



# StreetCats

## FALL 2014



Jason just celebrated his eighth birthday by collecting items to help the kitties.



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Did you know you can shop on the Internet and benefit StreetCats at the same time? Log onto [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com), designate StreetCats as your charity, and we'll get a percentage of the purchase. Igive has over 2,000 merchants in more than 40 different categories, so you're sure to find something you love!

## Vet checks keep kitties healthy

Does your cat get a regular visit to the vet each year?

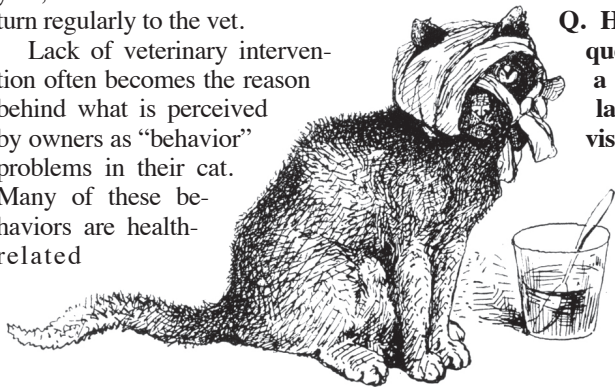
Statistics show that within the first year of adoption, 80 percent of cats are actually seen one time by a veterinarian.

Unfortunately, after that first year, less than half of the cats return regularly to the vet.

Lack of veterinary intervention often becomes the reason behind what is perceived by owners as "behavior" problems in their cat. Many of these behaviors are health-related

issues, rather than "behavioral."

The sad fact is that untreated medical conditions, misinterpreted by owners as "behavioral" problems, are the primary reason a large number of cats are given up or even put out on the streets.



**Q. How frequent is a "regular" vet visit?**

There are myriad reasons cats should be seen by their veterinarian at least annually.

Consider these veterinary guidelines: Adults up to age 8 should be seen by their vet once per year; senior cats (over 9 years old) should be seen twice per year. Annual vaccinations, even for inside cats, should be discussed with your vet.

**Q. Why does my cat NEED a regular vet visit?**

Since their lifespan is shorter than a human's, they are aging much more rapidly. Therefore, an effort must be made to stay on top of their health.

A cat at one year of age has physically matured to 25 years! Just imagine if you were 25 years

old and had rarely seen a doctor. Owners often fail to identify the state of their cat's health as the reason for many common behavior problems. For example, many cats have suffered from serious and painful urinary tract infections for months while the owner believes the cat is just not using the litterbox because it is mad at them or is being vengeful!

**Q. Why do many owners not take their cat for a regular vet visit?**

One of the main reasons cited is one that the owner can take control of: the "pre-visit experience" — that is, the rounding

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## StreetCats has presence at signing

At a venue that has seen most everything, Philbrook Art Museum played host Oct. 14 to illustrious Oklahoma author P. C. Cast and her daughter Kristin Cast as they brought a close to the end of an era series "The House of Night."

Their twelfth and final book in this series, REDEEMED, was unveiled at a first anywhere book signing to a crowd of 300 loyal fans of all ages and gender, from multiple surrounding states!

The "House of Night" series began as an idea based on a vampire finishing school and takes place in Tulsa and surrounding locations that are dear to the hearts of their local fans.

But it isn't necessary to be from Tulsa to fall in love with the series and its main character, Zoey



Judy Loyd, center, visits with authors Kristin, left, and P.C. Cast.

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Mission Statement: StreetCats, Inc., believes all cats deserve a home. StreetCats wishes to reduce the population of unwanted cats by maintaining "A Stitch-in-Time," a spay and neuter program for feral and stray cats, and by sheltering cats who no longer have people to care for them. We seek adoptive families who value animals and will love and protect our StreetCats.

# New security cameras protect StreetCats shop

StreetCats now has Tel\*Star Technologies security cameras posted around the outside of our building recording all the comings and goings.

They will give the volunteers a better sense of security while in our facility and when leaving during those dark winter nights.

Because there is a monitor inside, volunteers can see what is going on outside.

Further, the area will be monitored off-site, too!

Unfortunately, we've had

some unsettling incidents outside, near our building.

If anything should happen now, the Tulsa Police can be shown exactly what took place and hopefully identify who was involved.

The most up-to-date HD-SDI cameras have been installed so we get a clear picture from a computer at home or in StreetCats or on smart phones.

So, smile when you are coming in or leaving StreetCats — you're on candid camera!

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# VET CARE

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up of the cat and getting him/her into the carrier.

Sixty percent of cat owners say their cat "hates" going to the vet. However, the pets may be reflecting the owner's emotional state. In fact, 38 percent of cat owners say they get stressed out themselves "just thinking" about taking their cat to the vet.

A website with great tips for improving this pre-visit experience is *catvets.com*. It addresses how to choose a carrier, using the carrier, and traveling with the cat, among other things to make visits more pleasant and less anxiety-inducing.

### Q. What are my benefits as a cat owner in seeing a vet?

Vets can educate owners about how cats think and what conditions are normal for their cats as they age. When a cat is seen on a regular basis, it is easier to identify changes in the cat's condition or behavior. It is very important to see a vet that is experienced, however, in working with cats. Some veterinary practices tend to work primarily with dogs and may not be as well-versed in feline medicine.

If you don't have a vet you and your cat are comfortable with, it is a good idea to ask friends with cats who they like as a vet or ask a local feline rescue group for a referral.

You can also check *catvets*.

# SIGNING

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Redbird, as evidenced by 20 million copies of their books in print. At the request of the Casts, StreetCats was invited to have a display table manned by its volunteers with information and photos on the rewards of adopting and the need for spaying and neutering. Readers of the series were delighted, as StreetCats has several mentions in the books!

P.C. Cast has been a great supporter of our organization for years, both personally and

*com*, which is hosted by the American Society of Feline Practitioners, for a list of members in your area. A great feline veterinarian doesn't have to be the priciest in town; just one that has the experience and demeanor to handle a cat and how to read behavior.

### Q. What is the danger in not taking my cat to the vet on a regular basis?

Cats are very good at concealing symptoms of pain and discomfort. They often don't let on until way past the time when owners should be intervening and seeking medical care. For example, human dental needs and cat dental needs are very similar. We know how much it hurts when we have a toothache, but cats can have painful problems with their teeth and mouth and still be eating.

By the time they stop eating, there may be secondary problems that need to be addressed that could even require hospitalization. The same goes for unnoticed weight loss, change in litterbox habits, excessive drinking — all can point to problems your veterinarian might have identified in an annual visit before the problem became acute and possibly not survivable later.

### Cats are our family members! They should see a veterinarian at least once a year, just like humans should visit their doctors.

professionally. The event lasted over three hours, and both authors graciously stayed until every book was signed. The first book in the series, *MARKED*, will become a movie in 2015 and will be filmed in Tulsa.

P. C. and Kristin were presented with a gift basket filled with feline delights from StreetCats to thank them for their support. Both authors are at work on new projects; however, StreetCats will probably still get visits, as well as emails and Facebook messages from their readers, just checking to see if we really do exist in Tulsa!

# Thank you for helping support StreetCats!

Every penny that is donated to StreetCats helps us support our kitties, and we thank everyone who supported us with money or products throughout the last year (which is from 10/1/13 through 9/30/14) for donations listed in this newsletter.

We are very happy that so many people care about StreetCats and what we do. We are glad people ask us how they can support StreetCats and make a difference. Here are perhaps some new ways in which you have helped.

Jason Reed, who just turned 8 years old, asked his birthday party guests to bring cat items from our Wish List as gifts, and he brought us a lot of donations, as you can see from the picture. We've also gotten donations in the past from children who bring in money they've saved up! It's just wonderful to see these young people thinking of others less fortunate than themselves.

Have you thought about donating shares of stock to us?



**Jason Reed celebrated his eighth birthday by asking his party guests to bring items from our Wish List.**

This is something new for us, and we have an account set up with Edward Jones. The financial adviser assisting us is Elizabeth O'Malley, AAMS, Broken Arrow (918-251-0309), and we've received two different stock donations, for which we are very grateful!

We know that you are familiar with the Wish List in

our newsletters with items we use regularly. Lately we have received some very large donations of paper towels so we've taken them off our Wish List at this time. But we've noted plenty of other items, should you wish to donate products to us. Tall, strong kitchen trash bags are always appreciated, because we empty at least six litter boxes

of clay litter daily, and the tall kitchen bags work great.

You can always donate with cash, checks, credit cards and via PayPal. Many companies match employee and retiree donations, so please check with your employer!

Anything donated to us that we can't use we pass on to another animal organization that can.

We also have a lot of volunteers who donate time to us once a month, once a week or for special events. Their time and skills are very valuable and critical to our success.

Lastly, however, please don't "donate" cats or kittens to us! StreetCats is currently working on a long waiting list of adult cats to come in to our adoption program. StreetCats does not take in or adopt out kittens. You can always pick up a list from us of groups in the area that might be able to help you. But in the meantime ... spay and neuter your cats and those strays!

## Appreciation and Honors

*StreetCats implemented a new database in 2014, which is wonderful, but it is possible we may have missed getting some donations (for whatever reason) recorded properly. If we have missed something or recorded it incorrectly, we are truly sorry, and please feel free to let us know so a correction can be made.*

*Thank you. Donations listed in all categories are for the period beginning Oct. 1, 2013, and ending Sept. 30, 2014*

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## HONORS

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of Snickerdoodle

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## StreetCats gears up for My Furry Valentine

We at StreetCats are gearing up for our biggest fundraiser of the year: “My Furry Valentine”! Mark your calendar for this event on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015, at the Tulsa Historical Society. StreetCats will be sending out invitations in January for this special event and want you to join us for an afternoon of silent auction shopping, dessert tasting, and visiting with friends — both old and new! We will have another beautiful handmade quilt by Nancy Adams to be raffled to a lucky ticketholder.

If you have questions, suggestions or need more information about “My Furry Valentine,” please contact **Linda Holland** at [scoutholland@cox.net](mailto:scoutholland@cox.net) or (918) 492-8887 or **Angela DeWalt** at [angela.dewalt@cox.net](mailto:angela.dewalt@cox.net) or (918) 706-5949.

Donations for the silent auction or dessert tasting can be brought to StreetCats during

business hours between Nov. 18 and Jan. 15. Please be sure to fill out a donation form when you deliver them so we can value items for the auction and also send you a letter for your tax deductible gift. Would you consider asking a business you frequent to make a donation to us? Donations can be goods, services or gift cards.

### Auction Item Guidelines:

We would love to add some new, big-ticket items to our auction tables. If you know someone, a business or another organization who might be willing to donate items such as a vacation, airline tickets, event tickets, high-quality jewelry, etc., please ask if they might contribute to our cause. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit, so ALL donations are tax deductible. Or if you prefer, you may give us the contact information, and we will contact them regarding a possible donation.

We always want our favorite animal represented in our silent auction, but we realize we have a diverse crowd in attendance, so we are also interested in having donations of non-cat items. Further, goods for men are sometimes scarce and are appreciated!

Single-item donations add diversity to the often basket-filled bidding tables. We love to get unique and/or one-of-a-kind items that create bidding excitement and a last-frenzy of interested bidders!

You may donate a completed basket should you be inclined, but don't feel as though 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.

We do have some categories

in which we receive more items than we can use in the auction; these include bath and spa-type products and books.

If you are interested in donating an auction item but need suggestions or assistance, we would be happy to help. Please contact Angela DeWalt at [angela.dewalt@cox.net](mailto:angela.dewalt@cox.net) or (918) 706-5949 if you have questions or need suggestions.

New last year was the wine pull, which was wildly popular! We hope to have more bottles of donated wine this year, so that everyone who wants to participate can take a bottle (or two or three!) home. Wine donations can be any value over \$10 per bottle. We do want high-end wines in the pull. After all, who doesn't love getting a \$40 bottle of wine to try for just \$10?

“My Furry Valentine” always needs donations of desserts and

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## Adoption Center gets makeover

Some of you may remember when StreetCats' Adoption Center and Gift Boutique moved from The Farm Shopping Center to our current location in Spring 2007. While we have installed new windows and replaced heating and air, no aesthetic changes had been made since our original renovation! As you can imagine, all the wear and tear from cleaning and playing (and cleaning!) over the years has taken its toll on our flooring and paint. After all, StreetCats has moved around 800 cats through our program in this time. It was time for some updates.

The first things you will notice are the repainted StreetCats' storefront signs with a bold blue and bright yellow

color combination. They are now more visible from a distance and contrast nicely with the red exterior brick. We also painted our front door the bright blue to match.

Come on inside to the Gift Boutique and see our new carpet and the new tile floor in the kitty area and all the walls and trim that have been painted.

The goal was to find durable materials that can handle our rigorous daily cleaning but would also be inviting to visitors and contribute to a "home-like" environment for our kitties. We feel this eases the transition for a cat coming from the "street" and prepares them for a real home when adopted.

Our volunteers were wonderful putting in the extra hours

to ensure our kitties were safe and comfortable during these renovations. Our handyman, Miguel Arciga, did an excellent job getting these projects completed on the days we were closed to the public in order to create the least amount of disruption possible. The biggest thanks, however, go to our generous supporters and their donations that make projects like this possible.

While the immense cost of feeding and providing vet care for our kitties is the biggest priority, it is imperative to our success to maintain a welcoming and clean environment for our kitties, our volunteers, and our customers. We couldn't do it without your continued support. Thank you!

## Do your holiday shopping 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, Nov. 21, and Saturday, Nov. 22 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23.

StreetCats will again be in booths #463 and 464. Enter through the south doors (behind the Golden Driller), walk straight ahead, and you'll find our booth — we should be one row east of the large center aisle. We always have new

items for your kitties, your friends and your family in our booth.

On Dec. 6, StreetCats is at the Darnaby Craft Show at the Union Multipurpose Activity Center (UMAC) at 6836 S. Mingo. The hours are from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. This is a very popular craft show that has been held for many years to support the Darnaby School PTA. We look forward to you shopping with us and "talking" cats!

And don't forget, you can always shop at our exclusive gift boutique, whether it's for

holiday gift giving or not. Be sure to take the time to admire our windows, dressed by volunteer Judy Loyd. They are always a delight to view! Linda Duckworth is now our volunteer merchandise manager, and she's doing an excellent job of keeping us well stocked with "got to have it" items! Remember your kitties and their stockings to stuff with all the great cat toys, too. Of course we also have our StreetCats residents for you to play with! Make one lucky and take it home. You'll fall in love forever. We look forward to seeing you!

## A word from our president

Happy Holidays! At this time of year, those two words cover a lot of events — Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Boxing Day (for our British volunteers and supporters), New Year's, Valentine's Day and many others.

Keep in touch with all that is going on via our social media. Go to [www.streetcatstulsa.blogspot.com](http://www.streetcatstulsa.blogspot.com) to enjoy Vanna's blog. She is constantly on her toes, reporting everything happening, while still hoping for a new home. Also, "Feline Fridays" are done by photographer and volunteer Vickie Sanborn, spotlighting one special cat with her amazing photography. And check in on our Facebook page for adoption and event news: <https://www.facebook.com/streetcatsinc>.

Enjoy our facility refresh and the holiday events coming up and on Feb. 8, My Furry Valentine.

The most fun we have, however, involves caring for and getting our wonderful kitties into good forever homes, no matter how long it takes! Thank you, everyone, for your continued support.

**Kathy Balsiger**  
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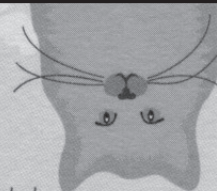
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# Some tails have happy endings



Lily

Austin Stallings adopted beautiful Lily, a calico van, after she had only been at Street-

Cats for a short period of time. He was in Tulsa visiting family for his birthday and came into StreetCats to see our kitties. He immediately fell for Lily and adopted her the same day. What a great birthday present! Austin says she is really playful, and particularly feisty at night. He says she is a great cat, and life is a lot more fun with her.

Victoria Brown adopted two of our kitties: Scout and Sadie. Sadie has unique features, as she is a chimera, with one side of her face a different color than the other. For about a month after arriving at their forever

## Lucky kitties adopted May 1-Sept. 30

Annabelle – S. Askew	Lilly – C. Ford	Rudy – A. Maurer
Archie – T. McLean	Lily – A. Stallings	Sandy – Gail Cap
Bobby – R. Burks	Little Bit – C. Jones	Snowflake – D. Balmen
Claire – C. Smith	Maddie – M. Gonzalez	Spencie – V & L Lewis
Donald – A. Harden	Mandy – T. Crites	Spud – K. Gray
Dottie – D. Jones	Mischief – M. Gonzalez	Sway – T. Henshaw
Juliana – N. Gill	Mojo – G. Richison	Wally – R. Burks
	Moonbeam – J. Haley	

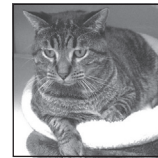


Sadie (left) and Scout

home, they liked to hide. They have now come into their own and “rule the roost.” They enjoy sleeping in Victoria’s bed, and she even bought a larger bed to accommodate them. They love sitting on her lap; she says they are the best thing that has hap-

pened to her in a long time and have helped her through some bad times. They now have a new Manx kitten “sibling” to play with.

Donald, the very handsome, long-legged brown tabby, was adopted by Angela Harden.



Donald

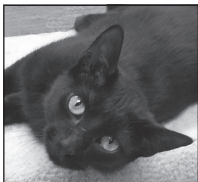
Donald never had any problems adjusting to his new home. From riding in the car to the

minute he stepped into his new home, he fit right in like he had been there forever. Donald loved opening cabinet doors when he was at StreetCats, and he is still up to his same tricks at his forever home. The kids love him and they say they’ve never heard a cat purr so loudly. His family lives in the country, so Donald earns his keep by catching rodents that come into the house and presenting them as gifts.

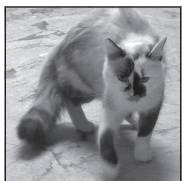
Keara, who was named Mojo when she was at StreetCats, was adopted by Gail Richison. Keara got her new name because she had some large ears to grow into. Keara is a great kitty who sometimes gets into some mischief by running through the house, knocking over things like lamps and a glider chair. She sometimes likes to sleep against the wall with her feet up in the air, but she also likes to cuddle or climb on Gail’s shoulders. Gail says Keara is the love of her life.

## Are you looking for a new friend?

Here’s the kind of story we love best at StreetCats: Angel was all set to show off in this newsletter, but just before it went to print, she met her new family, so she’s off to her forever home.



Do you have a furry little angel in your life? Meet some of our sweet kitties!



a beautiful, petite, medium-haired tortie with blue eyes, estimated to have been born about 11/12/13.

She is sweet and friendly

and gets along with other cats. When she was in foster care, she did just fine with their dogs.

She will make a special addition to any home.

Hi, I am Tiki! I am a brown and white t a b b y , about six years old, and I’d like

to let you know a little about me. I’m kind of quiet and reserved at StreetCats, so you might think I am not very personable if you come to visit. Actually, I’m just a little shy around all those other cats, and get a little scared if too many cats get near me; I usually end up trying to find a quiet place all to myself.

The reality is, I am such a sweet girl! I have the gift of a magnificently silky coat that just

begs for human touch (which I love, by the way). I like to play sometimes, too, and keep my slender shape chasing toys across the room when all the other cats are sleeping.

I would be happy as an only cat or having another companion cat in the house, since I do fine sharing space with Vanna in the shop. Not all the cats can say this! I would enjoy a deep bond with a new family.

My old family, unfortunately, couldn’t keep me, and I miss them so much. Come see me and spend some quiet time getting to know me — I would love to meet you!

All our cats have tested negative for FeLeuk/Aids and are current on rabies and FVRCP vaccinations. All kitties have Home Again microchips implanted and are registered at no charge to the owner.

## VALENTINE

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delectables from our local restaurants or special bakers for the event. As a response to many requests, we expanded into light hors d’oeuvres last year and will pursue donations of easy-to-serve savory nibbles from local restaurants as well. As with auction items, we will gladly accept donations of gift cards from restaurants. If you have restaurant or bakery contacts, we would appreciate your request for a donation, or if you prefer, we will be happy to contact the restaurant for you. Please contact Barbara Roberts at 918-749-6447 or [brobtul@att.net](mailto:brobtul@att.net) with questions, contacts or donations.

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support and donations we receive from our faithful friends of the “kitty cause.”



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A special gift  
To make a family's  
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Ears so soft  
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Judy Loyd  
October 2014

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Clorox liquid bleach  
Clorox Clean-Up spray  
Postage stamps  
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Bottled water  
Toilet paper  
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Dryer sheets

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### Wheels:

Scoopable litter  
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