



Feline Focus

Fall 2015

Our Mission

To improve the human-animal bond and to ensure every cat in Our Community has a safe place to live.



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FieldHaven Helps Fire Victims

California has recently been ravaged by two large fires in areas south and west of FieldHaven. Hundreds of homes were destroyed and thousands of people and animals were displaced. Many people only had enough time to get in their cars and evacuate, leaving their doors, barns and fences open, praying their animals would escape the fire and survive.



Three of the 15 cats and kittens transferred to FieldHaven to make room for incoming cats in the disaster area.

As the flames subsided and people were allowed to go back into the fire area, they found hundreds of stray animals which were brought to shelters. This created a challenge for rescue organizations which were already full with previously surrendered animals.

On September 18th Joy Smith and Scout Valentine traveled to Calaveras Animal Services to transfer 15 cats and kittens to FieldHaven, including five feral kittens. This created desperately needed space for incoming strays and injured animals.

In addition to rescuing these kitties we were able to donate two car loads of supplies (crates, beds, blankets, food) and give them a \$500 check!



Calaveras volunteer Cindi Garringer working with FieldHaven's Scout Valentine.

Thank you FieldHaven supporters!

Thank you for making this year's Classics Cats & Cabernet the best ever!



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Breaking Adoption Records!

In July we were able to break our all-time record for adoptions with **70** in a single month! This crushed our old record of 55 in a month.

In August we broke another record, actually shattering July's record. Are you ready to hear how many adoptions we did??

.....Drum Roll.....

93 ADOPTIONS!!!!!!!!!!

Wow! Our amazing volunteers and community really knocked it out of the park. We are just a few adoptions short of the total of 427 we did in all of 2014!



Angie and Furelle



Lucky Peccorina is headed home with a happy new family.

Spencer Goes To College

In the Holiday 2014 newsletter we introduced Spencer, the service puppy we are sponsoring. We are very pleased to announce that Spencer is headed off to Canine College!

Volunteer Gina and her daughter Melissa are both foster parents and they help with kitty medications. Spencer is Gina's 6th service puppy with Canine Companions for Independence.

Spencer came to their family in March of 2014 as a fluffy two month old puppy. Just like our kittens, puppies need routine veterinary care, which FieldHaven was happy to sponsor.

Over the next 17 months Spencer played hard and studied harder learning over 30 commands to prepare him for his next stage of service dog "Advanced Training". During that time Gina would bring him to the shelter to get his puppy shots and we all got to visit with him and get our fill of puppy kisses.

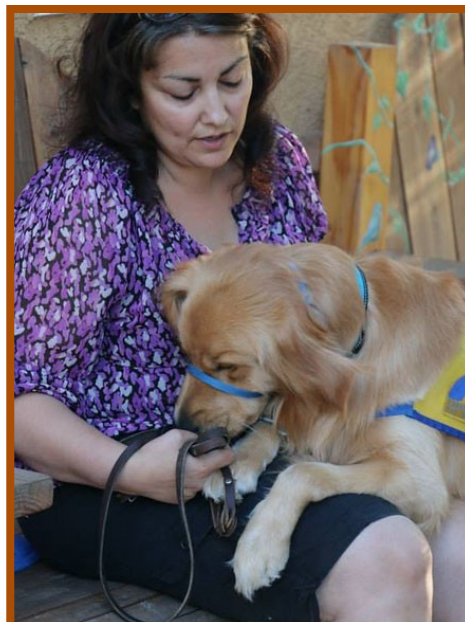
On August 14th, 2015, it was time for Spencer to begin the next chapter of his instruction. He left Lincoln for advanced training at the Canine Companions for Independence Campus in Santa Rosa where he is learning advanced directives. After successful completion of advanced training, he will be placed as a service dog with his forever family.

We are hopeful that we will get to cheer for him at his graduation in February 2016.

Everyone at FieldHaven is so proud of Gina and Spencer. Gina says to "Look for puppy #7 coming to Lincoln soon!"



Puppy Spencer when he arrived with Gina at two months old.



Our sponsored service puppy Spencer all grown up

Spencer as he looked when he was headed for Advanced Service Dog Training in August.

After successful completion of Advanced Training, he will be placed as a service dog with his forever family.



Real Boyz Like Kittenz (with a little help from Mom and Dad!)

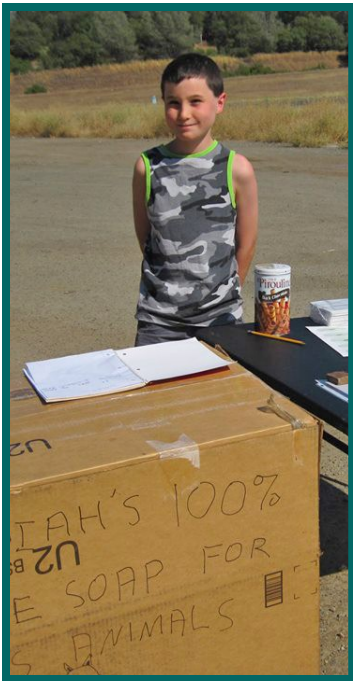
They say that charity begins at home, but in the case of the Boothby brothers it began on the way home from the airport.

Driving on a dark road out near the rice fields, their dad saw something moving in the middle of the road so he turned the car around to investigate. What he saw amazed him. There were three little kittens scurrying around trying to find somewhere to hide. Knowing that the tiny kittens would perish if they didn't save them the family quickly scooped them up and headed home.

The next day mom brought them to us where we made a plan for the family to foster and sponsor them. Brothers Trent and Drew would care for the kittens with mom's help and would raise funds for FieldHaven by collecting something everyone has – trash! They set up a recycling shop in their garage to accept recyclable bottles and cans. With help from social media soon the donations came pouring in! And that mountain of trash was turned into dollars to support the "Middle of The Road" kittens so that when they joined their new forever families they would be spayed, neutered, micro-chipped and in the best of health.



Joy Smith with brothers Drew and Trent who saved the "Middle of the Road" kittens.



Jedidiah's soap stand

Jedidiah and his mom found a lone, scruffy, wild kitten in their yard. This little guy wasn't so sure about humans so the first thing he did when captured was to chomp down on his rescuer! Ooops! That landed him in "bite jail" which meant he had to stay with Jedidiah and his mom for two weeks of quarantine.

During that time Jedidiah worked hard to get Rusty the Racecar, as he named the little purring motor machine, to trust him. By the end of the two weeks Rusty was a bonafide socialized kitten.

Unfortunately, Jedidiah and his mom couldn't keep Rusty because they have a dog that isn't as fond of kitties as they are. When we heard Rusty's story we couldn't resist bringing this little survivor into our adoption program.

But Jedidiah didn't forget little Rusty and wanted to donate toward his care at FieldHaven. So he opened up a roadside soap shop with a

percentage of all his sales donated to FieldHaven. We can personally tell you that his soap is marvelous! Jedidiah now provides a stock of soaps at FieldHaven for volunteers and customers at the shelter to indulge in.

We couldn't be more proud of these boys. Someday we hope to be able to say "They started their careers at FieldHaven!" See these and more "Real Boyz Like Kittenz" stories on our website:

www.fieldhaven.com/stories/boyz-like-kittenz/

Adoption Locations

PetSmart Lincoln

920 Groveland Lane
Saturday and Sunday 12-4

FieldHaven

M, W, Th, F 10 am - 4 pm
Tuesday 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday 12-4 pm
Sunday Closed
2754 Ironwood Lane
Lincoln, CA
(916) 434-6022

Snap it Up Thrift Shop

590 McBean Park Drive
Lincoln, CA
Mon-Fri 10 am - 5 pm
(916) 434-0622

Pet Food Express

At Fountains at Roseville
Every 3rd weekend of the month

FieldHaven Names Volunteers of the Year

***"No act of kindness is ever wasted,
no matter how small."
— Aesop***

At FieldHaven every volunteer is valued for his or her contributions. From feeding cats at the shelter to stocking shelves at *Snap it Up!*, every act adds to the overall success of our mission of ensuring animals and their people are cared for.

So you can imagine how challenging it is to choose a Volunteer of the Year. After much consideration both Jen Paul (FieldHaven Shelter Program Manager) and Jen Kliewer (Snap it Up! Thrift Shop Manager) made their decisions.

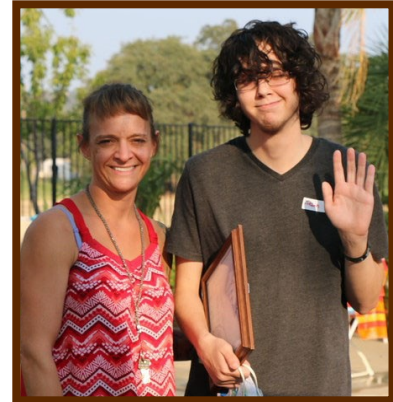


***Dynamic Duo Diane Kemper and Janet Lee
accept their FieldHaven Shelter Volunteers of the
Year awards from Jen Paul at the annual
Volunteer Party***

Jen Paul says: "Diane Kemper and Janet Lee have been the core of our Community Assistance Team (CAT) for almost five years. They arrive early at the shelter four days a week before the Haven is open to answer endless phone calls, match adopters with the right cat, complete adoption paperwork, give tours, resolve cat problems, resolve people's concerns, and thousands of other tasks asked of them."

"Working with people is critical in cat rescue and when others can't, Diane and Janet will! FieldHaven has grown and gone through many changes. The girls keep showing up no matter how challenging to help us be the most magical, forward thinking, Cat House in California ...I mean Cat Shelter!"

Jen Kliewer says: "How do you choose one when there are so many incredible volunteers. It was not easy. But I chose someone who some people might have overlooked. This person went from very, very shy to someone who really grew into a confident, self-assured volunteer. He does anything and everything we ask of him and he takes the lead to always do a bit extra. That volunteer is Jordan Humphries!"



***Jordan receiving Snap It Up
Thrift Store Volunteer of the
Year award from
Jen Kliewer.***

While both Jen P and Jen K had many devoted volunteers to choose from, they both also wanted to acknowledge one person who volunteered for both of them. That person is Linda Hutchinson. She does it all and always does it with a smile! It has been said that if you want something done, ask a busy person. Linda embodies that thinking and FieldHaven benefits every day from her commitment to helping anywhere she can.



***Linda receiving a special volunteer award
from Jen P and Jen K.***