



Feline Focus

Fall 2009

*A kitten is in the animal world
what a rosebud is in the garden*

—Robert Southey



Photo from Kona's baby album.
He is now 5 months old and
ready for his forever home.

Our Classics, Cats and Cabernet Fundraiser Was a Great Success! Over \$34,000 Raised!

During the entire day FieldHaven was bursting at the seams with the good will and love of a community who turned out to support a wonderful and worthy cause.

The party was fantastic!
What an incredible feeling of love and support we all felt.

The attendees braved the

heat to ogle over the very cool classic cars and wood boats, sip wines, sample some incredible foods, listen to wonderful music and bid on the wide array of auction and raffle items. And, of course, spend time with all our adoptable and sanctuary cats. Even a few kittens came out of their foster homes to charm the party-goers.

The food and wine turned out perfect in spite of some stressful moments in the weeks leading up to the day. We heard great comments from attendees that the variety of wines and different foods was extraordinary. A huge debt of gratitude to my close friend Jane Cozart and caterer George Carreras for coordinating the food offerings. And to the restaurants and food vendors who served and en-

dured the heat to cook their specialties!

We are extremely grateful that so many companies and individuals were able to dig deep and support FieldHaven as both sponsors and donors of auction items.

The music provided by the very fun group Brazen Hussies and the Bad Boyz was absolutely perfect for the setting and format. Even the horses appeared to be rocking out as 2 horses tried to dance with each other over the bars of their paddock causing me to make a mad dash to the barn to break up the equine rumba before a leg could become caught.

And, at the end of the day, each and every one of the FieldHaven kitties was comfortable in their respective beds in the Cat Trailer...dreaming of the new shelter we will be building for them someday soon.



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A FieldHaven resident tries for a wine preview during a promotional photo shoot

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Two Happy FieldHaven Family Reunions!

Richie, Fonzi and Potsy

Posted by Carol, FieldHaven Volunteer

Recently a woman with 9-year-old twin boys adopted Richie and Fonzi. She had lost her cat of many, many years 3 years ago and it took her that long to feel she could give her heart again. I knew our boys were going to a very good forever home; it was one of those adoptions which stayed with me for being perfect.

She called Susie yesterday and asked if Potsy was still available. She had thought and thought about it and felt the three boys should grow old together.

I have to admit, when Susie called me I hesitated because Leanne and I had really fallen in love with Potsy. I'd already made up my mind if he wasn't adopted this week we would take him. Faced with losing him, I was ready to take him then and there - had it been anyone else I would have said they couldn't have him.

Potsy went home last night to be with his brothers. I met one of the boys, Nicholas, and he was so excited about having the whole family together. They have even kept the names we gave them so they will always be the Happy Days Boys!

I had no idea when I first volunteered for FieldHaven what a rewarding experience it would be. Thank you for letting me be a part of the FieldHaven family



*These boys will share their whole lives in their new "Forever Home".
Richie (left), Fonzi (center) and Potsy (right).*

Fuzzy and Smokey

Fuzzy and Smokey came to FieldHaven in July 2008 when their mom Janet (a long time FieldHaven supporter) passed away. Both kitties, especially Smokey, were on the shy side. During the fire evacuation last Labor Day, Smokey squeezed out of his carrier and bolted. We looked and looked for months but never found him. In the meantime, Fuzzy was adopted by a wonderful woman from Walnut Creek who found him on PetFinder and came with her daughter to adopt him. The little girl said to me while she was helping her mom put Fuzzy in their car - "He's going home and he won't be coming back!" He's in a wonderful home.

Then on June 27 this year we were trapping outside the Cat Trailer to try and capture our latest late-night food raider - Pepe LePew #43 (we get lots of them around here) and, miracle of miracles, Smokey was trapped! He must've been living under the trailer all those months and only coming out to eat late at night.

Because Smokey WAS so shy he was sent out to a foster home and guess what? After 2 days under the recliner in the den, he came out, and really showed his true colors. What a love bucket. He would come out and lay in the window, watch TV with us, play on the bed and even sleep with us. He must have been very lonely living under the trailer all by himself.

Then the biggest miracle of all happened. Melissa, who had adopted Smokey's brother Fuzzy, happened to see Smokey on the FieldHaven website and has adopted him too. Now after 10 months the brothers are reunited!



Smokey (left) was reunited with his brother Fuzzy after being "lost" for 10 months.

A Day in the Life of a FieldHaven Trap, Neuter Release (TNR) Volunteer



Trapping site. This is an example of the kind of terrain we trap in (or in this case under!)



Volunteer Diane holding a string attached to a door on a trap. She is waiting for a kitten to go in that is too light to trip the trigger the normal way.



Here is what the string is attached to! To rescue the last of 4 adoptable kittens we are using his sister next to an empty trap to encourage him go into it.



We covered the traps so the only way to his sister was in the door of the trap since he wanted to keep going on top. It was shortly after this picture was taken that he went in and was successfully trapped.



Handing a kitten in a trap up the embankment from under the bridge.

SUCCESS!

Four Beautiful Adoptables



Your support helps us save kittens like these ferals. They were trapped and are being socialized by FieldHaven volunteer extraordinaire Lorraine. Soon they will be ready for lives of luxury in their new homes.

Memorial Donations

Adrian Felice
In memory of Tabitha

Dorcus Kokila
In memory of Etta Winton

Dorcus Kokila
In memory of Koichi George
Uyeno

Mary Swanson
In memory of Alexia

Jan - Aug 2009 FieldHaven Statistics

Adoptions – 277

Community cats spayed/neutered through SNAP – 475

Volunteer hours spent by our TNR Team — 1,045

Cats released back to their original location — 70%

Remaining cats were relocated or adoptable.

A few cats had untreatable illnesses and were humanely euthanized.

Special thanks to the sponsors who make SNAP possible:

PetSmart Charities

Placer County Animal Trust Fund

FieldHaven Helps Out in Auburn Fire

By Jen Rosenbrook

FieldHaven responded quickly when news came about the devastating fire in Auburn on August 30.

Co-founders Joy Smith and Jann Flanagan loaded up their horse trailers with equipment needed for large animal rescue and ten carriers and headed for the Placer County Animal Services (PCAS) shelter in Auburn along with Board Member Beverly Warner and volunteer Scout Valentine.

"Fortunately the fire did not reach out into the rural area, but, sadly, so many homes were lost," said Joy. "We spent several hours assisting people who brought their pets to the shelter and trying to provide emotional support for those looking for their pets. The fire was fast-moving, and many people were unable to get their pets out. Our hearts and prayers go out to them and all the victims of this horrible fire."

"We were so impressed with the compassion and dedication of the PCAS staff," added Jann. "They do a fantastic job. Animal Control Officer Joe Spera told us they would do a thorough search of the fire zone for any survivors."

PCAS was at full capacity before the fire, so on Monday Jann and Board Member Julie Anderson brought ten of their cats and one kitten to FieldHaven. Two of the Auburn cats have already been adopted.

UPDATE 9/22/09: Today at the Placer County Board of Supervisors meeting in Auburn FieldHaven and several other rescue organizations and veterinarians were awarded a Commendation for our assistance during the fire. We are proud to have received this recognition and, more importantly, that we were able to help.



FieldHaven Voted Best of the Best Nonprofit 2 Years in a Row by Lincoln Messenger Readers

"I was very excited and very proud of our organization, especially given that it's the second year in a row," said Joy Smith.

"The organization's volunteers work very hard and they deserve the award," Smith added.

FieldHaven, according to Smith, is very supportive of the community as a whole, and she said that helped lead to the organization winning the award.

"We're here to help people," Smith said. "We're not just an adoption agency."

In addition to taking in cats and putting them up for adoption, FieldHaven facilitates free spay/neuter services through its Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) for eligible recipients. It offers low cost pet microchipping.

Despite the good work, Smith said the shelter at FieldHaven is not up to code, and if money isn't raised to build a new one, FieldHaven will cease to exist.

From the Lincoln Messenger

See the CAT corner on the opposite page for an example of FieldHaven helping people in the community

The Cat's Whiskers*

By Lorraine Davis

Did you know that whiskers are so sensitive that they can detect the slightest directional change in a breeze? At night, this helps a cat silently move through a room and not bump into anything. How? The air currents in the room change depending on where pieces of furniture are located. As the cat walks through the room and approaches the couch, he'll know which direction to turn based on the change in air current around the couch!

In addition, a cat's whiskers are a good indicator of his mood. When a cat is angry or feels defensive, the whiskers will be pulled back. Otherwise, when the cat is happy, curious or content, the whiskers will be more relaxed and pushed forward.

But whiskers are primarily used to help a cat judge whether or not he'll fit through an opening. A cat's whiskers are roughly as wide as his body like a built in ruler. The whisker tips are sensitive to pressure. You'll probably see a cat stick his head in and out of an opening before he puts his body in. He's judging the width of the opening, and is determining if he can fit into it. Don't forget that cats don't have a true collar bone like humans. This allows them to turn and twist their way through very narrow openings.

Whiskers are the long, thick, flexible hairs deeply rooted within the cat's face. Whiskers, like hair and nails, do fall out and are replaced. But whiskers are different from the cat's body hair in a few ways:

- ◆ Whiskers should never be cut or trimmed.
- ◆ Whiskers are two to three times thicker than the cat's hair.
- ◆ Whiskers are rooted very deep in the cat's face, in an area rich in nerves and blood vessels.

* Excerpt from "Why Do Cats Have Whiskers" by HowStuffWorks.com



Enjoying the day at the Classics, Cats & Cabernet Fundraiser

FieldHaven's future is in jeopardy!
Our fundraiser was a great success,
but we still have a long way to go.
We have a goal to build the new shelter in 2010.

Please help if you can.
And let us know if you have a great fundraising idea.
Thanks a million for your support.

Announcing FieldHaven's "What's In A Name" Contest

Calling all FieldHaven volunteers/supporters!
Put on your best fundraising hat and enter our
"What's In A Name" Contest!

The FieldHaven Board of Directors has set aside
a community room in the new shelter to be
named by or for the person or group who raises
the most money for the building fund.

Use your own name, or name the room for a
loved one - person or pet!

When you sign up, give your name & address
and you will be given a "Challenge Number".
Just collect contributions and bring them or
mail them to FieldHaven and make sure they
are identified with both your name and Chal-
lenge Number.

That's it! At the end of the contest, the person
(or group) with the most money listed under
their Challenge Number wins!

**So get creative
have some fun
and help build the new shelter!**

Call or email FieldHaven board member
Sabina at sabina@msn.com to sign up.

Check our website for the Challenge Yardstick.

CAT Corner - Help for Lost Cats

(Community/Cat Assistance Team)

Calls, we get calls. Everything from snake removal
to puppy adoptions. (Sorry, we are a kitty-only
organization so please cat calls only!)

Sometimes we can't fix the problem, but we can
give lots of advice and have received many grateful
emails from people far and near. There is one
woman who has since moved to Europe and still
sends us updates!

One common call we receive is, unfortunately, from
people who have lost their cat. In one situation,
Belle, an indoor only kitty managed to escape his
house without the owner's knowledge. By the time
they discovered he was missing he was nowhere to
be found around their house. FieldHaven's CAT
volunteer provided the following advice.

*One suggestion that you may not have tried yet
is to set out a trap. Sometimes kitties get very
frightened when they are in unfamiliar territory
and will only come out for food when it is very
dark and quiet.*

*Keep the faith – it's only been 3 days so don't
lose hope yet. We recently found a kitty that
had been missing for 2 years!*

Some other ideas you can try for a lost pet:

- ♦ **Microchip your pet**—this is probably the most
important thing you can do to increase the odds
your pet will be reunited with you
- ♦ Sprinkle contents of a litter box around the
property to help the lost kitty find its way home
- ♦ Access walking groups to enlist their help
searching for pets
- ♦ Check the resources link on our web page for
more ideas

Featured Adoptable - Hot Rod



**I am Hot Rod,
looking for a forever
home.**

I have spent the first 2 1/2 years of my life living in a shelter, namely FieldHaven. My name fits me to a "T". I am tiny, compact and can zoom from "0" to "6" in no time flat! I am very neat and clean, have the MOST gorgeous eyes, and am much smarter than most ordinary cats. I love to be petted and will listen to you talk or sing for hours. Like to travel, no problem...so do I! I am used to a motor home. As for sleeping arrangements I love to cuddle but I am very adaptable and will cuddle into my bed with a soft stuffed animal. I do not bite but I recommend keeping my claws short because since I AM A HOT ROD, quick starts can leave a few tracks, you know what I mean. Hate litter pan cleaning? You never will have to clean one if you adopt me. What? Oh, by the way, I have a condition called "Manx Syndrome". As you have probably noticed, I do not have a tail (for streamlining purposes). I was born unable to urinate on my own. Twice a day, preferably every 12 hours, my bladder is squeezed, technically called "expressed", and I get a little cool water cleaning. Bowels, no problem, I take a very quick medicine once a day to have a bowel movement. I never leak urine, but sometimes my formed stool happens outside of my bed, so I prefer a house without carpeting. Even though I like to go outside sometimes in a very safe environment, I am an INSIDE CAT! I am so smart that I wait by the sink for my treat after bladder expressions.

What I really miss living in the commune at FieldHaven is having someone to love me, hold me and take care of me. I will in turn give you all my love.

Anyone adopting Hot Rod will get plenty of one-on-one training in her care by "Nurse Jann", FieldHaven Co-founder.

Please contact FieldHaven for more info, or come by and see Hot Rod.



Upcoming Events -

PetSmart Adoptions — Lincoln (Groveland Lane next to Target) Every day except Monday Tue—Fri 5 pm—8 pm, Sat 10 am—4 pm, Sun 11 am— 3pm

Petco Adoptions — Rocklin (Lonetree Drive) Every Sat and Sun 12 pm—4 pm

**See a complete events schedule
at www.FieldHaven.com**

Shelter Fundraising Campaign

Our Goal: \$150,000

Raised so far: \$56,679

A note About Special Needs Cats and Special People that Care for Them.

Many of you who are friends of FieldHaven know our commitment to the special needs and adoption challenged cats that come in our door.

We have many other wonderful cats with special needs who will blossom and thrive in a special caring home. Some are very shy, having known abuse or the mean streets where they struggled to survive. Others are FIV positive. All need a kind word, a safe inside haven with a window to observe the world which has been so cruel to them, good food, and love; even if it is on their cautious terms.

They have much love to give that would be lost, even in the best shelter. And you can provide a forever home to a cat that otherwise may never know the bond with their own special person. Many of us have found the rewards of a special needs adoption far outweigh the difficulties.

Will you be a hero to one of these cats? Will you commit to love them for who they are and who they can become in the right, caring environment?

If you cannot adopt, consider making a donation to sponsor them and help us keep them safe.

Please see our website under "Adoptables" where we describe each cat, and stay tuned for an updated site where we will showcase the "Adoption Challenged" kitties in our care.

We thank you, and most of all, they thank you!