



Dear Members and Friends of Cat Care

A picture is worth a thousand words....



Havoc
Cat Care collector and supporter!



SPHINX & THE EX WARE- HOUSE CAT!



This young cat was trapped in a warehouse in Newton Park after being there for at least 2 weeks before Cat Care was contacted. She had obviously not been fed during the time she was there and was filthy and painfully thin, but ever so friendly. She spent a few days at Animal Welfare, was cleaned up nicely, sterilised and has now found a new home where all the animals are obviously loved and well cared for and as you can see from the photo is flourishing!

Christmas is around the corner and another year filled with many challenges is nearly over. It seems this year so many animals were once again just simply thrown away. Our records will bear testament to the number of calls received from the public reporting that someone had moved and left their pets behind – sometimes locked up in the house, with no food or water. From a personal point of view, I hope these people receive the same treatment one day (it's been a long year).

We have so many kittens again this year to home. Please help us find loving homes, they are all so deserving.

These 2 cuties below are getting desperate to be home for Christmas. Their sterilisation costs will be covered. Please phone Pam on 0837044561.



May you all be surrounded by the love of an animal this Christmas, because there is really nothing quite like it.

Till next time
Editor

FUR ON 5th

A new organization - Fur on 5th - The Voice of the Animals cc - has been established by founder members Sonette Robberts and Jane King. They operate from the old Animal Welfare Shop at 63A 5th Ave Newton Park. Fur on 5th's mission is to assist various animal charities in PE in the fight against animal injustice and cruelty, and is committed to donate to various charities in any small way that they can.

They operate on donations of unwanted goods. Once they have covered their costs, they donate to various animal charities, therefore operating not for profit, but to assist the animals. Cat Care has already received 4 donations from Fur on 5th.

As Cat Care no longer have anyone to run our boot sales, all your unwanted goods can be taken to Fur on 5th and Cat Care will at least get a good share of the proceeds. They need old electrical appliances in working order/ small furniture/ tables chairs/ book shelves, household goods - kitchen/ lounge/ bathroom/ bedroom stuff - books - magazines - records - old turntables, computers, radios in working order, pots/ pans, Tupperware, clothes, shoes, toys, ornaments, anything". Should transport be a problem, call 082 0721068. Shop hours Mon to Fri 9h00 - 2h30, Sat 9h00 - 11h30.

IF YOU TAKE GOODS THERE PLEASE BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE A MEMBER OF CAT CARE.

The following information was taken from their October newsletter:

"Fur on 5th would like to collect cat food for Christmas for Cat Care. So this year, for Christmas, please buy a tin of cat food, wrap it in Christmas wrapping and place it in our Christmas basket.

Christmas being a time where there is abundance for many and nothing for others, not so fortunate. Our challenge: How can we make a difference in the lives of the feral cats this Christmas. We know with your support we can come up with quite a few tins of food, thank you for caring about our feral cats. Or challenge a friend, together we can all make a difference".



RESCUED AND IN NEED OF A LOVING HOME

This poor boy was a proper lap cat, the lady who called us said he used to be fat and was always happily lazing around on his owners couch. Then one day 3 months ago his owners decided to move out of the granny flat and leave him behind and this is what is left of him. Our "Cat Care Ranger", Cheryl Burger, says when she trapped him he was so thin that he could barely keep up his own weight! He needs a loving home where he will be given time and patience to rebuild his trust. Anyone willing to provide this boy with the TLC he needs to recover, please contact Cheryl on 084 6777 180.

All calicos are tortoiseshell (as they carry both black and red), but not all tortoiseshell are calicos (which requires a significant amount of white in the fur and patching rather than mottling of the colours). The calico is sometimes also called a tricolour cat. A true tricolour cat must consist of three colours: a reddish colour, dark or light, white, and one other colour, typically a brown, black or blue. Both tortoiseshell and calico cats are typically female because the coat pattern is the result of differential X chromosome inactivation in females (which, as with all normal female mammals, have two X chromosomes). Conversely, cats where the overall colour is ginger (orange) or commonly male (roughly in a 3:1 ration). In a litter sired by a ginger tom, the females will be tortoiseshell or ginger. Male tortoiseshells can occur as a result of chromosomal abnormalities (often lined to sterility) or by a phenomenon known as mosaicism, where two early stage embryos are merged into a single kitten.

TRAIN STATION COLONY

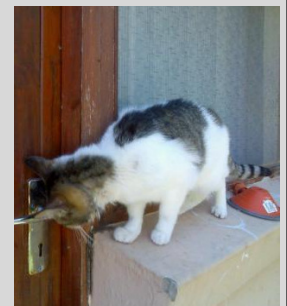
These kitties live at the train station. They have all been sterilised and Cheryl Burger feeds them daily. The white cats unfortunately have terrible skin problems but Cheryl keeps a close eye on them.



HAPPY ENDING FOR ST ALBANS KITTY

This beautiful cat belonged to Mr Kruger who was senselessly murdered out at St Albans. Anthea Taylor had met Mr Kruger 5 weeks before the tragedy and on visiting him at his place for the first time, met Katz. Katz is semi-feral and had a bad skin condition and he asked Anthea if she would please help him get her treatment, which Anthea promised him she would do.

This was a week before the tragedy, after the murder Anthea went out to St Albans to try and find Katz, with no success. Anthea never gave up and also enlisted the help of Natalie and Vernon of Cat Care. It wasn't long and Anthea had tracked Katz down, she had been picked up by a friend of Mr Kruger's mom. Katz, now known as Kate, who is 8 years old, is living happily with Anthea and her skin problems are nearly something of the past. Well done to everyone involved in changing the destiny of one little semi-feral.



CAT CARE STREET COLLECTION

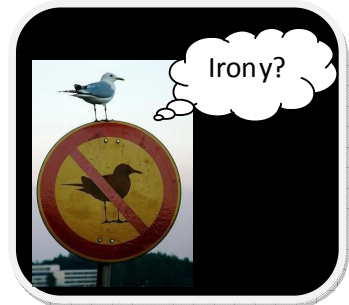
We have to thank every single person, and of course, all our 4-legged friends, who gave of their time (and nap time) to help raise much needed funds at our recent street collection. It goes without saying that without your support we would not have been able to raise our best ever total of R24 000.00! Also our sincere thanks to the various businesses who allowed us to collect on their premises.



Left: Nadine and Q
 Above: Joanie Kruger (left) and Renata May De Villiers
 Right: Debbie and Tappa



Far Left: Shapira
 Left: Jester and Suzy



RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners:

Pat Anderson – framed cross stitch picture of cat
 Betty Lynch – tea set for one

Thank you to everyone who bought or sold tickets and to those who donated the prizes.

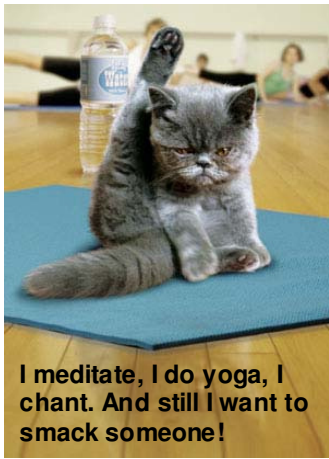


Charlie was adopted by Amanda Moore from Cat Care last June and is now spoilt rotten by the whole family. Another success story!



Best of friends!
 Sandy, (owner Helen White), and the back yard birds.

CAT CARE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS WHO HAVE HELPED CAT CARE IN ANY WAY DURING THIS PAST YEAR.



I meditate, I do yoga, I chant. And still I want to smack someone!



What's the password?
"Let me in or I'll shred your face!"
That'll work.

WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP

Contact Glenda or Merlene - 041 3731629 - if you can help with the following:
Postage stamps and envelopes for our correspondence
Donate used cards, calendars, books & magazines
Donate ribbons and little bobs and bits towards making our raffles pretty
Donate a prize for our raffles

Collect spare change for us (ask Helen White - 0721074477 - for a tin)
Run our boot sales twice a year (contact Helen White - 0721074477 - for guidance)

Sponsor a sterilization or give a monthly or even a once off donation.

(Cat care banking details:
Standard Bank, Branch Code 050417, Account No. 083 989 625. Please state on the deposit slip what it is for).

Remember that a little help goes a long way!



"Being a mechanic is hard work, but it pays the bills and feeds the kids!"

Cat Care has placed tins for small change at various shops and businesses. Please keep an eye out for our tins (also a wooden box for food donations in Bluewater Bay) and feed them well..... and above all, support these places - they are helping to support us!"

If you have a heart warming story, please share it with us! We all need to know about the good stuff! Email us your story - and pics if you have, to catcarepe@gmail.com

UPDATE

STERILISATIONS

From the beginning of our new financial year – March 2010, our figures are as follows:

259 Spays
220 Neuters

FOOD AND VETERINARY COSTS

Our veterinary and food costs from March 2010 to end of November 2010 totals R178 240.00.

That is an average of R17 824.00 per month.



Merry Christmas



May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.
~Author Unknown
And may all your dreams come true in 2011.
With love from Cat Care

Happy New Year



These beautiful kittens are still looking for their forever homes. The adoption fee of R250.00 covers the cost of the sterilisation.

Please phone Ally Shone if interested on 082 7822 705. We have many other kittens (and cats) up for adoption in our foster homes, Cheryl Burger can be contacted on 084 6777 180 as well.