



SAM SEZ . . .

Thank You So Much, Tom!!!

TOM PEARSE loves cats and he believes in us and in our mission "to help bring about a time when no more abused or abandoned cats will be destroyed." One of our long-time supporters, Tom sees the need for a cat sanctuary that includes an adoption center but also long-term and sometimes lifetime care for special needs cats. Some cats have suffered serious trauma — physical and emotional — or endured injuries requiring extensive and expensive medical care. As an adopter of a once-feral kitten, Tom also knows that our practice of T/N/R (Trap/Neuter/Release) is the humane solution for feral cats.

Because of his belief in *Cats' Cradle*, Tom has generously donated **\$10,000** as seed money to build our cat sanctuary and help us turn our vision into a reality. We are seeking land on which to finally build a permanent facility. Thank you, Tom, for your supremely generous and much needed donation!

YOU can help too by donating as generously as you can **NOW** to our **Building Fund**. And, as always, thanks to all of you who donate so faithfully.



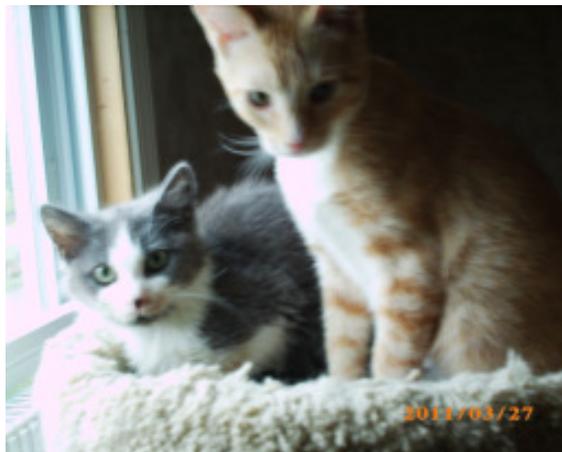
ADOPTIONS!!!

Tigger on Vacation

If only every homeless cat were as lucky as Tigger (formerly known as **Golden Boy**)! Tigger is one of several cats who were living at an old abandoned house, hiding under a rotten porch when anyone approached. After a census worker notified a *Cats' Cradle* volunteer about the cats, we started trapping them. The new guy in his foster home, Tigger was afraid and depressed, but in his FURever home with a couple of other cats and an old dog named Abby, Tigger and his friend, Big Ben, are vying for position as "Top Cat." Tigger's adoptive dad is Boyd Pyatt, who is one of our volunteers at PetSmart and also a foster dad.



For those of you who remember Golden Boy from the adoption center, here he is now in his FURever home, renamed Tigger."



Jingle, Jingle, little cat . . .

Jingle was just a few weeks old when found begging for food at a fast food restaurant. Hungry and cold and sick with an upper respiratory infection, it took Jingle a couple of months of tender loving care to get well. Recently Linda and Tom Underwood, who adopted "the sweet 7" (Ezra, Elliot, Doolittle, Dodger, Hershey, and Zappa) from *Cats' Cradle* in 2007, had a little gray and white kitten, Shane, show up at their house. Since their cats were all older, Shane needed a playmate and Jingle was just the right age. Now Jingle is in his FURever home.

Shane and Jingle hang out together at the Underwood home.

Waiting To Be Adopted

POPEYE

This is **Popeye**, found in the middle of a busy street and brought to an animal clinic when he was just a few weeks old. Because of the extent of his injury, he had to have one eye removed, but that didn't bother him much nor slow him down. He is a very active, playful kitten who wrestles and plays with other kittens in his foster home. His favorite playmate was Jingle, who was recently adopted. Won't you open your heart to little Popeye and take him home with you FURever?



ABBY

Meet **Abby**. She is a precious dark calico kitten who was rescued at a local Hickory restaurant where she was looking for food. A volunteer had spotted her about a month before and saw that she had an injured leg. She appeared to be around 6 weeks old, so it was very upsetting to see this sweet little kitten hobbling around on three legs. Although she "talked" to us we just couldn't get our hands on her, but Jeannie Bowman was finally able to trap her (and eventually became her foster mom). It turns out she was only a little scared because she was super loving and a purring machine the minute we touched her. We took her to the vet and also to a surgeon. They agreed that she had suffered a permanent injury where the nerves in the shoulder are severed, so there is no feeling in that leg. What makes the situation even more distressing is that this type of injury can only occur when the leg is forcibly extended far beyond its normal range of motion, such as being held by the leg and thrown. Although we'll never know exactly what happened to Abby, one thing's for sure; she'll be loved and protected from now on. She'll have a long and happy life, even if it's only with three legs! Do you have a place in your heart for this beautiful girl?



LEEI and KIARA

Leei is a beautiful Siamese who, along with **Kiara** was brought by their owner to be put down. We don't understand why, because both these cats, about 7 years old, are as sweet and loving as they are beautiful. Leei occasionally suffers from a vestibular condition which causes her to lose her balance. Kiara occasionally gets scabs on her skin which cause her to lose fur in those spots. Do you have a place in your heart and home for one or both of these special girls?



EARN MONEY FOR CATS CRADLE: Use "GoodSearch" and "GoodShop"

"GoodSearch" and "GoodShop" are two ways to raise funds for **Cats' Cradle**. We can earn money for simply searching the web as well as for actual purchases.

* Go through the GoodShop website at www.goodshop.com when you want to shop. The first screen asks "WHO DO YOU GOODSHOP FOR?" Type in **Cats' Cradle** and select **Cats' Cradle** (Morganton, NC) from the list. We are already registered. A list of the most popular stores and the percentage of your purchase they donate is listed. You can click on the actual site or browse available sites by category. I scrolled through the sites and many that I shop at are included.

* Download the GoodSearch toolbar (powered by **Yahoo!**), select your charity, and do all your web searching through this toolbar. Any search you perform earns a share of the advertising proceeds that GoodSearch earns. The toolbar can be downloaded from the GoodShop website.

It seems very user friendly. Please pass the word to anyone and everyone you know.

We can do all our Easter shopping on-line and earn money for **Cats' Cradle** at the same time! And the good thing is, this is an on-going source of income.

Happy Shopping!!!
Jeannie Bowman



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Cats' Cradle

Donation Form

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!

Yes! I want to help *Cats' Cradle* care for cats!

Please add me to your **MEMBERSHIP** (tax-deductible)!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25 Yearly Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$500 - \$1,000 Yearly Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$50 Yearly Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$1,000 - \$5,000 Yearly Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$100 - \$250 Yearly Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifesaver \$5,000 - \$10,000 Yearly Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer \$250 - \$500 Yearly Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifeline \$10,000+ Yearly Membership |

I have already paid my lifeline for the year.

I am enclosing an **EXTRA** tax-deductible donation of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I **ONLY** want to donate

(tax-deductible) to support the cats!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I am making a montly tax-deductible **PLEDGE** to support the cats!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 a month (commitment of \$120 a year) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 a month (commitment of \$1,200 a year) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 a month (commitment of \$300 a year) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 a month (commitment of \$6,000 a year) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 a month (commitment of \$600 a year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I want to contribute to "**JERRY'S FUND**" in the amount of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I want to join **Tom Pearse** and contribute to the **BUILDING FUND** in the amount of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I want to learn more about what I can do to help *Cats' Cradle* as a **VOLUNTEER!**

I want to learn more about what I can do to help *Cats' Cradle* as a **FOSTER CAREGIVER!**

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

*Thank You
For Your
Support!*

DONATE THROUGH PAYPAL OR

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL TO: *Cats' Cradle*

Attn: Linda Collins, Treasurer

P.O. Box 4058, Hickory, NC 28603

2011 Donations

Donations in Kind:

All our foster people donate funds to cover the cost of food & litter for the cats they foster plus they and others cover costs for feral cats. Many of them also donate funds to cover vet bills and enlist donations from their friends.

Rene Winters & First United Methodist Church for copying
David Cortner for website administration and calendar design & layout

Leila M. McMichael for newsletter design & layout

John Payne Photography for professional photography for cat calendars

Joni Stone for cat adoption flyer and poster creation; and coordinator of the TNR study (Trap/Neuter/Release)

Jean Thorne for photography and biography submissions to **Cats' Cradle** website and media

Special Thanks:

A very grateful thank you goes out to Sheryl Burdick and the Emery Corporation who donated \$1,000 to **Cats' Cradle**. Also a very special thanks to Ed and Rose Romo for \$5,000 for the barn renovation for emergency shelter for 125 cats, and to Rose & Ed, Sue & Jim Zarcone, Bobby Baker, Willard Black, Sheridan Kirby, Inma Williams and friends for care of these cats.

Monetary Donations:

For those who give generously throughout the year, you keep us up and running to save homeless cats. We appreciate every single donation, but we especially want to recognize those who donate regularly and generously:

David & Evelyn Alderson
Ruth Austin
Peter & June Barberio
Elaine Bass
Peggy Baum
Donald R. Bennett
Erika Bernhardt
Norma & Richard Blackburn
Sheryl C. Burdick & the
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Margaret Causby
Teresa Causby
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Jean & Michael Thorne
Mavis Tulluck
Jacqueline Tuzzio
Tom & Linda Underwood
Doris Vannoy
Lee Vos
Jay & Susan Whitmire

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Nancy Daniel
Toni Dills
Steve Farlow
Brenda Kincaid

Alice & George Kopacki
Sarah Johnson
Tom Pearse
Nancy Puckett
Charlotte Simasek
Keith & Lynn Whisnant

In Honor and Memory



In Honor of People

Stephanie Kinsland in honor of Nancy Puckett
Jerry & Lois Clark in honor of Linda Clark
Jerry & Lois Clark in honor of Karen Clark-Caruso
Carlton & Karen Lark Caruso in honor of Linda Clark
and friends for her birthday
Mary Lou Price in honor of Karen Clark Caruso for her
birthday
Louise Henson in honor of Rose Lawing

In Memory of People

Linda Collins in memory of Betty Jo Collins Chapman

In Honor of Pets

Kevin & Karen Isenhour in honor of Kate (adopted from
Cats' Cradle)
Tom and Linda Underwood in honor of "the sweet seven"
(adopted from **Cats' Cradle**)
Mary Lynn Brittain in honor of Scamper Doo

In Memory of Pets

Lynda & Lisa Garibaldi in loving memory of Min, Flower
and Bambi
Kenneth & Candyce Webb in memory of their cats Candy
and Logan
Office Employees of Old Hickory Tannery in memory of
Willard Black's cat Bob
Ginny Donohue in loving memory of Spike
Susan Brown & Pat Snipe in memory of beloved
grandmother cat Cutie
Bobby Baker in Memory of a special cat named Russian
Boo.

Thank You
For Your
Faithful
Support
of
Cats' Cradle!



Adopt Us!

This is **Lucy** all comfortable in her favorite chair, just waiting for someone to rub her belly. Lucy was returned to us at age 7 because her first adopter went into a nursing home. She is declawed and loves sitting with you and sleeping on the foot of your bed. However, Lucy wants to be the only cat and will growl and smack other cats who get near her.



Tweetsie is a gold tabby female who, though she is estimated to be 9 years old, had never been spayed. We'll never know how many litters of kittens this poor girl had before she came to us. She also needed some dental work and had 4 teeth pulled. But now she's ready to go to her forever home. She'd love to be adopted with her friend Tweets, who came to us with her. Do you have room for two great cats?

This is **Tweets**, a handsome gold & white tiger male who came to us with Tweetsie, who might be his mother. Tweets had a huge hernia when he arrived, but that was taken care of when he was neutered. He is estimated to be about 5 years old.



Sponsor Me!



This beautiful girl is **Elvira**, who has been with us since 1999. She is one of our special needs cats because of her chronic red weepy eyes that requires daily medication. She is one of several special needs cats who needs a sponsor to support her long-term care. Is that you?



SPRING: *Peak Season for Kittens*

The peak season for kittens is upon us and soon you or someone you know will be finding kittens born to all the stray cats outside: in the grass, the bushes, the shed, the woodpile, everywhere. We get so many phone calls about infant orphaned kitten "lost" from their mom. The truth is, young kittens are much better off with mama cat, so if you see a baby kitten or kittens, watch closely for awhile to be certain mama is not just out foraging for food.

If a pregnant cat or a mama with kittens shows up, be sure to bring them indoors to keep them safe. Kittens nurse constantly for the first three weeks of their lives, so if something has happened to a mama cat, you must take action quickly to save their lives.

First, keep the kittens warm and dry (they won't eat if they're cold). Place a towel over a heating pad set on low in a box where they cannot escape but they can get off the heating pad if they get too warm.

Next, they must eat often, every two hours until they are three weeks old. Goat's milk from the canned food section of the grocery store works great if you don't have KMR (Kitten Milk Replacer). Diana Rath at 437-6971 or diana_rath@msn.com is a great resource for taking care of kittens. Her formula is one 12-oz. can of evaporated milk, 1 beaten egg yolk, and 1 tablespoon of Karo syrup. Mix well & refrigerate and warm as needed. If the kittens have diarrhea, reduce the syrup; if they are constipated, add more.

When the kittens reach two to three weeks, add baby rice cereal to the formula. This will keep them satisfied for 3-4 hours. At 4-5 weeks, add kitten canned food to the mix and gradually they will learn to lap.

You can get more help at www.alleycat.org/Kittens

Bo's Fundraiser

Cats' Cradle would like to thank Bo's in Lenoir for their recent fund-raiser, planned by Denise Williams, on Valentine's Day 2011. It was much appreciated! **Cats' Cradle** was represented by Joni Stone. Thank you, Joni!

Upcoming Yard Sale

Cats' Cradle will have a yardsale/bakesale at the back of PetSmart's parking lot on Robinson Road in Hickory on Saturday April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact Jeannie Bowman a (828) 328-1279 or email her at jeannie.bowman@yahoo.com if you have items to donate or a baked good for sale.

Belk Charity Event

Periodically Belk's of Morganton donates a percentage of their sales to charity. **Cats' Cradle** will be participating in Belk's upcoming charity event in Morganton, NC on these dates:

Friday, April 8, 2011 from 11:00-2:00

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 from 11:00-2:00

Friday, April 15, 2011 from 2:00-4:00

Many thanks to Jean Thorne for making this event happen. If you would like to help or find out more information, contact her at (828) 437-8769 or email her at j.thorne@yahoo.com for more information.

Get Updates By Email!

Now you can get **weekly** updates on **Cats' Cradle** and our cats through email! Anyone who wants up-to-date info on cats in our care, cats taken in, any current happenings with **Cats' Cradle**, should email Jeannie Bowman stating they want to be added to her email list for this purpose. Interested parties should email her at jeannie.bowman@yahoo.com stating they want to be on the list.

Spring Greetings from Cats Cradle!



Cats' Cradle would like to thank Glenda Moore and **Graphics from Catstuff** for use of their beautiful seasonal cat clip art!

For free cat clip art from **Graphics from Catstuff**, go to <http://www.xmission.com/~emailbox/index.html>

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