



**FieldHaven
Feline Center**

**Happy
Holidays
from all of us
at FieldHaven!**



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Feline Focus

Holiday 2014

September 60

One fateful day in September FieldHaven received a call that over 60 cats had overwhelmed a homeowner. The cats were living in horrible conditions with disease rampant among young and old with more kittens on the way. We wanted to help but this work had to be covered financially. As a non-profit we always keep an eye on funding.

But sometimes we have to go way above and beyond what is “normal” to reach cats with the highest need. That is what happened with the “September 60”

Through a massive effort from many volunteers FieldHaven was able to rescue every single cat. Most of the cats were sick. Several required surgery right away to address their medical challenges. None of them had been vaccinated, spayed or neutered or received the veterinary care they needed.

We had to act quickly, building an Emergency Shelter in 2 days stocked with high quality food, warm bedding, litter pans and litter; the list went on and on. In addition to needing standard veterinary care the vast majority of these cats were suffering from eye maladies that required the care of veterinary ophthalmologists.

A call went out for help and soon it arrived in all shapes and sizes when you, our incredible supporters, rolled up their sleeves and opened your hearts and wallets. Carloads of supplies were arriving daily as were the numbers of people who fed cats, cleaned cages, scrubbed hundreds of litter pans and did mountains of laundry. Seeing the cats and kittens doing so well made all the 16 hour days (and nights!), worry and work worth every minute. This is just one of the many reasons FieldHaven exists after all.

The September 60 project is something we can all be proud of. Several of the cats have already been adopted into marvelous, loving homes. (Please see our webpage for heartwarming updates.) And while we still have quite a lot of work to do finding homes for the remaining kitties, we revel in seeing these cats doing so well.

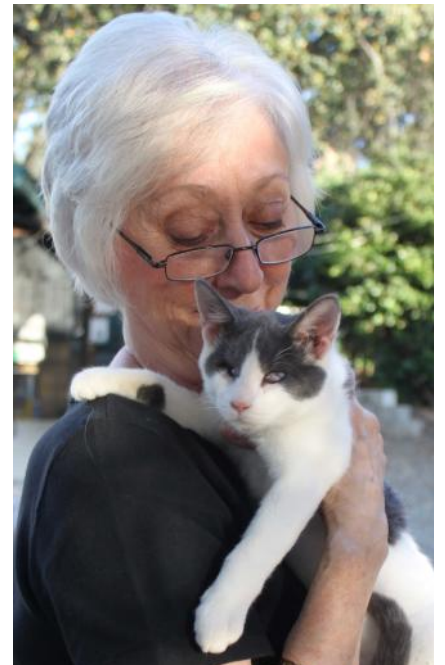
Together let’s write a happy ending for these cats because on the day that each cat has found its forever home, all the rest falls away and only the love is left.



Some of the cats before rescue



Arrival at FieldHaven



Getting to the love!

Meet Spencer, our sponsored CCI puppy

[Canine Companions for Independence](#) is a non-profit service dog organization that provides highly skilled service dogs to individuals 100% free of charge. A puppy in the program is raised by the volunteer for approximately 18 months, during that time all expenses are paid by the puppy raiser (food, veterinary care, preventative medications, spay/neutering) these can be a costly expense to the volunteer.

In March 2014 the Arthurs' family, long time puppy raisers, reached out to the Lincoln community to see if anyone would like to help sponsor their 6th puppy to be raised. FieldHaven graciously stepped up and offered to help Canine Companions for Independence puppy in training Spencer! Over the past 8 months FieldHaven and their wonderful volunteers have provided Spencer with routine veterinary shots and ongoing preventative medications (flea/heartworm). He has grown into a beautiful fluffy Golden Retriever, he is now 10 months old and is on track to being a great service dog.

Spencer loved to visit the cats and kittens at FieldHaven so much he talked his family into fostering 3 kittens for him to enjoy at home. He has learned to play nicely with the foster kitties and his house cats, he is nice to his chickens and even watches out for his horses on his farm.

Spencer loves playing ball and savoring his dinner. As part of his service dog training, Spencer has learned over 30 basic commands and will continue to work on his skills until Aug 2015 when he goes to Santa Rosa Campus of Canine Companions for Independence advanced training.



Spencer poses with Joy Smith, FieldHaven co-founder

Good dog Spencer!

Holiday Giving

Who needs fashion when you can Give the Gift of Compassion?

This holiday season, and year round, there are many ways to Shop with Compassion benefitting FieldHaven.

Monthly Giving Program

Giving a little each month saves lives! Your contribution will go toward supporting all the cats who come to FieldHaven – This program helps give them all a second chance. And this program gives back! When you join for a minimum of \$10 per month, you will receive a letter highlighting our cat of the month along with a beautiful full-color glossy 4"x6" photo and an update of the latest news and developments happening at FieldHaven. This makes a great gift!

Help PAVE FieldHaven's Future!

We are paving the pathway to our shelter door with commemorative bricks. For \$50 you can personalize your very own brick! This is a great way to honor or celebrate someone - be it a friend, relative or a pet (all species welcome, not just cats!). This would be a great gift for that someone who has everything and enjoys giving.



Shop at SNAP itUp

Our upscale thrift store is always filled with quality clothing, housewares, décor, jewelry, collectibles & antiques, linens, small appliances, gardening equipment, pet items and holiday décor.



Champy at FieldHaven's SNAP itUp Thrift Store

Gifts for the kitties

Go the Amazon.com, enter FieldHaven Wish List and your gifts will be delivered directly to the shelter.

Looking back at 2014



Love from Helping Hands volunteer



Cheerio heads out on a supervised adventure



A mother's Love

Thank You from all of us at FieldHaven.
We couldn't do it all without you!

Happy Holidays!



Missy is heading to her new forever home



Girl Scouts with donations

Mother/Daughter team are volunteer stars

Erin Botcher first learned about FieldHaven when she managed our account at Office Max several years ago. Having a deep love for cats she decided to help out volunteering as an Adoption Counselor and animal care helper. But it was the fostering of cats and kittens that she found the most rewarding. Together with her daughter Payton they fostered many cats and kittens in their initial years as volunteers.

One of Payton's first memories as a foster at age 4 was that one of their fosters, Firefly, loved to eat watermelon. Erin and Payton loved these kitties so much they ended up as "Foster Failures" and adopted two of them. They found their volunteer work very rewarding but a career change for Erin changed their availability and they reluctantly had to stop volunteering.

It was our recent call for help with the September 60 cats that brought both Erin and Payton, now 11 years old, back to FieldHaven. They both rolled up their sleeves and jumped right in feeding, cleaning and socializing these unwell and frightened kitties. Within a few days Erin made the commitment to come 7 mornings a week, Payton joined her on week-ends and school breaks.

Together they have made a huge contribution of time, care and most importantly the affection that these kitties so desperately needed. Now every time the cats hear Erin they meow until she picks up each and every one of them and starts their day with Love.



Mother Erin and daughter Payton make an awesome volunteer team.



Volunteer Payton sharing some kitty love.

Feline Leukemia versus Breezy

Breezy Wins Big with a Fabulous Home

When FieldHaven volunteer Lorraine Davis found Breezy wandering Sun City Lincoln Hills she brought her right over to FieldHaven. She tested negative for Feline Leukemia and was promptly adopted. A few weeks later she became ill and during her routine physical intake she tested positive for feline leukemia. We brought her back to FieldHaven to be placed in hospice.

Breezy didn't test positive initially because she had probably only been recently exposed to the nasty disease when she was wandering the streets. This happens very rarely but Breezy is proof that it can happen.

The search for a foster hospice was started because we felt Breezy's life would be very short. We just wanted her to be loved and comfortable for however much time she had left before her journey to the Rainbow Bridge. Christy and Ash generously offered to shower her with love and treat her like a princess.

That was in 2008.

Breezy said "no thanks" to a death sentence and became a permanent member of Christy and Ash's home. Thanks, Breezy for proving all our medical predictions wrong!



Breezy is doing so great that we can just barely fit her picture in the newsletter!