

Alley Cat Advocates



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Message from our President

Time Flies!

For those of you who missed seeing the newsletter, thanks for your cards and calls. We didn't drop off the face of the earth — just spent some time reorganizing and re-engineering some of our processes to do bigger and better things while spaying and neutering bunches of cats!

The last time I wrote, I'd just gotten back from New Orleans having helped with animal rescue efforts after hurricane Katrina. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of that experience — the resilience of the animals and the kind people from all over the country who came to their aid. Here in Louisville, we have resilient cats whose lives are made more comfortable (and longer!) and lots of kind people who work to make that happen. And some of them do this work very quietly!

One of the things our volunteers do that happens quietly every month is not the BIG FIX itself — our extravaganza of spaying/neutering an average of 140 cats on one Sunday a month — but our efforts to make sure that all the cats we return to their outdoor homes do so only once they are healthy.

Each month, volunteers with Alley Cat Advocates take to their homes cats who come to the BIG FIX for surgery who were either too sick for surgery or, while well enough for surgery, need some extra attention after surgery for us "softies" to feel comfortable putting them back in their alley, barn, or backyard. We keep them separate from our own cats (yes, we all have

cats of our own — imagine that!) and provide them a safe, soft bed in a crate or condo to rest in between meals and medications. Some are very scared although most just spend their days with us begging to be petted.

We have bad teeth pulled, we supply antibiotics to cats with bad colds, we clean wounds and keep the cats out of the warm weather where flies might enjoy laying their eggs in their open wounds, we pull polyps out of nasal passages (yuck), and sometimes we just feed lots of yummy food to get the skinny guys fattened up. The cats then are returned to their colonies, usually after 7-10 days of pampering. And then the volunteers turn around and help with another BIG FIX and take home another round of sick kitties.

The quiet work keeps us very busy (and tired) but we keep doing it as we try to figure out which ones of us are more lucky, the cats or the volunteers!!!

Karen Little



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Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.**

TIP'S TIP

Straw!!! Can we say it often enough?? The material created for the sole purpose of keeping cats warm in the winter – at least according to the "Cats Rule!" theory – is straw. It doesn't absorb the Kentucky humidity like towels or blankets do, serving as perfect insulating material. It is inexpensive and WONDERFUL for the cats.



Thanks!

The staffs at Crestwood Animal Hospital, Fairleigh Pet Center on Bardstown Road, and Jefferson Animal Hospital
 Drs. Chris Albert, Elizabeth Banks, Denise Bevins, Leslie Brown, Marie Gagnon, Rusty Gailor, Teresa Gregory, Luanne Jensen, Carolyn Kacocha, Pat Kennedy, Stephanie Pollett, Laurelee Rubsch, Alexis Wallace, and Pam Williams for donating their veterinary services for our BIG FIXes and beyond
 Bluegrass.net for hosting our website
 Ron Reinstedler of Graphic Design of Louisville for printing services

Gifts in Honor of

Carmon and Erwin Booth, by Peter and Wilma Crisler

Raina Chandiramani, Christine Dwyer, and Kristen Manouchehri on the occasion of their 16th birthdays, by Grant Magruder

Julie and Oscar, by Chris Haaga

Mary Peterson on Rose Lane, by Elise Atherton

Holly Roberts, BIG FIX surgical assistant extraordinare (and more), by Karen and Hoyt Little

Crystal Weddington and Brian Gingerich for their wonderful cat-sitting abilities, by Jan Moseley

Gifts in Memory of

Ash, loved by the LaPlante Family, by Gary and Mary Dean

Janet Aylward, by Jan Arnold

Beth's "Buddy", he was dearly loved and will be greatly missed, by Jean Gawarecki

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Mission

To provide for the humane treatment of unowned cats by directing a safe, high-volume, cost effective Trap-Neuter-Return program

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We are always looking for assistance in a variety of different ways. If you are interested in supporting our cause at Alley Cat Advocates, please be sure to mark one of the adjacent boxes, include your name, phone number and address, then return it to us at:

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I would like to support Alley Cat Advocates . . .

- I would like to serve ACA as a volunteer. Please contact me so that I may learn more about the ways I can help.
- I would like to support the Billie Emergency Fund, helping cats who, in addition to their spay or neuter, need further live-saving medical care, with the tax deductible donation noted below.
- I believe in your cause and would like to make the following tax deductible donation.

\$10 \$25 \$50 Other

Name _____ Phone # _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Gifts in Memory of

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Chloe, the Queen of Lyn's household, by Alley Cat Friends

Dee Dee, Roxie and Oliver. Thanks for enriching our lives and making us better people in the process, by Eric and Cheryl Andersen

Elliott, by Karen and Hoyt Little

"Fatty", my buddy for 10 years, by Yvette Mattingly

Firehouse Scrappy, you walked out of the woods and stole our hearts, by David and Jean Gawarecki

Girlfriend on Belgravia Court, by Barbara Ziege

Emily Gnadinger, by Corine Bordner, Mrs. Wayne Bordner, Michelle Doninger, Nancy Gall-Clayton, Robert Kemnitz and Jennifer McMaster, Raleigh Ridge, Leah Ann and Lin Roberts, Belle Tinsley, and the staff of the University of Louisville Controller's Office

Mrs. Shirley Hanson, by Joyce

Downs

Hunter, Ricky, Rita, Rose, Carmen, and Maddie, house fire victims. We miss you, by Karen and Hoyt Little

Inky, my mother's cat, by Neal Nixon

Isabelle, pretty girl from Metro Animal Services. We're glad you spent some time with us, by Alley Cat Advocates' volunteers

Jumbo, beloved 14 year old dog, best friend to us all, including our cats and other dogs. He is very much missed, by Geoff and June Lee

Lightening, beloved kitten of Lee King and friends, by Alley Cat Advocates' volunteers

Stacia Maziarz, by Jan Arnold

Minnie "the Love Bull" who dearly loved and was dearly loved by Ros and Don Evans, by Dottie and Ed Carle

My mother, by Linda Adams George Owens. He never met an animal he didn't love, by Jean

Gawarecki

Pink Floyd, the beloved cat of Rebecca Lomax, by Peggy Sayre

Peggy Reynolds, by Fran and Hugh Lewis

Mildred Rupard, by Teresa Plummer

Samantha, loyal cat of Richard and Kristine Lyons, by Peggy Sayre

Sebastian and Rowena, by Angelika Kasey and Gordon Stull

Philip R. Steer, by Judith Steer

My sweet boy Sugar, by Sue Smith

Unnamed, but not unloved, kitty of Judy Forrester, by Alley Cat Advocates' volunteers

Sandy Watkins, by Jan Arnold

Ms. Nancy Wolf, by Alice Ellsworth

Wynston, beloved pet of Rachel Hodge and her family, by Karen and Hoyt Little

Spay/Neuter License Plate Grant

Our thanks go to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for awarding us a \$2000 grant to subsidize our Quick Fix program. We used the grant to help us provide those Quick Fix surgeries at the cost of \$40 per cat, much below what we could otherwise offer. And thanks go to each of you who purchased Spay/Neuter license plates. Without you, there would have been no funds for the grants! If you don't yet have a Spay/Neuter license plate, call your county clerk for simple information on how to get one. Not only is it important that we get more money into the fund for future grants, it is important that we support programs that encourage spaying and neutering!

St. James Court Art Show

Once again we are fortunate to have a booth at the St. James Court Art Show. Thanks go to the Fourth Street Association for allowing us this opportunity. Please come by and say hi, buy a t-shirt, and pick up some brochures to distribute to your friends, neighbors, and work colleagues. Help us spread the word about how lucky some cats can be!

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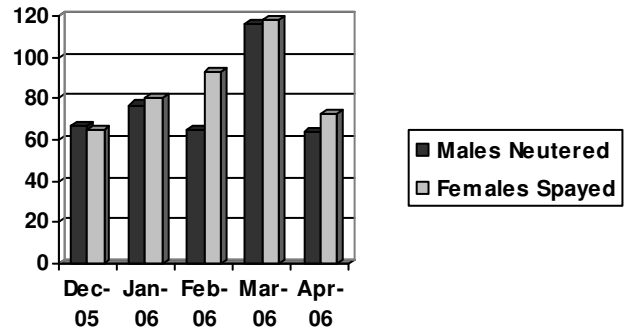
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Charting Our Progress



We did it! In 2005 we altered 2062 cats — exceeding our goal of 2000. And we're working hard to reach that goal again this year. Thanks for all your support. Keep it coming!

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