



## New Shelter Celebration!

On Thursday April 7 staff, volunteers, donors, and other friends and supporters of FieldHaven Rescue and Adoption celebrated the opening of their new shelter in Lincoln.



The new facility provides housing for 25 adoptable cats and increased space for efficiently caring for cats and kittens in our wide network of foster homes. Designed in part by faculty from the Koret Shelter Medicine Program at the UC Davis Center for Companion Animal Health, the building features rooms built to house multiple cats and, for the comfort of the resident felines, each room has an enclosed outdoor patio where the cats can safely relax outdoors. The design helps to keep the cats healthier, promote socialization and provide an enjoyable experience for adopters.

*President Joy Smith took a moment to acknowledge FieldHaven's donors. "This beautiful shelter never would have been possible without the commitment from our very generous supporters. We are so thankful to have such a wonderful family of donors who believed in the vision from the beginning."*

Each room is sponsored by a FieldHaven donor who was given the opportunity choose it's theme. Artist Ann Ranlett, participated in creating both the oak woodland suite and the Mad Catter Suite. Designed in the spirit of the Mad Hatter, incorporated paintings of some of the suite's sponsor cats' into the design of the rooms. "I had a lot of fun looking for creative ways to feature some of the sponsor's cats," states Ranlett.

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FieldHaven proudly presents the Third Annual Classics Cats and Cabernet!



Saturday June 18  
2:00 to 7:00 pm

### Contact Info and Hours

Monday-Friday, 10 am - 2 pm  
Saturdays 12-4 pm  
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Hard to believe someone would abandon this beautiful girl at the dump. Thanks to your contributions and FieldHaven volunteers she now has a safe and comfy Forever Home.

### Dumped! Cats get a recycled life with help from FieldHaven

The Nortech Waste facility sits at the end of Athens Road, in a desolate corner of Placer County. It was here, on a cold morning in December 2008 that office manger, Trisha Clark spotted her, a frightened little Siamese cat, peering out from behind a mound of garbage. Once Clark saw her, she knew who to call for help. This Siamese cat was rescued from the dump by FieldHaven volunteer, Diane Hilbert. Since 2007, Hilbert has

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# Rescued!

## FieldHaven volunteer aids Sacramento County Shelter in saving lives

Every Monday Sacramento County Shelter volunteer Barbara Dody takes pictures of the new, adoptable cats and kittens that have come into the shelter in the past week. Anywhere from 30-40 stray and surrendered felines need good quality photos taken that will be posted to the Internet and networked with rescue groups to help them to be adopted or rescued.

Julie Anderson, Foster Care and Venue Coordinator, has been a FieldHaven volunteer since 2006 and keeps in regular contact with Barbara about the cats at the Sacramento County Shelter and other local shelters. They work together, networking them to groups and individuals and helping them to be adopted. When she received the email about Timmy and saw his picture, she knew he was special.



Adare (left) and Timmy

Later that week Julie traveled twice to the shelter to rescue Felicia, a blind and deaf female Snowshoe mix (see box next page), Clara, a beautiful Birman with a displaced hip (and now happy in a wonderful adoptive home), Adare, another senior, and Timmy, an adorable tabby and white boy with eye issues which compromise his vision to a degree. Not one of these cats would have been placed for adoption at the facility and were on track to the euthanasia list.

“Often times FieldHaven takes the cats that nobody else wants,” states Interim Director, David Dickinson. “They provide them with medical treatment that they would otherwise not get. FieldHaven is having a definite impact on decreasing the euthanasia rate and that is always good. We are always looking for more room as kitten season approaches and any vacancies created by rescue is appreciated.”

Upon arrival back at FieldHaven, the cats were processed in the medical suite of the new shelter. “Helping these cats is a team effort,” stated Julie. “The staff and volunteers at both the shelter and FieldHaven work together to help the cats find new homes and a new life.”

FieldHaven president Joy Smith goes on to explain, “Our donors also play a critical role. Without their financial support

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we would not be able to provide these sweet and loving cats with medical care or housing until they are adopted. We would not be able to rescue them from the County shelter.”

FieldHaven volunteers play another vital role when several of the cats needed to go to foster homes to recover. Prior to getting the ok to rescue the cats, several amazing foster homes committed to bringing these cats into their homes until they became cleared for adoption.

After processing the cats, Joy called Doty to tell her that all of the cats had been rescued. Thrilled with the news, Doty went on the explain, *“Fieldhaven has been a blessing to the Sac County Shelter in so many ways. They have saved the lives of cats the shelter could not help because of medical needs. Many of the cats have needed surgery to survive and the shelter simply does not have the means to care for them due to budget constraints, lack of funding, or lack of equipment. Thankfully FieldHaven does not always pick ‘the cream of the crop.’ They value every life-young, old, healthy, frail, feral, or not. That says a lot about an organization. They are an incredible network of compassionate human beings making the lives of ALL animals worth while. I am honored to network with them and save lives one at a time.”*

Adair, Felicia and Timmy are all still available for adoption. Please contact FieldHaven if you would like to meet them. Opening your home to one of these special cats will warm your heart, and open a space for another to be rescued!

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The shelter also features a large medical suite which will allow shelter veterinarian, Dr. Roberta Peterson to provide medical care to the cats and kittens, including lab work and minor procedures. “By investing in the medical unit, we will be able to significantly reduce the medical expenses associated with caring for the cats,” explained **FieldHaven vice president Marty Sutton-Garner.**

**We invite each of you to stop by and view the new shelter and our wonderful cats sometime very soon!**

## **Dumped!** (Continued from page 1)

rescued over 25 cats, kittens, and bottle babies from the site, all of whom have been placed into either adoptive homes or barn homes.

“The dump is not a safe place for cats,” explains Clark. “We use heavy machinery to process the trash. They could get injured or killed. We appreciate FieldHaven helping to humanely rescue them.”

Clark believes that people dump their cats at the facility because in these tough economic times, if they must give them up, they may not be able to pay the surrender fee charged by some shelters.



Chessie snuggles with another of her pals in her new forever home.

Due to the coordinated effort between Clark and Hilbert, felines that are dumped at the site are quickly identified, then steps are taken to rescue the abandoned cats. Once the cats are rescued, their health and behavior are

evaluated before they are placed up for adoption. Some of the cats that have been rescued from the dump were dehydrated and underweight. Others needed medical treatment for wounds, parasites or infections.

“Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we have been able to provide these cats and kittens with the medical care necessary to help them be adopted,” explains FieldHaven president Joy Smith.

Chessie was adopted by Aileen Adnick. “She had the most beautiful blue eyes, when I saw her photo I knew I had to go see her! She had a sleek coat of fur, and looked gorgeous! She is sweet, and I enjoy snuggling with her in the mornings when I first wake up, and hear her purr. It’s amazing that FieldHaven has been able to take the time to work with these cats to help make them adoptable and to get them to trust people again,” states Clark.

With support from it’s donors, FieldHaven staff and volunteers plan to continue to rescue cats and kittens dumped at the facility. Hilbert and Clark stand ready to respond and help other cats just like Chessie.

## Meet Felicia - A Facebook Miracle



Blind and deaf Felicia is well adjusted and ready for a Forever Home.

Yes, Facebook literally saved this girl's life!

When the volunteers at the shelter she was surrendered to recognized that Felicia deserved a second chance, they got to work and posted her photo and information on a Facebook page dedicated to helping blind cats. A FieldHaven

staff member saw the posting and before you know it Felicia was at FieldHaven.

While she is blind and deaf, Felicia would never know she is a handi-cat. According to her foster mom and volunteer, Vickie Croall, “Felicia is very laid back. You have to look hard before you realize her handicaps. She is very well adjusted and pretty unflappable.”

According to Blind Cat Rescue, blind cats do just about everything that a seeing cat does, except maybe climb a fence or a gate, because they don’t know what is on the other side of it. Blind cats can become comfortable climbing cat trees and even live trees. The key to helping blind cats is to be consistent with where you put the important things like food, water and litter box.

***Felicia is a very special needs kitty, with special needs looking for a very special home.***

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# Powder Paws trots to new home—happy and healthy

**FieldHaven volunteers bring shy cats out of their shells and into new homes**

Volunteer Tammie Ekkelboom has been part of the FieldHaven's multimedia team since 2008, taking pictures of the cats and posting them on the Internet to help them be adopted.



She first met Powder Paws when she was trying to take her picture. Named for her white paws that make her look as if she walked through powder, Powder Paws was a shy, petite tuxedo cat who has a runny nose and a torn ear, and was being overlooked by adopters.

"I remember seeing Powder Paws at the shelter, but I always saw her in flashes, she was extremely shy and always ran from people. However, there was something about the little black and white kitty that captured my heart," explains Ekkelboom.

When the FieldHaven trailer was to be demolished to make way for the new shelter, Tammie graciously agreed to foster Powder Paws. After being in her home for about a month, Ekkelboom decided, "There was no way I could bring her back to FieldHaven. I had slowly fallen in love with the little girl with the torn ear and sinus issues. Those imperfections became minor as I watched Powder Paws blossom into a cat who realized what it meant to be truly loved."

Thanks to the efforts of FieldHaven volunteers, shy cats like Powder Paws are given the time they need to learn to trust and love people, become more social and find their new "forever home."

"Our volunteers make all the difference for these cats," explains shelter manager, Jen Paul. "The new shelter also gives the cats a chance to be more social when they are housed in rooms together and learn from each other," states Paul.

Ekkelboom went on to encourage anyone who is thinking about fostering or adopting to consider a shy cat such as Powder Paws.

"Powder Paws' story is one of hope and inspiration. From a once feral cat living in a field to a complete "love bucket." Powder still amazes me every single day. I cannot believe she's the same cat that it took me six months to touch. I like to share Powder's story because it shows how resilient cats are and how a little bit of patience and love can make all the difference in the world. Powder Paws is another FieldHaven miracle!

## Wish List

We are always in need of supplies and equipment. Here are some things we currently could put to great use:

- Folding cages**
- Humane traps**
- Office supplies**
- Paper towels**
- Litter pans**
- Donation canisters**
- Signage**
- Shelving for store rooms**
- Laptop computer**
- Sound system**
- Home Depot gift cards**
- Digital scale**
- Vet diagnostic set-otoscope/ophthalmoscope**

For any questions, contact Jennifer Tindall at [Jennifer@fieldhaven.com](mailto:Jennifer@fieldhaven.com) or 530-305-1542.

**THANK YOU AS ALWAYS  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT! !**

## Upcoming Events -

### Classics Cats and Cabernet!

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#### **PetSmart Lincoln**

920 Groveland Lane next to Target  
916-543-6411  
Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 12-4

#### **Petco Rocklin**

96672 Lonetree Blvd.  
916-786-6030  
Saturday and Sunday 12-4

#### **PetSmart Roseville**

10363 Fairway Dr  
916-774-8205  
Saturday and Sunday 12-5