



The CATS' CRADLE

"To help bring about a time when no more abused or abandoned cats will be destroyed"

Lynda Garibaldi, Founder

August 2008



SAM SEZ . . .

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year when mama cats and kittens and orphaned kittens show up everywhere, hungry and homeless. Humane organizations like *Cats' Cradle* take as many animals as we can, but so many more need foster care by caring families until they can find their forever homes. Not able to adopt a cat or provide foster care? Read about other volunteer opportunities on page 2. See other ways you also can help on page 2 and 3.

NOW IS THE TIME to strengthen our organization for cats and kittens. *Cats' Cradle* was incorporated in 1999 and has been operating as a foster care network of volunteers providing care for cats on our personal properties. Until no more animals are killed in county shelters simply because they are homeless, we will always need foster care homes. But it's time for *Cats' Cradle* to grow.

One of our primary goals is to locate land to build a cat sanctuary which will include an adoption center for readily adoptable cats. Another goal is to shelter cats who need long-term and lifetime sanctuary for whatever reason. A central location will also provide a place where more volunteers can devote time and TLC to cats who are frightened and sad because of whatever circumstance has caused them to be homeless.

Cats' Cradle strongly believes in TNR (Trap / Neuter / Release) for feral cats. Our cat sanctuary needs to have enough property so that we can re-locate feral cats who cannot safely be returned to their original territories.

 Sam



Special Thank You To the Bumgarner and Maddie's Fund!!

A very Special Thanks to **Sue & Stan Bumgarner** for putting together the marketing campaign for our "Special Needs Cats." Their efforts netted us a grant from Maddie's Fund!

A very Special Thanks to **Maddie's Fund** for their support and recognition of our "Special Needs Cats" program and *Cats' Cradle's* efforts on behalf of cats like sweet Blind Blackie (shown right).

Fundraising Events Coming Up!

August & September -- Krispy Creme Donut Fundraiser
Contact Mandy McGuire at 828-493-0490 or email at kittykatz54@aol.com

Ongoing -- Ebay Sales & Flea Market Sales
Contact Mandy & Randy McGuire at 828-493-0490 or email at kittykatz54@aol.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dear Cat Lovers, we need you!

We want to strengthen our organization with more dedicated volunteers so that we can continue to take in, shelter, and adopt out as many cats as possible into forever homes. The more volunteers we have, the less work load for everyone and the more cats we can help. Consider helping out in one of the following areas.

Cats' Cradle

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NEWSLETTER HELP

We have been so fortunate for many years to have **Leila McMichael** design and lay out the newsletter, and **Margaret Causby** and **First United Methodist Church** to print, collate, and fold the newsletters. We would like to send out newsletters quarterly, but as our newsletter list has grown, we have not been able to get the newsletters out but twice a year. With more volunteers, we can again get them out more often. Please call **Lynda Garibaldi** at 828-221-0141 if you can help.

STORAGE BUILDING

For many years **Stacy Hyatt Costner**, her mother **Beverly Hyatt**, and the rest of their family, have organized and staffed a yard sale every year to raise money for **Cats' Cradle**. One of the biggest obstacles to raising more money is the lack of a storage building to store items that people want to donate! If you have storage space, or want to donate a storage building, call Stacy at 828-584-8766.

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

Want the joy of having a cat or kittens without a permanent commitment? **Cats' Cradle** always needs foster care homes to temporarily house kittens and cats until they find their forever homes. We especially need people who know how to bottle feed infant unweaned kittens in the spring and summer. We are fortunate to have **Diana Rath** and **Cindy Coates**, but we need more people experienced in bottle feeding. If you can foster 1 or 2 cats, or a mother cat with a litter of kittens, or will bottle feed infant kittens, please call Lynda at 828-221-0141.

FUND-RAISING

Help **Cats' Cradle** raise funds by participating in yard sales, bake sales, doughnut sales, ebay sales by contacting the parties responsible for organizing these events. THANKS!!!!

Volunteer Highlight: ANICE OVERTON

Cats' Cradle volunteer, **Anice Overton**, is busy making certain that our kitties are warm and toasty this winter as they go to and from PetsMart or are snuggled up in foster homes. Anice is making "kitty kozies," stuffed pads that are tailor made for our cat carriers or individual sleeping areas for **Cats' Cradle** kitties! Thanks Anice, we are purrrfectly delighted with the 60 plus kozies . . . and more to come!!



Creative Ways YOU Can Support Cats Cradle!

WHAT ELSE YOU CAN DO TO HELP CATS CRADLE???

USE "GOODSEARCH" as your search engine when searching for something on the Internet and it will pay the organization of your choice every time you use it. Just enter **Cats' Cradle** as your choice when you register.

ZOOTOO.COM is another website that provides an opportunity for you to help animals. Simply log onto Zootoo.com and enter Zootoo to the Rescue Sweepstakes and name **Cats' Cradle** as the animal rescue of your choice.

FOOD LION

Go to the **Cats' Cradle** website and click on the Food Lion MVP link to register your MVP card. Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase is donated to **Cats' Cradle**. (Choose the Morganton, NC location!)

Cats' Cradle Yardsale

We had the most successful yard sale ever! We made \$778.65!

Thanks to everyone who donated items, helped to set up and/or transport before and after the sale, and for coming and buying!

Many thanks especially to **Stacy Hyatt Costner** and her mother **Beverly Hyatt** for organizing and managing the yard sale for this year and many years (about 8 years running now).

Start saving your yard sale items now for 2009!!

Wal-Mart Fundraiser

On Saturday, August 16th, *Cats' Cradle* volunteers shared their talents of baking, balloon sculpting, and caricature drawing to raise funds for the felines at a fundraiser at the Wal-Mart on Hwy. 70. A big thank you goes to Karyn Lookabill, Linda Collins, Kenny Robison, Andy Robison, June Robison, and Aaron Benton for their contributions to this fundraiser. \$250 was made!

Also, most of you did not realize this, but this was Karyn's last fundraiser for *Cats' Cradle*. She has been an inspiration to me for all that she has done these past years for the kitties. Karyn and her husband will be moving to Florida at the end of the year, and they will be missed by many, including the felines they've cared for. Thank you, Karyn, for all that you've done for the kitties!!!

Thank you, too, to our wonderful *Cats' Cradle* volunteers and to the Highland Baptist Church's Senior Adult Choir for all of the homemade goodies!! The funds raised will be used to benefit our rescued felines. We also appreciate Wal-Mart's generosity in allowing us to have a fundraising event on their property. By displaying pictures and bios of our adoptable kitties at this event, we were able to raise awareness of our organization's mission and to let the public know about the many felines ready for adoption.

June Robison



Andy Robison takes time off for Aaron Benton to draw a caricature of him as Miss Kitty and Patriotic Kenny look on.

Important Phone Numbers

For low-cost spay-neuter in the Hickory, NC area
call Humane Society of Catawba County at
828-464-2349

For low-cost spay-neuter
in the Asheville, NC area
call Humane Alliance at
828-252-8804

After Hours
Emergency Clinic,
Hickory, NC
828-328-2660



Tanya Takes Two!

In May Tanya Rourke called *Cats' Cradle* about helping her find homes for several kittens who showed up at her house. She is pictured here with two of the kittens she decided to keep.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser August thru September!

Hi! My name is **Mandy McGuire** and I am a *Cats' Cradle* volunteer. As we all know, this is "kitten season." Everywhere you go there is a sign out for free kittens. There is also an overload of kittens, mother cats and just about any other kind of cat at *Cats' Cradle*. More cats means more vet bills. Therefore I, along with several others, are planning fundraising events to help cover the costs.

Our Krispy Kreme fundraising event has started, so here are the details. We will be selling plain glazed in one dozen boxes only. They will be sold for \$5.00 per dozen.

First, we need lots of VOLUNTEERS to sell doughnuts. Lynda has worked out a deal with Krispy Kreme where we don't have to place one big order, but can place small orders anytime we want until the end of September as long as we give them 2 days advance notice.

I think this flexibility will make it easier for all of us. The order form may be picked up at the *Cats' Cradle* area at PetsMart on any Saturday from 10:00 unit 4:00, or you email me at the address below and I will send you a pdf attachment you can print out yourself.

Take as many orders as possible starting now. Collect all monies in advance. (Remember, they are \$5.00 per dozen.) When you are ready to turn in your orders you can meet Lynda (Or me if I am there) on any Saturday from 10:00 till 4:00 at PetsMart, or I will be happy to meet you some where and pick up your orders and money. (I will get copies of your orders back to you in this event)

Be sure to put your name and phone number on your order forms and the date and time of when you want to pick up your order. (Remember we must give 2 days notice!)

Lynda will make a copy of your order forms for you to keep. Turn in all money to Lynda at this time.

I will then call your order in at Krispy Kreme and call you back with your time and date to pick up your orders.

Everyone is responsible for pick up and delivery of their orders. If you have a large order and need help picking up your order, I will do my best to arrange that as well.

I had a fellow volunteer suggest the fabulous idea that we can sell to our church groups (bible study groups, Sunday school class). Another option to think about is setting up a table at your local grocery store, or any other high traffic place. Also, ask your friends and family if they would sell for us. They can help save lives too!

Of course, all profits from the sale goes directly into the *Cats' Cradle* account for vet bills and other necessary things for the furry babies. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 828-493-0490. Thank You all so very much for your time and dedication to *Cats' Cradle*!

Thanks,
Mandy
kittykatz54@aol.com
828-493-0490

Support Judge Linda!

Calling all *Cats' Cradle* supporters,

Please sign up with Facebook using the link information below because Judge Linda Stephens is an animal lover that you want to support in her run for the NC Court of Appeals (she is already on the COA; this is to support her in the November election). Her goal is to have 5,000 supporters before the election in November!

Linda took in a cat from Golden Corral in Hickory where she had stopped for lunch last fall. She emailed me about the cat and Inma's friend Suzie trapped the cat and took it to the Valdese clinic. Diana fostered the cat until Linda drove from Raleigh to pick it up!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Linda-Stephens/17263096710?ref=mf>

Fostering Saves Lives!

This year's bumper crop of cats and kittens reminds us that "Fostering Saves Lives!" Many warm fuzzies to all our "old" foster care people -- you're wonderful! Welcome to new foster care people and thank you from the bottom of our furry little hearts:

Cindy Coates	Joaine McKeel
Jo Ann Dula	Mandy McGuire
Brenda Helton	Danielle Street
Christy Coates	Barbara Bowman-Thiessens
Jean and Dale Bailey	

In Honor Of!

Donations in honor of Nancy Jones for her XXXX Birthday were sent from:

Bill & Nancy Jones	Linda Monroe
Wanda Orlando	Louise & James Judd
Monica & Gary Olinger	Lynda Garibaldi
Sue & Stan Bumgarner	Wyn & Myron Flo
Bobby & Joyce Walker	Suzanne & Jacques Beaudoin

Below, attendees at Nancy's "casino" style birthday party enjoy themselves!



Gifts In Kind

Adoption Site ----- PetsMart -- Hickory, NC

Newspaper Adoption Ads ----- Karyn Lookabill

Photography ----- John Payne, John S. Payne Photography

Website ----- Rusty Profitt, David Cortner

Newsletter, cat rocks, face painting ----- Leila McMichael

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Advertising ----- Burke County Chamber of Commerce; Carolina Ribbon Crafts; *Hickory Daily Record*; *IWANNA*; Hickory Community Theatre; John S. Payne Photography; Outlook @ *Newton Observer News Enterprise*

Fundraising ----- Barbara Bowman-Thiessens; Jeannie Bowman; Linda Collins; Stacy Costner; Lisa & Lynda Garibaldi; Beverly Hyatt; Nancy & Bill Jones; Karyn & Tony Lookabill; Mandy, Randy & Curtis McGuire; Leila McMichael; Barbara & Danny Power; June Robison; Wal-Mart

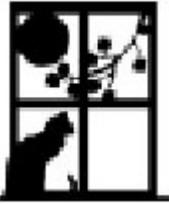
Volunteers who provide foster care and help with adoptions, as well as cleaning, repair and maintenance ----- Karyn & Tony Lookabill, Diana & John Rath, Randy and Curtis McGuire

Beta Club Volunteers To Help CC!

Jean Bailey, an English teacher at St. Stephens High School in Hickory and Beta Club advisor, guided her animal loving Beta Club members to volunteer with *Cats' Cradle* for 2007-2008 school year. Students were on site every Saturday to give lots of TLC to cats being shown for adoption.

Beta Club member Stephanie Simmons helps *Cats' Cradle* at PetsMart





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<http://www.thecatscradle.org>
E-mail: catscradle@i-love-cats.com



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 melifeline for the year.

I ONLY want to donate

I am enclosing an EXTRA tax-deductible donation of:

(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 _____ |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
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| <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:

I want to contribute to the BUILDING FUND in the amount of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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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!*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL TO: *Cats' Cradle*, 112 Clark Street, Morganton, NC 28655

2008 Donations

Individual (\$25-\$50)

Laura Anderson
Charles Bolick
Don & Bunny Cebula
Diane K. Clark
Toni Dills
David & Vivian Dwelley
Fletcher Hamlin
Joshua Horton
Daria Justice
Judith & Walter Kozma
Katherine Lamborn
Lisa Langley
Helen McGee
Joaine McKeel
Earl & Gladys Payne
Jonnie Pons
Kay Sandel
Joe & Ailene Teague

Steve & Tammy Levans
Eunice Maier
Mary Lou Price
Lon & Vesta Pyatte
Patsy Smith
Mavis Tulluck
Candy & Ken Webb
Karla & Jerry Wise

Sponsor (\$100-\$250)

Ruth Austin
Sue & Stan Bumgarner
Margaret Causby
Jerry & Lois Clark
Linda Clark
Adam Dunning
Allen & Martha Hefner
Jeff & Maria Helton
Suzanne Jones
Lucy Lofland
Brenda Kincaid
Karyn & Tony Lookabill
Mandy, Randy & Curtis McGuire
Charlotte McMillan
Sherlie Miller
Sonya Moore
John S. Payne
Chris & Danielle Lopes Pennell

Family (\$50-\$100)

Teresa & Randy Causby
Teresa Church
Frank Dooley
Laura and Jeff Edall
Jimmy Fox
James & Carla Henderson

Barbara & Danny Power
Mary Lou Price
Nancy Puckett
Rose Romo
Ernest & Madge Roseman
Mitch & Debbie Swanson
Doris & Avery Vannoy
Suzie Zarccone

Sustainers (\$250-\$500)

Bob & Peggy Baum
Willard Black
Jeannie Bowman
Carolyn Burgess
Karen Clark-Carusio
Carol Dern
Nancy & Bill Jones
Sarah & George Johnson
Judy & Roger Lowery
Patty Moffatt & Steve Noggle
Charlotte & J. M. Simasek
Inma Williams

Patrons (\$500-\$1,000)

Norma & Richard Blackburn
Lynda Garibaldi
Tina Spurlin
The Wisener Family

Benefactor (\$1,000-\$5,000)

Linda Collins
Steve Farlow

Foundation Gifts

Maddie's Fund
The Mull Foundation
The Park Foundation
PetSmart Charities

Samari-\$10s

Susan Balke
Mitzi Brooks
Bobbie Durrett
Lea Hepler
Cami Hepler
Dawn Hewitt
William Katzman
Clint Mull
Austin Pearce
Tammy Wallace

Note: **Samari-\$10s** is a charitable group consisting of ten individuals willing to donate a minimum of \$10 each month to a worthy cause. **Cats' Cradle** was the recipient for March.

In Memory Of . . .

PEOPLE

Francis Pearson Fox by Lynda Garibaldi, Norma Shuford, Elizabeth Pearson
Robert Hart by Linda Collins
Ruby Williamson by Linda Collins
Karl Cleveland by Brenda Kincaid & Lynda Garibaldi
Bud Lofland by Michael & Dianne Roth
Daniel L. Watson by Tammy & Peter West and the Employees of the Catawba County District Attorney's Office
Isabelle Paige Warlick, Dennis Warlick's mother, by Linda Collins
Mr. & Mrs. Bud Lofland by Lynda Garibaldi

ANIMALS

Iago* by Randy, Mandy & Curtis McGuire & Lynda Garibaldi
Carol's **Minnie****, **Joy & Big Boy** by Lynda Garibaldi & Carol Dern
Pete & Libby's **Alegria** by Cindy Linker & Lisa Wells
Beezee (Ms. Beasley) by Barbara & Danny Power
Morris & Kittens by Lynda Garibaldi
Nino by Lynda Garibaldi
"Slick" by Earl Payne & John S. Payne
Nino, Missy & Orphan Annie by Karyn Lookabill
Jo Ann Dula's **"Gracie"** by Karyn Lookabill
Sylvester by Norma & Richard Blackburn
Tanner & Elfin by Eunice Maier
My Beloved Cats circa 1950-2006:
Smoky, Rama I, Rama II, Bugar, Russia, Emerson, Sabrina by Mavis Tulluck
Jeannie Bowman's **"Keeper"** by Lynda Garibaldi
Crystal's **"Storm"** by Lynda Garibaldi
Doris & Avery's **"Caspar"** by Lynda Garibaldi

In Honor Of . . .

PEOPLE

Carlton Caroso, Jr. by Mary Lou Price
Karen Clark-Carusio by Mary Lou Price
Karen Clark-Carusio by Jerry & Lois Clark
Linda Clark by Karen Clark-Carusio
Linda Clark by Jerry & Lois Clark
Greg & Sharon Clary by the Guzman Family
Mark, Kasie, Graham and Graleigh Hildebran by Mitch & Debbie Swanson
Karyn Lookabill by Sue & Stan Bumgarner, & Nancy and Bill Jones

ANIMALS

Clawdius, Heckle, Molly, Abigail, Hazel & Lucy by Randy, Mandy & Curtis McGuire

***Iago** -- I recently received the very sad news from Mandy McGuire, crying, that Iago had died. Iago is one of three special needs cats adopted from **Cats' Cradle** a year ago by the McGuire family in Granite Falls. Here is his story: Iago was a black feral cat who, when we trapped him and had him neutered, was missing an eye. He went to live at our outdoor enclosed cattery with the Hyatt Family in Glen Alpine rather than being released with the other feral cats. He became very affectionate, certainly no longer feral. A couple of years later Iago's good eye had to be removed due to an eye infection, leaving him blind. This time he came to live indoors with me. About a year later I awoke to terrible cries of a cat in distress and found Iago going around in circles. He had had a stroke. He survived the stroke and became even more loving and still got around amazingly well. It was another couple of years when the McGuire family saw Iago and fell in love with him (and Clawdius and Heckle). We are so thankful that Iago had the loving individual attention that he deserved the last year of his life. He died peacefully in his sleep on August 15, 2008. As Curtis says, Iago can see again now that he's "Over the Rainbow Bridge."

****Minnie** showed up as a neighborhood stray in very poor condition, terribly skinny and scrawny with poor skin and coat condition. Both I and Carol Dern, the **Cats' Cradle** foster who took care of Minnie, thought she just needed a few weeks of good food, worming and a good flea bath. However, when I took Minnie to the vet for her flea bath and testing, she tested positive for FIV (feline aids). Because Minnie was in such poor condition the vet clinic recommended to us that she be euthanized. Minnie went Over the Rainbow Bridge on August 1st and will be sorely missed.

Chic's Cats

Linda Collins is taking care of Chic's cats. Chic was her longtime friend and avid supporter of *Cats' Cradle* who passed away a few months go. They are not up for adoption, but we wanted to present them here in honor of Chic's memory.



At left is Bitsy, the little orphaned kitten, who was adopted by mama kitty, Maggie.



At right is Simba, a big happy boy laying contentedly on his rug.



Above is Brandon, Bailey's brother



Above is Socks, who loves the fireplace.

Below left is Sylvester, who is enjoying his corner of the rug as well.

At right is Gypsy on her furry rug in the garage.

Below right is Buddy, big brother to Simba.



Above is Bailey, Brandon's brother



ADOPTED!

Hi, Lynda:

Here is the pictures of our cat **Rhett**. We are so happy to have him and we love him so much. We promise him a wonderful future in his forever home. Thank you. Merry Christmas and Happy new year!

Adopter: Tina, Eleine and Yu Sun



Rhett with Tina Hou at Christmas 2007!

TANK and DOZER

David and Amy Cortner adopted **Tank** and **Dozer**, two Maine Coon cats. David reports that they are settling in well, even though Maybelle Estelle, their resident tuxedo, is still unsure about them. Their golden retriever, Jack, has been good as “gold” around them, however. David says that Tank follows him everywhere, while Dozer watches the world going by, joining in only when he feels like it.



Tank and Dozer pose for their new owner

David Cortner is helping with the **Cats' Cradle** website by keeping information current, and updating photos and bios of cats for adoption.

BROWNIE

Brownie looks happy to finally arrive at his forever home.



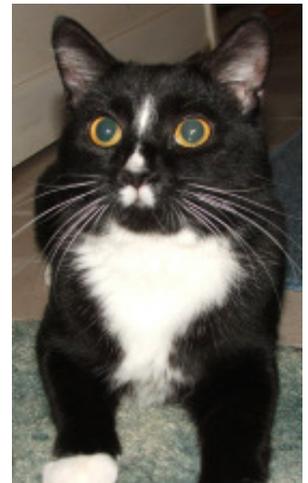
ALLIE

Allie was adopted by Becky Sharpe for her mother, Mary Beth Hall, shown above with Allie. The one thing my mom kept saying when I took her to her was “I can’t believe she’s really mine.” It was very sweet. Allie is doing great and has been great for my mom who just turned 87 last week.

Becky Sharpe

HENRY JR.

Henry Jr. was adopted by Andra and John Caldwell. Andra is an Assistant Manager at PetSmart.



BIG BUDDY

Big Buddy is home! Big Buddy, featured in an earlier news-letter is a senior cat, 12 years old.

ANGEL BABY

Below, **Angel Baby** snoozes in a cage at PetSmart prior to adoption.



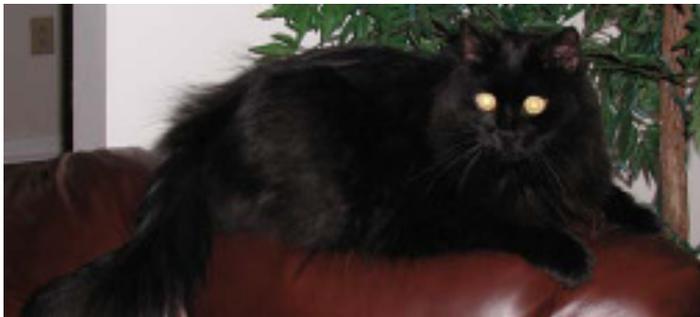
Adoptable Kitties

PRISSY

Pretty **Prissy** is a fat, sassy, and oh-so-beautiful black longhaired PERSIAN, female kitty who was orphaned in January when her elderly owner died. Poor Prissy was sent off to a family member who had a very active household, she knew nothing about children, dogs or other cats and Prissy was miserable!

Now Prissy is in a *Cats' Cradle* foster home where she is blossoming! Prissy LOVES to be petted and is very affectionate, curious and likes to be anywhere her foster people are. Prissy has responded to kindness and patience, once again becoming a charming, entertaining cat who loves being the center of attention and is quite a character!

Pretty Prissy will need a quiet home with no small children or other kitties, so that she gets all the attention and love. Prissy does well with non-aggressive dogs. Prissy is spayed, has all shots and is litter box trained. Call Karyn, 828-638-6565.



JESSICA

Jessica is a large and lean, 6-year-old black female kitty. She is an extremely sweet soul, though shy, and really would appreciate a home with a private space to enjoy. Jess's owner lost her job and had to place 23 rescued kitties, then move out of state. Jessica has a chronic leaky eye, which could possibly be attributed to the stress of sharing quarters with other kitties. This condition could clear up when Jessica has a home of her own.

Cats' Cradle hopes to find a situation for this gentle lady where she can be an only pet with a family who will allow Jessica to have a peaceful, loving home and be the happy kitty that she was meant to be.

If you would like to adopt one of our wonderful cats, donate, volunteer, or foster a kitty, please contact one of the following adoption counselors seven days a week:

Lynda at 828-221-0141 or email at: Lynda@TheCatsCradle.org

MR. WIGGLES

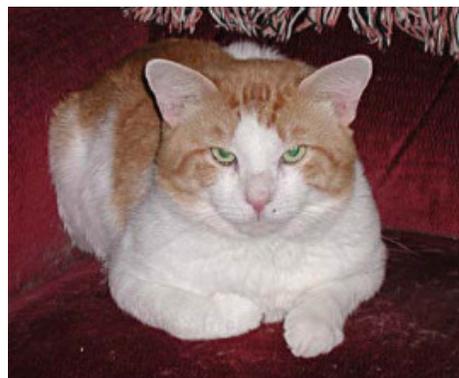
This is sweet **Mr. Wiggles** who was returned by his adopter because her 2 year old son was allergic. Mr Wiggles is a calm and dignified, lap cat, a big teddy bear boy, 7 years old and very very sweet. Mr Wiggles needs love and he has a whole lot of love to give Call Lynda for more information at 828-221-0141.



MEL and YELLO

Mel (right) is one of the many cats for adoption. He has a twin named **Yello** and they are both large, polydactyl male cats who would love to be

adopted together. For more information call Lynda at 828-221-0141.



ARNEY

Arney is a friendly 2-year-old white with orange patches, male kitty who would really like a home of his very own. Arney was a rescued stray and has quickly learned to like good food and a clean bed to sleep in! He is SUPER affectionate and even though Arney is a big guy, he's a bit intimidated by aggressive kitties and would do best in a home with female kitties or no other kitties.

Big sweet huggy bear! Arney is a wonderful companion kitty or family pet. Arney is neutered, up to date on shots, litter box trained and an indoor only kitty. For more information call Lynda at 828-221-0141.

Adoptable Kitties continued on next page

MARGARET



Margaret is a unique, VERY fat and sassy, 2-year-old, bobtail, grey tabby female who came to *Cats' Cradle* with a litter of 6 kittens. She was an excellent mom and now that she has done her duty, Margaret is ready for a home of her very own! She is a character, a very sweet big girl who will respond to love and attention by becoming a cherished member of her new family!

Margaret has a feisty personality that would make her a good pet for a household with no small children. This independent kitty will be a great "only cat". Margaret is spayed, tested, has all shots, is litter box trained and is an indoor only kitty.

If you would like to adopt one of our wonderful cats, donate, volunteer, or foster a kitty, please contact one of the following adoption counselors seven days a week:

Lynda at 828-221-0141 or email at: Lynda@TheCatsCradle.org

Miracles

WE HAVE HAD TWO MIRACLES LATELY!!!!

First one: One Saturday a young couple brought in a box full of 12 kittens, just barely old enough to eat on their own, to the site where we were set up to do adoptions. Already overwhelmed with kittens, we pondered how we could help. But miracles do happen and they did for these baby kittens. First, four of the kittens found homes immediately with families walking around the store. Then a woman named **Brenda Helton** peered into the box of 8 and offered to foster care these eight for *Cats' Cradle*. Brenda is our first miracle.

Second one: Because of home foreclosures, thousands of animals are being abandoned by their owners, or picked up by animal control and put to sleep. A woman named Bobbie is one of these people and she has 60 cats in her care, most of them spayed and neutered. Lynda was able to take four of the older adult cats. Soon after a woman named **Jeannie Campbell**, who saw some of our cats being shown for adoption at the PetsMart store in Hickory, called and offered to foster care for *Cats' Cradle*. Jeannie is fostering eight males from Bobbie's. Jeannie is our second miracle.

By the time you receive this newsletter it may be too late for Bobbie's cats. She has found homes for 32 of them, but the remainder will be seized by animal control at the foreclosure and euthanized. Never giving up hope even at the eleventh hour, *Cats' Cradle* will continue to seek safe shelter for the remaining 28 cats.



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