



**FieldHaven  
Feline Rescue**



**Feline Focus** *Holiday 2008*

# Seasons Greetings

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## From FieldHaven

### We started the Holiday Spirit Early with a benefit for the AWEWOME Lincoln Firefighters

the firefighters and other emergency personnel who fought the Gladding Fire on Labor Day September 1. More than \$3500 was raised at the event.



the community! Led by volunteer, foster mom and "drill sergeant" Penny Dougherty, the volunteers had FieldHaven ready for a party in first class style.

The fire began near Gladding Road and, fueled by

About 200 people attended the fundraiser at FieldHaven on Saturday evening, Oct 11. The event, organized by the volunteers of FieldHaven Feline Rescue honored

In honor of their incredible service during the Lincoln fire FieldHaven volunteers rolled out the red carpet for

strong winds, quickly covered 5 miles of Lincoln before being brought under control near Virginia-town Road, just east of FieldHaven.

Approximately 960 acres were burned, destroying or damaging 16 homes and outbuildings.

Helen and Harley Hutchinson, who lost their home, attended the fundraiser on Saturday evening.

Special guest, Lindsey Bostick Duerst, daughter of Fire Captain, Warren Bostick, sang the national anthem.

Firefighters from several Placer County agencies attended the event and received accolades from everyone for their diligence and hard work to bring the fire under control. Without their dedication and expertise the fire could have easily been a much larger disaster.

Placer County Animal Services also attended to educate attendees on disaster preparedness for pets and livestock. Because of the rural location of the fire, many animals were affected and PCAS coordinated the efforts to evacuate and shelter the 4 legged victims.



Flame - Ready for his new home

**Flame** is an orange tabby found near Gladding Road several days after the fire. He was taken into custody by PCAS and was hospitalized for nearly a week with severely burned feet and an eye injury. To date no one has come forward to claim him. He is now completely recovered and has been transferred to FieldHaven where he is available for adoption.



# Help us find Homes for the Holidays



Blinky



I'm a beautiful Russian Blue kitty. I am sweet, loyal and loving but I'm a little timid until I get to know you. I have amazing eyes that are yellowy gold and full of wisdom. I love to talk and purr.



Parsley



I was rescued, adopted and then returned because a dog didn't like me! What is this world coming to? Everyone knows cats rule and dogs drool! Ok, I'm being harsh... dogs are alright. I get along with them. I went through all that and yet I'm ready to start fresh. I really have trust issues and need lots of love. Come over here and let me try to snuggle with you. I promise I won't disappoint you.

Saber



When I came to my foster family I had real trust issues. I'm a tender hearted girl from an abused background but with lots of attention and gentle hands I have blossomed into an incredible cat. I crave affection, snuggling and cuddling like a kitten. I have silky black fur with two tiny tufts of white and got my name because I have very large canines - like a saber toothed tiger! I am definitely a lap kitty.



Pearl



My name is Pearl and I am a real gem of a kitty! I have one sapphire eye and one emerald eye and my coat has a pearlescent sheen. I am very loving and affectionate but I do not like to share my home with other cats or dogs - just you and I please!

Freeway



I was starving, found on the freeway and rescued by some loving teenagers who brought me to a friend who wanted a barn cat. Well, their resident cat started to beat me up. I just moved in and was already in need of another new home! Thank heaven for FieldHaven!! I am a beautiful cat with soft fur that feels like goose down. I love being outside and would be happiest in a safe indoor/outdoor environment.



# Volunteer All-Stars

Our volunteers are the “elves” that make it all happen at FieldHaven. We are so thankful for their dedication, endless energy and hard work all year long.

This Holiday Season we introduce you to just a few of the many that make FieldHaven possible.

## Nancy M

Nancy is on the Board at ASN and loves special needs cats. She has a cat sanctuary on her property. Nancy dedicates her time to Adoption Counseling at PetSmart and is heavily involved in pet education.



## Jared

Jared volunteers in a number of areas but, like clockwork, he comes to FieldHaven every Monday bearing treats for all the kitties. He loves all the cats but HotRod holds a special spot in Jared's heart. Jared is HotRod's biographer for the Sponsor Program, providing her sponsors with great stories about her life and travels.



## Peri

Peri is an all around volunteer. She is involved in many opportunities at FieldHaven but her favorite is Adoption Counselor. When people ask her why she does so much, her favorite response is "Why don't you?"

## Jen

Jen is one of the most dedicated, caring and responsible volunteers at FieldHaven. She never says no and if she sees a need she takes care of it lovingly. She is an amazing woman who goes above and beyond what's asked of her.



## Jan

Jan first came to FieldHaven with a cat he rescued. Then he started coming every Sunday (after the Nascar race) to give treats to all the kitties. And, since he's retired, he comes every day with bags of Temptations in tow. The cats recognize the sounds of his several vehicles and wait for him to come through the door. We all know Jan as the "Old Hippie".

# More Volunteers



## **Bracken**

Yes, Bracken is an official FieldHaven Volunteer! He has the very important role of "dog-testing" our adoptable kitties to see if they are suitable in a home with (cat-friendly) dogs. Some of the hazards of Bracken's job include nose scratches and kittens pulling at his ears!



## **Marilyn**

Marilyn does general office work, tabling events and donates proceeds from her crafts regularly to FieldHaven. She adopted a special needs kitty and is always there if you need something done.



## **Bob and Patrick**

This dynamic duo are dedicated volunteers who do Cat Trailer and PetSmart adoption counseling regularly. Bob also helps with data entry work and Patrick is a great foster-dad.



## **Sandy**

Sandy does regular transporting to ASN. She is always responsible and takes special care to be on time. She's very thorough, knowledgeable and compassionate about the kitties' needs.



## **Janice**

Janice is always so happy and laughing. She is FieldHaven's "personal shopper", always looking for the best bargains on supplies. And she uses her wonderful design talents to keep our outreach and marketing displays looking great.

## **Camille**

Camille is a long time devoted volunteer who works diligently at the trailer. She never complains and is always available when she's needed. Too bad we can't clone her!!





# er All-stars

## **Nancy K**

Nancy worked at Loomis Basin for 5 years as a medical data entry secretary. Now, she brings those skills to FieldHaven where she helps to keep our cat's medical records up to date. She is an adoption counselor and manages the Courtesy Listings where we help people rehome their cats.



## **Donna and Cherie**

Donna regularly volunteers at FieldHaven and is a cat rescuer. Cherie's husband is in Iraq and Donna babysits her grandchild so that Cherie can volunteer at FieldHaven too. They are both high energy volunteers who jump in and roll up their sleeves to work no matter what the task is.

Volunteers **Diane H** and **Diane C**, describe themselves as "bonded at the hip". Last month a kitty named Century was recovering at FieldHaven after being neutered. It was the 100th kitty they trapped and saved together! Loving, dedicated, compassionate, energetic, committed...these gals have made such a difference in this world. They lived 3 houses apart for 20 years but met a year ago through a FieldHaven rescue effort in their Amoruso neighborhood. Read more about the miraculous Amoruso Project on the FieldHaven website or in the last newsletter. Now they march through fields, day and night, rain or shine...trapping cats, rescuing and often fostering them. **True GEMS!**



## **Charla is an A+ foster mom.**

She never says no when there is a need for the kitties. She socializes semi-ferals and transports fosters when needed. No job is too big or too small for her.



## **Naggie, Roxie and Alice**

This terrific trio handles all of our (snail) mailings, including this newsletter. Without their help we wouldn't be able to keep you informed of all the exciting news at FieldHaven.

## In Memoriam: Susan Gardiner, July 1, 2008



by Jann Flanagan

*It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that a beloved and faithful friend of FieldHaven Rescue left this life on earth to reunite with her furry friends at Rainbow Bridge. Susan Gardiner will be greatly missed by her son Tom, friends, and family of her four kitties: Casey, Greta, Mikey, and Paisley.*

Susan was a brave, poised lady who faced life head-on with independence and faith. Susan's attitude remained positive and upbeat throughout her three plus years of battling cancer.

When Susan was informed that she had "months, not years to live" by her oncologist after being diagnosed with terminal cancer over three years ago, she picked up her chin, a look of anger and resolve appeared in her eyes, and she said, "No way, I'm not ready to die". She sought out an oncologist who supported her determination to "beat this cancer", and together fought they did. Susan's journey was not easy, in fact, she suffered many adversities along the way; but each time, she dug her heels in deeper, exhibiting an inner strength that was remarkable. She was always appreciative of visits and phone calls, interested in what was going on in your life. When she was asked what anyone could do, her usual answer was, "Nothing, I'm fine," accompanied by a gentle smile. Susan was always dressed fashionably, a very beautiful woman. Her taste in clothes was impeccable, looking like she stepped out of a fashion show.

The three loves of her life were her son Tom, her beautiful gardens, and animals. Susan had many pets throughout her life. Her favorite dog was the Eskimo Spitz; her last rescue was rehomed after she was unable to care for him during her cancer treatments. Left with her four beloved kitties, they became the center of her life, admittedly, her strength and companionship. She often stated, "I don't know what I would do without them, I couldn't make it without them." They entertained her, and were always at her side. Her very favorite (they were all her favorites) was Casey who she adopted from FieldHaven as a shy, quite unadoptable kitty. While volunteering at FieldHaven, she literally spent hours winning Casey over, until he succumbed to her love, and they formed a bond that could not be broken. Susan accounted how he would spend hours "cleaning" her when she was not feeling well. Casey spent most of his time on Susan's bed, usually laying on top of her during her last few weeks, and remained at her side yesterday as she left this world. Paisley was also a very shy kitten at FieldHaven that she worked with until she won her over. Paisley slipped out the door a few weeks ago while equipment was being moved in for Susan's return home from the hospital. She remained elusive for five weeks, untrappable until last weekend, when ironically, she stepped into the trap and was reunited with her family. Mikey and Greta rounded out Susan's feline family, and had joined her prior to volunteering at FieldHaven.

Susan remained an active volunteer at FieldHaven until recently. As well as participating in many activities and outreach events, she was a proud member of Thursday night cat trailer cat care team. It was wonderful to hear her and Bruce laughing and talking as they went about their duties, caring for all the resident cats.

She would also come over during the week to love on and brush the kitties. Her quiet and gentle manner was soothing, especially to the shy kitties, which was her specialty, as was evidenced by her adopting two of our very shy cats. She remained active even when she was unable to travel. She faithfully posted ads of kitties that had been at the sanctuary for longer period of time in the Penny Saver until very recently. Many kitties were adopted because of her advertising in the free circular.

There were two things that were of paramount importance to Susan. The first was that she would be with her kitties until the very end. Tom arranged for a home caregiver so that her wish could be fulfilled; her caregiver and a friend that were with her to the end of her life here on earth, stated that she passed peacefully, which I am sure was mostly because she was surrounded by the love of her four felines. The second thing was the care of her kitties after she was gone. She arranged for her feline family to come to our sanctuary. They have arrived, and as any family displaced, it is a very difficult time for them. It would be a tribute to this wonderful brave lady to show an outpouring of love and support for her babies. They need lots of attention and gentle petting to ease their anxiety over leaving their home and Mom. I know that Susan will be at peace, adorned with her lovely smile when all are placed in forever homes.

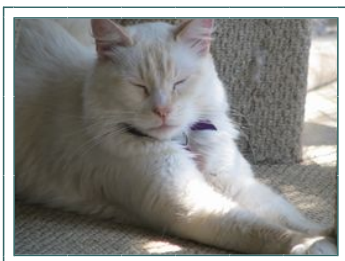


Casey

Susan's Family  
needs a new  
home



Greta



Mikey

## The Susan Gardiner Memorial Fundraising Campaign



Paisley

*A beloved and faithful friend of FieldHaven  
Feline Rescue left this life on earth to reunite with her furry friends at Rainbow Bridge.  
Susan Gardiner embodied everything FieldHaven stands for and we are dedicating our  
new shelter campaign in Susan's memory.*

*Please help us carry on Susan's dream and memory by making a donation in her name.*



## Adoptions and Upcoming Events -

**PetSmart Adoptions** — Visit our satellite adoption center in the Lincoln PetSmart  
**Petco Adoptions** — Rocklin (Lone Tree Drive) — Adoptions most Saturdays.  
**FieldHaven Cat Trailer Hours** — Mon-Fri 10-2, Sat 12-4  
**Upcoming Fundraiser for the New Shelter** — Watch your email and the website for information on this important event!

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### Donation Levels

-  Bombay = \$25-\$49
-  Tuxedo = \$50-99
-  Tabby = \$100-\$249
-  Siamese = \$250-\$499
-  Ragdoll = \$500-\$999
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