!!

...**Drum Roll...**

ICRA’s 7th Annual Champagne Silent Auction

When: **SATURDAY, October 1, 2005**

Time: 7:00pm-10:00pm

Place: Harbor Bay Isle Community Center, 3195 Mecartney Rd., Alameda

This evening of live music and good food & drink has become a legend for putting the F-U-N in fundraising, so don't miss out!

We'll have 100s of auction items such as overnight trips, fine jewelry, wines, pet-themed items, and much, much more. There will be raffles, give-aways, and a ‘Buy It Now’ table to get a jump on holiday shopping.

This is our single biggest fundraiser of the year, so please come out and show your support! We need you and so do the cats and kittens we help!

Watch for event mailing in August!

A NEW WAY TO GIVE!!

Local Independent Charities (LIC) of America has prepared us to participate in employee charitable fund drives for 2005. Happily as a result, ICRA will have access to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC); state employee campaign; 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.



Donations in Honor of ...

- Debbie, Kristen, Kathy & Claudia’s Birthdays from Merry Bates
- “Olivia” & “India” from Sandra Hutchinson
- Mary Sper from Debbie Damele
- Dr. Dallas from Monica Vohryzka
- My Clients from Monica Vohryzka
- “Selma” & “Santina” from Keri Spaulding
- Susan Durkee’s Retirement from Robert & Marcell Manzer
- Susan Durkee’s Retirement from Marilyn Peek
- Susan Durkee’s Retirement from Reed Borchers
- Margitta’s Work from Rebecca Rice
- Morgan from Nancy Brandt
- Rachna Rajan’s Birthday from Louise Woods, Debbie Ralley & Jean Tom

Summer Wish List

- KMR Formula (unopened)
- Four Paws nursing bottles
- Cat food (dry and canned)
- Cat litter (clay, pine, paper)
- Fully elastic collars (new)
- Microwaveable heat disks
- Paper Towels
- Large plastic garbage bags
- Scratching boxes
- Food scales (up to 5 lbs.)
- Pet store gift cards/certificates
- Services-in-kind, e.g., copying, printing, storage space, legal services, etc.
- Garage sale donations

Thank You!



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Feeding a Stray? Neuter or Spay! Feeding a Stray? Neuter or Spay!

Please Adopt Me!



My name is **Tiger** on account of my stripes and pretty spots. I will celebrate my first birthday this summer. I'm often described as a playful, brave, and adventurous girl. I really like to be around people who will cuddle and love me. I had a bad respiratory infection when they rescued me, but I got a lot of love and TLC ... now I'm hooked and can't get enough. Belly rubs are probably my favorite thing, but carrots are also special treats. I can spend hours batting and carrying them around like mice. My five siblings found homes already ... now it's MY turn. **Bio#1843**

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LOST CAT??

... Follow These Steps and DON'T QUIT LOOKING!!

- Physically GO TO ALL municipal and private SHELTERS in your city and those nearby. LOOK at all cats, including those in sick/isolation and feral cat rooms. LOOK at cats described even vaguely like your cat's — the public and shelter staff often vary wildly in their descriptions. Sometimes people bring cats to a private shelter and say they're relinquishing theirs when it's actually a stray.
- CHECK dead-on-arrival logs. ENSURE your LOST report is in the right place. GO TO THE SPOT from which the cat was lost and then GO DOOR-TO-DOOR from there w/posters, working outward in a spiral. ASK TO LOOK in sheds, garages, basements, and explain why (cats often go to ground pretty nearby). ASK NEIGHBORS TO CALL about any sightings whatsoever.
- PLACE FOOD at the spot from which the cat was lost
- RE-CHECK shelters every couple of days (if possible)
- RUN LOST AD in local paper(s) - sometimes they're free
- If you can afford it, contact 'Sherlock Bones' at www.sherlockbones.com or 1-800-942-6637. Their targeted postcard mailing can be very effective.
- PLACE POSTERS at vets, ER vets, pet food stores, on streets near where lost, at commercial places near where lost, laundromats, post offices, schools (kids often notice "new stray cats")
- GO TO ICRA's website under 'Additional Resources' for the link to <http://www.sonic.net/~pauline/search.html>. It provides the best list of things to do to find lost cats.
- DON'T GIVE UP! Cats get frightened and hunker down. Also, people often see a "new" cat for a while, start to feed her, then several weeks later decide to list her as "Found."●