



WINTER 2016-17 NEWSLETTER

PO BOX 183164, Shelby Township, MI 48318

Dear CTAS Supporters,

Here we are again at the close of yet another year, and like you I am always amazed at how quickly time passes. We feel so blessed this Holiday Season to still be here and still be financially viable. This is totally THANKS to all of you!

Since you last heard from me we have been very busy as usual...not just caring for our nearly 180 cats, but also daily trying to help people with ferals we cannot always take in, and also spending a lot of time helping people w/socialized pet cats who need re-homing or kittens who need to be socialized and then adopted. . We helped two different ladies get their feral colonies vet-checked, vaccinated, and sterilized at very low cost by CTAS's vet. We referred countless people who are helping ferals or socialized cats to various rescues and our own volunteers. One particular case stood out for us and we want to share a short version of Ashlyn's story about how we encouraged her to socialize a feral she named PIPER (see photo).

"It's been a marvelous journey. I quickly fell in love with Piper and couldn't find myself entertaining the thought of adopting her out. We had many hurdles to cross. First Piper was in my basement bathroom confined to a cage. Then she was spayed and received all vaccinations. She graduated from the cage to having the complete bathroom but was still extremely frightened. She finally let me touch her if there was food involved, which I labeled a victory. Piper was in the bathroom for 3 months at which point I built her a 5'x3'x5' pen in the center of the basement. [Readers please note: you can always buy a large dog-sized indoor crate if you are not handy enough to build something. CTAS]

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Moving day was traumatic, but looking back, that's when we turned the corner and things changed for the better. The pen that I built had more room and shelves for her to climb and jump on since cats love vertical spaces. With each passing day she got more adjusted to her pen. I slowly introduced her to my existing cats and allowed them to be all out together when I was home to monitor them. Now, she is so affectionate, demands to be petted, and plays with her toys. It's hard to believe this terrified, defensive animal that bit me the first time I touched her, now is such a loving and well adjusted cat in our home. You said it wouldn't take long and it has been well worth the effort. I'd do it again in a heartbeat." [Actually, it took nearly a year for this transformation, which is longer than usual. But we always try to stress to folks who rescue ferals and bring them inside that they have to be PATIENT, including giving any new and existing cats plenty of time to adjust to one another. CTAS.]

Happy and Safe Holidays to One and All!



Lisa
Lisa Koester
Founder and President

PLEASE SPONSOR A CAT TAIL KITTY

Since Isabella and Tipper who were featured in our last newsletter did not find sponsors, we are giving them another chance now and adding a photo of our lovely Twink.

If you would like to sponsor any of these or any other kitties, please email us at: CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com Sponsorship is \$30 per month and can be sent to us:

🐾 By mail once a month, bi-monthly, quarterly, or annually.

🐾 Via the PayPal link at our website, www.CatTailAcres.com. (Please know that PayPal will take out a small processing fee.)



WELCOME NEW SPONSORS

James Fuqua for sponsoring Mona
Janet Jawor for sponsoring Gravel
Artina Gomez for sponsoring Sweet Baby Cakes



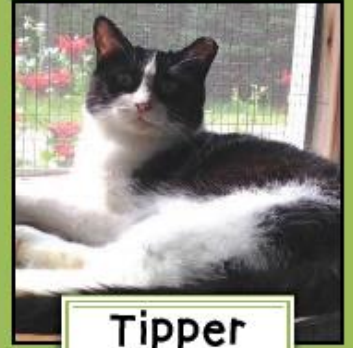
WE NEED YOU

Please consider being a
CTAS Sponsor



Twink

Thank You



Tipper



Isabella

Angel's Tragic Story



Those of you who have given us your email addresses already know that one of our board members, Margaret Conti, rescued a sweet kitten who had been badly abused and dumped on the street, ANGEL. Whoever abused her left her with only one eye and many other health problems. Despite Margaret's and her vet's best efforts, Angel was too malnourished and weak despite efforts to strengthen her prior to surgery, and her heart failed during surgery. THANKS to all of you who sent us donations toward her vet care. And

PLEASE REMEMBER, any time you see someone dumping a pet, try to get their license plate number and report them to your local Animal Control or Police, as that is a crime in Michigan. And this sort of neglect and abuse is also a FELONY.

Special Thanks To Those Who Gave Donations For The Extraordinary Veterinary Care Required By "Angel": Ingrid Alexander, Valerie Binder, Erica & Tim Brown, Jan Cejka, Chris Czedik, Hilary & Dwane Scott Davis, James Fuqua, Kathleen Gauronskas, Kellie Hennen, Jewel Lee, Esther & David Littmann, Paulette & Doug Mullen, Donna & Mike Ortyl, Ellen Piligian, Gail Reichstein, Karen Ross, Elaine & Mike Savage, Candice and Stuart Schafrick, and Barbara Virgilio.

IMPORTANT REMINDER



SHOP at KROGER stores (in Michigan only) using a Kroger Rewards Card **LINKED TO OUR CHARITY**. And...you **must renew** that linkage to CTAS once a year every April (or anytime thereafter if you missed it this April).



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Dana & Duncan Beagle, Erica & Tim Brown, Sandi Giardini, Scott Harris, Esther & David Littman, and David, Lesley & Ava Williams in honor of Ron & Eileen Liska-Stronczer's adored, cat-loving, Siberian Husky, Cassie.

Karen Czedik, in memory of Angela Nazak's beloved grandmother, Norma Westlake.

Bee Friedlander & Don Garlit, in honor of their beloved Fiv cat Blanco, who proved that this ailment is not an early death sentence as far too many claim; and to thank Eileen for her dedication to the Sanctuary.

Atul Gupta, in loving memory and to honor his beloved, late wife, Eirene Gupta.

Eileen Liska-Stronczer and Ron Stronczer in loving memory of two AMAZING Siberian Huskies, their beloved Cassie, and Sandi Giardini's beloved Luna.

Sheila Delucia and Margaret Maines in honor and memory of James Anderson.

Don Von Chawes in memory of his beloved Coots.

Please don't forget that CTAS gets donations from both Amazon Smile & Amazon Associates when shoppers come to them through the active logo link on our website (CatTailAcres.com). Go to the drop down menu called "More" at the top of our home page, followed by clicking on the next drop down link called, "Shop & Save while We Earn Money Too". In 2015, Amazon gave us just over \$735, and we hope to do better this year...but that all depends upon YOU. Details on how to link are on our website. Thanks!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CTAS Still Need of More Volunteers for:

CHARITY POKER

It's easy, fun and you don't have to play poker yourself!

TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP, EMAIL:

We need volunteers to help clean the Sanctuary.

CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com



DO YOU HAVE EMAIL



It really helps us save time and money, as well as greatly facilitates faster and better communications between CTAS and our supporters. For example, supporters without computers missed out on being able to RSVP to our Wine Tasting because we had no way of notifying them in time, and since our printed newsletters only go out three times a year. We also like to send e-letters to donors to thank them every time they send us a donation (not just at the end of the year via snail mail). So *please*, if you have an email address, if you acquire one, or every time you change it, **NOTIFY us ASAP** at: CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com. *Thanks*



Special Thanks to...



Janet Marchand Douglas for her years of managing our mailing list & printing labels. Welcome and Thanks to **Ashlyn Talley** who is taking over that task for us.

Pam & Roger Doyle for donating a brand new kitty condo & cat food to the Sanctuary.

Hermien & Roland Braitsch; Cheryl & Greg Culbertson; Karen Gregg; Billie Lou & Michael Lamb; and Kristin & Russ Scott and Family for their donations in honor of Eileen Liska-Stronczer's birthday.

Paulette Mullen and Printed Impressions for their excellent layout and printing work on our newsletters at a reduced cost.

Ellen Piligian for her generous donation in honor of her beloved late mother Carol and Eileen Liska-Stronczer for all she does for the Sanctuary.

Gail Reichstein for her donation to acknowledge and thank Mark De Angelo for his kindness to her and Aunt Freda.

Jo-Ann Sheehy and the volunteers at the Green Hills Library for the hand-made mats they made for our cats to lie on.

First Annual Wine Tasting Fund Raiser

We had a wonderful, sold-out Wine Tasting Fund Raiser!



Special thanks to all who attended our first wine tasting fund raiser in October which was a big success as everyone really enjoyed it! And a Special THANK YOU to **Ann Marie Venticinque** who organized it, **Sandi Giardini** who sold pet-related items to raise more money, and **Addy Shattuck** who won the 50-50 Raffle and then donated her winnings back to CTAS!



NEW IDEA ON HOW TO HELP OUR KITTIES: CANNING FOR CAT TAILS!

We realize most folks would rather make monetary donations, but for those who like to go out and buy us canned cat food (which our cats get daily along with their dry food to make sure they get enough moisture and is a treat for them), we are always in need of LARGE cans of wet food. Imagine how time-consuming it is to feed 180 cats with tiny or small cans! But it is not always easy to find the large cans. Well...one of our board members recently discovered two stores where you can buy large cans....and best of all at prices MUCH lower than charged in other stores. At K-Mart you can buy the "Cats & Company" brand in 13.2 oz sizes for only 70 cents/each.. And at WalMart you can buy the "Special Kitty" brand in 13 oz sizes for 70 cents/each and in 22 oz sizes for \$1. They also have 12-packs for only \$8.38. You can gather up a large quantity of such large cans over time and then email us at our gmail address and we'll arrange a pickup to make it easy for you.

Donations of any amount are always needed and appreciated. Please mail them to: Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary, P.O. Box 183164, Shelby Township, MI 48318. You may also go our website www.CatTailAcres.com and use the Donate link that allows you to use PayPal. Just remember they do take a small processing fee out of your donation....unless you specify otherwise with them. *Thank you so much for caring and helping.*



Please join us for the 2nd annual
FUR BALL

April 8, 2017



PRESENTED BY:



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When: April 8, 2017 • 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Where: Suburban Collection Showplace Hyatt Place
 Platinum Ballroom in the Diamond Center
 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI 48374



HIGHLIGHTS →

- Cocktail Reception and Dinner with Cash Bar
- Music to Dance Away the Night by *The Rick Leider Band*
- Live and Silent Auctions
- Cocktail Attire
- 100% of the Proceeds Benefits Charities

We are so thrilled and grateful to have been invited to be one of three worthy animal protection charities, along with the Michigan Animal Adoption Network and Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit, to host this fantastic fund raiser!

The information on this page is also on CTAS's website and Facebook page. Please notice that unlike the \$150-\$300 most animal charities charge for a ticket to an event of this caliber, our ticket cost is \$100/person! For that you get delicious regular and/or vegetarian food, and lots of entertainment. This event aims to give each charity a chance to earn a sizable amount (the goal is a minimum of \$10,000 per charity)...IF each charity's supporters attend and get others to attend! And by the same token,

FOR FULL DETAILS, TO PURCHASE TICKETS, OR TO BECOME A SPONSOR:



Go to this link:

www.funraising4animalrescue.org/furball



email: furball@funraising4animals.org



If you do not have computer access, phone Michelle Mullen at: 248-615-9060

if we do not generate our fair share of attendance, it is unlikely we will be invited to do this again. So, **PLEASE, WE ARE COUNTING ON EVERY PERSON WHO CARES ABOUT CTAS, INCLUDING OUR BOARD AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**, to buy tickets to attend, **SELL** tickets to others, or consider being a Sponsor! Of course also feel free to email CTAS (CatTailAcres.com) with your questions.