



CNY Cat Coalition

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Syracuse, New York 13217

CNYCC Is A Model Rescue Group

A goodbye and a thank you

Jeannette Kirnan, an early supporter and client of the Cat Coalition, passed away earlier this spring. In 2003, when we had just formed, she called us to help with a cat colony she was feeding near her home. She continued to support us until her recent death.

The Kirnan Family continues the tradition of helping cats by allowing us to use the Kirnan Real Estate office in Liverpool as the pick-up and drop-off location for spay/neuter clinics. The family also asked that donations in Jeannette's name go to the Cat Coalition.

We will miss Jeannette, and we thank the Kirnans for their ongoing generosity and support.

The Central New York Cat Coalition (CNYCC) is getting noticed for its comprehensive programming. Dr. Leslie Appel, ASPCA director of shelter veterinary outreach, calls us a model group because of our successful adoption pipeline for the many animals we spay and neuter. She praises us for our collaboration with other local rescue groups and clinics. Appel is also founder and director of Shelter Outreach Services, which sponsors spay/neuter clinics nationally (including CNY Spay Neuter Assistance Program in Cortland).

Our work on a Northside Syracuse street shows that comprehensive programming. In this neighborhood, renters frequently move and leave their animals behind. A kind neighbor began to feed a pregnant stray and then its kittens. She could not afford to spay and neuter this little family. Other renters moved and abandoned their cats. In a short time, she was feeding more than 20 cats.

By the time the woman contacted us in the Fall, five kitties had already died from car

accidents, poison or dog attack. She needed our help to spay, neuter and protect the rest of the colony. So Sunday nights last fall usually found Cat Coalition volunteers patiently waiting for cats to enter the traps they had set. On Monday mornings we transported those cats to Cortland for spaying/neutering.

We had excellent outcomes: After recovering in foster homes, eight feral cats were returned to the neighborhood. We set up outdoor shelters, and neighbors currently feed and monitor the colony. One kitty, went to North Shore Animal League (NSAL) in Long Island to be adopted. Eight other cats and kittens were fixed, placed in foster homes and then adopted into loving families through our PetsMart adoption centers. Adoption fees helped defray the costs of spaying and neutering.

We continue to monitor this street and many others, working with residents, providing spaying and neutering services, and placing sociable animals into our adoption pipeline.

Monthly Meetings

4th Wednesday of the month
6:30 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church, Woodchuck Hill Road,
Fayetteville, NY



Thank you, Ruth!

Cat Coalition President Holly Hall, left, accepts a donation of almost \$6,000 from Ruth Kotsch, founder of Protectors of Cats and Kittens Society (POCKS). Ruth is a pioneer in cat rescue, tirelessly campaigning for spaying and neutering long before it became a rallying cry by national groups. She raised thousands of dollars for POCKS through garage sales and grassroots fundraising. She chose to donate the remainder of those proceeds to the Cat Coalition because of our dedication to CNY's felines.



It's all about the cats



Scaredy Cats Need Understanding and Time to Adjust

At first impression, many of our rescue cats seem too ornery or unsociable for adoption. But they're scared and disoriented from abrupt changes in their lives.

Maggie had lived in a small dirty cage for all of her two years of life. A concerned woman rescued her and released her into her house. But when Maggie began to urinate everywhere, her rescuer no longer wanted her. She called the Cat Coalition to take her. CNYCC Vice President Marietta Rowe took Maggie home and put her into a large dog crate with clean litter. Maggie had room to move around, but she also had some boundaries. With love and understanding she gradually learned to be a very po-

lite house cat. She has been adopted to a woman who adores her.

Oliver was a sweet guy who was surrendered by his family. When he arrived at PetsMart, he became a little maniac! The sign on his cage warned, "Do Not Let Out." The volunteers worked with him and within days, he turned back into the lovable fellow he had been. Like Maggie, he is loved and adored by his new family.

We can tell so many stories of cats that are labeled too mean, wild, or shy when we first take them in. But when they are given time to adjust to dramatic and sudden changes and events in their lives, they are soon ready to give their love to someone new—maybe YOU!

Cat Math: No Multiplying Please

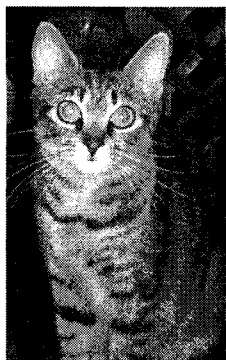
We continue to astonish even ourselves with what we are accomplishing. In 2005, we spayed/neutered more than 800 cats. As of the middle of April of this year, we have spayed/neutered more than 250 cats. You know what that means: we have prevented the births of hundreds of thousands of homeless animals. Of course, we also continue to place hundreds of cats in forever homes.



Wanted: Foster homes

You can provide a safe haven for a cat that would be out on the street if not for your generosity. They just need temporary homes as they wait to be taken for adoption to North Shore Animal League or await a space at our Adoption Centers at PetsMart.

The kitties get a safe place to stay, and you get to be inspired by these very brave little survivors.



To volunteer, donate, foster or get advice call the Central New York Cat Coalition: 289-CATS (289-2287) www.cnycatcoalition.org

Name _____

Address _____

Amount Enclosed _____ E-Mail Address _____

In memory of _____

In Honor of _____

I would like to volunteer _____ or provide foster care _____

Phone Number _____

Please send donations to CNY Cat Coalition, PO Box 6182 Syracuse, NY 13217

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You can also designate CNYCC to receive your United Way contribution. Your cancelled check is your receipt unless you request a receipt from us. Thank you for your generosity.

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