



SPRING/SUMMER 2015 NEWSLETTER

PO Box 183164, Shelby Township, MI 48318

Hello to all of our dedicated members and supporters!

I couldn't be happier to be writing to you in early April, as I see all of the Robins, Cardinals, and so many other birds back in our yard and the sounds of Spring all around us here in the beautiful, peaceful countryside. For a while it felt like the long, cold winter would never end. With all the extremely cold days we had even some of our hardest feral cats didn't want to go out onto our screened porch. But all the cats are certainly out there now, and enjoying the better weather.

The winter out here was relatively uneventful. Our automatic whole-house generator refused to perform its weekly check cycle one day so I phoned the company who sold and installed it to have it fixed. We learned that the extreme cold was preventing it from going on. As a result we had to buy a special \$400 insulated cover for the generator so that extreme cold wouldn't affect its operation.



Our Scotchie and Minerva enjoying a simple box we fixed up for them!

Our first Pet Photos w/Santa Fundraiser last December at the Pet Supplies Plus in Bloomfield Hills was a moderate success, but we were disappointed that only one of our members showed up that day? On the back page of this newsletter you will see a lovely photo of a couple who came in with their dog. We will hold this event again this coming December 12 at the same location from Noon to 5P, so we truly hope more of our supporters will stop by and take home a lovely keepsake photo.

Sadly, several of our very old cats passed away this past winter, and we took in a few cats who replaced them. The cats we accepted last year came from existing, member-donors who we know will help financially support these cats. For reasons inexplicable to us, we have far too many cats we took in good faith from people who promised to help us

care for them, and then they broke their promises. Unfortunately, this has forced us to be much more selective about those from whom we accept cats, and how many cats overall we can have. Because most of our cats are not adoptable, we are not like other rescues who can bring in revenue from adoptions or from grants from foundations, since most grantors want to see cats adopted and do not comprehend that we are a "sanctuary" for mostly unadoptable cats.

Last, I am so excited to tell you to please mark your calendars and stop by to meet us and the cats at our **Third Annual Open House on Sunday June 7th, anytime between 2-7PM**. As usual, we will have free refreshments, tours of the Sanctuary, and various adorable animal-related items for sale. This year we are especially pleased to be selling insulated outdoor cat shelters and a new outdoor cat feeding station...both built and generously donated to us for fundraising purposes by Al and Donna Bunnell. We are also selling cute but durable CTAS-logo shopping satchels, and have a dozen donated indoor kitty houses. Everyone has such a good time at our Open Houses, and it is such a peaceful setting in the country so please come and see us for the first time, or come back again. We love seeing you. RSVP details are on page four.

As always, we would not be here WITHOUT YOU and all the incredible support we receive. So, I send each and every one of you my heartfelt thanks.

Lisa Koester

Founder & President

PLEASE SPONSOR OR ADOPT A CAT TAIL ACRES KITTY

So many of our supporters already have multiple pets at home and cannot add any more. So a meaningful way to help us care for our cats is to become a "Sponsor", and select a specific cat or more than one cat to support. If we factor in all expenses involved in operating the Sanctuary, it costs about \$30 a cat per month. We can receive sponsorship donations once a month, every other month, every quarter, biannually, or annually...whichever is most convenient for the sponsor. We send you a photo of the cat or cats you sponsor and keep you updated on his or her well-being. You can also visit your sponsored cat or cats. We now have several supporters who are Sponsors so we hope you will consider joining them. As always, we are grateful for any and all help.

WELCOME to our latest Sponsor, April Soule, who helps us care for "Ice".



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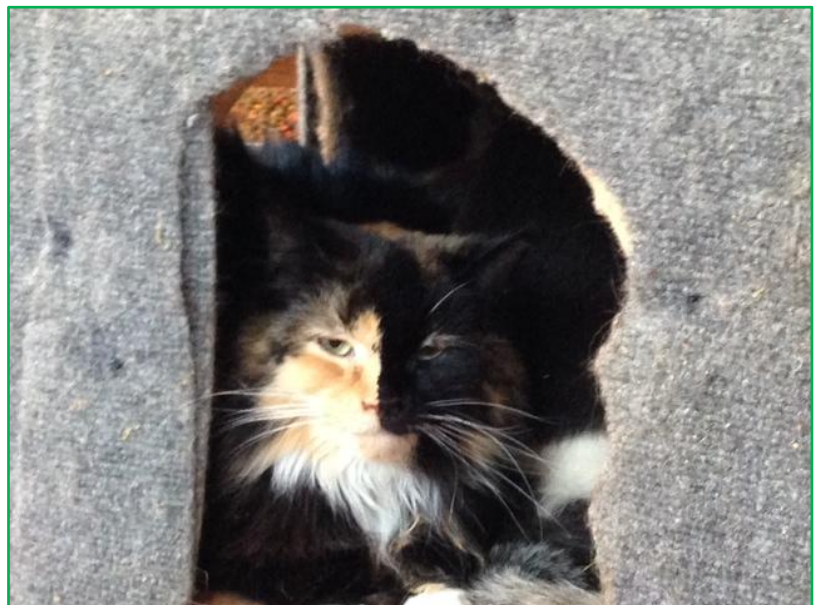


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Two Face



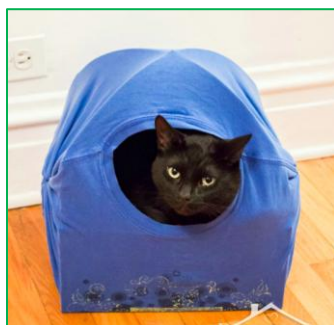
SOME USEFUL ITEMS YOU CAN GET FROM US BY PLACING AN ORDER BY MAIL, COMING TO THE JUNE 7th OPEN HOUSE, OR EMAILING US AT:

CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com

The Outdoor Cat Shelters are insulated, and are very durable. You can get one for a \$50 donation.



In addition to our t-shirts, these great Tote Bags will be available at the Open House for a \$15 donation.



The indoor cat houses were cleverly made with t-shirts, and are available for a \$20 donation.



The outdoor feeding station for cats is sturdily built and costs \$150. (Cost of wood alone is \$100).

DON'T FORGET THESE UPCOMING CTAS FUNDRAISERS

(Don't hesitate to email us for more information. And please remember we are always in need of more volunteers for our Charity Gaming Fundraisers.)

- ❖ Charity Gaming Fundraiser at Sunnybrook in Sterling Hts, May 20, 21, 22, 23 from 2P to Closing.
- ❖ 3rd Annual Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary OPEN HOUSE, Sunday June 7th anytime from 2 to 7 PM. Please RSVP BY NO LATER THAN MAY 25th by emailing us, or phoning CTAS Board Member. Elaine Savage at 586-212-0024. Directions will be given to all who RSVP.
- ❖ Charity Poker Fundraiser at Big Beaver Tavern, in Troy, June 24, 25, 26, 27 from 6P to Closing.
- ❖ Charity Gaming Fundraiser at Sunnybrook, August 12, 13, 14, 15 from 2P to Closing.
- ❖ Our Final Charity Gaming Fundraiser is still To Be Determined but will in final quarter of this year.
- ❖ Pet Photos with Santa Fundraiser at Pet Supplies Plus at 2057 S. Telegraph Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-222-7545, Dec. 12 from Noon to 5P.
- ❖ Sixth Annual Jingle Bell 5k Run or Walk at the Community Center in Shelby Twp, Dec. 13 at 9A. For more info or to sign up please email Michael Ward at michaelward@cttsbi.com.



Jessica & Ryan Scheuerman & their dog Baxter with our wonderful volunteer Santa, Michael Even, at our first Pet Photos w/Santa Fundraiser!

SANCTUARY WISH LIST:

- Any brand of LARGE (13 oz.) cans of wet cat food.
- Dry cat food.
- Walmart or Home Depot gift cards.
- Foster homes for kittens and socialized, or socializable, adult cats.
- Bleach, laundry detergent, fabric softener, and paper towels.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Elaine & Mike Savage for conceiving and generously paying for our new CTAS shopping tote bags as a fundraiser.

Carol & Tim Watterson for always picking up our pallets of pine pellets which we use as litter.

Janet Marchand Douglas for continuing to do the layout work on our newsletters.

Glenda Langdon, who is relieving Janet of the laborious job of folding and placing the newsletters in envelopes along with putting on the labels and stamps.

Julie Tirony for taking care of our Facebook page.

Denise Eichberg for editing our website for us.

All the CTAS volunteers who work our Charity Gaming Fundraisers. These four annual events help us raise about a quarter of our annual budget so we are profoundly grateful to them!

Michael & Billie Lou Lamb, and to Cheryl Stronczer & Greg Culbertson, for their Donations in honor of Eileen Liska-Stronczer's Birthday.

Michael & Billie Lou Lamb, Kellie & Zak Love, and Kristin & Russell Scott, for their Christmas Donations in honor of Eileen Liska-Stronczer.

Gail Reichstein for her Donations in honor of the Birthdays of Marlene Adler, Eileen Leider, Michael Lewis, Brian Palencik, Ashley Simmons, Harlan Simmons, Ryan Simmons, and Shelda Soble.

Jill VanBuskirk for her Christmas Donation in honor of her niece, Libby VanBuskirk.

Sandi Giardini for her Memorial Donation in Loving Memory of her sister Sheri Giardini's adored cat Angeliqye.

Ron Stronczer & Eileen Liska-Stronczer for their Memorial Donation in Loving Memory of their dear friend and fellow cat lover, Al Reslow.

We apologize to both Dr. Irene Metro and Sandy & Patrick Reynolds, because the Memorial Photo we had in our last newsletter was not the Reynolds' "Powder Puff" as we stated, but of Dr. Metro's "Ginger". Our sincerest condolences again to all of them for their loss.

SPECIAL THANKS cont'd

Mike Palmer, the owner of Premier Pet in Southfield, who works directly with our members Kelly & Betty Tower, to keep us in constant supply of dry and canned dog food. Not long ago we were nearly out of food and he jumped right in and got tons of food for the Towers to give us.

Jonathan & his team at the Petsmart at Adams & M59, and Sam and her team at the Petsmart at Orchard Lake & 14 Mile, who work with the Towers' to get us hundreds of cans of cat food and lots of dry food too.

Addy Shattuck, the owner of three Pet Supplies Plus stores for her ongoing generosity by donating food, sponsoring the Pet Photos w/Santa fundraiser for us, and who helps in so many other ways.

We hope you will shop at the pet shops who help us, and those who allow us to have food donation barrels (Pet Supplies Plus in Bloomfield Hills, Highland, Milford, and Washington Twp-Romeo). Don't forget to thank them for helping Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary. And thanks to Sue and Jessica for monitoring our food donation barrels. Lisa is monitoring the barrel in Romeo but we'd like to replace her with a volunteer so if you live near that area please email us to let us know if you could take over for her. She is busy enough.

YOUR DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED!

YOU MAY USE THIS FORM TO MAIL US YOUR DONATION(s) OR IF YOU PREFER, YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEBSITE'S (www.CatTailAcres.com) LINK TO ACCESS PAYPAL (be aware that they take out a small fee for processing).

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____

(If you have an email address, please email it to us at CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com. It saves us a lot of time and postage costs when we can avoid using regular mail. Thank you.

DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____

Write or email us if you wish to buy a CTAS T-shirt, CTAS Tote Bag, Outdoor cat shelter, Outdoor cat feeding station, or Indoor cat cubby-house (we only have a dozen), or to inquire about ways you can volunteer to help. Note that our Annual Financial Report will appear in our next newsletter.

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