

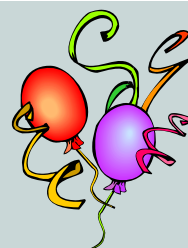


Feline Focus

Fall 2008



Celebrating 5 years of saving lives
and building happy homes!



Monte Our first adoptee

We wanted to tell you about Field-Haven's first adopted kitty. His name is Monte Carlo. It all started five years ago when we picked him up and looked into his face at the Farmer's Market in July 2003. We all fell in love with him instantly. He is now the popular cat in the neighborhood. He especially loves to climb the fence to visit his good friend Miss Kitty. He loves coming home from his neighborly visits to be greeted by his family which includes a puppy and guinea pig. He is a very happy cat who loves to snuggle his mom and play with the puppy. We were, and still are to this day, so happy we could give him his forever home.

With
hugs and
purrs!

Justine,
Jamie,
Jordan,
Kody



Monte

**Since our ribbon
cutting ceremony 5
years ago we have
placed over 1260
cats and kittens
in loving homes.**

*Roontay (above as a kitten and
below as a cat) was the very first
FieldHaven kitten to find a home. But
the public never had a chance with
her— she won co-founder Jann's
heart before we ever got to meet her.*



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2003

65 adoptions

- FieldHaven started in the horse barn tack room
- First adoptions at Lincoln Farmer's Market
- First volunteers recruited — Many are still with us today!

Deke's Story

One feral kitten rescued from Gladding McBean in 2004 was tiny Deke. Weighing only about 1 pound Deke was sickly and frail, and FieldHaven staff feared he had little hope of survival. The morning crew was sad, but not surprised, when they found little Deke apparently lifeless in his bed. But when they picked up the tiny body he had just enough energy for one tiny little "squeak". Joy Smith took the tiny kitten to Critter Creek Veterinary hospital to see if there was any hope or if they should end his suffering. But Critter Creek could not find anything wrong with Deke and resolved to give the tiny tiger a shot at life. They gave him a transfusion from another cat and soon had the satisfaction of knowing they were right! That was just the boost he needed to pull through.

When he was old enough to be adopted, Deke screened all the FieldHaven visitors carefully. He choose his perfect parents from among the many prospects by climbing up on Bob's shoulder to say "I'm going home with you! "

Dekey, as his parents call him, is now 4 years old and a very happy king of his household.

Deke's story really illustrates FieldHaven's mission – helping the community by partnering with business and people to address cat issues, save feline lives and then send cats and kittens on to homes where they bring much happiness to their families for many years.



Clockwise from top: Kitten Deke home from ICU, in the garden and with his proud new parents. Adult Dekey with his parents and lounging at home.



2004

211 adoptions

- ♦ "Cat Trailer" brought into service and outdoor adult habitat built
- ♦ Gladding McBean —50+ feral cats trapped, neutered & relocated
- ♦ 501(c)3 Non-profit status granted

We are very active in the community
promoting the “FieldHaven Message”
No more unwanted pets!



FieldHaven in the community.

Above: PetSmart

Right: Farmer's Market in Lincoln



Trapping and spaying/neutering feral cats is a critical part of our presence in the community.



Hi, my Name is Sebastian (aka M & M)

I used to be a feral kitty running around at Sun City Lincoln with my pals. It was scary and we didn't have any food or a safe place to sleep. Then one night I went for some food I saw in a box and the next thing I knew I was trapped in that box. I was taken to a doctor and then ended up in a big house in Rocklin. I was there with another kitty who was quite hissy about the whole situation, and did not want to play with me. She had some injuries and was really old so she went to live with a nice lady in Cool. Her new name is Princess Kitty, and she is now living the life of luxury and is contented and loved. I have a family of four; two big people and two little ones. Andrew is 5 and Amanda is 3, and I take turns sleeping with them at night. They hug me a lot and I keep them entertained. They have lots of big people come to visit, and I sit on all their laps and purr like a motorboat. I talk to my people all the time to tell them how happy and grateful I am to be here. And they say back that they are so happy and grateful to have me too.

Footnote: Both M&M and Princess Kitty were trapped and found homes thanks to the efforts of the Moore family with a little help from FieldHaven. Thanks to all the FieldHaven volunteers who make stories like this possible.

As told to Lorraine Davis, FieldHaven Volunteer



Sebastian lounging in his “palace” after living the feral life in Lincoln.

2005

307 adoptions

- ♦ \$5000 Excellence in Execution award granted by Iams
- ♦ Outreach adoptions begun in PetSmart in Roseville
- ♦ 159 cats spayed/neutered through SNAP

Memo

TO: Joy Smith

FROM: Samson

Hey, Joy, I was checking out FieldHaven's website and the story about me. Yuck, I didn't realize I had so many stitches after my surgery to repair my shattered leg. Can you imagine someone shooting such a fine feline? I have blanked out my past.

I feel the need to write you.....LIFE IS GOOD!

My memories start with the good people at Critter Creek and all the love and care I had by FieldHaven. Wow....all the smiling faces! I remember the cage set up in the middle of the cat trailer main room....I was the KING. At least, that is what everyone told me. I had to be kept still for over 3 months until the pins could be removed from my leg.

Love at first sight. My new mom saw me when I was in the cage and healing. Our eyes met and Alice fell in love. Guess it was our chemistry.

Alice and A.J. took me home to meet my brother Sneakers and sister Mia (yellow lab). Sneakers was adopted from FieldHaven after being rescued by Lorraine, who found him living in a rabbit hole in a park.

Sneakers and I are best buds. I have been a mentor for Sneakers. He gets scared at times so I have taught him to trust and believe in love. I am older and know true love now. We have become so close and really get upset if we end up in two different rooms. We squeeze into the same beds and just "hang" together. We have so many toys and beds all over the house. Alice and A.J. explained that we have to stay inside so we will be safe. That is OK. We love to watch the birds and squirrels outside. LIFE IS GOOD!

I had a setback with a urinary tract blockage. I was really sick and sad. Alice and A.J. took me to the emergency room twice and then.....back to my friends at Critter Creek. I had surgery and now am as fit as a fiddle. When I was sick and in the hospital, I was so worried about Sneakers. He missed me so much.

Sneakers is bonded to Alice and even helps her with paperwork on her desk. Me, well I just love the world. Mia is the most beautiful yellow lab.....I just love to lay on top of her! Sneakers gets scared when she moves too fast...gives me more time with Mia.

Can you imagine one kitty being shot by someone awful and the other kitty being rescued from a rabbit hole! What a combo!



Above: Samson in recovery after surgery to remove shotgun pellets from his leg.

Below: Snuggling with adopted brother Sneakers, who was found living in a Lincoln park rabbit hole by a FieldHaven volunteer.



Distributing pallets of Iams cat food awarded to FieldHaven for Excellence in Execution on the "Home For The Holidays" Campaign. Ten TONS were delivered in 2 tractor trailers.

2006

204 adoptions

- ♦ FieldHaven awarded 10 TONS of dry cat food from Iams -- The food is shared with nearly 20 other animal welfare groups
- ♦ First SNAP grant awarded by Community Foundation of Lincoln
- ♦ 214 cats spayed/neutered through SNAP

At FieldHaven we are targeting the root of pet homelessness. We cannot stop the pet population problem just by placing homeless pets. Instead we reach toward the lofty goal of an enlightened and responsible public who will spay, neuter and care for all animals. Each person won over is a victory!



Our community outreach programs include visiting schools and teaching young people about responsible pet ownership.

A Little Love Goes a Long Way

By Lorraine Davis

On a Friday afternoon a FieldHaven volunteer found an abandoned and very sick kitten. Did the person who left the kitten realize how sick the kitty was? He was probably about four weeks old. His eyes were goopy and he had a stuffed up nose. He barely weighed one pound and was skinny and sick. Kittens always go to a foster home, and we had no homes available because we had over fifty kittens being fostered at that time. Fortunately I was volunteering that day and was willing to take the kitty home and try to nurse him back to health. I had never fostered a kitten so I really didn't know what I was in for.

For two weeks the kitten ate every three to four hours. He developed an upper respiratory infection. With the help of antibiotics and a loving FieldHaven staff, the kitten began to improve. After confirming he was a boy, I named him Justice. After one month Justice is now a sweet, playful and rowdy kitten who is going to live a long and healthy life. Justice has moved to another foster home so that he can be socialized and find his forever home. Thanks to FieldHaven and all the volunteers who were such caring and loving friends to me and this poor sick kitty. (You know who you are!!) Your love and your prayers made this possible.

I feel like we can move mountains, one kitty at a time!!



Justice upon arrival at FieldHaven (bottom) and one month later (top). What a transformation!

2007

336 adoptions

- ♦ Began teaching responsible pet ownership in schools with grant from Community Foundation of Lincoln
- ♦ Operation Amoruso in Lincoln addresses a long-standing overpopulation of stray and feral cats
- ♦ "Prevent Teenage Pregnancy" SNAP campaign poster wins the Brain Bank marketing award from the Humane Society of the United States
- ♦ Buster's Barn for sheltering feral cats in transition is opened
- ♦ 447 cats spayed/neutered through SNAP

FieldHaven's Future - More lives to save, more happy homes to find

We are starting off our journey for the next 5 years by launching a campaign to raise \$150,000 to build a new shelter. Yes, our beloved Cat Trailer is no longer meeting our needs and Placer County Code Enforcement has informed us that in order to be properly permitted we have to have a new structure. The next year will find us exploring every avenue to raise the funds we need to replace the Cat Trailer. We've always needed your help but now we really need it. Come join us on October 11th (flyer enclosed) to help us celebrate our first 5 years and look forward to the next 5 in our

new yet-to-be-built shelter.

What started with 2 people "cleaning up" one small colony of cats through TNR has blossomed into a force of 125+ volunteers who work throughout Lincoln and surrounding areas to help animals and people. We have assisted approximately 2500 cats since 2003 representing a taxpayer savings of nearly \$850,000 from animals not going to Placer County Animal Services. And, most importantly, thousands of lives saved and enriched.



*Proposed site for the new FieldHaven Shelter building.
This site is near the existing cat trailer*

FieldHaven has kept 2500 cats from going to Placer County Animal Services, saving taxpayers nearly \$850,000!
With your help to build a new shelter we can save even more.

We are committed to continuing what we do best – helping people and animals. We are very proud of what we have accomplished but there is still much work to be done. With your support we will continue on our journey of love. Please join us for the ride – we promise it will be rewarding in so many ways!

Help us prevent this from happening: Mayfair and her litter of 4 kittens were abandoned in a crate with this note attached.



2008 and beyond

- ♦ New shelter - help us continue to carry out our mission
- ♦ More lives saved = happy cats = happy people
- ♦ Please help by showing your support—donate and/or volunteer

Message from the President and Co-founder of FieldHaven



Greetings! Please join us in celebrating the 5th Anniversary of FieldHaven Feline Rescue. How far we've come from the little rescue that my sister, Jann, and I started in the small tack room of our horse stable in the summer of 2003. With all of your help over the past 5 years we have helped thousands of cats and kittens through rescuing, rehoming, spaying and neutering. Hundreds of cat owners are living happily with their feline friends through our assistance. And, we have prevented the birth of many thousands of homeless kittens.

We're often asked "How did FieldHaven start?" Well, let me tell you a little story.....

I received a call one day from Animal Spay and Neuter clinic. Would Jann and I help a lady in rural Lincoln trap a number of feral cats in her barn and transport them to the clinic? Sure. Who knew that answer would change our lives.

The trapping went well and we soon had a number of cats spayed/neutered and released back at the ranch but there were several litters of tiny kittens. We secured them with their feral moms in our tack room and began the task of socializing the kittens while the moms took care of them. When the kittens were old enough to be spayed and neutered and off to new homes we decided to set up an outreach adoption booth at the Lincoln Farmers Market. Among those first kittens was one teeny little sprite who captured Jann's heart. Roontay has been Jann's constant companion ever since then. But, technically, our first "real" adoption was Monte. He was adopted by the Anderson family at that first Farmer's Market. About a year later Monte's mom Justine became a FieldHaven volunteer and now she is our Foster Coordinator.

Such is the story of many of the wonderful relationships we have formed over the years with so many fabulous people! Four of the people that attended our first volunteer meeting in September 2003 were Sharon Kurth, Marie Salers, Bruce Valencia and Susan Gardiner. Sharon is an officer on our Board of Directors, Marie fosters and volunteers, Bruce was honored as a Volunteer of the Year last year. Susan was an active volunteer until her death this summer. We miss Susan but her spirit lives on at FieldHaven.

How far we've come over the past 5 years and how we've grown. And it is all due to your support - we owe our success to you! As we embark on the next great journey with the launch of a fundraising campaign for a new shelter your continued support is needed more than ever.

It's been a glorious time and we've barely just begun. Enjoy this trip down memory lane with us and we hope you'll join us for the next leg of the journey!

Warmly,

Joy



Above: Louise - Joy's longtime feline companion on a recent camping trip.

Below: At the 2008 Volunteer picnic



Upcoming Events -

PetSmart Adoptions—We have partnered with PetSmart in Lincoln to have a satellite adoption center in the store! It is always open during PetSmart hours. During the week adoption counselors are on call. Adoption counselors are onsite weekends.

Book Sale Fundraiser — September 27-28, 2166 Swetzer Rd, Pennyn

5th Anniversary Celebration and Antique Car Poker Rally — October 11th at FieldHaven (details inside)

FieldHaven Cat Trailer Hours — Mon-Fri 10-2, Sat 12-4

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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.

Donation Levels

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

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