



CHANGING THE WORLD FOR HOMELESS & AT-RISK CATS  
IN CENTRAL NEW YORK - FOUR PAWS AT A TIME.

# CNY Cat Coalition

May 2009

P.O. Box 6182

Syracuse, New York 13217

## “NO MORE KITTENS IN A BOX!”

As you all know, we are entering the kitten season, and, in the past few years, there have been stories in the news of many litters of kittens left to die in boxes around the county. What you may not be as aware of are the number of calls we will receive regarding kittens found in boxes, baskets, bags, tires, abandoned cars, on porches, under porches, in garages, under sheds, on the side of the road and..... There will be far more kittens than safe places for them. But we are dedicated to ending this grim cycle.

To help us with this task and provide an opportunity to educate on the topic, we are having a “No More Kittens In A Box” event. There will be a silent auction of many different types of goods and goodies with entertainment and edible treats for all, as well as a 50/50 raffle. We hope many of you will be able to join us for a few hours - to schmooze with other caring cat people and to help raise money to get us through another kitten season.

If you have items you would like to donate or would like to volunteer at the event, please call Michelle at 812-599-5983 or email her at merpcat@msn.com or call Amber at 546-5108. The CNY Cat Coalition, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all items donated for the auction are tax deductible.

**DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009**

**TIME: 1 PM - 5 PM**

**PLACE: BELLEVUE MANOR ASSISTED LIVING**

**4330 ONONDAGA BLVD. SYRACUSE**  
(between Western Lights Plaza and Taunton Fire Dept.)



### Partial List of Auction Items

- Cream/gold cat and mouse Lenox figurine; value \$70
- Lenox china jewelry box; cream/gold; value \$50
- Turquoise ring; value \$40+
- White glazed angel statue
- Boy with flowers statue; colored glaze
- Appliqué cat throw pillow
- 1990's Oreo cookie jar; value \$50
- Paul N. Norton framed watercolors (2), value \$150
- Antique reproduction watch
- Holiday doll house music box, 15" high
- 8 piece candle set
- GE Pro-Line Lights and Sounds of Christmas Musical light show, value \$75
- Lawrence Stein paintings (2), local artist, value \$800



### Microchip Clinic during this event

A great opportunity to have your pet microchipped to improve its safe return if lost.

**From 1 pm - 3 pm only**

Please have your dogs leashed and cats in carriers.

Cost: \$20 with part of the proceeds going to CNYCC.

## WORKING IN THE TRENCHES WITH FERAL CATS

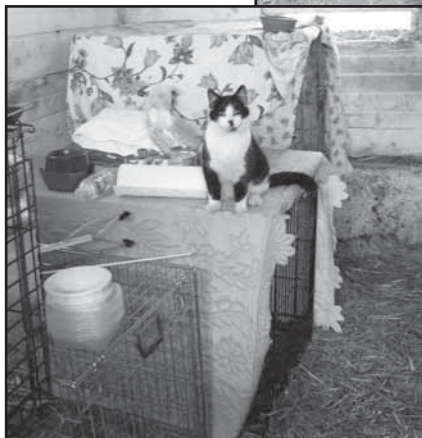
Far more often than most people realize, Cat Coalition volunteers spend hours dealing with feral cat colonies. Most of the time, the caretakers of these cats cannot afford to do anything more than feed them. CNYCC frequently has to fund these surgeries and vaccinations to control the breeding, reduce unwanted behaviors and insure healthy cats. Trapping, transporting, recovering the cats after surgery and providing shelters, if needed, all fall onto these dedicated volunteers. A special donation at this critical time would greatly help us continue with this work. Thank you for your support.



Above: the waiting game.

## A DAIRY FARM COLONY

Recently, the Cat Coalition, in conjunction with the Feral Cat Friends organization and through a generous Sunday clinic donated by a local veterinarian hospital, 28 feral cats from one barn were spayed and neutered. This took many weeks of appointments and tending after the cats during their recovery. The majority were still in recovery cages or in holding traps, while the last, most feral of the cats were finally trapped.



Left: "Recovery Central" - note one of the tools of the trade - a reacher to easily put food and water dishes into the cages.



## A RESIDENTIAL MANAGED COLONY

A 13-cat colony is being maintained by a property owner who watches carefully for any newcomers. Those are then either trapped or netted and taken to a clinic for altering, testing and their vaccinations.

It can be a challenge to catch just one kitty out of a multi-cat colony, but it can be done. By feeding everyone in carriers, the right cat can be netted as it tries to exit or by tag teaming one when it leaves through a cat door from the basement shelter into a carrier. Another method is to use a plastic milk or soda bottle to prop the door of a trap open. When the desired cat is eating in the trap, pull the bottle away with the twine tied to the handle, and you've got the newcomer.



## 2008 ADOPTIONS AT PETSMART

Clay store - 168 cats

Dewitt store - 126 cats

Fairmount store - 106 cats

**Total: 400 kitties** into permanent loving homes!

### Help Wanted

A few responsible people are needed to pick up a cat or two for the weekly spay/neuter clinics. Very often the public does not have transportation to and from the clinic sites. The more drivers available, the fewer times everyone would have to volunteer. Call 469-6569 for details.

### Monthly Meetings

Please join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Manor senior residence, 4330 Onondaga Blvd. (between Western Lights Plaza and the Taunton Fire Department). Detailed directions on our web site.

Meetings are casual and problem situations can be discussed afterwards. For November and December date changes due to the holidays, check our web site. [www.cnycatcoalition.org](http://www.cnycatcoalition.org)

## THE CASUAL ESTATES KITTIES

Most of you will remember the story on the unusual rescue we undertook last summer involving 90 cats and kittens in a trailer at Casual Estates. Many of you helped out with donations for that effort—**THANK YOU**.

We thought you might like an update. Mostly its good news—almost all of the cats have new homes (some of them at the foster homes who cared for them - love will get you sometimes). We did sadly lose some of the smaller kittens. And there are a few still in foster care who needed longer periods of socialization. Some of them will be entering PetSmart over the next couple of months.

**Seeley**, a lovely black with a shy but blossoming personality, is actually at the Fairmount

PetSmart Adoption Center and has become quite the lap kitty.

**Ahab** and **Bagheera** are two beautiful black panthers who, once they get to know you, are just the sweetest (if large) gentlemen. They would really prefer to stick together. **Lilia** is a quiet brown tiger with intense green eyes and **Eliza** is a grey tiger—these girls need some understanding, but will reward you with purrs and beauty. There are others who are too shy for PetSmart - still needing lots of attention and time, but who are also hoping for a permanent home.

We would like to thank all of the people (especially fosters) and businesses who helped us cope with this really large project.

## JUST TOO MANY!

A desperate newspaper ad caught the eye of a Coalition volunteer in Oswego County. A man trying to make ends meet for his large family just didn't know where to turn when his female cat became pregnant again. He scraped together enough money to place an ad offering her up for adoption, but he still had two of her previous kittens, Mada and Psycho, who were also unspayed females.

With donations from two volunteers, the two siblings were spayed, while Luna, the pregnant kitty, is being fostered by a third volunteer. Just a few days after the cats were picked up from the family, Luna had five kittens. Mada and Psycho were also fostered during their recovery by yet another volunteer, until they could be returned to their family in Oswego County. *Sometimes it still takes a village.....to help all of the cats in need!*



**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Donate in memory or honor of a beloved human or animal.**

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_ **In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to volunteer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

Please send donations to CNY Cat Coalition, Inc. P.O.Box 6182, Syracuse, NY 13217 04/09  
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHAUGHNESSY!

Shaughnessy Jones is starting young to be a supporter of animals in need. On her recent 13th birthday, she asked her friends to honor her with monetary donations instead of birthday gifts. She selected several non-profit animal welfare organizations to receive the monies, with the CNY Cat Coalition being one of the recipients.

Our sincere thanks go to Shaughnessy for her generosity and compassion for those animals. We wish you a belated Happy Birthday and all the best for the future!



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## SPAY A STRAY A DAY

If you think one person cannot make a difference, think again! Caren Snyder, a long-time supporter of CNYCC, decided last October to do a fundraiser as a memorial to her mother, Margaret A. Snyder. She wanted to raise enough money to permit the Cat Coalition to spay one female cat for each day during February as part of the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) National SpayDay USA Event. This would greatly help reduce the number of unwanted litters born in CNY this kitten season.

Funds were raised by online contributions, participation in a volleyball tournament, the collection of cans and bottles and even shoveling sidewalks. Through voting online in a pet photo contest and for the CNYCC organization, enough additional funds were raised to spay another 21 female cats. *That's 49 female cats!*

Since the Cat Coalition had close to 1000 cats spayed or neutered during 2008, Caren's efforts are greatly appreciated.

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