



StreetCats

FALL 2015



Find out how one young man's church project became a special blessing for Street-



Cats! See story on page 5.

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Unwanted feline behaviors have a reason

By Lin Egermeier

Zsa Zsa Garage isn't a room in my house; she's my cat, and it seems with every passing day, I am getting a better understanding of her behaviors.

Behaviorists will tell you that "cats evolved independently, without the need for understanding social cues."

If they scratch the sofa and you yell at them and wave your arms, they just think you are about to attack, and they run for cover or give you that blank stare.

I'm sharing a few experiences I've learned over the years.

Carpet cleaning? Every couple of years, my husband and I would deep-clean the carpets. Each time we finished, as if on cue, both of our cats would lose their lunch in every single room.

Cats are very sensitive to smell, they were close to the ground, and the smell of the cleaner was literally making them sick.

Note to self: Send cat to the vet until the carpets are dry and then vacuum carpets before cat comes home.

Bronchitis? There was a lady who had a kitty that coughed all of the time.

The vet performed all kinds of tests, yet they could never find anything wrong. Then one day, her air freshener ran out, and she noticed the cat stopped coughing.

Think of all the different cleaning products we use, and our pets are down there on the floors.

Litter-box problems? Cats who have been poorly declawed can have issues of one type or another.

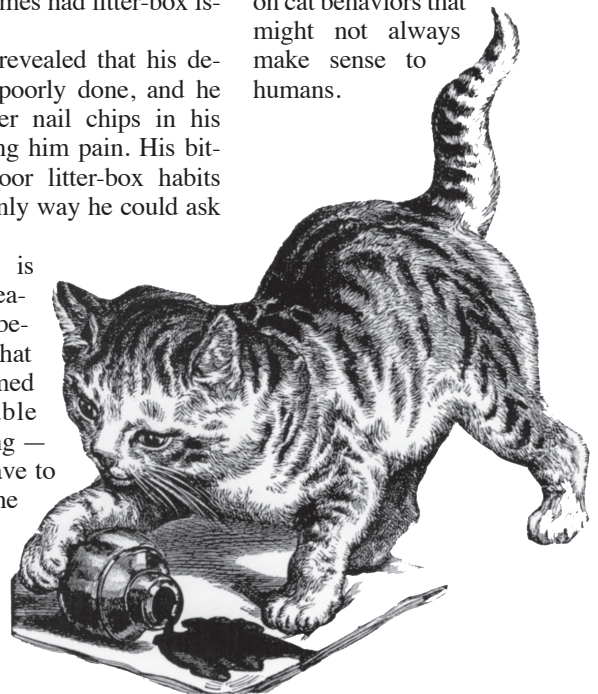
I met a cat who would bite anyone he perceived as a threat and sometimes had litter-box issues.

X-rays revealed that his declaw was poorly done, and he had leftover nail chips in his feet, causing him pain. His biting and poor litter-box habits were the only way he could ask for help.

There is always a reason for behaviors that are deemed unacceptable or confusing — you just have to look for the reason.

I will be interviewing a behaviorist

before the next newsletter and plan to have more info for you on cat behaviors that might not always make sense to humans.



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Spotlight volunteer: Linda Duckworth

Linda Duckworth is one of our most active volunteers, and she has been very generous with her time during the last 3 1/2 years.

She willingly does the standard volunteer activities of cleaning, feeding and caring for our kitties, as well as waiting on customers.

Two years ago, she stepped forward to fill a needed spot in selecting merchandise for our gift boutique.

She then became our merchandise manager and is also our

most recent board member.

Linda's ability to contribute significantly to StreetCats is a result of her varied previous vocations.

She has been a cashier, has done data entry for accounting firms, and has been a child-care provider.

She has volunteered with animals through the TSPCA and has also been a docent for the Tulsa Zoo.

Linda is married, and she's



Linda Duckworth holds Cassey, who is still waiting for her forever home.

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Get ready for the holidays with StreetCats!

The holiday season is upon us! A great way to start your shopping is by attending “An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa” at the River Spirit Expo on the Tulsa Fairgrounds. The show is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22.

StreetCats will again be in Booth #463 and 464 in Section C. Enter through the south doors (behind the Golden Driller), walk straight ahead, and you’ll find our booth on the right (we’ll be on first row east of the large center aisle).

Some of the “got to have” items we will have at the show or in our boutique when the show is over are listed below because our varied assortment of everything would make this article too long:

For Kitties: The DaBird toy and refills, catnip pillows (made by one of our volunteers), mice in different sizes and materials, rhinestone collars for the divas in your home, Zoom Groom for kitty massages and more. New

Volunteers needed to wrap gifts at Barnes and Noble

StreetCats volunteers and supporters will be doing holiday gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble in Southroads Shopping Center on 41st St. at various times between Dec. 13 and Dec. 21. We will accept donations for our special wrapping and wonderful bows (**Joyce DeBoard** makes gorgeous ones for us). We hope you will come into Barnes and Noble, make numerous purchases, and let us wrap them (for a donation, please), as this will save you lots of time when it comes to holiday gift giving and will give you a wonderful feeling of having supported StreetCats, too.

If you’d like to help us with this holiday gift-wrapping, please sign up to volunteer and have the opportunity to check

out all the wonderful items Barnes and Noble has to offer. When you do gift-wrapping, you see things you’ve never seen before and realize they have a lot more than books. In the past, StreetCats supporters helped us with gift-wrapping at Borders. Now we are getting the opportunity to do this with Barnes and Noble.

Gift-wrapping times:

Sunday, Dec. 13: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 15: 10 a.m.-noon; noon-2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17: 2-4 p.m.; 4-6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19: 10 a.m.-noon; noon-2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 12:30-3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 21: 10

a.m.-noon; noon-2 p.m.

We will be wrapping only Barnes and Noble purchases. The wrapping paper is provided by them, and StreetCats provides the bows and gift tags. We do this just for donations, and you get to see how generous people can be while you talk about the wonderful kitties StreetCats has for adoption and our very special all-volunteer organization.

Please call **Linda Holland** at 918-492-8887 if you’d like to sign up for a shift. Some already have been filled, but we still need volunteers for some.

It really is fun, and it’s a wonderful time of the year to help people with their holiday wrapping while helping StreetCats kitties.

this year, we will have small decorated gift bags for you to fill

with the kitty toys.

For Humans: Bracelets, earrings, pins, and ring holders along with many assorted towels (including Christmas), Christmas ornaments, knickknacks, mugs with great sayings, sweat-shirts and more. Laurel Burch purses, scarves, umbrellas, cosmetic bags, and coin purses are always very popular, and we still have the best prices — buy early so you don’t miss out on any special items. All proceeds go to the StreetCat kitties, so you are helping them while they wait for new homes.

If you can’t wait until No-

vember, you can always shop at our exclusive gift boutique for gift giving any time of the year, especially for yourself, so you always get what you want. When you come by (we are open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday), be sure to take the time to admire our windows dressed by volunteer **Judy Loyd**. They are always wonderful to look at. Also, you can play with or love on our wonderful StreetCat residents and perhaps find that special kitty to adopt so you enjoy the holidays together.

We look forward to seeing you and talking cats!

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the proud mom of a dog and two cats that previously had been strays in her neighborhood but now are inside-only pets.

Linda is a great organizer,

and when she isn’t organizing at StreetCats, she enjoys arts and crafts, reading, and working puzzles, including crosswords, word search and jigsaw.

She also recently has joined the adult coloring craze.

Her passion for cats is a defining part of Linda’s personality.

Spotlight cats: Bebe and Mary



Bebe

I am Bebe, a gentle and small brown tabby female, about six years old.

My human roommate had to give me up because of medical issues, and I really want to find another lap to sleep in.

Oh, how I miss my own human's lap!

I spend my days curled up in the office, often going unnoticed because I prefer to keep a low profile. I have a very calm demeanor, given the opportunity to get adjusted to a new place and people, and I will make a loving and very easygoing addition to your home.

You will really enjoy petting me, as everyone tells me my coat is exceptionally soft!

I need someone who understands my gentle nature and would prefer adults only.

Another cat would be OK if it is a good-natured and very easygoing cat — and a little bit mature, like me!



Mary

My name is Mary. I am a senior blue cream Tortie, and I plan on stealing your heart!

Since I don't speak English, my volunteer friends at StreetCats don't really know much about my past, although I try talking to them all the time. Some

of them are really nice to try and talk to me as well.

They have figured out I've had a home in the past, since I love the companionship of humans. I am so glad they are helping me find a wonderful new home.

I love to be where the people are and follow the volunteers around the shop, chatting with them all the while.

I would be fine with more than one person in a home, but young children probably would not be a good fit for me. I'm OK with other cats, but I will let them know if they step out of line!

If you crave a real companion cat who also loves a warm lap, please come by and visit me. I bet you'll want to take me home!

Warm and fuzzy stories from adopted kitties



Cooper

Cooper, a brown tabby who was known as Kit Kit at StreetCats, was adopted by **Jordan Miller**. Cooper

loves to play fetch with his toys, and he can play all day long.

He is an active kitty, but he can also be a great cuddle buddy. When Jordan's alarm clock goes off in the morning, Cooper jumps on the bed with her for a ten-minute cuddle session before she gets out of bed. What a nice way to start the day!

Bruce Bellak adopted two young tabbies, **Ellie** and **Emmy**. He says that these two are a couple of characters, and they are lightning fast! Shortly after they



Ellie

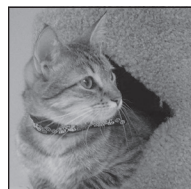
Lucky kitties adopted May 1-Sept. 30

While we wish this was a long list of adoptions that occurred between May 1 and September 30, 2015, unfortunately, our adoptions slowed considerably — and we have absolutely wonderful kitties for adoption from 6 months to 14 years. However, we are very happy to tell you that these 13 kitties did find forever homes during this time period.

Bodie (Bo) – S. Collins
Chloe – R. Ree
Cowboy – A. Reynolds
Glori – D&T Sampson
Gypsy – B. Boydston

KitKit – J. Miller
Montana – A. Balint & C. MacDougal
Patches – L. Graham
Pete – K. Baker

Scarlett – M. Hujsak
Spyro – A. Miller
Tilly – R. Cobb
Tortie Mae – B. Perry



Emmy

were adopted, Bruce opened the refrigerator door, and little Ellie hopped right in.

Ellie is also a big fan of sitting on the window blinds, which has resulted in Bruce having to replace several of them due to breakage. These two rascals just happen to be great lap cats as well.

Pete, a rather large (16.8 pounds) and handsome brown

tabby, was adopted by **Kay Baker**.

Pete has become a good companion for Kay as well as her other kitty, **Charlie**. Pete doesn't like it very much when Kay talks on the phone, and he will "scream" to get her attention — something I personally experienced while we were conversing. Pete is the "snuggliest" cat she's ever had and recently crawled on her lap to take a two-hour nap.



Pete

He apparently doesn't realize how large he really is, because he will try to squeeze into any small box — like the old cat saying goes, "If I fit, I sit." She also says he is a very popular guy at his veterinarian's office.

Max is a beautiful Russian Blue with bright yellow eyes. He was known as Montana when he was at StreetCats.



Max

He was adopted by **Andy** and **Christina** earlier this year, and they say he is a big sweetheart. Max likes to jump on their bed to tell them, "Good morning, I'm ready for breakfast."

Sometimes when he is waking them up, he will kiss Christina on the nose, too.

When Max wants something, he makes sure to give them a distinct stare to tell them they need to attend to his needs. He is also very skilled at walking on a leash, just like a dog.

Mark your calendar for My Furry Valentine 2016

It's that time of year when leaves are changing colors, the air is cool and crisp, and we at StreetCats are thinking about **My Furry Valentine**, our biggest annual fundraiser! We are especially enthusiastic as it will be held on Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb. 14 at the Tulsa Historical Society.

We foresee lots of Valentine gifts being purchased, whether for someone you care about or as a treat for yourself!

Everyone who comes says, "Wow, this is a wonderful event!"

So — what is it? It's a fantastic silent auction of 100+ items, along with delicious appetizers, scrumptious desserts, a fun wine pull, and a new raffle with all proceeds supporting StreetCats to help kitties in the Tulsa area.

Invitations will be sent out in January, and we hope you will bring your friends, family and your own Cupid to celebrate Valentine's Day with us.

The more we profit at our event, the more we are able to make a difference in the lives of cats across the Tulsa area. Your donations make a huge difference for us by reducing event expenses. Here's how to help:

Silent auction

Silent auction item donations should be new items and can be brought to StreetCats during business hours of 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday between Nov. 17 and Jan. 30.

Donations can be goods, services or gift cards to be auctioned off individually or used to complete a spectacular gift basket. We are always grateful for new and different items, which make for an exciting auction.

We would also love some big-ticket items, such as vacation packages, airline tickets, event tickets to concerts or sporting events, high-quality jewelry, etc. Please consider asking businesses to make a donation to us — it never hurts to ask!



We would also be happy to contact them directly if you prefer. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, so **all donations are tax-deductible**.

Please be sure to fill out a StreetCats donation form (available in StreetCats, or we'll email you one) when you bring in your items so we can value them for the auction and send a tax-deductible-gift letter.

It just wouldn't be right to have our auction without fabulous feline items, but we also realize our supporters are very diverse.

Please consider donations of non-cat items, items that are not gender-specific, or ones more valued by men. Please also know that while we try to use all donations, we may not be able to use everything donated because we have too many donations of one item (especially books and spa/bath products), items received too late to include in this year's auction, or lack of auction item space, while striving to offer a variety of auction items without undue repetition.

You may donate a completed basket, but please don't feel you must have a finished product. Contributions of various and even random items are great additions to our basket-making process. This comprises the majority of our donations, and we are well-equipped to utilize this

type of contribution.

Please note that once we receive your donation, it becomes the property of StreetCats to use as we see fit.

If you want your donations returned if not used for 2016, please note this on your donation form when bringing your items to StreetCats. However, we promise your donations will always be used to further our cause, even if they are not used in the silent auction. We may sell donated items in our gift boutique or in our craft-show booth such as An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa. Other items might be donated to other local animal agencies that can put them to good use.

Please be assured your donation always makes a positive impact. If you are interested in donating an auction item but need suggestions or assistance, we would be happy to help.

Wine pull

The **wine pull** was again extremely popular last year! Despite having many more bottles of wine available than before, we still sold out early. We will again be taking your donations of wine, which should be at least a minimum retail value of \$10 or more.

We are interested in having high-end wines included in the Pull, so we encourage you

to donate bottles of any value over this minimum. After all, who doesn't love the surprise of getting a \$40 bottle of wine for just \$10? Again, your donations are tax-deductible, and you will need to fill out a donation form with bottle names and values listed when you bring in your wine donations.

Desserts and appetizers

Dessert and hors d'oeuvres donations from local restaurants or special bakers are a wonderful part of My Furry Valentine.

Sweet treats have always been popular at this event, but we've also noticed an increased demand for hors d'oeuvres to enjoy with the wine, coffee, punch, or water.

If you have contacts or connections with restaurants or bakeries, please request their support, or if you prefer, we will be happy to contact the business for you. Additionally, donated gift cards from restaurants, which we can use to purchase appetizers, hors d'oeuvres, or desserts for the event would be much appreciated. Donation request letters for auction items, food and wine explaining our organization and this wonderful fundraiser are available at StreetCats for you to hand out to prospective donors or can be emailed to you upon request.

Event contacts

Auction Items: Angela DeWalt, dewalt.angela@cox.net, 918-706-5949

Food donations and general questions/info: Please call our message line at 918-298-0104 and leave your name and number and the reason for your call, and a volunteer will call you back. or send an email to cats@streetcatstulsa.org. **Please don't send questions through our Facebook page.**

We look forward to having you support us and attend My Furry Valentine 2016 on Valentine's Day!

Student's church project blesses StreetCats

What would you do if someone handed you \$500 and said, "Go do something good with it"?

That question was posed to two dozen young people in seventh through twelfth grades at **Christ United Methodist Church** this spring. An anonymous donation was made for the opportunity to teach the students how to be the hands and feet of Christ and to give them a life-shaking experience they would always remember.

Each student had a mentor to help them decide how to develop and complete their projects, along with written proposals.

Blake Tonquest was one of

the students who accepted the challenge to donate \$500 to do something good, and StreetCats, Inc. was the lucky recipient he picked.

At the end of 2014, his family had lost their beloved family cats. On Jan. 3, 2015, they adopted **Momo** and **Rainy Day** from us, and Blake remarked that they made his family complete again.

We were very grateful and moved by Blake's actions!

This is another example of today's youth doing something special for the kitties of StreetCats, since we exist on donations only. And Momo and Rainy Day got a wonderful forever home!



From left to right; Linda Duckworth, StreetCats volunteer; Blake Tonquest's mom, Kim; Blake; mentor Lynn Moore; Blake's brother, Sean; and Blake's dad, Charlie.

A word from our president

As the president of StreetCats, thank you to our generous donors for your ongoing support.

Without you, this organization could not continue to operate month to month as we have for the last 18 years.

As you know we, are 100% volunteers, and we exist on donations only, so expenses to keep us operating can be more than people realize. Our average total monthly expenses for 2015 through September 30 were \$9,482 and of this amount, monthly medical bills for both the kitties in StreetCats (\$1,917) and to pay only our portion for A Stitch in Time veterinary bills (\$1,458) averaged a total of \$3,375 monthly. (See an additional article about our voucher program elsewhere in this newsletter.)

We have a new website for you to reference to keep up to date with our kitties and events. It is easier to use than before and we will have the ability to keep it more current as we go forward with it.

Be sure to check out our wonderful kitties still looking for forever homes, as we have some very special ones. And don't forget to keep up to date via our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/streetcatsinc).

Enjoy our newsletter, and we hope to see you at An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa in November and/or while we are gift-wrapping at Barnes & Noble in December (see other articles on both these events).

Again, thank you very much for all your support.

Kathy Balsiger
StreetCats president

Enter our raffle for a chance to win a cat-themed Christmas tree!

StreetCats is the lucky recipient of a beautiful cat-themed ornament Christmas tree donated to us by Sherri and Bill Griggs to be raffled off. It is valued at \$500 and will be on display in StreetCats between November 1 and December 12 so plan on coming in to see it during that time. We know some people have cats who like to climb Christmas trees, but many of us do not, so hopefully you will love to have this in your home as a special holiday tree for many years to come.

It is a Balsam Hill 4 1/2' tree that can be placed on a tabletop

or on the floor. All the ornaments are handmade by Sherri or others and are cat-themed — snow cats, Santa cats, gingerbread cats and even a "reincat" with antlers — so it is uniquely decorated! There are lights on the tree, along with a remote control to have them white or multi-colored.

StreetCats will be the beneficiary of the proceeds from the raffle. Please be sure to purchase your raffle tickets no later than Dec. 11. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. StreetCats greatly appreciates your support of this wonderful donated item.

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Audrey Alcorn in honor of Lilly, a StreetCat now	tabby Heffti
Kay Baker in honor of her daughter Ginnie	Kathy Huber in honor of Carol Cox for her birthday
Joan Brecher in honor of Ranger	Eddie Kurtz & Denice Brice in honor of Bryan Close and in memory of his beloved Keiko
Sheila Chenoweth in honor of Zachary Ruskin Chenoweth who was rescued out of Ruskin Inn dumpster and moving into his "forever" home	Amiko Lester in honor of Kuro (formerly Zorro)
Pat & Melvin Craft in appreciation of Church	Rebecca Marcus in appreciation of Judy Loyd
Wanda Carol Cox in honor of Kathy Huber for her birthday	William Bryan Mullen in honor of Bob Mindy Ogan in honor of the Minter Family
Patricia Friend in appreciation of Sophie	Robyn Porter in honor of Stan Hill's birthday
Andrew and Susan Hieber in appreciation of Cooper	Helen Sue Price for Mary Nichols.
Andrea Horn in honor of Jandra Smithen and her former brown	Janet Thomas in honor of John Thomas for his birthday and his cats Lyle and Roxie
	Ruth Ann White in appreciation of Katy

StreetCats Sponsors

We want to assure everyone that we value every donation we receive; however, we are unable to recognize all the donors in this newsletter. The individuals listed below have donated at least \$100 in cash or in-kind gifts from May 1, 2015, through Sept. 30, 2015, and are considered Sponsors. We thank everyone for thinking of our kitties and donating to us. Purrs of thanks (and maybe a nibble or two, since you are sweet!) are waiting for you when you come into StreetCats.

Nancy Ahmed	Richard & Kay Davis	Samantha Polen
Jackie Ahrens	Tracey Eastin	Helen Sue Price
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Melissa Cunningham	OneOK Foundation	
	Lauren Palmer	
	Patricia Platia	

Memorials

Donations made in memory of loved ones between May 1, 2015, and Sept. 30, 2015.

Judy Averill in memory of Victoria	who loved cats and who would have been 63 years old, however, she left her body too early.
Patsy Baker in memory of her daughter Joan	Janette Hawkins in memory of Playful and Little One
Terry Ann Beckwith in memory of our cousin Linda who loved cats	Michael House in memory of Sage
Chris & Janet Bianco in memory of Joe, Kelly Lanford's Best Feline Friend Forever	Linda Howard in memory of Skipper
Leslie Boyd, Elizabeth Butler, and Apache Corporation in memory of Roberta Henley	Sylvia & Tom Howard in memory of Barbara Lamer
Julie Brewer in memory of Smudge who died in 2012	Beth Jones in memory of Blackie
Angela Brooks in memory of her father Richard Ryan who took care of stray cats in his Tulsa neighborhood	Vivian Kidd in memory of Paul David Hensley for his wife Margie
Gerald & Emma Buckner in memory of Mitty	David & Samantha Polen in memory of our wonderful Patchie, in memory of our sweet boy, Ryo-Okhi, and in memory of an outside kitty named Evelyn
Terry Carey, Nancy Cline, and Linda Holland in memory of Patches for Samantha Polen	Samantha Polen in memory of Carol Benway's Cricket
Terry Carey, Samantha Polen, Sies Inc., and Pat Tibbens in memory of Frank for Donna Swaffar	Samantha Polen in memory of D.E., kitty of Carolyn Norell
Julie Chapman, Richard & Beverly Gooch, Virginia Harrison, and Anne Shultz in memory of Robert Boatman	Frances Potter in memory & in honor of Shawnee shepherd mix dog on her death after 9 years, 11 3/4 months
Jere Chieppo in memory of her precious "Baby Girl" who enriched Jere's life for way too short a time	Helen Sue Price in memory of Kata
Bryan Close in memory of Keiko, my most wonderful Himalayan	Gary Quiggle in memory of his dear wife Carolyn
John Croft in memory of Jade	Marion Richardson in memory of "Brother" who died in 2007 for his 25th birthday
Margaret Cunningham, Eddie Kurtz & Denice Brice in memory of Keiko for Bryan Close	Danna Segura in memory of Patricia Thompson
Senna Cunningham in memory of Six and Cloud	Joe & Cynthia Sing, Jr. in memory of Henry
Tom & Sharon Duncan in memory of Ditto, Kitty Boy's canine sister	Jandra Smithen in memory of Ryo for Samantha Polen
Eric & Susan Edwards in memory of Bob Talbutt	Janet and John Thomas in memory of rescue cats Roxie, Callie, Annie, and Jake
Lois Eisenhart, Laura Gillis, Andrea Horn, and Samantha Polen in memory of Jandra Smithen's Heffti	John R. Thomas in memory of Big Jake and Roxie for Janet Thomas
Evelyn Gaser in memory of her kitty, Cowboy, a former StreetCat	Marie Walters in memory of her mom Sarah Erickson and her mom's kitty Teko
Diana Gotwals in memory of Katherine Hughes, her mother	Carol West in memory of Kelsey Stockwell, daughter of Susan Stockwell
Victoria Guagliardo in memory of Susan Morris & Constance Wong in celebration of Susan's birthday	Doris Westfield in memory of Erich Westfield
	Jodi & Lester Wise in memory of Jesse for Bekah Bayes
	Herbert Wright III in memory of Jan Bartek



A Stitch in Time voucher program

Many of you have used our spay/neuter/vaccinate voucher program, **A Stitch in Time**, for homeless cats on the streets in your neighborhoods or at your businesses, and we think this is great.

The voucher program covers a spay or a neuter and a rabies vaccination.

We have kept the price of each voucher at \$20 so it would be affordable for you, but we have found that some people don't understand StreetCats pays the remainder of the veteri-

nary bill for each service.

We have wonderful veterinary clinics that support our program, but they cannot provide their services free.

StreetCats pays the \$20 that was paid to us plus the balance of the costs incurred for every voucher that is redeemed.

If someone purchases vouchers but does not use them before they expire at the end of three months, the \$20 paid per voucher is a donation that helps us with our bills.

Not long ago, we had an in-

cident when someone who purchased vouchers from us was reselling them for more than the \$20 we charge.

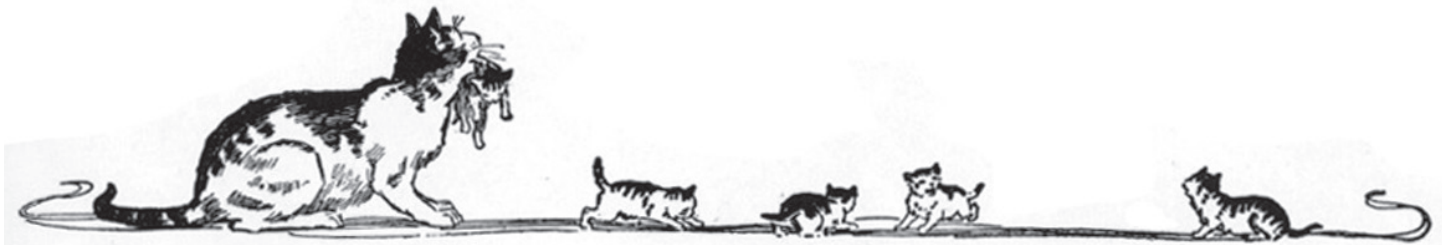
This is not acceptable, because no one should make money off of our vouchers.

We have added a statement to the vouchers saying, "By signing below, you agree to the following guidelines in working with feral/stray cats and cat colonies, and you agree not to sell this voucher for monetary gain over the \$20 cost to another person."

In 2014, StreetCats paid an average of \$1,240 monthly above the \$20 paid to purchase each voucher, and as noted in the President's Letter, this year, our expenses through September are averaging \$1,458 above the \$20 paid.

We feel these expenses are well worth it to help reduce the population of unwanted cats and kittens on the streets.

We thank those of you who purchase these vouchers and the wonderful veterinarians who make this program possible.



STREETCATS WISH LIST

For StreetCats:

- Wal-Mart/Sam's gift cards (any denomination)
- Tall, strong kitchen trash bags (prefer Glad or Hefty)
- Clay litter
- Liquid laundry soap or laundry detergent pods
- Clorox liquid bleach
- Clorox Clean-Up spray
- Vinyl disposable gloves, size medium and large
- Cat food — canned for StreetCats kitties and dry, both unopened and open bags for voucher clients
- Bottled water — small bottles
- Postage stamps
- Printer/copy paper
- Blue Fabulosa with bleach alternative floor cleaner
- Small paper plates
- Liquid-Plumr

Don't forget Meals on Wheels:

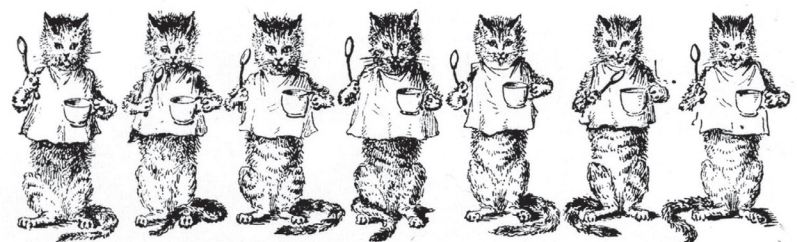
- Scoopable litter
- Unopened dry cat food
- Canned cat food

Can you help us return a favor?

Safari Sanctuary in Broken Arrow has been very nice to donate cat litter to us that they cannot use (they have BIG cats), so we'd like to suggest that you consider donating directly to them, as they also have many needs:

- Towels
- Fleece Blankets
- Newspapers
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Bleach spray cleaner
- Liquid dish soap
- Rubber gloves — all sizes
- Mops & buckets
- Scrub brushes
- Yard tools
- Professional services

They are located at 26881 East 58th St. in Broken Arrow, and you can call them at 918-357-5683 before taking donations to them. (Sorry, but we can't collect donations for them.)





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A CHRISTMAS PLEA

I sit upon my window sill
This cold December night
A dusting of an early snow
Reflects the Christmas lights

My life is now a fairy tale
Of food and warmth and love
But in my heart I make a wish
On a shining star above

I pray it's not a selfish wish
It truly is a plea
You see there are so many more
Who need you just like me

Judy Loyd
October 2015