



CATS CRADLE RESCUE REPORT

Website: <http://www.catscradlerescue.org>



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our adoptions!**



**“The top ten reasons to spay and neuter your cat or
dog were killed in a shelter today.”**

A note from your editor:

The material “I Rescued A Human Today” in the last issue of CCR was originally written by Janine Allen and geared to a dog rescue. The emailed text I received and used in the newsletter had apparently been slightly edited to focus on cat rescue, but was very obviously taken from Janine Allen’s work, though the that person did not take credit for the revision or reference the author. If you wish to view the original material, please visit <http://rescuemedog.org/dog-blog/i-rescued-a-human-today-by-janine-allen/>

CCR News & Needs >^..^<

The kittens keep coming! It looks like another bumper year for kittens, so let your friends, family, and neighbors know that we are looking for lots of fabulous forever homes for this year’s kitten “crop”. We are now showing our foster animals for adoption at 3 different sites, PETCO in Port Hueneme and Camarillo and of course, at our Adoption Center/Thrift Shop at the corner of Market and Donlon. **Please see page 7 for hours and days.**

We are still desperately in need of foster families for a few of our cats and kittens. This would be a short-term fostering commitment through the summer and/or fall to help us manage our kitten tsunami. We can even wean kittens for you if fostering bottle babies or a momcat and some kittens is just too big a challenge for you.

Please think about fostering. It’s easier than it sounds, it’s really fun, and you are saving a life (or 2 or 3) when you foster a cat or kitten. When you foster it means that our veteran CCR foster families can say “Yes” to another kitten in need because by fostering, you created a space for us to take in another. Please call us if you have space in your heart and in your home to foster a homeless cat or kitten.

As a “no-kill” animal rescue group, sometimes we get left holding the bag...or the cat as it happens!

Cats Cradle Rescue has many cats that will need a lifetime of care since many of these animals will never be suitable candidates for adoption. Some have litter-box issues, others show aggression towards humans or other animals, while just a few were just never cute enough to be adopted. A few have medical issues that discourage most adopters.

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These animals will have nothing to worry about because we will care for them for the rest of their lives, and you can help.

<http://www.catscradlerescue.org/> Please visit our website and donate via our PayPal link or go to <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/CA239.html> and check out our animals. Find one whose photo touches your heart and click on Details. On the details page you will find a Sponsor Me icon. Click on the link and follow the instructions. We thank you for your support!

Here are just a few of our rescued cats and kittens that are available for sponsorship (and of course, adoption too!)

Tripod <http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/16055353>

This very sweet and loving boy lost one of his back legs due to trauma as a very young kitten. He needed surgery to remove what was left after his accident. Now he is ready and eager for a family of his own. He is very affectionate and playful. Come meet him on Sundays at our Ventura Adoption Center - 11 to 5.



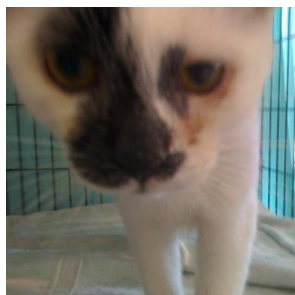
Max <http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/16924786>

Max is an absolutely gorgeous big boy, a long haired orange tabby we estimate to be about four years old. This beautiful baby is also an all four paw declaw, he was pulled out of the shelter on his last day before he would have been euthanized. He is incredibly sweet but is very nervous around kids and other animals and would be best as an only cat. Meet this big softie at our adoption center.



Trey <http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/13636958>

Trey is Mr. Personality. He is outgoing and incredibly playful. He has feline herpes which causes him to sneeze a lot and makes one of his eye weep. Feline herpes is not contagious to humans.



Little Star



<http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/15649884>

Little Star (born 2-09) is a very people-oriented kitten. She has a very quiet personality, but she is very affectionate and loves people. She is definitely a lapcat - very sweet and loving. Little Star is a special needs kitten since she contracted cat herpes when she was very young (only contagious to cats, not people). Once in a while she gets a stuffy sniffy nose (like a little cold) and her eyes need to have a quick wipe with a tissue a couple of times a day, but she IS well worth the time and trouble! She is a LOVE!

She would be at her best if we can place her in a home without a dominant cat or noisy active children or dogs. Little Star would be a purrrrrrrfect fit for an older person in a small apartment or house.

Buffy <http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/15162256>

Buffy was returned to us because her original adopter was unwilling/unable to deal with her dental problems. She is a outgoing and affectionate. She is equally willing to sit on your lap and cuddle as to play with feathers on a string.



Angela <http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/10252769>

Angela is completely deaf and has only 1 eye. We think that because of her physical challenges she is very defensive around other cats and needs to have her very own home. But in her very own home she is a extremely loving and affectionate little girl.



OUR HAPPY ENDINGS!



We just wanted to let everyone at Cats Cradle how well our little kittens are doing. We adopted Spooky (formerly known as James - we thought we were adopting a boy at the time!) and Tiger last November 2008. They are the light of our lives, and the light of our children's eyes.

Here is a picture of both kitties sleeping with my 6-year-old daughter, Paige. Paige was just diagnosed with Type I diabetes (formerly known as juvenile diabetes) in March. She was in the hospital for 6 days and it was all she could think about was getting home to her beloved kittens. Our 2-year-old son, Johnny, absolutely adores both cats. It has been fun to hear him develop his speech as he learns to say their names. Spooky started out as "Poo Poo" and now has progressed to "Spooky." Tiger was "Ti" and now is "Tider."



The other pictures are 1) Johnny eating a snack with Spooky in her basket 2) Paige holding her beloved Tiger 3) Tiger sprawled out in front of the sliding glass doors where he takes a sunbath each afternoon and birdwatches (we have a bird feeder) (not shown – sorry no space – ed.).

We never thought we were going to leave the Camarillo PETCO that day with even one kitten, let alone two! We were overjoyed when we found out that our apartment manager would allow two. Thank you so much for all the care you gave our new members of the family.



Hugo Goes Home!

Shared by
Nancy &
Craig

Here's a picture of Hugo and

my husband. Needless to say, they adore each other. Because Hugo is so comfortable being moved around in his cat carrier, we bring him downstairs into the main house all the time. I've slowly been introducing Hugo and Titan. One hour the first day, two hours the second...Last night they were together all night long. I won't say that they're best buds, yet, but there have been no great problems. Hugo, of course, made himself at home immediately. Titan spends most of the time under the couch but, at least, he isn't attacking Hugo. So, Hugo is spending a lot of time with Craig and "slowly" spending more time with Titan.

I think we'll probably continue that because I know that Craig just loves playing with Hugo. The cat follows him around like a little puppy...er...big puppy. Did Hugo play a lot at your house? At ours he plays just like a kitten. He absolutely loves to chase a laser. He's surprisingly agile for such a big boy. With our Christmas tree, he would lie underneath it and bat at the ornaments (safe ones at the bottom, of course). And his favorite game seems to lying on his back and having Craig push him back and forth by his tummy!

Hugo update March 2010: I thought you would like to know that Hugo and Titan are now crotchety old men together. Yesterday, I was working on my computer, sitting on the bed. Hugo was splayed out beside me and Titan was asleep a foot away from him. Now, I'm not saying that they are the best of friends. They do get along, though. Hugo acts like a kitten, batting around all of Titan's toys, and racing through the apartment, knocking over everything.

Right now, he and I are playing "Bad Kitty!" That's where Hugo races toward the louvered door and tries to open it. I yell at him "Bad Kitty!" and he races away. A moment later, he'll come back and, like a naughty kid, sticks his paw out and taps the door again. I yell "Bad Kitty!" and he takes off running. This has gone on for about ten minutes now. He seems to think it's the funniest of games. Titan, meanwhile, just stares at him. During the daytime, Hugo loves to lie in the living room, soaking up the sun. He loves to stretch and roll and stretch and roll and stretch and roll. Titan, meanwhile, just stares at him.

We had one minor tiff during dinner time a few nights ago. I was spooning out Titan's favorite meal. When I put down the first bowl, Hugo rudely pushed by Titan who promptly hissed and gave him a swat on the nose. Hugo stumbled backward five feet and then politely waited until his bowl was put down.

I'm in the apartment for hours each day. Craig--who sometimes didn't visit the apartment for weeks--is now up here every couple of days to play with "his cat". Hope all is well with you. Take care. - Nancy

Note from the editor: Hugo is a special needs cat who was featured in the Holiday 2009 issue of our newsletter. He is FIV positive and needed to find a home without a cat or with a cat who is also FIV positive. Titan is also FIV positive, so when Craig & Nancy heard about Hugo they generously opened their hearts and home and welcomed this wonderful boy into their family. – Turn to the next page for more about Hugo!



Hey, Gina! I thought you'd like to see a picture of our boy with his new brother. Yep, they've actually bonded.

Whatever room one cat is in, the other one is somewhere close by. That is Hugo on the pillow. Titan is on the edge of the bed.

Now, the reason I call Hugo the Miracle Worker is because of the changes he's brought about in Titan. Remember how I told you that Titan was still really feral. I could kind of touch him on the head a few times but that was it. Well, about a week after Hugo was living with Titan full-time a most miraculous thing happened. I was preparing the boys their supper and Hugo, like usual, was down at my ankles, purring and pushing up against me. Titan, like usual, was ten feet away, watching.

Then...suddenly....I realized that it wasn't Hugo at my feet. It was Titan! Hugo had actually taught my Titan how to purr!!! Since then Titan has progressed to a point where he loves to be petted just as much as Hugo. Last night, he even let Craig pet him just like any normal cat!

Amazing....So, now I call Hugo my little Miracle Worker. He's very proud of himself. As I mentioned, Hugo is doing exceptionally well with Titan. They're definitely brothers now, side-by-side for most of the day. The only time I ever separate them is at feeding time. Then, I place their bowls in separate rooms because, let's face it, Hugo has a "big" appetite and Titan is very "territorial" about his food.

Things Hugo likes to do now.... Chase bugs, Race around the house and leap down on any bag I put on the floor, Be carried around for as long as anyone can hold up his two tons, Walk up and down the edge of the bathtub while you're bathing, Play with every single toy you give him, Turn on his back and have you roll him back and forth by his tummy, Get kisses.

Yep, Hugo's turned into a big kitten. I think he's probably one of the best family cats I've ever met in my life. He sends you a big, happy MEOW! Nancy



Camino

Shared by Mark (adopter) & Gina Brenner (foster)

I still have not gotten another cat. Camino seems pretty happy with the way things are. Sometimes when he wants to play he gets a little rough (a little biting and clawing) and it makes me wonder if he should have a playmate. But that's not often. So I am open to getting another one but not definitely. If I saw a young male Siamese I might be very tempted (I've always loved Siamese).

Camino and I are close buddies. He talks to me at times and likes to snuggle next to me as I watch T.V. He sleeps with me every night. He is very affectionate and purrs a lot. When I leave sometimes during the day he seems content to curl up and find a comfy place to sleep while I am gone. But he always greets me when I get home. He has lots of little toys that he likes to play with. He likes to bat a ball across the floor from room to room like a soccer player. He's very good at it.

Anyway, I hope things are well with you and I'll stay in touch.

Gina's "Promise" finds his Forever Home!

As promised (no pun intended), we're following up with our new kitty! We did decide to name him Seamus, because we thought with his orange fur and green eyes, he looked like a little Irish boy. :) I sometimes call him Twinkie, because he's so little.



He's adjusting pretty well over all. He did NOT like the car ride home, and he was kinda mad at us for a few days. It took him a day or so to come out from under the desk we had in the room ("his" room), but he eventually moved to his litter box for about another day, and then lately he's just been hanging out next to his box. It's his little "comfort zone" if he gets overwhelmed. :) He's not quite to the stage where he's welcoming us when we come in the room yet, but

it only takes about 20 seconds or so of our scratching him and playing with him before he turns a 180 and gets really, really lovey dovey. He's adorable! We've discovered he likes his belly scratched (like...he REALLY likes it), and he'll sometimes flip over and put his paws above his head as if he's saying, "Okay, belly time!" If we scratch on his tummy or his backside or his tail enough, he'll reach out with his paws (and just a LITTLE bit of claws) and pull our arms into his belly, hold our arm with his paws, and nuzzle with his head. It's like he's giving us hugs, and it's the cutest thing we've ever seen! Mostly he just likes lots and lots of head and back scratches.

He's playing with his toys OK (a feather stick and a couple of mice toys and a little stress ball that he sometimes bats around), but his favorite is PAPER! He LOVES paper. We've just started leaving papers on the floor, because he likes just STANDING on it. He also REALLY likes Trader Joes shopping bag handles. We just pull them off the bags and he goes nuts! He'll play with those and chew/bat them for 10-20 minutes at a time.

He's eating really well now (it took him about 2 days before he ate, but then he got really hungry!) Surprisingly, he's totally avoided the wet food but LOVES the dry Science Diet you gave us. Go figure! He's got the litter box thing down pat, too. Pretty much he's really well adjusted. We've given him a few hours of supervised time out in the main rooms, too, because he just suddenly decided one night that he wanted to explore! I joke with him that's he's Mr. Big Breeches because he's getting so brave! He hasn't hidden behind couches or anything in the least. He's just exploring, exploring, exploring! It's still really new for him, I think, and so he has a lot to take in.

He just met my folks, and he was a little standoffish. But we're really proud of him, and we're looking forward to seeing what he's going to do in the next week! As soon as he starts coming to us on his own, we're going to start introducing the rest of the apt. to his free exploration. We just bought him a sisal scratching post built into a "Kitty City" tent/play area/climbing thing. Should be fun!

One more thing: he has the funniest purr I've ever heard! He sounds like a pigeon mixed with a warp engine from Star Trek: The Next Generation. Hilarious!

Well, hope this update gives you some good news! Thanks for all you've done--we really love our new kitty boy! Best, Zachary and Ellen Snow

(Editor's note: Promise's picture & pre-adoption story appears in the Winter 2009 issue of the Rescue Report)

1001 Kitten stories:

Kitten Story #16 (shared by Karen Ryan)



Just a few days ago this kitten was rescued, cold and covered with ashes, from a barbeque pit in an Oxnard neighborhood. This tiny three day old tabby survived only because she was able to climb up over the bodies of her two siblings who suffocated in the soft ashes. Momcat was feral and we have been able to trap her and get her spayed. Please keep little Phoenix in your thoughts as she recovers.



Kitten Story #17 (shared by Georgetta Brickey)

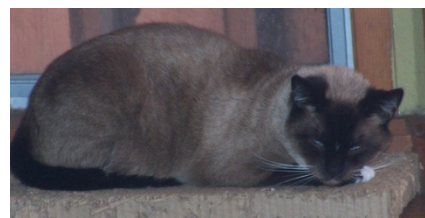
Shyla is a shy but very sweet 4 year old gray and white tabby girl (DOB sometime in August 2006). Shyla is very affectionate once she gets to know and trust you, but she needs a patient and loving family and a quiet home to be at her best. She has come out of her shell in her foster home and is very affectionate, interactive, and playful.

This beautiful girl isn't overly active and would be just the purrrfect only cat for someone living in a small apartment or house. She loves to play with the laser light dot on the floor until she is tired, then flop down to have her chin and back rubbed. Please call Georgetta at 805-647-7173 or email editor@catscradlerescue.org if you have room in your heart and your home for this sweet girl.



Kitten Story #18 (shared by Tom Geschwender)

Spock is a beautiful but very shy 2+ year old Snowshoe Siamese



cross. His favorite napping zone is inside Tom's couch. He also loves to curl up near a window and soak up some sun before dinnertime. Please call 805-415-1645 if you want to meet Spock.

"...Saving just one pet won't change the world....but surely the world will change for that one pet..."

In Loving Memory...

Ratatouille – July 2008 to July 2010

In his short life, he never found a loving adoptor, but his Cats Cradle foster family loved him a lot and will miss him.



Check out our webpage!

Please check out our newsletters online in **COLOR**
http://www.catscradlerescue.org/index_files/Page805.htm

With the cost of printing and postage increasing every year, we are working hard to use email/web delivery for newsletters so we can use those \$\$ for rescue instead of for paper, ink, and postage.

If you truly enjoy reading our newsletter and need to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please let our editor know. If you would prefer to receive it via email, please let us know and share an email address with us. **We promise not to sell, loan, or share email lists with any other organization.**

Please email our editor at Editor@catscradlerescue.org, or send a note to **Cats Cradle Rescue, P.O. Box 5774, Oxnard, CA 93031.**

Any money we save on printing and postage goes directly to our feline friends and please keep in mind that every \$.44 stamp = a can of cat food! A newsletter costs about \$.35 to print & staple.

We are now offering advertising space to individuals and companies who would like to purchase small (only \$25.00 for a business card-sized and we can scan the card for you!) in our next issue.

Please call 485-8811 or email phyllis@catscradle.org if you are interested in purchasing an ad space.

Thank You for Your Support!

CCR Adoptions and TNR statistics:

January 1 to July 31, 2010

- 🐾 190 cats and kittens adopted to loving homes (& 115 microchips registered to their new owners by CCR)
- 🐾 Close to 200 kittens and cats currently in foster care
- 🐾 More than 200 Feral cats being cared for at various feeding sites in Ventura County by volunteers
- 🐾 TNR (Trapped, Neutered, Returned) TBA

(TBA- To Be Announced in the Holiday issue of the Rescue Report – lots to count!)

***Please Become Another
Happy Ending!
Adopt a Cat or Kitten!***

As always, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the organizations that helped us immensely in our rescue efforts again this year.

- The **PETCO Stores in Camarillo and Port Hueneme**, who generously provide space and support for our weekend adoptions and rescue operations. www.petco.com.
- **Dr. Chong, DVM** and her friendly assistants in Camarillo who work tirelessly to heal the sick and injured cats and kittens we encounter in rescue. (805) 482-9865
- The caring staff of the **Mercy Crusade Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinic** at the corner of Vineyard and Oxnard Blvd. in Oxnard where most of our adoptable cats & kittens receive their spay or neuter operations. <http://www.dogcatfix.com/>
- Diane Bentz, R.V.T and Clinic Director, Dr. Debbie Bitterly D.V.M. and their highly skilled team at **Valley Veterinary Clinic Charitable Non-Profit Corporation** who support us in our TNR work in Ventura County. (1659 E. Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065, Telephone (805) 584-3823 www.valleyvetnonprofit.com)
- The helpful staff of **The Animal Doctor Veterinary Clinic** at the corner of Telephone and Petit in the Ralphs Plaza in east Ventura who have offered a free well-cat vet visit for CCR cats or CCR kittens adopted May 1, 2009 or later. <http://www.theanimaldr.net/> 805-647-8596
- The friendly folks at **The Cat Doctor** at the corner of Telephone and Market Street in Ventura who have offered a free well-cat vet visit for adopted CCR cats and kittens. <http://www.thecatdoctoronline.com/>

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for Saving a Life!

Our Adoption Events - Please share this info!

Cats Cradle Rescue Adoption Center & Thrift Shop

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

Thrift Store hours:
Thur. – Sun., 11-5 pm
(except holidays)

Adoption Days/Information

Sat. 11-5 call Phyllis @ 649-6913

Sun. 11-5 call Monica @ 212-0328
or Deb 218-9445

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(805) 984-3470

**Saturdays & some
Sundays,
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**For Information,
please call Gina at 312-4983**

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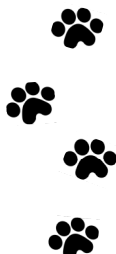


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Can You Help?

Any donation, large or small, helps our all-volunteer 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.)

Financial Support (every dollar and cent helps!)

Safe sites for feral cats to call home

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

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