



Fall 2013 Newsletter

Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary's Open House in new location a huge success!

Despite the heat, over 100 people came to our first Open House, and we are thrilled to report that everyone was impressed with our new home for our 212 cats. Our partner charity Cat Tail Kitties brought kittens that were available for adoption and we made sure all attendees knew that they could sponsor any of our sanctuary cats; or better yet, adopt one or more of our many formerly feral but now socialized cats. We raised two months worth of operating funds through the generosity of our supporters who attended, or who bought our new t-shirts. Very special THANK YOUs go out to Marian Harvey for her extremely generous donation; and to Gail Reichstein and her family for all their donations made in honor of Gail's beloved late mother, Goldie Leider Reichstein, who rescued and cared for many cats in her lifetime, and in whose honor we dedicated our new porch.. We hope to have another Open House next year in the late spring before it gets too hot, so please come back again, or join us if you couldn't come this year. Thanks to everyone who made this event a success; especially our Board Members who helped us prepare for and execute this fun gathering.

~LISA KOESTER~

In between taking tours of the Sanctuary, supporters enjoyed mingling under the shade trees on our beautiful property.

Sanctuary Founder & President Lisa Koester w/Benefactor Gail Reichstein & her Family



Some of the cats enjoying their screened-in porch.

Ashley Simmons had so much fun playing with the cats!



Please come adopt one of our formerly feral but now socialized, friendly cats. Or, if you already have pets, please consider sponsoring one of our cats. More photos of our cats can be seen at our website: www.CatTailAcres.com



Paris



Sherman



Remy



Waldo



Supporter Cheryl Phillips with her "Sponsored" cat, Devon

And special THANKS to Sandi Giardini for sponsoring Shelly and Blue, and Rose Forte for sponsoring Gandolf.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR SANCTUARY RAISE NEEDED FUNDS

CAT TAIL ACRES SANCTUARY'S CHARITY POKER FUNDRAISERS

We are in need of volunteers to help us staff the last three Charity Poker Fundraisers we are having this year at Sunnybrook (7191 E. 17 MI Rd. in Sterling Heights). Volunteers need only work one shift and work in pairs: one person sells or cashes in poker chips, and one person records the cash in and out on a laptop. It's a lot of fun and the **proceeds are absolutely crucial to the financial survival of our sanctuary.** The dates are: Oct. 27-30; Nov. 24-27; Dec. 2-5. For more information or If you can PLEASE help us out, email us at: CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com

SHELBY TOWNSHIP 4th ANNUAL JINGLE BELL RUN!

The 4th Annual Shelby Township Jingle Bell Run will be on Sunday December 22nd. Registration is at 7:30A and the 5k Run (or Walk) (which is only 3.1 miles) begins at 9A. Location is on VanDyke just north of 23 MI Rd. **Cat Tail Acres is one of the charities that receives the earnings from this fun event (last year we got \$2,000 and organizers are hoping to increase that amount this year),** so we hope you will consider either participating in the Run or Walk, or helping out as a volunteer. Mike Ward, the husband of Cat Tail Acres Board Member Debbie Ward, is helping organize this fundraiser. So for further information, to volunteer, or to register to do the Run or Walk please email him at: michaelward@cttsbi.com

VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED

1) Is there anyone who would be willing to organize a giant Garage-Flea Market type sale for us? We would provide contact info of people who would donate items, and our Sec.-Treasurer is willing to secure a large indoor space for free. Just need one or more people to gather items and organize the sale.

2) Is there anyone who would be willing to set up an eBay account for us in order to sell/auction donated items? We already have some items that are sales-worthy but need someone to do the eBay part of this?

If you are interested in helping with either of these fundraising ideas, email us at: CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com or phone CTAS Board Member Elaine Savage at 586-212-0024.

IT COSTS A LOT TO PROPERLY CARE FOR 212 CATS, SO PLEASE REMEMBER HOW MUCH YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED. YOU CAN CONVENIENTLY MAKE A DONATION ANYTIME BY MAIL OR AT OUR WEBSITE:

www.CatTailAcres.com

Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary, P. O. Box 183164, Shelby Township, MI 48318; or by credit card and using the PayPal link at (www.CatTailAcres.com). Thank you for all your support. We work hard to live up to the trust our donors (and our 212 cats) place in us!



Please note that in January all donors will receive a letter with the total amount of their 2013 donations to use when they do their taxes.

CAT TAIL ACRES SANCTUARY T-SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SALE

The new CTAS t-shirts we created and sold during our Open House this summer are still available for sale but only in sizes Large, Extra-large, and XXL. (When we sell out we will be able to justify the expense of getting more made and then we will have Smalls and Mediums again.) The Large and XLs are \$20 and the XXLs are \$25. As you can see from the photo, the t-shirts are very attractive, and they are made of pre-shrunk 100% cotton. The front has the words Cat Tail Acres on it and the back has our new logo on it. To save on your postage costs, we make every effort to hand-deliver them to you. So help support the sanctuary by getting and wearing our shirts! Email us at: CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com to place your order.



SHOP FOR THINGS YOU PLAN TO BUY ANYWAY, EITHER ONLINE OR AT THE STORES YOU LIKE, AND HELP US EARN MONEY EVEN AS YOU ALSO EARN CASH BACK..A WIN-WIN!

REMINDER: In our Spring Newsletter we introduced you to the fundraising programs we are participating in with Amazon.com and Market America's Shop.com websites (if you wish to refresh your memory please visit our website). All you need to do is go to www.Shop.com, register as a new user by creating a user name & password, and letting them know you were referred by lakoester@hotmail.com, then just go and see how over 3,000 retail and online sellers are available to you. You earn cash back from each purchase (sometimes twice: from Shop.com and from the specific retailers), and we earn a % of your sale too! In the case of Amazon.com, you MUST click on their Logo which is on the face page of our website (www.CatTailAcres.com) in order to enter their site (even if you are already an Amazon.com customer) so we can get credit for your purchases.



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SANCTUARY WISH LIST:

- * We REALLY need more CANNED cat food donations (other than Kroger brand) because we are thankfully getting a lot of dry food donations
- * Bounty paper towels
- * New or Used Video Camera
- * Bleach
- * K.O.E. (a special concentrated cleaning solution used by many shelters and vet clinics that lasts a long time and works better than any other product). Available online from manufacturer Thornell, or by phone: 888-873-3442

CAT FOOD DONATION BIN PROGRAM, Thanks to:

All those who set up cat food donation bins for us! This is a very meaningful and easy way you can help us since our largest annual cost is cat food and these donations have really helped us this year. If you would like to help us in this way, we can make the bin for you. Let us know at:

CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com

Esther Littmann & Eileen Liska-Stronczer, neighbors who hosted separate 4th of July parties and had guests bring cat food instead of dishes to pass.

The Michigan Humane Society for all its ongoing food donations.

And the stores who have either allowed us to have donation bins and/or who donate food:

Scott Slater at Pet Supplies Plus in Milford.

Marketplace Pet Supplies on Dixie Hwy & White Lake Rd. in Clarkston.

Robin at Target on S. Rochester Road in Rochester Hills.

The Pet Supplies Plus store in Rochester on University near Livernois.

The Kroger in Rochester on Livernois near University.

And especially Addy Shattuck, who not only let us put bins at two of her three Pet Supplies Plus stores (in White Lake on M-59 and in Bloomfield Hills, on Telegraph, north of Square Lake Rd.), but who has very generously and consistently been giving us large quantities of dry cat food!"

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO FREQUENT THE PET STORES WHICH ARE HELPING US SO YOU CAN DONATE CAT FOOD FOR OUR BINS, AND TO THANK THESE STORES FOR HELPING CAT TAIL ACRES!



We are considering selling **Life's Abundance** pet foods as both a way of raising funds, and because it is such a popular and high quality/healthy food at a time when more and more pet foods are being recalled, or should be. We need to get an idea about how many of our supporters might be interested in switching to this food before we make a decision, so please email us at: CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com or phone Bd. Member Elaine Savage at 586-212-0024 to let us know if you're interested. For more info go to this link:

<http://www.lifesabundance.com/Pets/LifesAbundance/DogFoodCompare.aspx?realname=20103515&cat=0&hdr=&Ath=False>

Special Acknowledgement Donations

SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE BUSINESSES:

John Stoettle of Family of Pets pet stores for putting donation canisters in his stores and then matching whatever is raised!

Tractor Supply on Van Dyke in Washington Twp for the discount they give us on the Pine Pellet horse bedding which we use instead of, and is superior to and less expensive than, cat litter.

Weingartz on Van Dyke for everything they did to help us when the used mower we bought turned out to be a lemon, and for selling us a better used mower at a discount.

1800PetMeds which donated \$500 worth of over-the-counter veterinary medical and other cat care products to the sanctuary.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE GONE ABOVE & BEYOND WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING THE SANCTUARY; A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Craig Fulton for building the porch, Ron Stronczer for helping him, and Linda Johnson for doing the finishing work on the porch and other projects.

Mark Rumble and his friend Mike Durst for putting in a ceiling, roof vent, and fans in the porch to keep it cooler when it is really hot outdoors.

Jim Adams for building the special cat-proof window frames, and for installing the stairway railing and banister.

Tim Watterson for regularly picking up skids of our pine pellet litter and mowing our lawn.

Barb Moten for weeding and planting flowers.

Elaine Savage and Carol Watterson for being regular weekly volunteers to help clean and care for the cats.

Karen Czedik for helping get our new picture-logo designed.

Christa McElroy for drawing the new Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary name-logo.

Dawn Barnes, for her years of dedicated volunteerism, including working on the newsletters and charity poker in years past, doing our annual candle fundraiser, and HAND-crafting the MOST beautiful greeting and note cards you ever saw (which we sell).

All of our other board members and volunteers who help Lisa keep the sanctuary clean, and give the cats their attention and love!

MEMORIAL & SPECIAL DONATIONS, Thanks to:

Franca Dotto, in honor and memory of Plinio Dotto

Karen Keck, in honor of Brandy Deel's beloved mother, Trish Deel

John Kosniewski, Jr., in honor of his sister Elaine Savage's birthday

Ann & Al Reslow in honor of their beloved late kitty, Smokey

Pat Wendling, in loving memory of Vicky Palucki who loved her kitties and the Detroit Tigers

Cheryl Stronczer & Greg Culbertson, in honor of Eileen Liska-Stronczer on Mother's Day