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’s tape-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.

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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 belies 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.

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Adoption Cage Sponsorship Program

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

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

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

ICRA Spay-Neuter Statistics 1994-2008

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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 kittens are getting along nicely and doing well in their new home.
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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 ofspay-neuter and veterinary care continues to rise for the animals we are trying to help. You 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 support! THANK YOU and we hope to see everyone again next year!

Two new buddies steal acatnap 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 ador-able!” Adopted November 2007 by Lena Watson and family, San Ramon.

More Donations in Honor Of...from page 5

- Heath Hatley from Greg and Laura Mowry
- Heather Hanly and Dan Purcell from Charles Nissen
- DaAnna from Kathleen Engstrom
- “The,” “lis,” and “zeus” from Janel Karr
- “Manju” and “Frodo” from Mari L’Esperance
- “C.C.,” adopted by Doris Neuberger, from Andi Bloch
- 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
- Rachana Rajan’s birthday from Debbie Bailey
- Rachana Rajan’s birthday from Louise Woods
- “Aiko” (from ICRA in 1996) from Allan Sklar
- The Crazy Cat Ladies of Central Avenue from Sarah Hays

Donations with Thanks To...from page 5

- Rachana and Percy from Lynette Pang & Michael Mann
- DaAnna and all the people helping from Daniela Wenzlow
- ICRA’s 10th Anniversary from Mr. & Mrs. Dickens
- Tuffy’s Guardian, from Jorge Bockis
- Quinn was born in May 2005.
- 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. Purr like a motorboat - loud and constant. Quinn wants to be known by a happy guy who just spreads an aura of happiness and calm 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 merrily wouldn’t mind calm children over 8. Quinn is FIV+- but asymptomatic and in good health. We estimate Quinn was born in May 2005.

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www.icraeastbay.org

Web Administrators
Rena Fournak and Heather Hardy

Visit our Adoption Sites
Saturdays (except holidays) at PETCOC in Alameda Towne Centre from 11am-4pm.

First Saturday of the month at Petfood Alameda Towne Centre from 11am-4pm.

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Bruce & Jo Ann Erick
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Leslie Cobb, artist
California Canoe & Kayak, Oakland
California Shakespeare Theatre, Berkeley
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The W.A. & Aquaria, Alameda
Tom and Nell Cook
Tony Saul
Twilight Reimers
Vella Peters, artist
American Victory Auctions
Vrago Theater Company, Alameda
The Young Family
Zatis Restaurant, Oakland

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!!

TO DO List:
- COLLECT RECYCLABLES for ICRA
  • Plastic Soda & Water Bottles (Marked “CRV”)
  • Aluminum Soda & Beer Cans

- Miscellaneous Supplies: Paper towel rolls, Ziploc bags, Office Supplies: Postage stamps; Envelopes (6 1/2” x 3 5/8” and #10 size)

- RINSE Recyclables
- SORT & CRUSH Recyclables
- DROP OFF at Petco Adoption Site

WISH LIST:
Food: Dry and canned; KMR kitten formula (unopenned)
Treatments/Meds: Frontline or Revolution
Cat Supplies: Cat litter (clay, pine, wheat, corn); new cat toys (no fur, please!)
Miscellaneous Supplies: Paper towel rolls, Ziploc bags

More Adoptable Beauties in Black & White
Tia Mia
Bio #2586 MB

Tia Mia is named after a character in a children’s book because she is quite animated. She 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 is content and quiet. 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.
consultation. Maestro was fearless and so loving despite all he had been through. I took Maestro home and gave him a good meal. Then, he went for all his little things - his tail, his ears, and the very tip of his tail was dead - it had no feeling. Probably from being outside for so long. There was a big gash in his left eye - it had been injured. When I had leaned down to pet him I realized how tired and hurt he was, wondering, "Why did anyone get leave him behind? I will always wonder. He may never have perfect vision and he could never see the world they understand."

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 survivorship, I could see that the pets could also wait for their owners. I started running into more and more cases of people leaving behind their living, breathing pets. This, to me, is the most difficult.

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 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 furry 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 a house filled with warm blankets, stuffed toys made for him by the ever loving James and Camille Khazar and their cat "Caviar." Maestro, now named "Eykorn," never again has to worry about being left behind outdoors to fend for himself and fight for his territory.

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 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 well with other cats and will need another companion cat in his new home. He might not mind a small dog or children over six. We estimate Jaguar was born in May 2007.

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 in adoption. Now here was a 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, Lively, 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 Lively…black, mellow, loving and beautiful. I was in love again. Since her adoption Lively 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 Lively 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 Turnmajne

COMMUNITY and ALUMNI FEEDBACK

One-Eyed Jack

‘Howdy Folks! You have probably had lots of alumni named Jack, but “My Jack is special, of course! It’s 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, in that description, it 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)

Last summer Twilith 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 two 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 choice to let them go. Because a storm was in the offing, we brought them in for the 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 more comfortable and have become wonderful companions. TJ and Maxi now spend the night inside. They wait at the back door every night, and each night they would stay a little longer. So one cold, wintry night I just happened to let TJ and Maxi slip into the house, which he takes extremely seriously. 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!”

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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 are to us while in our care. Good news like this make it a little easier to let them go.

Donations in Memory of...

"Bucket" from Steve and Mimi Wall
"Izspitz" and "Smookey" from Bingo Roberts
"Smoky" Roberts from Gail Churchill
Dan and Ginger Roberts from Sandra Berger
"Cassie" and "Bruto" from Pat Still
"Sam" from Joana Roberts
"Call" from Peg Baldwin
"Irving" and "Henry" from Ellen McClellan
"Prince Ahmed" from Carol Watts
Zoe and Monty from Mary Ann Nybakken
The Ronald Project Kittens in memory of "Baby, "Hobo," and "Fergie" Janice and "Junior" Churchill from Pam and Tom Janora
"Desiree" and "Junior" Churchill from Mary Spar
Sundance, Nadine, and Tida from Celia Wood
Samantha (Sam) and Mary Hudson
Mr. John Harry Watson from Scarlet Ho
Sweet Pea from James and Melinda Martinez
Lovely Floira from Suzanne Ranne
Loo McHugh from Monica Vohryzka
Mimi, Pupp, and Chelsea from Karin Servit
Reka from Billy and Julie Weese
Sylvester the Cat from Diane Berardi-Stohner
My beloved Caviar from Joan Turmaine
Alex from Anonymous
Ivan from Vivian Penny
My father’s beloved “K.T.” and "Clist" from Mary Spar
"B.K.", the Katzmann’s sweet, small, furball from Sandy Sher
Chris Bieber from Linda and 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 privi-

Donations in Honor of...

Rita from Larry Price
Rags, Pickles, and Loke from Shawn Raid
Our daughter-in-law Heather on the occasion of her birthday from Sallee Purcell and John Murray
Heather Hardy’s birthday from her mother Donna Hardy
Shadrock – 97 Alumna - from Laura Severs
Katie from Audrey Atkins
Zelda, my ICRA cat, from Mary Ann Mertz
Coco from Diane Bacon and David Brothers
Diane Kichans and Twila Rainiers from Walter and Kathy Downs
Puzzle, India, Big Dog, and 8 others from Larry and Martha Johnson
Rose from Patricia Planagan
Beth Hoffman from Linda Ronis and Janet Blanchett
Flint and Coco from Lori Nelson
Pudge from Valerie Trest
Michelle Harris from Lorraine Cavis
Bart from Carla McGregor
Musi, adopted December 2004, from Sue Churchill
Betsy Raymond from Pauline Mohr

Alumna Kiwi, adopted November 2004, from Mary Spar
Alumna Kiwi, adopted March 2007, from Garcia
Alumna Kiwi, adopted August 2008, from Sue Churchill
Alumna Kiwi, adopted September 2007, from Jane Jani
Alumna Kiwi, adopted June 2008, from Sandy Sher
Alumna Kiwi, adopted November 2007, from Karen Singer
Alumna Kiwi, adopted February 2008, from Doris Turmaine
Alumna Kiwi, adopted January 2008, from Sue Churchill
Alumna Kiwi, adopted October 2007, from Linda Ronis
Alumna Kiwi, adopted September 2007, from Suzy Tan
Alumna Kiwi, adopted August 2008, fromSandra Berger
Alumna Kiwi, adopted August 2008, from Nancy Olsin
Alumna Kiwi, adopted August 2008, from Roger Elssasser
Alumna Kiwi, adopted August 2008, from Jan Kijner

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:

Mary Bates
James & Batta Fulton
Doug & Jane Berl
Viki Carolyn Cebars
Michele Harris from Laverne Cavis
Sandy Sher
Rogier Elssasser
Charles & Anas Cabrera
Jan Kijner

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