



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

CNY Cat Coalition

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Syracuse, New York 13217

Recent Rescues by Coalition volunteers

Thanks to your generosity and the tireless efforts of our volunteers, dozens and dozens of homeless kitties throughout the county have been helped with medical attention, spaying and neutering, and adopted into permanent, loving homes. It may surprise you to learn of some of the stories of these felines. While we continue to move towards a day when there will be no more homeless cats, until that time, your donations are urgently needed and greatly appreciated.

SAFE FROM THE PERILS ON THE STREETS

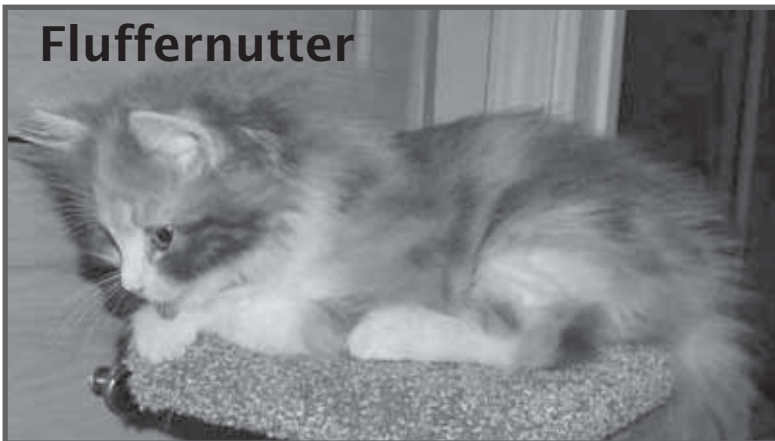
Sometimes all it takes to start a feral colony is one unspayed female cat who has been abandoned outside. She can even be friendly, but if her kittens are not caught very soon after they are born, they will become feral (wild) and be very difficult to socialize and even more difficult to get adopted.

Fluffernutter, Clarice and Cassius were well on their way to becoming a third generation of feral cats. Their mother, her two siblings and their mother (ALL female) were homeless and living under sheds and in bushes at an apartment complex in North Syracuse. Thankfully, these three kittens were only about a week old when they were caught (under a lawn mower) by Carol, one of our foster people. The kittens' mother was trapped at the same time and raised her kittens in a home environment. The other females were trapped as well, and all were spayed. All have been adopted except for two of the more timid adults, who are being socialized now.



Cassius & Clarice

Fluffernutter



Our Stats

We participate primarily in two low cost spay/neuter clinics. CNY SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance Program) located in Cortland and SANS (Spay and Neuter Syracuse) which is on the city's north side.

From January through July of this year, a total of 528 cats have gone through these two programs - 244 male and 284 female cats.

Call 420-SPAY (7729)





AMONG OUR YOUNGER VOLUNTEERS

Jada, a pre-teen and aspiring vet with a passion for animals, made and sold barrettes for \$1.00 each at an Easter egg hunt, and then donated the proceeds to the CNYCC. She comes by her caring naturally as her parents, Mike and Sue, have rescued many strays, abandoned often near their country home. Pat and Donna, two of our most active volunteers, assisted the family with altering four of these rescued cats, but permanent homes proved elusive. Since their son is allergic to cats, the family built an outdoor enclosure and adopted them all!

According to Mike, "Jada doesn't complain, doing all of the feeding and cleaning for her part in keeping them from the road."

Thank you, Jada, for going the extra mile, and for being a shining example of the difference that kids can make in the lives of homeless felines.

HE MADE IT!

Randy was a four-week old kitten, who had gotten himself caught under a wire fence. He had a huge gash in his side with his liver hanging out of the laceration. Thankfully, Maria, a Coalition volunteer, found him and, while holding him together wrapped in a T-shirt, she raced him to her vet. The kitten hadn't lost too much blood but chances were slim he would survive surgery.



This courageous little guy not only made it through surgery but surprised everyone at the hospital with his will to live. Randy is now an active kitten, eating on his own and breaking everyone's heart with his sweet personality! The hospital staff decided

to donate their services for Randy's care, and one of the veterinarians even adopted him. Thank you to everyone for your caring.

STRONG OF HEART

Jan, who is one of our foster moms, found Strongheart and his sister on the north side being played with by a group of kids. They reported that the mother cat hadn't been seen in several days. Both kittens were bony for being about 5 - 6 weeks of age.

Jan was unable to care for the kittens at that time and brought them to Michelle, who has fostered extensively for the Coalition. Strongheart couldn't put any weight on his hind leg, but he was still trying to play with his sister. A nursing mom was found for his sister and he went directly to the vet. The kitten had a broken femur, which had partially healed. It had to be rebroken and set correctly with a pin in it. Now healed, he is playing up a storm and looking for his fur-ever home!



Ongoing Fundraiser at Carrier Dome

During the **Syracuse University football and basketball** games, volunteers for the Cat Coalition pour beer at the concession stands. The money that would be paid to an employee is instead paid directly to the Cat Coalition. Last year, our volunteers made about \$5000 from these efforts.

We are always looking for more volunteers - for multiple games or just a single game. The football games are all on Saturdays: 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/24, 10/31 and 11/21. Total time required per game is about 4 hours; then you can leave or watch the rest of the game. Parking passes and a meal are provided. Twenty volunteers are needed per football game, and friends and family are most welcome to help as well. Email Michelle at merpcat@msn.com or call her at 812-599-5983 for further 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

A HELPING HAND!

One very cold night last February, a woman was walking her dog and heard the crying of a kitten who couldn't get down from a tree. She called a nearby fire station hoping a ladder truck could be used for the rescue, but her request was declined. Then she contacted a Coalition volunteer, Susan, who had helped to have many of her cats altered and adopted.

Susan visited the fire station explaining the situation, and, unbelievably, three firemen were sent with the ladder truck to pluck the tortie kitten down. The kitten was named Josie for Joseph, one of the firemen. She was fostered, altered and adopted to a family whose daughter, Franki, is pictured with Josie wrapped in a blanket made especially for their new kitty. Franki's grandmother was also named Josie, so the family thought the adoption was just meant to be!



ZEUS



It was a freezing Christmas eve when Melinda, one of our volunteers who was new to rescue work at the time, was walking down the street in a full-blown snowstorm. All of a sudden a really young black and white kitten ran up to her crying loudly and shaking.

The kitten was too scared to let himself be picked up, so she called around to other volunteers for advice and to borrow a humane trap. She placed the trap in front of a hole in the wall of a boarded up building where the kitten was living.

It only took a minute for the starving kitten to enter the trap and eat like there was no tomorrow! Zeus, as he was named, was so sweet and lovable that Melinda couldn't give him up. Now, when she looks at him – her first rescue with a trap – she says she remembers vividly why she stays involved with cat rescue, even when it gets so hard at times!

KOBE

Melinda recently received an email indicating that a mother cat had just been hit and killed by a car on a city street. Two 5-week old kittens were following their mom across the street, but miraculously they were not injured. The kittens were spotted running into a nearby abandoned garage, so Melinda grabbed her humane trap and set it up just outside the small opening they had entered.

Only one of the kittens was able to be trapped - a jet-black one she named Kobe. He was placed into foster care, socialized and will be adopted by the time you read this.



Now Kobe will be safe and loved by his new family.

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 _____

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BIG GUY FINDS A HOME

Denise says that, although she's not a full-time rescuer, she won't turn away a stray that "finds" her. When a large friendly and talkative Maine Coon type cat showed up in her driveway on a fall day, she ran ads to see if his owner could be found. But no one claimed him. She made Big Guy an outside shelter for the winter and, when he showed up at her house, she would feed him. He started to invite himself inside when she opened her back door, and one day he came with a flea collar on. Denise wrote a note and attached it to the collar, which is how she met a neighbor who also had been feeding Big Guy.



They decided to share the expense of neutering him and Denise kept him inside for the next winter. She advertised again, this time trying to find him a new home. Finally a family with two children, a cat and a dog, wanted to adopt him. Big Guy settled in just fine - he's so happy to have a home inside that he only ventures outdoors as far as their fenced in yard. Even though Denise says the adoption process was very stressful as she doubted finding the right home for him, in the end, it was THE most rewarding placement!

A copy of our latest annual report may be obtained, by accessing our volunteer web site at:
<http://www.orgsites.com/ny/cnycatcoalition>
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Attorney General's Charities Bureau, Attn: FOIL Officer,
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