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Volunteer Spotlight

By Katherine P. Sandberg, Esq. Happy Tails Volunteer

Carol Carey: Follow-Up Calls & Voicemail
Known as “the type of volunteer that quietly works behind the scenes, Carol does a ton of work.” She’s a semi-retired workers comp adjuster and adopted cats J-Lo and Dancer from Happy Tails. J-Lo passed away last summer after undergoing surgery and 20 sessions of radiation therapy five years ago to treat a sarcoma on her leg. Carol also has 3 dogs: Camille, Ryder and Clifford. She loves hearing from adopters about how much they love their Happy Tails pet and how thankful they are for the services Happy Tails provides to the community.



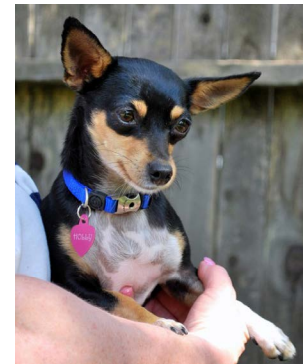
Jim & Claudia Larsen-Sandberg: Catnip Gardens (our feral cat sanctuary)

A dynamite volunteer duo, Claudia is known for her grooming talents, and Jim uses height to his advantage to reach the top ledges where some of our shy kitties like to spend time. Claudia is a retired high school teacher. Jim currently works for the state as an auditor, but he’s set to retire later this year. They have four cats: DQ, Archie, Pinkerton and Miss Lilly. They’d like to recognize Zajic Appliance for the work they recently did to repair the washer and dryer in Catnip.



Suzy Hughes: Dog Foster

Suzy works tirelessly to prepare HT foster dogs for adoption. She’s a scientist at an environmental consulting company. She has five dogs: Holly (pictured here) and Allie, who were adopted from HT; Mr. Fox who’s technically a foster but is going to be a permanent addition; and fosters Mayzie and Wayland (who are so excited to find their new homes!). An ex-racehorse named Cosmo and a fish round out her crew of creatures. She loves fostering because she’s never lonely or bored. The greatest reward for her efforts is seeing dogs and cats who might not even be alive if it weren’t for Happy Tails being placed in great homes.



Phillip Etorma: Catnip Gardens

Not only is Phil extremely dependable and skilled at carrying heavy boxes of cat litter up the stairs, but he’s great with the cats and spends time socializing with them. He knows nearly all their names, which is no easy task! Outside of Happy Tails, Phil works as a staff writer and TV critic for a pop-culture blog. Phil says the best part about volunteering in Catnip Gardens is when a long-time feral cat lets him know that he’s earned the cat’s trust: it can be as simple as a cat cautiously letting him pet it when it would have hissed, swiped at him, and run away in the past. He thinks that Catnip Gardens “opens a feral cat’s mind to new possibilities for human companionship.”

Cover Girls Leche & Nelly. Pic by Heidi Darling, Happy Tails Adoption Counselor

Looking for Love

By Pat McConahay, Happy Tails Board Member & Adoption Counselor

Majesty

Domestic short hair, 2 years (bottom left)

Majesty is a beautiful two-year old ball of orange and white fur. He is playful and likes toys. He also likes to be held (okay, sometimes!). He gets along with other cats as well as dogs and would be happiest in a home with older adults.

Gouda

Brown Tabby, 6 years (center)

While Gouda is slightly shy, she's also playful, likes toys and loves to climb. She loves cats but doesn't much care for dogs. Yes, this little girl is decisive! Can't blame a girl for knowing what she can and won't tolerate!

Scooter

Tuxedo, 5 years

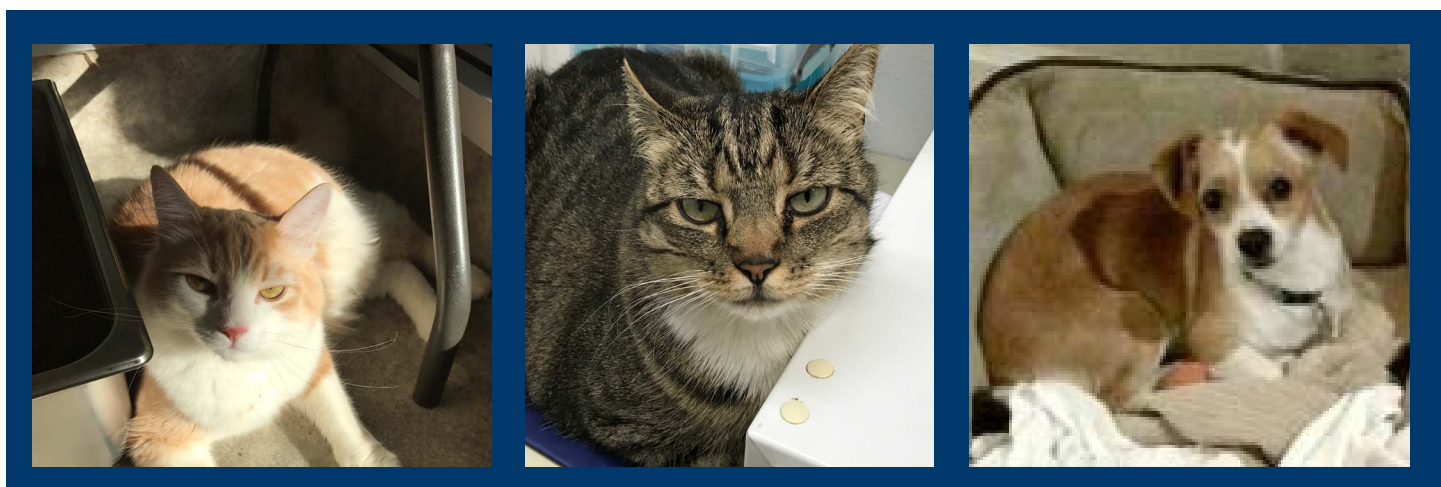
He's a bit shy – but he gives head bumps and nose kisses. He's very mellow and curious, and just wants to be loved forever.



Mayzie, Dachshund/Terrier, 1 yr (bottom right)

Her big brown eyes will warm your heart! She's ready to meet a special family who'll allow her to continue her journey in trusting humans again. She must go home with her pack mate, Wayland, or go to a home with other small dogs.

For more info on adoptions, visit happytails.org, e-mail purrball@happytails.org or call 916.556.1155.



BDOG: May 4

Happy Tails will join the Big Day of Giving this year. This 24-hour online giving challenge that brings together the region's nonprofit community to raise much needed funds. For the past few years, the giving day has raised more than \$16 million for local nonprofits from over 36,000 donors from all over the region, state, country and the world.

On May 4th we're counting on you to select Happy Tails at www.bigdayofgiving.org.



Gifts That Keep on Giving

We rely exclusively on individual donations, grants, bequests, and fundraisers to continue our rescue efforts. Please make your tax-deductible donation to Happy Tails. Other ways to help include:

- 👉 Visit happytails.org/help/donate
- 👉 Gift a monthly donor program to friends or family at happytails.org/help/monthly-giving
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Painting for Paws: A ‘Purring’ Success

By Kathy Limon, Happy Tails Board President & Managing Editor

We held our 12th Annual Art Show & Silent Auction last fall and it was another successful and elegant event pulling in nearly \$25,000 for the Happy Tails animals! Guests enjoyed world-class desserts from Arden Hills Resort & Spa paired with fine wine. We had hundreds of Silent Auction items, paintings from our talented four-legged Happy Tails’ residents, a painting demo from Sandy Lindblad of Lindblad Studios, kittens onsite for adoption and greeting cards by Jacquie Cranston. Thanks to the businesses recognized on the next page for supporting our largest annual fundraiser!

Thank you to the many local businesses whose donations made our silent auction possible, and all of our volunteers, vendors, Board members and Stage One Events. Also, special thanks to Kitty O’Neal and Roy Arimoto for emceeing the event!

Watch for more details on our website for this year’s event!

If you’re interested in donating an item for this year’s Silent Auction, please email happytails.communications@gmail.org.



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New Monthly Giving Program: Gift One Today!

By Alicia Allen, Happy Tails Volunteer

Have you heard the buzz? We now have a new way to give back – a monthly giving program! This new donation program makes it easy to support Happy Tails financially through a monthly automatic deduction. You can even “gift” one to friends and family for a special occasion! As you know, saving animals is a year-round gig. And last year, we rescued and adopted out more than 500 cats and dogs. This takes an abundance of financial resources and volunteer time.

This new program will provide a steady income, enabling us to save even more abused, homeless cats and dogs year-round. Donors can simply select from several giving levels ranging from \$20 to \$250 per month, or choose any amount desired. Here’s a peek at the breakdown of special giving levels:

- **Platinum Paw: \$250/month**
Provides an exam and blood panel for an injured animal
- **Gold Paw: \$100/month**
Covers the cost for one spay/neuter and vaccinations
- **Silver Paw: \$50/month**
Provides one exam, flea and deworming treatment
- **Bronze Paw: \$20/month**
Covers the monthly cost of food for a cat or dog

Besides those happy-giving feelings, there are a few extra “purrrks” for donors based on their selected giving level:

- A sign-on gift
- A one-year newsletter subscription
- Acknowledgement in the Happy Tales newsletter
- Complimentary tickets to special events



Please help us spread the word, and sign up to give as well! Any little bit helps the mission of Happy Tails, and we truly appreciate it. We couldn’t do what we do without all our amazing donors – thank you for making a difference!

Remember – It’s a purrfect gift for that someone special and Mother’s Day and Father’s Day are just around the corner! Visit happytails.org for more info and to sign-up for the monthly giving program.

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Adopted Then Abandoned in Oregon

By Diana Garcia, Happy Tails Volunteer

First found abandoned in an open carrier with another cat along a river bank, Becky Maclay, Past Board President of Happy Tails, found Soghati (pictured here). Although he was absolutely terrified, thankfully she was able to rescue and bring him to Happy Tails, where he got the medical attention, love and support he desperately needed. Soghati was adopted soon afterward, but was returned, and then adopted once more. However, his last owner left him abandoned yet again, only this time, at a motel in Oregon.



Thanks to our amazing volunteers Jaclyn Kay (Board Secretary), Lynette McIntyre (Past Board Member) and Andrea Leigh (Catnip Volunteer), who drove to Oregon and back in one day just to rescue him. Soghati has come a very long way since his initial arrival at Happy Tails, and is one of the few lucky cats who now has a brighter future.

Your donation is critical to help us continue rescuing and caring for animals found in these extreme situations and the expensive medical treatment so often needed like Soghati and many others.

Without support from the community, we couldn't continue to carry out our important mission.

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Ways to Help Through Kitten Season and Beyond

By Alicia Allen, Happy Tails Volunteer

They're adorable, they're playful — and they're a lot of work! Did you know each year Happy Tails rescues around 200 kittens? Kitten season is a busy time of year to say the least. And also incredibly rewarding. From bottle-feeding and vet check-ups to cleaning and playing, a lot goes into caring for these sweet kittens and adopting them out to their forever homes. During this busy time, we're asking for support from you and the community!

Here are ways to help:

- Sign up to be a Happy Tails volunteer
- Volunteer to foster kittens or cats of all ages
- Clean litter boxes, help bottle-feed, and play with the kittens
- Donate money or items off the Happy Tails wish list

We're always in need of foster homes during kitten season! If you're interested in volunteering, register and attend the new volunteer orientation to learn more and figure out if it's a good fit. Fostering is both rewarding and challenging, and the orientation will help guide you in making the decision in becoming a foster for kittens.

If you find a litter, make sure they get spayed/neutered! There are financial resources available to help cover costs.

Another way to help is to be on the look-out for stranded litters of kittens. If you do stumble upon a litter, be very cautious and observant. The kittens or their mother may be feral, and you should not try to intervene—simply report the litter at sacferals.com. If the situation is safe, it's important to check if the mother is still caring for the kittens, because you don't want to separate the kittens from their mother prematurely. It can get tricky to locate the mother, since she could be out looking for food or resting. If there is



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no immediate danger to the kittens, it's best to monitor the litter for 6-12 hours to see if the mother returns.

Once the mother returns or is with the kittens, you can trap her and the kittens and take them to a safe, enclosed area (your home is best as a temporary haven). If there are signs the kittens are in distress and they don't have their mother's care, gently bundle them all up and keep them warm, sheltered. In an emergency situation like the kittens need to be bottle-fed, it's best to take the mother or kittens to a 24-hour vet, or contact Happy Tails or a local shelter.

When you decide to rescue, consider fostering the mother and kittens in your home until they're able to be adopted. If you're unable to do so, contact Happy Tails and we can coordinate a foster family, if available. Another important note: please make sure they all get spayed/neutered! There are financial resources available to help cover costs.

To sign up for a volunteer orientation or for more details about fostering, visit happytails.org. And stay tuned for workshops this summer, including how to safely trap stray cats and care for them. We're ready for another impactful kitten season, and we appreciate all your help!

Your Support is Critical to Saving Lives

Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary has been a volunteer-run organization since 1993. Nearly 100% of your donation goes to the direct care, feeding and sheltering of our animals. Please help us continue to "help those who can't help themselves."

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift in the amount of: \$35 to help test and vaccinate
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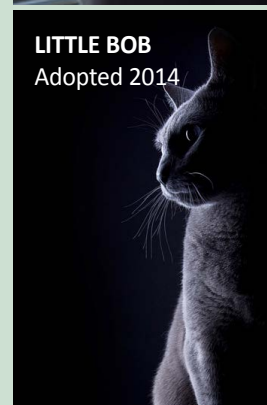
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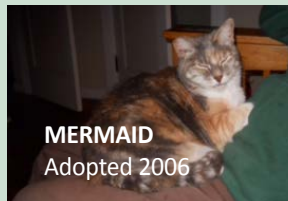
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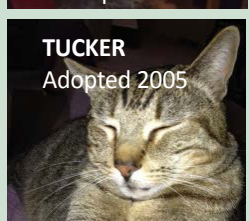
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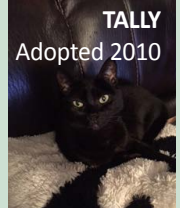
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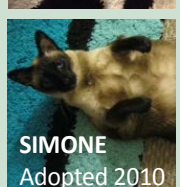
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