



Feline Rescue

# Feline Focus

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## Home 4 the Holidays Campaign

### Greetings!

We need your help to send our adoptables Home 4 the Holidays!

FieldHaven Feline Rescue is joining 1600 other animal rescues around the world for the annual Home 4 the Holidays Adoption Campaign in an effort to place our deserving cats and kittens in loving homes. We participated in the event last years which resulted in 20 kitties going home. We hope to raise that number this year to 40.



*Elsie, one of our 2003 Holiday adoptables, wondered what surprises were in her gift*

Iams is a corporate sponsor for the event but we have the support of some wonderful local sponsors. With their help we have been able to assemble a gift basket brimming with surprises for our kitties and their adoptive families.

One of our sponsors, Il Giardino Garden Inspirations, has offered the use of their beautiful shop to display some of our adoptables. Starting November 26 and running through December 24 stop by Il Giardino and do a little window shopping. FieldHaven kitties will be luring shoppers by displaying their repertoire of kitty antics amidst the Il Giardino holiday window display!

Il Giardino is located on Highway 65 between 5th and 6th Streets in Lincoln.

We will also have kitties helping with our gift wrapping fundraiser at Barnes and Noble in Roseville on December 3.

And you can come by FieldHaven to visit our adoptables in the Cat Trailer. You can expect some pretty festive decorations!!

### 2004 Home 4 the Holidays Sponsors (as of Nov 15)

- Il Giardino Garden Inspirations
- Jann's Best Friends Animal Care
- Trader Joe's
- Kathy's Pet Shop
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## Events and Adoptions

PetSmart—Roseville (near Kohl's) - November 27, December 11 9 AM—3 PM

Il Giardino Garden Inspirations, Highway 65 (between 5th and 6th Street) Lincoln - November 26—December 24 10 AM—4 PM

Barnes and Noble, Roseville Gift Wrapping Fundraiser and Adoptions December 3 9 am—9 pm

FieldHaven Cat Trailer Sundays, 12-3 PM or by Appointment





## FieldHaven Alumni

We love to stay in touch with our FieldHaven Alumni. We like to think of their Forever Home Families as an extension of our FieldHaven Family. Please drop us a line to let us know how your family members are doing. Here is a couple of letters from some recent adoptions.

### Angel

Long time no see! It's me... Angel, the beautiful, wonderful grey tabby polydactyl you guys were wonderful enough to give a home to when I needed it. As you remember (well.. I'm sure you remember me), I was taken home back in June by a lady who had just lost her 12 year old female kitty to cancer. She really wanted a companion for her 11 year old male kitty (Tooz) who was very lonesome without his "wife". Anyhow, I've been wanting to write to let you know how I am doing...



friendly - he seems to like me, but the older female one is a little grouchy, so I don't see her much. I also have a 2.5 year old human brother who I adore (except when he has a squirt gun) and my daddy, who really isn't overly fond of cats in general, plays with me and loves on

me. He even lets me chew on his beard! I get to sleep on the bed with everyone. It gets a little crowded sometimes with all of us on there, but it's cozy now that it's getting cold.

I LOVE MY NEW FAMILY!!! Even though my new mom wasn't sure if she was ready for another cat yet (she was sad for a long time), she and I bonded quickly and it is true love all around. She told me that I was really helping her heal from her loss, and that Stuiie (the dearly departed) and I are a lot alike.. she even suspects that Stuiie may have taken over part of my body to come back to her... OK.. enough metaphysical stuff. Aside from my new boyfriend Tooz, I also have a 6 month old pug puppy named Yoda who has quite the crush on me. It's a little bit of a love triangle, actually. He loves me, I love him, Tooz loves me and I love him too, but Tooz and Yoda haven't quite warmed up to each other yet. Poor Yoda has to ward off Tooz sneak attacks. There's two black chows that live here, and the big male one is really

I was shy for about the first week home and lived under a bed and would only come out for my mom, tho' she had her friends come over to try to help me get socialized and feel comfortable around everyone. Now I run the house! I am 100% healthy, happy and purrrrr like a motorboat all the time! If anyone believes in fate, it's my new mommy and I.

We all want to thank you for putting us together. I'm attaching a few pictures for you to enjoy of me and my new buddies (by the way... Tooz is a grey polydactyl tabby too.. how cool is that!!!!) There's also one of Tooz with Stuiie when she was healthy... see, he has really high tastes. Love, *Angel*

### Tiki

I just wanted to let you know that I am doing A-OK. I love my new home. There are two other tabby kitties here named Helen (9) and Jessie (1), and a Chihuahua named Cricket (3). They didn't like me too much when I first got here, but now we play lots...I even chase Jessie around a bit.



I went to the Doctor at PetSmart today. He said I was big for my age but overall very healthy. Thank you for taking such good care of me. I did have to get a few shots in the fanny area and they tell me it is for my own good. My owners bought me a pretty purple collar and two new toys while we were there. And I get to go back in three weeks!

They have been trying to think of names for me...sounds like they are going with "Tiki"-you should hear some of the zingers the little girls have come up with...

I hear that I come very close to a dear kitty they had for 14 years that they lost last year. Measles was her name...I hope I can live up to her paw-prints...she sounds pretty special.

Here is a picture of me and I'll send more as I grow. Thank you again for all the love and care you gave me...I miss you. Say Hi to all my friends...if they're around and not being adopted

like me...(I'm hoping they are finding homes).

Love, *Tiki*





# Feline Fanatics—Volunteer Spotlight By Joy Smith

## Matchmaker, Matchmaker - Find Me a Cat

### *Amanda Oldham*

If you're looking for the perfect feline partner but just aren't sure which is the right life pet partner for you then you need to see Amanda. Amanda has the most uncanny ability to meet you, chat for a few minutes and then point you to the perfect FieldHaven Feline partner.

Amanda adores cats and it shows in everything she does. She is experienced at TNR (Trap/Neuter/Release) and maintains a feral colony near her home. When volunteering at FieldHaven she spends time with each cat and kitten, especially lavishing love on the shy ones. More than one semi-feral kitten has become adoptable because of Amanda's love and patience. At her home she fosters some of our most special needs kitties, nurturing them until they recover from illness or injury and can become adoptable. She nursed Mr. Carr, who was hit by a car and needed to be force fed for weeks while his jaw was wired shut to heal a fracture. Currently, she's medicating Cramer who has a badly infected eye that he is in danger of losing. At the same time she is weaning an orphan kitten off a bottle.

But to watch Amanda in adoption mode is truly impressive. She listens to the potential adopter, describes the personality of each kitty and makes suggestions on who might be a good



match. And, she's not afraid to discourage an adopter if she doesn't feel they are ready to make the lifetime commitment to a FieldHaven Feline.

It's hard to believe that Amanda is only 12 years old. She is cat-wise beyond her years. Amanda called FieldHaven last summer asking if we had a youth volunteer program after having been turned down by other rescues she contacted. We explained that we have a "partner" program where a parent and child can volunteer together. This has been a very successful program, and Amanda and her mom, Peri, are one of a number of partner teams we

have volunteering at FieldHaven.

Speaking of moms, we couldn't end this without mentioning Peri, because behind every great daughter is a great mom at least in this case. Peri is as devoted to the cause as Amanda, and they are truly among our most valued volunteers. Peri is our Outreach Adoption Coordinator, and you'll often find her and Amanda working side by side at PetSmart and other outreach adoptions.

If you are interested in volunteering at FieldHaven we don't discriminate against age.

Please contact us at 916-434-6022 or [fieldhaven@att.net](mailto:fieldhaven@att.net).

## In Memory

In October, one of our dear friends, Kathy Leach, passed away in a traffic accident. We met Kathy last year when she and her husband Lanse adopted Putter. Thanks to Kathy's love, Putter made the transition from feral colony kitten to Leach House King with grace and class. Our love and thoughts are with Lanse, Putter and the rest of their family.



*Kathy, Lanse and Putter*

### **FieldHaven**

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# MATURE CATS FOR MATURE PEOPLE

By Joy Smith



Ellie and Sugar

**FieldHaven**  
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FieldHaven Feline Rescue is introducing an exciting new program, *Mature Cats for Mature People*, aimed at placing homeless adult cats into loving homes with seniors. We will partner with seniors and senior care facilities to match friendly felines with senior feline fanatics.

The health benefits of pet ownership are now widely recognized by the medical community. Research supports evidence that pets can be especially beneficial to the elderly. They reduce loneliness, lower blood pressure, facilitate cancer recovery and, in many cases, simply provide a reason for living. So, take care of your health and adopt a kitty!

Here are highlights of the *Mature Cats for Mature People* program:

- ◆ Mature Cats are 6 years or older, Mature People are at least 60.
- ◆ All cats eligible for *MCMP* are up to date on vaccinations have had a health exam and have been evaluated for appropriate temperament.
- ◆ FieldHaven volunteers will work with your residents to make the best possible match for adoption, including a trial period.
- ◆ If the adopter is unable to travel to FieldHaven we will bring several adoptables to your location.
- ◆ Our standard \$75 adoption fee is waived.



Ynes, a FieldHaven *Mature Cat*, with her family at Montclair Villa Senior Residence. Ynes won “Best Costume” at the Halloween Party—she dressed as a Black Cat!

## FieldHaven Receives Tax-exempt Status

We are pleased to announce that we are now an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization which means your generous donations are tax-deductible.

Your donations will help us expand our current programs and launch new ones. Some examples of the programs your donations help fund:

Mature Cats for Mature People  
Special Needs adoptables like Garfield and Mr. Carr  
Educational programs for local schools and scout troops  
TNR (Trap/Neuter/Release) feral cats in our community  
Veterinary care for all our adoptables



## Our List for Santa

- ☆ Cat Food (Especially Iams, Felidae, Nutro—dry and canned)
- ☆ Cat carriers
- ☆ Humane traps
- ☆ Snuggle safe heating pads
- ☆ Cat toys
- ☆ Grooming supplies—flea combs, brushes, nail clippers, etc
- ☆ Paper towels
- ☆ **Microscope**
- ☆ Baby food (chicken, turkey or beef)
- ☆ Fluffy Carpet Toilet lid covers (for beds)
- ☆ Cat litter (pine or clumping)





# FieldHaven Volunteers at Work (Fun)



Curtis Covington is one of our Cat Couriers. He shuttles kitties to the Spay/Neuter clinic in Auburn in his 1945 Willy MB jeep



Martha Maldonado at the Louiseware booth at our Open House in August



Ruthie Montgomery—kitty socializer

Jen Paul and Susan Gardiner, Adoption counselors, socializers, volunteer orienters, kitty caregivers, etc., etc.



Serena, Lauren & Sydne—youth volunteers



Rhian and Leslie Brinskele, mom and daughter volunteer team

## Garfield - A Very Special Adoptable

The first reaction of most people when they meet Garfield is to feel sorry for him. It takes only a moment with this sweet guy to switch over to laughter and inspiration. But you can't help but smile as you watch Garfield race around chasing toys and harassing other kittens. The inspiration comes from watching him have fun with life, seemingly completely unaware of his disability. He is a very affectionate kitten; when you reach down to pet him he immediately starts purring.



Garfield has 2 fused vertebrae that he was very likely born with. As a result he is very nearly paralyzed in his hind limbs. He was rescued from a feral colony when he was just days old and cared for by the colony caregivers until he came to FieldHaven in September.

Garfield's veterinary care is being supervised by Dr. Jyl Rubin who has begun VOM (Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation) treatment in the hope some of the damage may be reversed. We have begun a special fund to cover medical expenses for Garfield and other special needs kitties. Donations can be sent to FieldHaven Feline Rescue, 2754 Ironwood Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648.

**Applications are being accepted for Garfield's Adoption - call 916-434-6022**



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Donation Amount

-  Bombay - \$25-\$49
-  Tuxedo - \$50-99
-  Tabby - \$100-\$249
-  Siamese - \$250-\$499
-  Ragdoll - \$500-\$999
-  Maine Coon = \$1,000+

Donation Levels

Your support is needed—Your donations and support are greatly appreciated and will enable us to continue our existing rescue efforts and develop new programs to assist the animals and animal lovers in our community.



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November 26—  
December 24!!*

