



SPRING-SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER





PO BOX 183164, Shelby Township, MI 48318

Dear CTAS Supporters,



Happy Spring to Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary Supporters!

Our cats were as glad as the rest of us that we had such a mild winter, and that they got to spend so much time on the porch this winter. I hope all of you are doing well, that your pets are all well, and as always I want to give each of you my heartfelt thanks for all the monetary and other support we receive from all of you!

We have been busy as usual...not just caring for our cats at the Sanctuary, but each and every day helping the many people who contact us for help with ferals, semi-ferals, unwanted/lost/abandoned socialized cats, or kittens. None of this important rescue work would be possible without the help and dedication of our own volunteers or the large network of cat rescues with whom we collaborate. Some of the cats we helped were:

-  An elderly, shy cat whose owner was dying and was placed in a new loving home.
-  An abandoned, sweet cat who was rescued by one of our supporters whom we helped through the rescue process, and before we could place the cat, they became attached and kept him.
-  Two very old cats whose owner was dying of cancer and whom we helped place into new homes.
-  Two sister cats whose owner was ill and whom we placed temporarily until their owner recovered.
-  We and two of our volunteers helped a homeless and disabled lady find a new home, and one where she could keep her three cats and dog.
-  Had the Vet Clinic with whom CTAS works do several very low-cost S/Ns, vaccinations and vet care for people we helped to set up a managed feral colony near their work.



-  One of our supporters whom we guided through a rescue turned a very frightened feral Calico into her newest loving cat, Olive, whose picture is featured above.
-  We were able to help a rescuer place a young, otherwise healthy cat who has Fiv with the Humane Society of Huron Valley, who will find the cat a home. HSHV is a remarkable shelter that goes the extra mile for all animals brought to them.

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This work is never-ending but so rewarding. We are very proud of how much we accomplish with so few volunteers and resources. So PLEASE let us know if you or your rescue can network with us so, together, we can help even more cats and people.


Lisa

Lisa Koester
Founder and President

PLEASE SPONSOR A CAT TAIL KITTY

Since Tipper and Twink who were featured in our last newsletter did not find sponsors, we are giving them another chance now and adding a photo of our awesome Samson. *(We are saddened to report that Isabella who was in the last newsletter has passed away from old age kidney failure. She left this world very peacefully with love surrounding her.)*

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 monthly, 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.)*

WE NEED YOU

Please consider being a CTAS Sponsor



Twink



Tipper



Samson



Thank
You!



UPDATE ON CTAS FOOD DONATION BARRELS & PET STORES WHO HELP US

CTAS removed our cat food donation barrel from the **Pet Supplies Plus** store in Milford as it was not generating enough donations to warrant the effort to send a volunteer there. But not far from Milford, you could shop at CTAS Advisory Bd. Member Addy Shattuck's two **Pet Supplies Plus** stores in White Lake on M59 (which has one of our food donation barrels) or on Cooley Lake Rd. Her **PSP** store on Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills also has a food donation barrel. We also have a food donation barrel at the **PSP** store on VanDyke in Washington Twp. We have a couple of food barrels and/or get lots of donated food from our great supporter Mike Palmer's **Premier Pet Supply** stores in Beverly Hills, Novi, Livonia, and Rochester Hills. And though we do not have barrels at these stores, we do get lots of food donations and deals from the **PetSmart** stores at: Orchard Lake & 14 MI in West Bloomfield; Telegraph and 12 MI in Southfield; and Adams Rd. & M59 in Rochester Hills. THANKS to all of them! Please thank them for helping CTAS and show your support for them by shopping at these stores.



CTAS KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM CHANGE

- Kroger recently decided that its Rewards Card Shoppers who tie their shopping to charities to whom Kroger then makes monetary donations, **NO LONGER HAVE TO RENEW THEIR CARD'S LINKAGE TO THEIR CHARITY OF CHOICE ON OR AFTER APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR.** This is good news as it was hard for people to remember to do this. For those of you without computers, smart phones, or pads, you can phone Kroger Customer Service at 877-576-7587 and they will link your rewards card to CTAS, or in general help you with any questions you may have. But do know that the only way to initially get your rewards card is at a Kroger store. This program really helps us raise funds, so thank you so much.

HELPFUL INFO ON CTAS AMAZON



ASSOCIATES & SMILE REWARDS PROGRAMS

- It has come to our attention that people who access our website with smart phones or pads do not see quite the same thing on our home page as those who use computers. On a computer one sees the word MORE in the upper right corner which links to the complete Menu. But on a smart phone or pad, you see three horizontal lines in the upper left corner and that is the link to the Menu. Hope this helps clear up any confusion, so more people can participate and help us increase our fundraising with them. *Thank you.*



FINANCIAL REPORT

CTAS's Treasurer recently completed her annual analysis of our Income and Expenditures for 2016, and then compared those numbers to 2015. It is a good thing we had a successful Fur Ball fund raiser this April because our balance after income minus expenditures for 2016 was only \$1,207.99 versus \$16,253.27 in 2015! Direct donations went up a bit from \$38,000 to \$41,000...THANKS to you, our wonderful regular donors. Among other things, we spent more on cat food, litter, veterinary medicines, electricity, and auto insurance. Our largest income drop of over \$15,000 was from Charity Poker because of regulatory changes by the State which favor casinos at the expense of charities. We are hoping that Charity Poker in 2017 will be better.

Now that Spring is here and we have had a chance to analyze the condition of the Sanctuary itself, we have decided that we MUST put a proper roof on the porch, put a new vinyl floor in one of the rooms inside, do some re-screening, painting, etc. It is going to take most of the summer to slowly get all these refurbishment projects completed so we, regrettably, will not have an OPEN HOUSE this June 25th as we had hoped. If we can get everything done, we hope to hold one in September. We will notify you on our website and via email if and when we re-schedule. And, if you can make a special donation toward the repairs we have to make this year, that would be very much appreciated.



HOW YOU CAN HELP



- 🐾 Buy one or more of our new 2018 CTAS Desk Calendars for \$12 plus postage. AFTER JUNE 1st, email or phone CTAS Bd. Member Elaine Savage at emsavage@comcast.net; 586-212-0024, to place your order.
- 🐾 If you have given us a cat or cats and are not making contributions toward their care, PLEASE remember we were there for you when you needed us so please do your part.
- 🐾 Please consider helping by being a Charity Poker Volunteer. You do not play poker yourself, and it is not difficult. Simple tasks are shared by three volunteers and we need these funds.
- 🐾 Hold a Garage Sale, a Parlour Party, or a Jeans Day Fund Raiser at your place of employment, and donate the funds you raise to CTAS. Let us know if YOU have any fundraising ideas.
- 🐾 Keep making monetary and/or cat food donations to us so we can ensure the lifetime care of the cats at the Sanctuary, and can continue helping all the other cats we divert into rehab and adoption. ***We Cannot Thank You Enough!***

2nd ANNUAL WINE TASTING FUND RAISER



FILIPO MARC WINERY

**Saturday
Oct. 21, 2017
5PM**

**39085 Garfield, Clinton Twp, MI 48038
586-226-3990
(NW corner of 17 Mile & Garfield,
next to Lucianos Restaurant)**

- ➔ Please arrive no later than 4:45 pm (5pm prompt start).
- ➔ \$35 per person, includes: 15 wine samples and delicious appetizers.
- ➔ 50/50 Raffle Tickets for sale at the event.

Event limited by space to 30 people.

FUR BALL

A PURRFECT EVENING!

The Fundraiser held together with Friends of Animals of Metro Detroit and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network on April 8th was successful beyond expectations!



To reserve a spot, please email: ann.venticinque@vw.com, or send your Reservation Payment to her, due NO LATER THAN SEPT. 11, 2017. Make your charitable tax-deductible check payable to: Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary, but mail your check to: Ann Marie Venticinque, 49642 Golden Lake Dr., Shelby Twp, MI 48315.



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Thanks To:

Linda George for her donation in memory of her dear friend **JoAnn Barker**.

Meredith & Howard Goldberg for their donation in loving memory of their FIV cat, Sirius, who was a wonderful friend to all their pets.

Atul Gupta for his generous donation on the occasion of the 1st anniversary of the passing of his beloved wife Eirene.

Billie Lou & Michael Lamb in loving memory of their beloved kitties Abby, Wacket and Yellow.

Brenda Shufelt in loving memory of Betty Honhart.

Dr. Milton & Edith Simmons, in memory of **Gail Reichstein's** beloved Baby.

Lisa Koester and CTAS wish to extend their personal sincere condolences to our dear Benefactor, **Gail Reichstein**, over the passing of her precious cat, **BABY**, who truly was her dearest baby and can never be replaced.



Special Thanks to...



Greg Culbertson & Cheryl Stronczer Culbertson for making a donation to celebrate Christmas on behalf of Ron Stronczer and Eileen Liska-Stronczer.

Christine Czedik for making terrific mats for the cats.

Elaine Greene for her donation "in honor of Eileen Liska-Stronczer, for her life-long dedication and work making a real difference for animals. She is a true hero."

Caleb Hall, an amazing 10-year-old, who asked people to donate to CTAS instead of giving him birthday gifts, and presented us with a generous bundled donation. He is just the sort of next generation animal advocate the world needs. His action has motivated CTAS to create a special YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD so he and other young advocates can become more active.

Billie Lou & Michael Lamb for separately celebrating Eileen Liska-Stronczer's and Ron Stronczer's birthdays by donating to CTAS.

Melanie Mitchell for doing a CrowdRise fund raiser for the Sanctuary this past Christmas, and raising \$1,026.85 for us!! We were overwhelmed by her dedication.

Tamara Munro for her donation in honor of 10-year-old Caleb Hall's birthday.

Ellen Piligian, who wrote us that her end-of-2016 donation was made "in loving memory of my mother, Carol Piligian, a lifelong friend and advocate for all creatures great and small. She taught me well."

Gail Reichstein, on behalf of herself and her late mother Goldie, for donating to CTAS in TRIBUTE and thanks for the kindness, care, and devotion given to her beloved BABY before she passed by: DVM Kari Beer; DVM Dov Lisner; DMV Andrew Benigna; DVM Andrea Switch; and DVM Joseph Winter. Gail also donated in TRIBUTE and thanks to Lisa Koester for all the years she came to help care for Baby by clipping her nails.

Christina Stronczer for celebrating both Eileen Liska-Stronczer's birthday and Christmas by donating to CTAS.

Kaitlyn Wightman for celebrating Christmas for her cat-loving sister Stephanie Wightman by making a donation to our Sanctuary.

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*



EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS



To the young person who hand-made some really cute, ornate cat cubbies/condos for us and left them for us at the Premier Pet Supply store in Novi. We only wish we knew the identity of this amazingly thoughtful and industrious young person? If he or she sees this, please get in touch with us at CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com. Here's a photo of some of our cats enjoying two of the condos.



Please support Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary which is unique in Michigan and the USA by sponsoring a cat, or donating to us at the address here or at our website's Donate link. Thank You!

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