



# CATS CRADLE RESCUE REPORT



Summer  
2013

CCR Logo drawn by Meagan Day

[www.CatsCradleRescue.org](http://www.CatsCradleRescue.org)

**Expanded Hours**  
**Thrift Shop is now open**  
**Wednesday through Sunday**  
**Wed – Fri. 11a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Sat.- Sun. 11a.m.- 5 p.m.**

*Please Stop by & Shop with us or just stop for a visit with our foster kitties.*

*We have lots of MEOWvelous items to Buy at PURRRRRfect prices! Get a FREE Cats Cradle logo tote bag with your \$25 min. purchase!*



*Larger items like chairs, tables, and sofas are also now available for sale! We have a wide variety of nearly new collectables, vintage gift items & a generous assortment of clothing in good condition too!*

**Advantage II Flea treatment now available for sale starting at \$12 for cat or \$14 for dog**

*For only \$5, we will also do “pawdicures” (manicures for pointy kitty claws-sorry, we don’t do dogs!), or show you how to do it yourself!*

## Trash to Treasure!

**Items to Donate rather than toss in the trash!**

We have a donation box at the Adoption Center-Thrift Store for unwanted small Electronics like Cell Phones, Ink Cartridges, old ipods (don’t even have to be working)

Contact Jeff Kroll at 805-640-8128 or 805-890-1486 for info on how to donate your vehicle to Cats Cradle Rescue (boats & campers are welcome too!)

[www.seeNoahsArk.com](http://www.seeNoahsArk.com)

>^..^< CCR News & Needs

## More Hours at the CCR Thrift Store!

The Thrift Store is now open **Wednesday** through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for your shopping convenience! Our weekend hours for the store and adoption center are still the same (11-5 p.m. on Sat/Sun., but the weekday extended hours and extra day mean you can stop by on your way home from work to shop or drop off donations.

Our volunteers are wonderful and continue to share their skills and time which has enabled CCR to keep the store open an extra day and hour during the week. If you have items to donate, please call Phyllis at 805-649-6913. We are now able to accept some larger items since we have expanded our thrift store sales area!

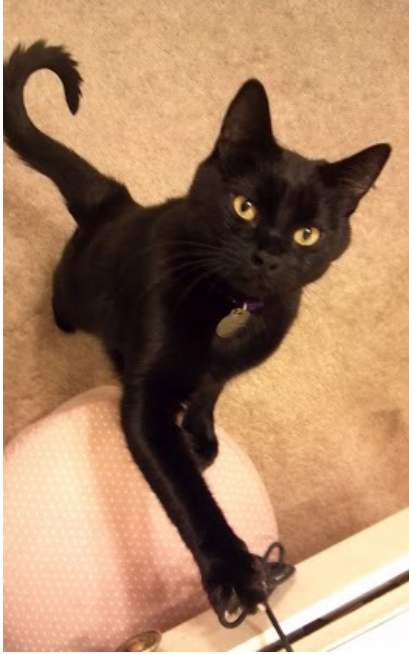
Please check out our cat room and store too! If you have a few hours available to spend with us to help us sort and sell items to help our foster cats, please contact **Phyllis @ 805-649-6913**.

## CCR Adoptions and TNR

### (Trap, Neuter, Return) statistics:

- 🐾 Since January 1, 2013 almost 100 Cats Cradle Rescue foster cats and kittens were adopted to loving homes!
- 🐾 More than 150 kittens and cats are currently being fostered in CCR volunteers’ homes.
- 🐾 TNR (Trapped, Neutered, Returned) over 400 feral felines in 2012.
- 🐾 TNR – Over 1000 Spayed/Neutered Feral cats are being cared for on a daily basis by volunteers at more than 25 feral feeding sites in Ventura County and TNR work by our volunteers continues at new locations in Ventura County.

# OUR HAPPY ENDINGS!



## Smooch

*Shared by Paula Roady*

I had been fostering kittens for a while, when I was asked to foster an adult male, who had been recovered from a "failed foster" situation. I agreed, and took in "Snoopy".

Traumatized comes to mind, in trying to describe his state. He wouldn't eat, and would hide in any available nook or

cranny. His favorite spot was under the covers, between the bed sheets, no matter how hot it was! He was very sweet and gentle, but did not want to be handled. He is also all black, which is a little more challenging to find a forever home.

During the week, I would be really patient talking to him, petting him, and by the end of the week, he would start to come around. Then on the weekend I would show him for adoption at the local pet store, and he would go back into shock for a couple days. I even got a box for him to cower in, because the poor guy so terrified. Not being able to torture this sweet little soul any further, I agreed to adopt him, hoping he would no longer have these weekly setbacks.

Before I say anything else, let it be understood, I needed another cat like I need a hole in my head! I am in awe of fosters who can handle a houseful, but the four I have, and my two daily visitors seem to keep me pretty busy. First thing I did was rename the little guy to Smooch, because he did like to kiss, or more like run his little wet nose across any bare skin he could find.

I started him on a supplement called "Composure" which contains L-Theanine. He immediately showed improvement and seemed to come out of his shell. He spent a couple weeks still climbing into the sheets, but then he slowly gave up that habit for sleeping high on top of the armoire in my bedroom. He now jumps off early in the morning, onto my bed, to greet me. He hangs out with me when I shower, dress, and put on my makeup. I have a dressing room chair, that the minute I

get up, he jumps on it. (I'm sure he likes the fact it is a warm seat.)

He has become the cat ambassador of the house, for any other visiting animals, and has even warmed up to my daughter's 50 pound Australian Cattle dog. He stands at the sliding window, pawing and trying to talk to the ferals that come by to eat. He has filled the void left after losing my 20 year old Tonkinese last year. He is the best of buddies with my 4 year old male Tabby, Joey. They wrestle daily like kittens, and groom one another to pass the time. He is my little panther, with his beautiful shiny black coat, and sleek body, and now I can't imagine how I ever did without him.

## Stuart (white) & Sam (gray & white)

*Shared by Vicki*

He is doing great - got along with my older (Sam) kitty right away so didn't have to keep them apart too long. He follows him around - if Sam scratches on the scratching post the little kitty will copy him right next to him - it's really cute. We did change his name to Stuart - he reminded us of Stuart Little.

Anyway, thanks for another great kitty! (I got Sam from you guys a few years ago!) Thought you might like to see this picture - I found Stuart and Sam sleeping this way the other day - they really like each other!



## Oliver Mends A Heart

I am really in love with Oliver. Even though I have other pets he has helped repair my broken heart since the loss of my beloved Amanda Rose last year (at age 17). If I were to make out a list of a perfect cat Oliver would be an example. I am so indebted to Cats Crade Rescue. It was as if two "lost souls" found each other with this adoption. The second I met him I knew he was





special. Also, gratitude goes to Dave at Petco (Port Hueneme), who was holding Oliver when I came in and was laughing at the kitten's antics.

I must say I never thought I would adopt a kitten again...and look what happened!! Of course a big thank you to Gina, who has devoted her time to helping these new babies find a home through Cat's Cradle. She is to be commended for her service.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU, Ruth and of course Oliver!!

## New Feline Family Member!



*Editor's Note: Sharon adopted Duke (see photo at left) shortly after this email was sent.*

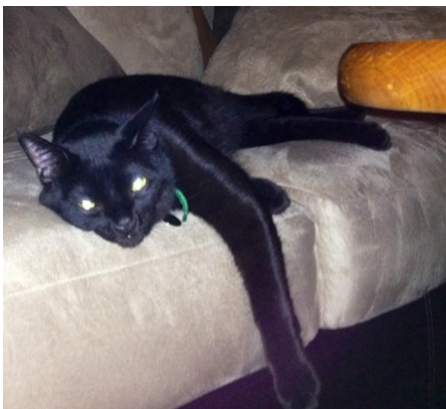
This is Sharon, Dijon's (Sam's) mom. I just wanted to leave you with the following: I am interested in a kitten or

young male orange tabby or coon that matches Dijon's personality; likes to cuddle on laps and is playful and friendly with other cats and dogs. I think Sam would enjoy having someone around to play and snuggle with. My older adult female cat that is Sam's sister is not interested in playing or snuggling with Sam although he never gives up trying. So if you come across a cat that you think would be a good fit for us, please drop me an e-mail.



PS: Thanks for doing such a wonderful job fostering Sam (see Sam's photo on right). He is the most loving, sweet-natured cat that I have had the pleasure of adopting, and has captured the hearts of my two grown boys as well as mine. We are so fortunate that you took him into your home.

## Elvis



Here's **Elvis** lounging on his new home, he has adapted quite well in the short time he has been with us.

I'm happy to relay that Elvis and our lab wrench are currently getting

along. More pictures to come. - Brian

## Virgo now Vino – Then and Now!



Please find attached a great pic of Vino. He is doing great! We are still looking for a friend for him, however my travel schedule has been very busy and I won't let the boys pick out a friend without me. :) My parents came over with their dog and it was pure friendship. Vino did give him the look over like he was the funniest Dog Cat he has ever saw and took offense when the dog smelled his rear lol. It was not the way Vino wanted to say hello.

Hope all your cats and kittens are finding great homes.

Sean, Tammy, Colby, and Vino



## Prince

After my cat passed away, we adopted a beautiful Himalayan cat named Friendly (now called Prince) from Cats Cradle in February. He hid for a couple of days and then he came out of his shell and has been a loving companion. We just adore him as you can see in the attached photo.



Thank you for all the work you do in rescuing these lovely creatures!  
Dee & Aubey



## Tripod Finds A Home!

I realized it would be difficult to arrange a "portrait" of the three of us so I thought these two pictures would tell Tripod's story.

The first photo is of you, me and Tripod on the day of his

adoption and the second one is a recent one of my husband and Tripod taking a "cat nap."

We kept Tripod's name since he responded to it and it suited him. Although he has only 3 legs, Tripod acts like he doesn't realize it.

Tripod adjusted to his "forever" home very quickly. He seemed to take a shine to my husband immediately. Within a week he was jumping up on my husband's ( Wil ) lap with just a slight tapping signal. He loves playing with toys on a stick and has worn out several already. Initially if we couldn't find Tripod my husband would go through the rooms with the toy "fly fishing" and Tripod would emerge from his hiding place ready to play. Tripod has an especially loud purr to show us his affection and we sure do love him back.

Thank you Debi and Cats' Cradle - Audrey and Wil

## Kitties Looking for Happy Endings!

**Survivor** got his name because he was the only survivor in his litter. The litter was born in August of 2012 and came into CCR foster care when they were very tiny.

He is a very personable kitten once he gets to know you but we think he might have some Siamese in his genes since he is a long, lean, and muscular kitty.

Survivor is a special needs



kitten only in that he needs to be fed grain-free, low carb food.

Please call

Georgetta 647-7173 if you have questions or are interested in adopting this fine little guy.



**Cats Cradle Rescue** has a number of older cats also looking for homes. A few are special needs, but many are friendly, loving, and well-socialized with cats and other animals. **Please consider adopting** one of our higher "mileage" foster cats. Because we are a no-kill rescue group, we can only take cats (and kittens) to foster when we have space available in a foster home.... And we only have space available when we have good people deciding to adopt our adult cats (and kittens). We constantly get calls and emails from people who, for various reasons, need to re-home older cats... often we have to say "no" since sometimes we just don't have a foster home available for an adult kitty.

## In Loving Memory...

**Alysha** - May 2012 to Feb 2013 Her life was short, but she was cared for tenderly by her foster mom and much loved.

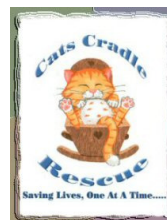


**Ferb** – Born January 2013 – RIP sweet little guy.

## You CAN Help – It's Quick, Easy, and FREE!

At the **Animal Rescue Website** you can donate a bowl of food to animal rescue with a click – it's free and easy to do. Please click on "Vote - Shelter Challenge" and vote for CCR-Oxnard, CA. Here is the link ➔ <http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com>

Please Help us buy cat and kitten food by saving the **Purina Weight Circles** on the sides of bags of Purina Cat chows and dropping them off at our adoptions!



Please consider donating your gently used items or yardsale leftovers to Cats Cradle Rescue. Sales of these items in our thrift store help to fund our



rescue, fostering, and adoption services.



## Kittens Are Here!!

Cats Cradle Rescue volunteers are bracing for the wave of kittens that is flooding into Cats Cradle Rescue needing help. Spring is the time when many unfixed momcats are delivering their first litters of 2013.

Where do Cats Cradle Rescue kittens come from?

Sometimes an owned momcat disappears or is killed by neighborhood dogs or by a vehicle. Afterward we get a call asking for help to care for the orphaned kittens.

Kittens come to us because of the calls we get when people spring clean sheds or move stored furniture, or uncover vehicles or boats to prepare them for summer use. When they find kittens inside, they call us for help. If we are lucky, the momcat can be found and rescued to help care for the kittens or the finders are willing to become temporary fosters. When the kittens are old enough, we get them fixed, vaccinated, microchipped, and adopted.

We have even taken a couple of litters of kittens that arrived along with the cargo in semi-trucks traveling from out of California.

Kittens also come into our program as a result of our TNR work (Trap, Neuter, Return – please see article online in our Spring issue at [www.CatsCradleRescue.org](http://www.CatsCradleRescue.org))

When we are contacted by people who want our assistance for a feral cat colony, there are almost always kittens that need help too. If the kittens are young and friendly enough that we feel we can tame them and we have room for them in our fostering program, we try hard to find foster placements. They stay in foster care until they are old enough to be fixed and shown for adoption. Unfortunately there are almost always more older kittens that we have places to put them and time to tame them so sometimes we

have to make the hard decision to just fix and return them to live out their lives as feral cats.

**If you have feral cats** running loose on your street, in your neighborhood, or at your workplace, please contact **SPAN** or **Valley Vet Non-Profit** (see below) for information and assistance in getting them trapped and fixed.

For more information on TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) please see page 4 of the **Holiday 2012** issue of this newsletter online at [www.CatsCradleRescue.org](http://www.CatsCradleRescue.org) or click on the link below about Feral Cat Colony Management and TNR.

**SPAN – Spay/Neuter Animal Network**, recently partnered with Cats Cradle Rescue to sponsor a spay day in September at **Valley Vet Non-profit** in Simi where 93 feral cats and kittens from the Oxnard and Port Hueneme area were fixed in one day.

For Spay/Neuter Assistance - Contact:

**SPAN**

<http://www.spanonline.org/>

805-641-1170

**Valley Vet Non-Profit Clinic**

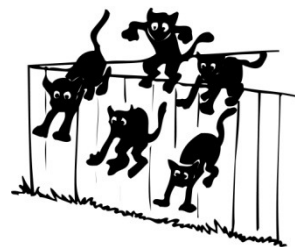
<http://valleyvetnonprofit.com/>

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(805) 584-3823

To learn more about Feral Cat Colony Management and TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) go to [http://www.neighborhoodcats.org/HOW TO WHAT IS TNR](http://www.neighborhoodcats.org/HOW_TO_WHAT_IS_TNR)



Dear Readers,  
We wanted to share excerpts from and links to articles about illnesses that can affect cats and kittens. Other topics in future issue will include FIV, and general information on general health care, vaccinations and testing for various diseases.

## Feline Leukemia (FeLV)



For more information please visit:

<http://sheltermedicine.com/node/43> UC Davis

<http://sheltermedicine.com/printpdf/43> pdf file

FeLV, or Feline leukemia virus, is a contagious, viral disease of cats. In addition to causing leukemia, it has been associated with various other types of cancer, anemia, and immune suppression leading to increased susceptibility to various infectious diseases. Although cats may clear initial infection, there is no cure for persistent infection and it is ultimately fatal.

FeLV is most commonly spread via the saliva of infected cats, either directly or by contaminated articles such as food and water dishes or toys. FeLV can also be present in other secretions such as urine or feces, but this is less common. FeLV can be spread transplacentally from mother to offspring, but spread via nursing or grooming is more common. Airborne spread is not a concern. FeLV is not very durable in the environment. It is inactivated by most commonly used disinfectants. It can survive for up to 48 hours in a moist environment at room temperature.

Blood tests are available for screening for FeLV. The most commonly used test is the ELISA test, which looks for viral antigen (protein) in the blood. This is available as an in-house kit. It is imperative to follow the instructions for whatever test is used exactly, as the consequences of both a false positive and a false negative test are potentially severe. Staff members performing the test should be trained and periodically evaluated.

A vaccine is available for FeLV. It is not 100% effective, so there is still some risk to introducing a FeLV positive cat into an environment with vaccinated cats. The vaccine is not recommended for cats that are at very low risk for contracting the disease, such as strictly indoor cats. Therefore, this vaccine is generally not recommended in a shelter except under unusual circumstances. Rather, the new owner and their veterinarian should decide whether the vaccine is appropriate for the individual circumstance.

Our next online issue will cover Feline Immunodeficiency (FIV)

**Here are stories about three cats in CCR foster care who tested positive for feline leukemia. The purrrrfect home for them would be one that doesn't have other resident cats. Dogs would be fine since feline leukemia cannot jump species and infect dogs.**



**Jing** is a beautiful 4 year old tortie girl born 3-7-09 who is very sweet and loving and looking for a good home. She is the

meet-&-greet kitty at her foster home where she will walk right up to perfect strangers asking for attention. She does have a bit of 'tortitude' since she prefers to sleep in her own space and dislikes adoption events, having her picture taken, and getting her nails trimmed! She looks a bit grumpy in this photo since she is (of course) at an adoption event and quite annoyed with that fact!

**Richmond** was born in March of 2012.

He is an absolutely sweet, adorable boy who has quite the playful cattitude. He is very active and curious, but also very loving. He likes to check out anything new in his environment and especially likes to sleep with you, or purrrrrfurably ON you!



**Myrtle** came to us as a very young mama with three kittens, she is about 2 years old but is a very sweet and loving little tabby girl. She is so mellow that

you can hold her in your arms on her back like a baby. She LOVES her canned food treats and her favorite place to sleep is right next to you.

**Please contact Phyllis at 805-649-6913 if you have questions or are interested in adopting one of these beautiful cats.**



**Our Adoption Events - Please share this info!**

## Cats Cradle Rescue Adoption Center & Thrift Shop

Please come and visit our updated facility at **4160 Market Street, Unit #10 & 11, Ventura (corner of Donlon and Market Street)** – one block past the DMV Office on the same side of the street)

### Thrift Store hours:

**Wednesday – Friday 11-6 pm**  
**Saturday and Sunday 11-5 p.m.**  
(except holidays)

### Adoption Days/Information

**Sat. 11-5 call Phyllis @ 649-6913**

**Sun. 11-5 call Deb @ 218-9445**

**For donation/drop-off information for thrift store items, please call 642-4CAT(642-4228).**

## Ventura PETCO

**4300-A East Main St.  
Ventura, CA 93003  
(805) 639-3016**

**Saturdays and  
(Most Sundays  
beginning July 7)  
11-4 pm**

**Please call  
805-485-8811**

## Oxnard Petsmart

**2021 N Oxnard Blvd,  
Oxnard  
(805) 981-4012**

**First and Third  
Saturdays of each  
Month  
11:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

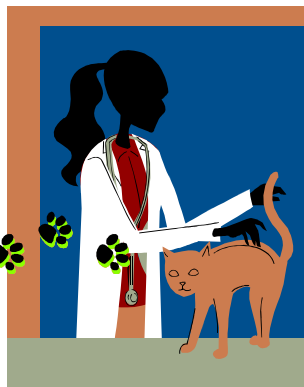
**Please call  
805-218-9445**



### CAMARILLO VETERINARY HOSPITAL

**S.H. CHONG DVM.**  
258 Dawson Drive  
Camarillo, CA 93012

Telephone: (805) 482-9865



### Spay & Neuter Clinic

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for a small donation!**

Please call **805-649-6913** for more  
information on advertising your  
business or service in this  
newsletter. (It doesn't even have to  
be cat-related!)

Yes, I would like to make a donation to Cats Cradle Rescue in the amount of:

\_\_\_ \$10  
\_\_\_ \$25  
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Please direct my donation to ☐ **The Feral Food Fund** ☐ **The Louie Fund**

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Email address – please print clearly

Then clip and mail your tax-deductible donation to:

Cats Cradle Rescue, P.O. Box 5774, Oxnard, CA 93031

Please ☐ mail ☐ email my thank you letter. ☐ **Save \$\$ - my check will be my donation receipt.** **Thank You**

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## Can You Help?

Any donation, large or small, helps our all-volunteer non-profit group provide food, veterinary care, spay and neuter programs, vaccinations, and emergency care for **Cats Cradle** cats and kittens. All donations are tax deductible, and will be acknowledged. 100% of what you donate goes directly to benefit our rescued cats and kittens.

## Our Wish List:



**Cat & Kitten Food** – always needed!

**Purina brand cat food weight circles** cut from the bags

**Cat care items** (scratchers, carriers, beds, towels, blankets, etc.)

**Recycle** printer ink cartridges, cell phones, and digital cameras here

**Financial Support** (every dollar and cent helps!)

**Safe sites** for feral cats to call home and people to feed and monitor colonies

**Foster homes** for cats/kittens until “forever” homes are found

**Volunteers** to help with:

**Adoptions & Thrift Store** (staffing, sorting, paperwork, etc.)

**Transportation** (to and from vet clinics)

**Temporary care** for rescued cats and kittens

Call to arrange a drop-off if you have gently used items to donate to our Thrift Shop or cat-related items. Send your financial support to  
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