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Volunteer Spotlight

By Katherine P. Sandberg, Esq., Happy Tails Volunteer

Marian Dreyer retired from the State ten years ago and found that being at home all day eating Bon Bons and watching Days of Our Lives got pretty dull. Her husband suggested volunteering. She thought about becoming an advocate for seniors, but picked cats over people, and so she began at Happy Tails.

She’s done just about every possible job at Happy Tails, including serving as the Center Manager for six or seven months. She’s classified as an Adoption Counselor, but she’s also on the medical team, the transport team, and is in charge of registering microchips.

When Marian isn’t spending time with the Happy Tails kitties, she’s caring for her own. She started with no cats and ended up with seven before she knew it. They range in ages from 8 to 21, and her husband is allergic to all of them.

Her first kitty was a tabby from Happy Tails that enjoys peeing on a specific oriental rug “when it is too hot, too cold, too windy or not windy enough.” She got a friend for him named Alice. Then, a feral mom and her kitten moved into her backyard, and she also took home a hospice kitty from Happy Tails that everyone thought only had a few more years left to live. Two years later, and he’s alive and well.



Marian Dreyer and Alice



Our Cover Story: Hoarding Rescue

In January, we received a call about a hoarding situation in Carmichael. A woman who was caring for nearly 25 cats in her apartment had a stroke and was no longer able to care for them.

Happy Tails and a few other local animal shelters came to the rescue and took several of these cats, providing them a home, food, necessary medical care and nursing some of them back to health. Please visit Talia and others at the Center.



Cover Boy: Simon Peter

Simon Peter is a six-year old tabby who LOVES attention! He can be a little feisty! He came to us because his owner was very ill. He loves to play. He’d do better in a low-stress environment as he’s had some urinary issues in the past.

Please visit Simon Peter at our Center.

Cover photo by Heidi Darling, who’s one of our adoption counselors.

Ziggy: In Loving Memory

10/3/07 - 1/18/16

By Vicki Partington, Happy Tails Volunteer

Ziggy was a beloved Happy Tails cat. A small, gray tabby with a sweet face, he looked like a forever kitten. He won everyone's heart with his playful and affectionate personality, and sunny disposition.

Ziggy was rescued by a good Samaritan. Unfortunately her cats didn't like him so she brought him to Happy Tails in 2009. He tested positive for FIV but because he had no teeth, he wasn't a threat to other cats.

Many visitors were interested in adopting him, but Ziggy just couldn't break his bad habit of spraying. He seemed to be content at the Center and received more than his fair share of attention from visitors and volunteers.

I first saw Ziggy in 2013 on the Happy Tails website, which led me to the Center soon thereafter. Although I didn't adopt him, that was that day I decided to become a volunteer and developed a deep love for this little guy.

Ziggy spent the last month of his life in my home. He fit in with my other cats right away, and especially loved to play with my big orange cat. He was always curious, funny and loved to sleep on my lap. Always purring, he seemed happy until he passed away on January 18.

There's now a painting of Ziggy at the Center by the front door, thanks to artist and volunteer, Barbara Dow, and one painted by Ziggy hanging in the hallway. Forever reminders of this special guy. Ziggy, you'll be missed.

A Special Memory & Other News



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He Filled More Than Hearts

By Marian Dreyer, Happy Tails Volunteer

Ziggy stole the hearts of everyone at Happy Tails. He was a rascal with a twinkle in his eye and always attracted the attention of potential adopters, however, we had to warn them that he was a little guy who really liked to mark his territory.

He was once adopted and returned shortly afterward for his less than desirable potty habits – he saturated a couch.

There are many stories about Ziggy's potty adventures. For me, there was the day he filled my Birkenstock and another when he marked my back while I was sitting on the floor. It didn't matter though because we all loved him anyway.

Ziggy developed heart problems, hyperthyroidism and sadly cancer. He was always a good sport about the medication, however, three times a day is a lot even for the sweetest of cats. Thanks to our amazing volunteer, Vicki, for taking in Ziggy where he spent his last weeks in such a loving home. RIP sweet boy, we miss you.

Big Day of Giving (BDOG)

On May 3rd, starting at midnight, Happy Tails will join the national online crowd-funding effort and end at 11:59 p.m., which aims to raise \$5 million for more than 500 local nonprofits!

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Painting for Paws: A 'Purring' Success

By Kathy Limon, Happy Tails Board Member & Managing Editor

We held our 11th Annual Art Show & Silent Auction last November and it was the most successful, elegant and largest attended yet! We raised nearly \$24,000!

The event was held at Arden Hills Resort & Spa, where we filled the grand ballroom and adjacent room overlooking the courtyard with hundreds of guests, vendors, silent auction items and paintings from our talented four-legged Happy Tails' residents – all in support of Happy Tails!

Guests enjoyed world-class food from Arden Hills, wine, beer from Hoppy Brewing Company and Starbucks coffee. Many indulged in desserts from About a Bite Bakery and Capital Confectioners, upper body massages from Bassil Kamas, music by Clemon Charles, and a painting demo from Sandy Lindblad of Lindblad Studios. Thanks to these businesses and our event photographer, Andi Villegas from Greater Than Words Photo Artistry.

Thank you to the many local businesses whose donations made our silent auction possible, and all of our volunteers, vendors, Board members and Jenn Robirds Events who helped make this the tremendous success it was for our Happy Tails animals!

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An Unexpected Treasure

By Sarah E. Tomaszewski Farias, Happy Tails Board Member

Many of the long-term volunteers from the old Center off H Street will remember Carl. He was the strikingly handsome orange tabby, who served as the Happy Tails mascot for eight years.

Back then, Carl spent most of his days on top of a file cabinet, greeting visitors with a gentle scowl and an occasional swat of the paw. He was infamous for his big personality and his occasionally unruly behavior.

Unfortunately Carl was an example of a cat who did not exactly thrive in the Center environment; he often did not get along with his other feline companions and it was sometimes even difficult for Center volunteers to handle him. Certainly by some, Carl would have been deemed 'unadoptable.'

Carl's life took a dramatic turn on a fateful day in 2007. His adoptive parents recall that day well. "We won the lottery because that's the day we adopted an orange ball of fur named Carl!" She added, "I'll never forget the surprise in the eyes of the volunteers, as well as in Carl's, as I placed him in my lap, where he settled right in for a long sit. We were instantly sold on his good looks and colorful personality."

Carl has been the perfect addition to his new family and now at 17 years-young, he's healthy and as feisty as ever. He never fails to greet his family at the door with a meow and swish of the tail and when they are home Carl is almost always close by if not sitting in a lap. Carl got a sister from Happy Tails named Coco, whom he loves to pursue in slow-motion cat chases.

A few years later his little brother Stanley arrived (also from Happy Tails). Stanley thinks Carl is the greatest thing since canned cat food, and if Carl is doing something, you can be certain that Stanley will join him. Carl has been an excellent mentor, teaching Stanley the finer points of life.

Carl's story is a great example of what can happen when the right cat finds the right home. Carl has blossomed into the "Best cat ever." But all of us at Happy Tails know that every cat can have a happy ending if just given the chance.



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There are many ways to help the rescued animals of Happy Tails, and we rely exclusively on individual donations, grants, bequests, and fundraising events like our annual gala, Painting for Paws, on October 9th.

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Onslow

Black short hair, 3 years (bottom left pic)

A handsome prince who likes people and will sit on your lap on his terms. He has been declawed, which could account for some moments when he looks at people and says, "I am not sure if I really trust you." Onslow is a love and would like to go home with you.

Zadon

Domestic long hair, 8 years (center pic)

This beautiful boy is shy and needs an owner that will take the time to build trust. His previous parent fell ill and could no longer care for him. He gets along with other cats and will love you forever once you've earned his trust.

Honeysuckle

Dilute Torti, 6 years (bottom right pic)

She's a super affectionate girl who loves attention from anyone willing to give her some love. Honeysuckle is a favorite among our volunteers. She's looking for a forever home and gets along with other cats.

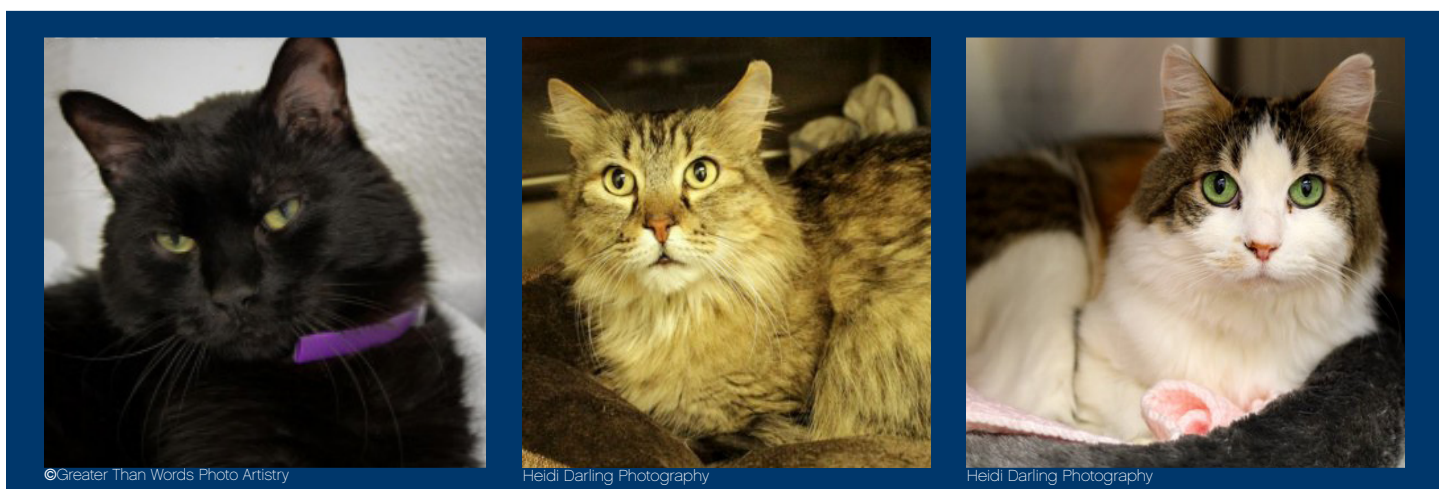
Morton

Found homeless on the streets, he was very thin and the pads of his feet were worn down from so much walking. Lucky for him, a kind person stopped to help him and Morty immediately jumped into their car and was ready to go!



Since he's been in foster care, he has gained weight and has learned to sit. From the start, he's always gotten along well with other dogs. He's also a real 'people person,' eager to meet new people and follow his current foster parents around.

For more information, visit happytails.org, send an e-mail at purrball@happytails.org or call 916.556.1155.



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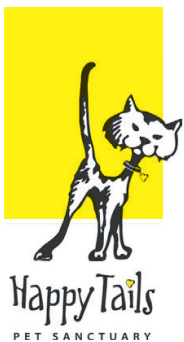


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