



The Cats' Cradle of NC

Spring 2014 Newsletter

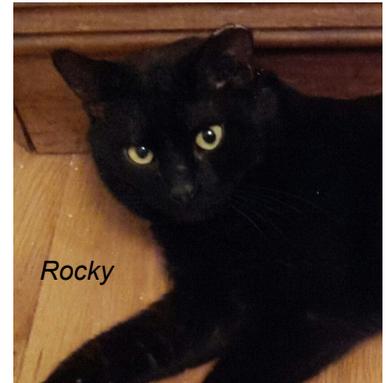
Making a Difference in the Feral Cat Population



Binky

The Cats' Cradle has received a grant from Petsmart Charities that will allow us to spay or neuter and vaccinate 125 cats. The grant is intended specifically for the trap/neuter/return of feral cats in designated locations in the Morganton area. This is a wonderful opportunity to make an impact on the population of feral and stray cats in Morganton. So far, we have neutered and vaccinated 68 cats! We are about half way toward meeting our goal of 125 by December 2014.

While this is great news, a number of these cats have come to us with extensive medical needs—mouth ulcers, severe upper respiratory disease, injuries, and renal issues, among others. Unfortunately, the grant does not cover these expenses; as a true no-kill organization, The Cats' Cradle does not euthanize cats with treatable illnesses, and we cannot release cats we know to be sick, as they would likely die of their illness or become targets for predators.



Rocky



Lilly turned out to be tame and has been adopted

Treating these cats has been very costly and we are struggling to pay the resulting vet bills. Please consider donating to help us provide these cats with the life-saving care they need. Donations can be mailed to the address below or submitted online by visiting our website and selecting 'Donate.'

The Cats' Cradle of NC
PO Box 1915
Morganton NC 28680

Join us for the 2nd Annual Cats' Cradle 5k and 10k!

June 14, 8:30am at Catawba Meadows in Morganton

Awards will be given by age group, and snacks and drinks will be provided after the race. Register by June 6 to receive a t-shirt!

To sign up, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Morganton/CatsCradle5K10KandFunRun>

Sponsors and volunteers for race day are also needed. If you'd like to help, contact us at 828-461-0178 or TheCatsCradleNC@yahoo.com!

Donations

Nancy Puckett *In Honor of Crisco*

Nancy Puckett *In Honor of Blackie*

Monica & Gary Olinger *In Honor of Nikki Vee*

Brian Clark *In Honor of Karen Clark Caruso for her birthday*

Jerry & Lois Clark *In Honor of Karen Clark for her birthday*

Jerry & Lois Clark *In Honor of Linda Clark for her birthday*

Jerry & Lois Clark *In Honor of the Clarks' & Carusos' furry friends*

John Chester *In Honor of Opie*

Norma & Richard Blackburn *In Memory of Jack*

Cheryl Oxford *In Loving Memory of Calico and her kittens*

Cheryl Oxford *In Loving Memory of Orangey*

Nancy Puckett *In Memory of Bear, Tikki, and B. J.*

Jane Rawson *In Memory of Grace*

Lynda Garibaldi *In Memory of T.C.*

Alice Kopacki *In Memory of T.C.*

Pat Campbell *In Memory of Kali*

Norma & Richard Blackburn *Jerry's Fund and Building Fund*

George & Alice Kopacki *Jerry's Fund and Building Fund*

In addition, The Cats' Cradle would like to express our overwhelming gratitude to our monthly donors. Your generosity has allowed us to save many lives, and we are so thankful for your support.



Support rescued cats when you shop online!

AmazonSmile is a great new way to support us—and it's super easy! Simply visit smile.amazon.com and select **The Cats' Cradle of NC** as the charity you wish to support, then shop as you normally would! A portion of the proceeds from eligible items is donated to us!

You shop. Amazon gives.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently seeking volunteers to fill the following needs:

Adoption Counselors

Volunteers to clean cages in Petsmart Adoption Centers

Assisting with the trap/neuter/return of feral cats

Feeding feral cat colonies

Grant Writers

Fundraising and organizing events

Website redesign

If you are interested in volunteering with us, or if you'd like more information about any of these opportunities, we'd love to hear from you! Send an email to TheCatsCradleNC@yahoo.com and let us know what you might be interested in doing.

New Contact Info!

We have streamlined our contact information to make it easier for both you and us. We now have a single phone number and email address for all Cats' Cradle business.

828-461-0178

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The Cats' Cradle Intervenes to Help Abused Cats

We were made aware that some kittens in a trailer park had been choked to death and shaken to death by some kids, and they were throwing rocks at the adult cats as well. Two women who witnessed the incidents called us, asking that we get the cats out of there before more got hurt. We've trapped several cats & kittens, gotten them medical treatment and had them fixed and vaccinated, with just a few left at this time. Several are available for adoption, and one kitten has been adopted already!

ADOPTION UPDATES!

We love to hear how our cats are doing in their new homes. If you'd like to update us on your adopted cat, send us an email or post on our Facebook page, and we'll feature your kitty here!



Last April we adopted Tux for my daughter when she underwent surgery on her feet. It's been a little over a year now. He goes by Max and is spoiled beyond belief! He is so much fun! Max thinks he is a dog sometimes. His favorite game is fetch. My girls will sit on a bed and toss a hair rubberband to him. He will get it, jump up on the bed, and drop it by their legs, just waiting for the next toss. He also likes to play hide and seek. We can always count on Max to be in our front window watching for us to come home in the afternoons. He greets us every morning with kisses and purrs to wake us up. Max has been a great addition to our family. He is playful, gentle, sweet, and sociable. We love him so much! Thank you for finding him!

Thank you so much! We are all so in love with Sir Galahad aka Garfield! He is settling into his new home very quickly! We are so happy he is in our forever home!



Halyn wanted to tell you guys hello!!! She loves spending time on her screened in porch!!!

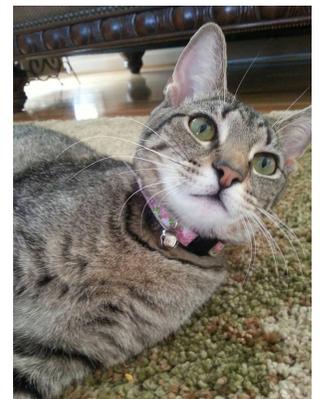


This is Miss Tara. It was 2 years ago today that I adopted her from Cats Cradle. Tara is such a great cat and she adds a lot of joy to my life. We cuddle several times a day every day, she purrs and meows and talks to me when I meow back at her. She brings a lot of happiness to my life. She gets along great with my 125 lb. German Shepard! I just love Tara to pieces. Thank you Cats' Cradle!



Fiona is doing great after her surgery. Here is a shot of her trying to get a nap--as soon as daddy stops taking pictures of her, LOL!

Here is Hollie! We rescued this silly girl 2 months ago. We love her to pieces!



Urgent Needs

As many of you probably know, kitten season is upon us. We wish we could take in every kitten and make sure they are healthy, happy, and safe, and find the perfect forever home for each one. But we can't do this without your help. We cannot accept cats into our care unless we know that we can provide a foster home and the funds to spay or neuter, vaccinate, deworm, deflea, and otherwise provide for the cat's medical needs. We are in desperate need of fosters and financial support to be able to take in more cats and kittens. If you can help by fostering or donating to help us save these precious lives, please contact us at TheCatsCradleNC@yahoo.com or mail your tax-deductable donation to:

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Visit our website: <http://www.thecatscradle.org/>
Or find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheCatsCradle>

To see all of our awesome cats for adoption, go to: www.petfinder.com or www.adoptapet.com
and search for 'The Cats' Cradle of NC'

We also have cats in the Morganton Petsmart every week and in the Hickory Petsmart 2 weeks every month.



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