



Feline Center

A Look Back - Hurricane Sandy Rescue Update

Do you remember October 2010 when the New Jersey shore was hit by Hurricane Sandy?

FieldHaven does!

Even though we were thousands of miles away, many of us at FieldHaven will never forget the experience of rescuing seven displaced felines from that devastating storm. It took the help of a network of other rescue organizations including S.A.V.E, who waded through the aftermath to rescue countless pets, RedRover, who provided a grant to cover the cost of flying the cats to Sacramento and St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center who donated the airline approved traveling crates to bring those cats to FieldHaven.

The day Sammi, Zena (Lucy), Amy, Hannah, Buttons, Cuddles (Cheese) and Charlotte (Tiki) arrived safely from New Jersey was a huge relief to all of us. But their Journey did not end there.

See inside for information on the Hurricane Sandy rescues today!

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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Joy Smith and the FieldHaven team greeting the Hurricane Sandy cats when they arrived at the Sacramento airport

A BIG Thank You to everyone who donated in support of local non-profits on the BIG Day of Giving May 5th.

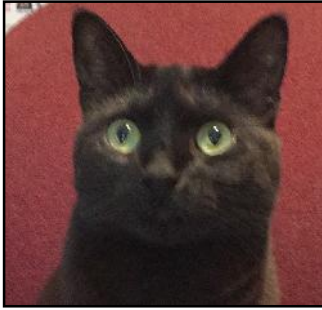


FieldHaven is so very thankful to the 128 donors who supported us on this day by giving \$8,410! We will put it to good use caring for and finding homes for cats and kittens, helping the community with spay/neuter funds and aiding animals in need of life-saving veterinary care.

Where are they now? Hurricane Sandy Rescues

Written by their families

Sammi



After being trapped near the house under which she had taken refuge during Hurricane Sandy, Sammi made the

trip to California as one of the Magnificent Seven rescued after the storm. We were her foster parents and adopted her right after she was cleared for adoption. From the first day she was thrilled to be in her new home. She races around the house at full speed; sometimes by herself and sometimes getting one of the other three cats here to chase her. She was at once "Daddy's Girl". She loves to be held, but only by her daddy.

Amy



Amy is doing great we love her so much .She is such a sweet cat. As I am trying to type she is rubbing up my arm purring saying saying "pet me" ..LOL.

Hannah

Hannah is a great cat and a great addition to my two Calicos The oldest one, the alpha cat, Sarah, pretty much was like "whatever, stay out of my way and we're fine" when I brought Hannah home. Hannah would occasionally run up to her and be like "hey, let's play! OH, well, nevermind, let me walk away" while Sarah just looked at her



like "uh, no, not happening". Hannah was very respectful of Sarah, staying back at feeding time, and following her rules. Hannah would not come up on the bed for a long time, even when I invited her, until I believe she was given permission by Sarah. Over the 2 years permission has been granted for most places in the house, though the coveted window perch is still off limits to Hannah.

Our other cat Daisy and Hannah had a bit of a rough start and there was certainly an adjustment period, but now they are good buddies, playing together, grooming each other, wrestling, and just having a good time.

I was worried Hannah wouldn't fit in with her Jersey ways, but she's done well. She still is quite vocal, using a growl as part of her base vocabulary, though often combined with a purr. Hannah does tricks too! She'll rear up on her hind feet to take treats, and sometimes if I miss she catches it with her paws! She just got some toys you fill with treats for Christmas and she's caught on to the idea pretty quickly.

Zena (Lucy)



It's nice hearing from you. Lucy is doing great. She is such a wonderful kitty and we love her bunches.

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Buttons

When we got Buttons 2 years ago he did not know how to play and did not like to be held. He would only let us pet him when he was in the mood. But we understood he had been through so much and my family had been through its own "storm" and could relate to his fears. We were patient with this big boy and in a short time he rewarded us with hugs and kitty kisses!!! I have never had a cat give me a hug, but he demands to be picked up and puts both his paws around my neck and gives me a lick on the chin while he purrs.

My children taught him how to play and he now has his own basket of toys!!! He also is quite the talker and chimes in on all our conversations. When guests come over he is a true gentleman and greets everyone with a foot rub. Buttons has been the best addition to our family. Thank you for bringing him here from New Jersey and for Jen who brought him to my attention during one of our workouts at the gym!!!



Cuddles (Cheese)

I'd love to give you an update on Cheese! That's what we mostly call him now. I'm not sure how it came about, but he looks like a little Swiss cheese with his gray spots.

He's doing great, he's our little mediator between Cloud and Farrah, though he definitely came with some Jersey cattitude. Ha-ha. He loves to eat, enjoys biting and then licking to say he's sorry, and curling up on an empty lap to take a snooze. He does NOT, however, enjoy his belly rubbed or being held. We thought he had a minor cold when we brought him home as most of the SS Sandy kitties did, but it ended up being Feline Herpes. It flares up every once in a while but is very easily managed and he is such a good sport at the vets office. Cheese has been such a great addition to our family.



Charlotte (Tiki)

I was on a cruise last week. When I returned home I was greeted by a 'velcro' cat.

Tiki glued herself to me and has been purring and 'talking' non-stop. She has become a new kitty over the past year and a half. From a recluse living in my closet, never playing or talking & shy of strangers, to an outgoing, talkative purr box who delights in spurts of racing around the house, batting her toys across the room and telling me, in no uncertain terms, that I've been on the computer too long by sitting on the keyboard! Can't tell you how many times I've had to retype something. In fact, here she comes again. I guess I've been told...



Adoption Locations

PetSmart Lincoln

920 Groveland Lane next to Target
Saturday and Sunday 12-4

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Snap it Up Thrift Store

590 McBean Park Drive
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M-F 10-5

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- ◆ Lowered Stress—Petting a purring cat reduces stress
- ◆ Heart Health—A recent study shows that cat owners have 40% less risk of heart attack.
- ◆ Healing—Purr vibrations help healing infection and swelling.
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- ◆ Healing—The vibrations are helpful for healing muscles, tendons and ligament injuries.



Licorice has his “Purr Therapist” certification and is looking for the purrfect home to practice in.

He came to us as a feral and it wasn’t until after he was neutered and ear-tipped (the universal sign for feral cats that are

spayed/neutered) we realized he has an “Insta-Purr” personality. Just one pet and he will begin purring – loudly!

A Surprise Dose of Feline Therapy

By Wayne Ford

As a cat person all my life I had heard the many stories of cats giving comfort to the sick, the elderly, and depressed persons. I even read a book about a kitty helping many residents of a nursing home. All very nice, I thought, seeing cats get the positive press they deserve. During all this time I never really gave any thought to the possibility that cats might help me in any way other than the love and tranquility they gave me in my everyday life.

That changed in a sudden, dramatic and terrible way in July of last year. My darling wife of 37 years and fellow cat lover Kathy passed away suddenly of a deadly colon infection. Naturally in shock and grief, I had to deal with all the details immediately facing a new widower. My family had gathered, and were a tremendous help. At my age of 70 and as a former nursing home administrator, I was familiar with this type of situation, but one is never really prepared. My four kitties were there of course, but not immediately a major factor in my unexpected new life.

It was not until the last of the family left, and I sat in my living room alone, confused, and grieving that my feline family began their gentle magic. In the first hour all four came to me in their turn, giving me affection and love each in their own way. It would be hard to find four more different cat personalities, and this diversity emphasized that I indeed had my little kitty family there with me.

Hours passed into days, then weeks as I struggled to learn how to live as a single man. At every step, my cats were with me, and giving me the type of support I needed the most. That is, with their presence and their love, I knew I was never totally alone. I realized what millions before me have learned; that cats and yes, dogs too, can and do make the grieving process a bit more tolerable

Here were familiar faces who looked me in the eyes, purred when I held them, and seemed to understand, in a special way, that I needed them just as they needed me. They pulled me from despair a number of times. I would never have thought it possible, but I now believe more than ever that kitties are very special little people.



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Saturday
June 13, 2015
4:00 to 8:00 pm