



One cat just leads to another.

—Ernest Hemingway



I am Nikki—a shy and beautiful girl just waiting for my forever home.

Help us Save Lives Become a Foster Parent!

Fostering means taking kittens or cats into your home and caring for them until they are ready for adoption. Our foster care program is vital to saving lives. Taking cats or kittens into foster care gives them an opportunity to be socialized. Without foster homes, we cannot rescue as many pets. And, with kitten season just around the corner, we are looking for qualified foster homes.

What it takes to be a foster parent:

- ◆ Most important is love and concern for pets.
- ◆ Time and desire to socialize pets.
- ◆ Willingness to provide food, water and medication, if necessary.
- ◆ Provide a clean living environment and daily care separate from any of your own pets.

Time involved:

This will depend on the needs of each animal. Some foster cats/kittens are young or have health issues so it is important to understand the needs of each foster cat/kitten and how much time you have available. We can match you up with the appropriate foster cats/kittens depending on your time. Time required also depends on the number of animals fostered. The length of



Foster parents help kittens grow up to be great cats.



There is no greater feeling than socializing a shy cat until they become friendly and outgoing and get adopted.

Foster Mom Lorraine Davis

More foster parent quotes inside

time you will foster also greatly depends on the individual cats or kittens. The foster period could be from 2 weeks to several months.

FieldHaven volunteers will be available to answer your questions and help you assess any health related issues. You will report on your foster kitties' progress through our internet-based shelter management system.

If you are interested in being a foster parent, please contact FieldHaven at 916-434-6022 or go to our web site at www.FieldHaven.com and click on the Contact Us link .

We will answer your questions and sign you up for our next Foster Parent Class.

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Foster Parenting *cont.*

Expense: FieldHaven will provide food, medical care and medications. Foster parents provide litter, toys and other items.

Is Fostering for You and Your Family?

- ◆ Will you be able to spend quality time with the foster animal(s)? Socialization is as important as feeding them and keeping them clean.
- ◆ Do you have a place you can keep your fosters separate from your own pets? This is essential for the health of your pets as well as that of the foster cats/kittens. We recommend you discuss with your veterinarian any concerns you may have regarding the health of your personal animals and exposure to fosters prior to bringing any fosters home. Your own pets' vaccines history should be reviewed with your veterinarian as well.
- ◆ Are you willing to work with our vet care system? Please understand that foster cats/kittens are only treated by our shelter vet or selected facilities. Some procedures are done for a substantial savings to our organization. Additionally, all medications must come from our sources only. If you choose to go to a vet outside our system without our prior consent (other than life-threatening emergencies) or get medications from outside our system, then any cost incurred will be the foster parent's responsibility.
- ◆ As with anything else that involves change, there may be an adjustment period for you and your foster cat/kitten. Please be patient — many of our animals have come from rough situations and are frightened. Many times their only way to communicate their fears is what we humans refer to as abnormal or deviant behavior. Some will hide, while others may exhibit any number of signals: inappropriate urination/defecation, growling, hissing, snapping etc. Helping scared kitties overcome these issues is a challenging and very rewarding part of fostering.



I love that I know that we do everything to ensure the health and well-being of our kittens. I love the happy faces of the adopters when they take their new family members home.

Foster mom Johanna Meinking



I love seeing scrawny, love-starved, and sometimes sick kitties blossom into healthy grateful kitties. Knowing that I personally made a difference in saving their lives.

Foster Mom Jen Paul

- ◆ Do you feel comfortable explaining to friends that these animals are not yours to adopt out and that they must go through the regular adoption process at FieldHaven?
- ◆ Can you commit to spend the entire foster period with the animal? If something unexpected happens we work to place your fosters in another approved foster home.

More details on our web site—Click on the Programs—Foster Care Link.

As a member of the TNR Team for FieldHaven, the thing I love about fostering is seeing a frightened and lost cat or kitten become a very affectionate pet and companion through patience and love of a human. I have learned so much from the kitties about the power of love.

Foster Mom Diane Hilbert

FieldHaven's CAT Program

Serenity Goes Home 4 the Holidays

Serenity was not looking forward to her first Christmas as an orphan after her mom and dad both passed away this year.

Serenity had a place to go – but no way to get there. Aunt Susie in Glacier Park, Montana would welcome Serenity into her home. But Montana is a long way from Sacramento. Aunt Susie wasn't able to drive to California until after the spring thaw (the roads there are treacherous in winter). She couldn't afford the cost of shipping Serenity. And, trying to coordinate the logistics of everything, especially with the wintry weather, was overwhelming to Aunt Susie.

Aunt Susie knew Serenity had been adopted from FieldHaven several years ago, and her sister had always told her of the wonderful things FieldHaven does. So, she called us to see if we could help.

C.A.T. (Community/Cat Assistance Team) volunteer Jackie got the call and sprang into action. Within a week Serenity was snug and warm in her new home with Aunt Susie and her 3 kitty cousins.

It took a team of people to make it happen. Jackie coordinated everything here. The great staff at Banfield Pet Hospital in Lincoln made sure Serenity had a clean bill of health and all the necessary paperwork in place. Wendy Lemons, FieldHaven Volunteer Coordinator, delivered Serenity to Alaska Airlines at Sacramento Airport at 4:30 a. m. and saw her safely onto the plane. Even Aunt Susie's neighbors helped in the mission by plowing out her driveway so she could drive to the airport!



Thanks to all the supporters of FieldHaven Serenity found her way to Montana and has a new home with Aunt Susie and her 3 kitty cousins.

C is for Cat

... and community and caring and creativity the list goes on and on. And of the very best ways that FieldHaven volunteers give their best to help cats and our community is through our C.A.T (Community/Cat Assistance Team).

Quickly becoming one of the most recognized services FieldHaven offers, C.A.T. is our phone and email helpline that offers assistance and/or advice to anyone with a cat-related question or problem. (And some dog and snake questions, too!)

As you might imagine it's not an easy job. But if you ask any of these team members, they will tell you that being a part of the C.A.T team is one of the most rewarding ways to spend your "FieldHaven" time.

We hope that by introducing you to a few of these very special people, and sharing a little of what they do, you will consider joining them in fulfilling the promise and the mission of FieldHaven.

Susie "Quick Response" Mason – With a cell phone to one ear, a hand on the keyboard and a land-line ready to call for advice, Susie checks FieldHaven voice mail several times a day and gives prompt attention to each and every caller. With her encyclopedic memory Susie can answer most questions swiftly. But on the rare occasion that she doesn't have the information handy she consults her 2 best "friends" www.fieldhaven.com and Google! If these two can't help, Susie usually knows just who to call at FieldHaven for the answers.

Peri "The Golden Pen" Oldham With her gift for writing, Peri answers emails that come to both our Help and Info email addresses, filling each reply with timely and informative information and the resources that the public has come to rely on from FieldHaven. Peri makes each and every person feel as if their question or problem is the most important. For those people rescuing cats off the street, Peri sends

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gratitude and offers of help and speaks for all of us when she praises them for the rescuing angels they are.

Courtney “Uncommon Sense” Coburn Like Peri, Courtney answers Help and Info emails, providing efficient responses to each and every person. Courtney taps into her wide network of resources and many years of knowledge in the animal (and people) health field to provide sound advice. For the person who’s paralyzed by a problematic pet, Courtney is the mistress of common sense advice.

These wonderful people are not the only members of *C.A.T.* but rather they represent some of the many different aspects of this wonderful program. Wouldn’t you be proud to be part of this team?

If *C.A.T.* sounds interesting but you’re just not sure if you know how to begin no problem! We’ll start with your talents and train you on the rest. There are lots of ways to get involved. Whether you want to be on the “front lines” or spending some time logging the information into our computer FieldHaven needs you.

Drop us an email today to sign-up. A team member (probably Peri!) will get back to you quickly and help you find your purrrfect place in the *C.A.T.* program.

In our next newsletter—more *C.A.T.* volunteer profiles and more success stories.

All our thanks and gratitude to everyone that makes it happen for FieldHaven.



Peri “The Golden Pen” Oldham

Calamity Jane in Wild West Shootout

Someone was seriously misinformed when they dropped Jane, a friendly brown tabby, off at the park. Maybe they thought she’d be okay since there was a feral colony nearby and caregivers came everyday to feed the cats. She did OK for awhile. She’d come for food and solicited head scratches and love as she crunched on kibble. She had shelter under a house nearby and seemed happy and safe. Unfortunately that didn’t last for long.

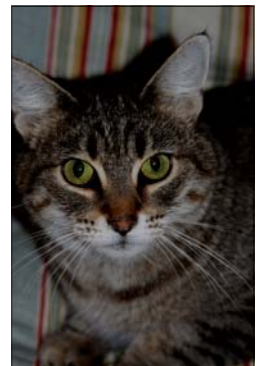
Jane came for dinner, dragging her hind leg behind her. The leg was limp and at an odd angle. She was hustled off to a vet where X-rays revealed the ghastly news. Jane had been shot! The bone in her leg was shattered and surgery was the only chance of saving her leg.

Luck was on Jane’s side. Her vet had recently received special training in this type of surgery and was able to save Jane’s leg by inserting horizontal and vertical pins surrounding the shattered pieces of bone. The surgery was a success and Jane is recuperating in a foster home where she will be monitored until the fracture heals and the pins can be removed.

Jane is an outgoing, friendly girl. She’s definitely a lap kitty who appreciates attention. Jane is being as patient as she can with the high-tech apparatus she’s wearing on her leg, but she can’t wait to have this ordeal behind her and get on with her life in a warm, cozy home!

Sadly, it is all too common that people think cats will be “OK on their own”. The truth is that domesticated cats are ill prepared for the harsh realities of the wild life of a feral cat. And they are susceptible to injuries and illness such as Jane suffered. If you have an issue with your cat, please contact us at FieldHaven and we will attempt to assist you in solving behavior issues or in rehoming your cat.

After being abandoned and shot in a park, “Calamity Jane” is hoping for a calm and safe forever home.



Beau Finds his Forever Home

In a previous newsletter the Featured Adoptable was Beau, a sweet kitty who was 85% blind and left to fend for himself at the Lincoln landfill. Now we are pleased to report that Beau is home. Here is the letter from his new mom.

I want to report that Beau is doing well here in his new home. He joins Luna and his Mom's cockatiels: Chuckie and Pearl. The birds like to fly overhead to entertain him, and Luna spends her time peaking around corners to see what he is doing now. He is very playful and active when not snoozing on his Mom's bed.

He seems quite happy here; the food is plentiful and he has his own blanket and scratching post at the foot of Mom's bed and a quiet cubbyhole when he wants some privacy. He reaches up and climbs the post to the big bed, plays with his plastic bell-balls, and chases invisible prey around the room. He is so loving and a joy to take care of.

THANK YOU, FIELDHAVEN!!!

Joanne L.



Beau, a beautiful but mostly blind cat rescued from the Lincoln Landfill, has found his forever home.

2009 FieldHaven Statistics

Intakes: 457

Adoptions: 425

Community cats spayed/neutered through SNAP

Females: 391 Males: 358 **Total: 749!**

Total estimated prevented births in 1 year: 2,737

Special thanks to the sponsors who make SNAP possible:

PetSmart Charities

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Memorial Donations

Patricia Umberger

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In memory of Robert Watkins

Mary Emmett

In memory of Oreo

Marshall Garrett

In memory of Dorcas Kokila

Karin Schwab

In memory of Felix & Winston

Fran Villa

In memory of Nathan & Al

FieldHaven Alumni

Carter (Formerly Bogart) - UPDATE

3rd Year Anniversary UPDATE

Josh and I are getting ready to celebrate our 3rd anniversary with Carter, and we couldn't be happier with him. We lost our beloved dog, Jack, over the summer, and Carter earned himself a lifetime of affection



for helping us through the transition. He was snuggly and sensitive and seemed to grieve right along side us. I was so glad that I didn't have to come home to an empty house.

On a happier note, we added a new dog to the household recently, and Carter has adjusted to his presence quite nicely. I've even caught him trying to groom and snuggle with Vito on occasion. Who knows? Maybe they will become the best of friends.

He's still a social sweet guy, and visitors always comment on how exceptionally good natured he is. Of course, that's no surprise to us. We've always thought that he was a gem! The allergies appear to be in check at the moment, and all in all, he's a very comfortable, content guy. He's still a little chubby, but his laid back nature doesn't lend itself to excessive calorie burning. And a little extra squish just makes him more cuddly!

Thank you again for helping us to find this special guy!

Wish List for the New Shelter

Here are some of the items we need for the new shelter. Please let us know if you can help. THANK YOU!

OFFICE

Desk and Chair
File Cabinets)
5 - Laptop Computers
Computer Server to network
all laptops
2 Color Printers

KITCHEN

Refrigerator
Microwave
Dishwasher
Paper Towel Dispenser
Stainless Steel Bowls – 3
sizes

UTILITY/STORAGE ROOM

Washer & Dryer
Hand Air Dryer
Utility Shelf

MEDICAL ISOLATION and QUARANTINE ROOMS

2 Stainless Steel Auto-Touch
Open Trash Cans
12 Washable Cat Beds and/
or Heated Beds

Litter Pans – 2 sizes: small &
medium

MEDICAL TREATMENT ROOM

Under Counter
Refrigerator
Cat Scale
Exam Table and Exam Light
Stethoscope
Halogen Ophthalmic /
Otoscope
Electronic Thermometer

ADOPTION, 4 COMMU- NITY & Individual ROOMS

Cat Toys
Bedding
Litter Pans: 3 sizes small,
Large & X-Large
4 Large Cat Poles for outside
community rooms
Cat Condos for Adoption
Room
12 Pet Doors
Hose and Spray Nozzle

FIELD HAVEN RECOGNIZED BY CITY OF LINCOLN !

On behalf of all of us, Diane Hilbert and Jennifer Tindall were on hand to graciously accept Resolution No. 2010-052 from the City of Lincoln.

"The City of Lincoln, on behalf of its citizens applauds the efforts of FieldHaven in their quest to provide a safe haven for rescued cats and kittens while awaiting adoption."

The award, which goes on to touch on all that we do, was read and presented by Mayor Tom Cosgrove and he ought to know! Mayor Cosgrove's daughter has had two cats neutered through the FieldHaven rescue and they are both fans of ours!

Diane was also able to share information about the SNAP program and left brochures at the meeting.

The resolution will hang in the lobby of the new shelter so look for it there when you come by the new FieldHaven shelter later this year.

The (New!) Home Stretch



With groundbreaking on our new shelter just 2 months away everyone at FieldHaven is getting excited and VERY busy!

We are in the permit stage of this process and hope to have those secured in the next few weeks. Weather has been an issue in getting the site prepared for demolition and ground breaking but we are hopeful to be able to announce a date in May.

We are planning a fundraising event around the demolition of the old shelter and will get the word out as soon as details are finalized. But look for it to be unique and incredibly fun!

Once things get underway we anticipate at least 3 months for construction of the new shelter. Of course there are a lot of factors that go into the actual completion not the least of which is funds!

So many people and businesses are donating time and materials for this amazing project but we have a ways to go yet before we get to the finish line.

If you have not donated yet, please consider doing so now. If you know of family or friends or businesses that might be able to chip in, please let them know that we need their help.

Remember that many employers will match employee donations to non-profits that they are involved with. Be sure to check with your HR department to see if your company offers this amazing service and sign up today if they do!

We are working hard to do everything right with this new shelter from the latest in shelter design right through to the final product. A huge thanks to everyone who has and continues to contribute money and time to making FieldHaven the best it possibly can be for the kitties we serve.

FieldHaven Attends Noah's Wish Disaster Shelter Training

In March, Noah's Wish held a 2-day training session at the Auburn Fairgrounds. Joy, Jann, Vicki, Dr. Berta and Sabina enjoyed 2 days of intense instruction and primitive living conditions. The folks at Noah's Wish have truly accomplished some amazing "deployments" all over the country answering the call for animal disaster assistance after Hurricane Katrina and hundreds of other disaster sites. The special dedication of these volunteers and their willingness to share what they have learned, is truly a testament to their heart. Those who have the good fortune to learn from them will never forget the experience and look forward to sharing it in the future.



*Pictured, from left to right
Dr. Berta, Joy, Jann, Vicki, Sabina*

Featured Adoptables

Butterscotch and Candy Lane

These two beautiful girls are sisters who would love to be adopted together.



I am Candy Lane, a fun loving cat. I enjoy playing with my sister Butterscotch — I let her win when we are wrestling. I love to walk between the legs of my forever family. Also I enjoy jumping up into closets and laying on top of any boxes. I am a lovebug.



I am Butterscotch. I love to play with my sister Candy Lane. I also love cat toys. As you can see, I am the most beautiful sister!

Jack

When you first look at Jack, you can't help but notice his beautiful eyes and fluffy coat. We think he's part Maine Coon! He's a big boy!

Jack is also FIV positive. However, Jack is a very happy and healthy boy! Please don't let the FIV positive diagnosis stop you from meeting Jack. Because he is FIV positive, Jack should be an indoor only kitty. He is very calm and very sweet. He will talk with you and sleep with you in your bed at night. He is a love and desperately wants a new place to call home. Might Jack be the boy for you? Come meet him at FieldHaven today!



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

New Shelter Fund Update

Our Goal: \$150,000

Raised to date: **\$109,000**

You can help us reach our goal by contributing today in any amount!

NOW is the time to Spay or Neuter

Did you know that female “kittens” only **5** months old can have a litter? And males can father a litter at about the same age? Please don't wait.

It's simple math

1	+	2	=	61
Male Cat		Female Cats		Cats in 3 Years

There are low and no-cost options available throughout Placer County.

For more information call **530 886-5542**

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