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A home of its own for The Cat House

By Martha Stoddard

The Cat House started out by showing cats in a few cages at PetSmart and caring for them in a network of foster homes. For the last 11 years, the organization has been leasing space. Now, Lincoln's no-kill cat shelter is getting a home of its own.

At the end of February, TCH bought a building at 3633 O St. The two-story office building will house a new TCH shelter and adoption facility after renovations are completed. The move from the current shelter at 1935 Q St. is expected in early 2015.

TCH President Faye Stevens said the purchase marks a major step for the organization, which celebrated its 15th year in 2013.

"We expect the new shelter will make us more visible to cat-lovers in Lincoln and beyond," she said. "It will help us showcase our resident cats to potential adopters, expand our trap-neuter-return program for feral cats and educate Lincolniters about cats and cat care."

Especially exciting, she said, are the many windows in the building, which will give resident cats a chance to watch the world go by and to enjoy natural light. Only a few in the current shelter have access to windows.

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Against the grain

By Ann Adams

Grain-free diets are all the rage with pet food companies right now, but is a grain-free diet right for your pet? To some, this might seem like a fad and putting serious thought into pet nutrition may go against the grain of our usual thinking. Most of us do not consider ourselves to be experts on the subject of our pet's nutritional needs, but we do want our pets to be healthy.

Why are grains used in pet foods? Grains began appearing in pet foods in the 1940s to create a product that would be shelf stable and of low cost to manufacturers. Grains such as rice, wheat, and corn are an inexpensive source of calories.

But grains also carry with them a significantly higher carbohydrate level than your pet may need, which could lead to diabetes, obesity, stones, crystals, allergies, and even behavioral problems. A diet that is high in this type of unbalanced nutrition fills your pet up without providing the sustenance they need for proper health.

What does a cat need? Cats are obligate carnivores, meaning they must eat meat. Eating meat provides them with essential vitamins, nutrients, and fatty acids that keep them healthy, active, and strong.

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Volunteer Opportunities

The Cat House has a very hard-working and dedicated crew of volunteers committed to improving the lives of cats in Lincoln and the surrounding area.

If you are interested in helping, you can fill out a volunteer application online at www.thecathouse.org, come in during open hours to fill out an application, or e-mail at volunteer@thecathouse.org.

You're in for a rewarding experience!

Opportunities to help include:

- Care, feeding, exercising, and socializing of cats
- Laundry
- Facility maintenance
- Newsletter articles, photography, and production
- Assisting with communication to volunteers and/or the public
- Adoption counselor
- Post-adoption follow-up calls
- Volunteer training program assistance
- Volunteer scheduling assistance
- Filing
- Grant writing
- Fundraising
- Feral/TNR program
- Construction skills, including drywall, carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical

Happy Tails Stats

Here are the number of cats adopted in recent months.

October	63
November	25
December	29
January	24
February	35
March	32

Featured volunteer: Sandi Nieveen

By Mindy Peck

There are few volunteers who can say they have been there since the beginning of The Cat House. Sandi Nieveen is one of them. Sandi has volunteered with TCH since 1998, spending 16 years of her life helping this organization succeed in finding cats and kittens their forever homes.

TCH President Faye Stevens said Sandi has served on the TCH board and as PetSmart coordinator. She works nearly all of the hours that are open to the public and at many off-site events and fundraisers. She also makes sure that there is enough clean laundry and has done thousands of loads at her home.

In addition, Faye said, Sandi is often called on to transport cats to a veterinarian at short notice, which she does without complaint. Sandi also fosters kittens and special needs and elderly cats.

"With Sandi's knowledge of TCH history, she continues to be a valuable advisor to the board. Her knowledge of cats is an asset to the organization," Faye said.

It's clear that Sandi's knowledge of TCH and her hard work are appreciated by others as well. Board member Alma Vlasak said she's always glad to see Sandi show up at a TCH event because she will always step in and help out.

"There isn't anything in TCH that Sandi doesn't have knowledge of. She is our bridge to a time before we got our first shelter at C Street and her loyalty and dedication is an inspiration for me personally," Alma said.

"I've always loved cats and being around the cats is my favorite part about volunteering," Sandi said. She had her first cat, a Siamese named Nial, when she was in grade school. Nial got his name because at the time there was a comic strip with a feline named Nial. Sandi's relationship with Nial began her lifelong love of cats.



Sandi recalls some of her favorite cats over the years at TCH, including Piano Man, the first cat TCH lost to feline leukemia. "Everyone loved him," she said. "He was an outgoing cat that loved everyone."

Then there was Tommy. "He was a big old black and white cat that was an uncle to everyone. He would put his paw on you and just look up at you, he was awesome," she said. Sandi also remembers a night at TCH when there were three pregnant queens in residence. Two of the queens

began giving birth on the same night; Sandi recalls the stress of that night, running from queen to queen to make sure that they were doing ok. "Most queens know what they are doing...but two in one night...ugh!" Sandi jokes.

"Sandi's sense of humor is often understated and overlooked but she will bring a lightness and brightness to some open hours that have gotten very busy and stressful," Alma said. "Sandi is very much appreciated for all she has and is doing for TCH. Sandi really is one of those people who brings strength and focus to an organization."

Sandi often fosters kittens too young to be kept at TCH and over the years has had at least 50 kittens spend time at her home. But it's not just the babies that stay at her house. She is also fostering Pouncer, a senior TCH cat. Pouncer gets along well with Sandi's cats, Snowboy, Sam and Statira. (If you're wondering, Statira is Persian for Princess).

When I asked Sandi what other hobbies she has, she replied: "This is it! This is where I spend most of my time." It's easy to see that TCH is a large portion of Sandi's life and it's clear that the cats as well as the organization have benefited greatly from her dedication and expertise.

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A home of its own for The Cat House

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Having the opportunity to design spaces especially for cats should help cut down on the stress of being at a shelter. Experience gained at the current shelter, plus advice from other shelters, will help with the design process.

While the new building does not give TCH additional space, Stevens said she hopes it can be more efficient, freeing up volunteers to spend less time cleaning and more time with the cats.

She also hopes to increase the number of hours that the shelter is open to the public. That, along with the location, should mean being able to get more cats adopted and to help more cats in the community.

Stevens said many generous donors and many hours of volunteer time made the purchase possible. But TCH will be stretched thin—both in money and volunteer hours—during the months of



3633 O Street – TCH's new home, coming 2015!

transition.

The organization will have to make lease payments on one building and mortgage payments on another. To keep the costs down, TCH hopes to use volunteers for much of the renovation work. Meanwhile, volunteers will still be needed to keep the current shelter going.

“I never thought the day would come when we were able to own our own building,” Stevens said. “Thanks to all the volunteers and supporters for getting us to this step.”

TCH is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization funded entirely by donations and adoption fees. The organization was founded on the belief that every cat and kitten deserves a chance, and it takes in cats no matter their temperament or age or health. The organization cares for about 150 cats on average, including those residing in the shelter and those in foster homes.

Crafting with the cats

Jodi Heiser will be back to lead more Cats and Crafts sessions this spring and summer. Sessions will be held for both adults and children.

Two adult sessions are planned for late April and early May. One session will feature the popular wine glass painting and another will feature upcycled wine cork pendants for use in jewelry, key chains, magnets, and more.

This summer will bring the third annual set of children's art classes, planned for June through August. We will create cat-themed art in a variety of ways, including miniature pinata cats, TNRD garden cat paintings, homemade cat toys, and more.

All sessions will be held on Saturdays from 6-8:30 p.m. at The Cat House, 1935 Q Street. Look for updates on the TCH Facebook site ([facebook.com/thecathouse](https://www.facebook.com/thecathouse)) or watch for flyers closer to the anticipated times.

Calendar of Events

Catsino Night

April 5 / Starting at 6:30 pm
Scottish Rite Temple, 16th & L Streets

Garage & Bake Sale

April 11 / 9 am-6 pm
April 12 / 9 am-3 pm
The Cat House, 1935 Q Street

Cats & Crafts Adult Sessions

Dates TBA / Late April and early May
Saturdays / 6-8:30 pm
Fundraiser and education for TCH.
Check the TCH Facebook page for info.
The Cat House, 1935 Q Street

PetSmart Adoption Event

May 3-4
5200 N 27th Street
Meet cats and talk with TCH volunteers.

Give to Lincoln Day

May 29 / Midnight-11:59 pm
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Adopt-a-Cat Month

June
The purr-fect month to find your new furry forever friend.

Cats & Crafts Children's Sessions

Dates TBA / June through August
Saturdays / 6-8:30 pm
Fundraiser and education for TCH.
Check the TCH Facebook page for info.
The Cat House, 1935 Q Street

Wine & Howl

June 7 / 11 am-5 pm
Deer Springs Winery, east of Lincoln.
Fundraiser for Lincoln Animal Ambassadors.
TCH will have a vendor booth.

Haymarket Farmer's Market

June 28-August 2
Saturdays / 8 am-Noon
TCH volunteers will be selling cat beds, catnip stix, and other items.

Street's Alive

September 14 / 1-5 pm
Near South & Everett Neighborhoods

Meow & Chow

October 11
Scottish Rite Temple, 16th & L Streets
Fundraiser for TCH and Lincoln Animal Ambassadors.

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To Lincoln Day

May 29, 2014

By Martha Stoddard

The annual Give to Lincoln Day—24 hours devoted to supporting local nonprofits—is coming up May 29. The day is made possible by the Lincoln Community Foundation and partner sponsors, and the goal is to raise money and encourage new donors.

The Cat House was one of the best-supported charities during the first two Give to Lincoln Days, thanks to our wonderful supporters. Last year, we won a \$1,000 special prize for having the fifth largest number of individual donors.

This year, dollars raised will be matched by a share of the \$300,000 challenge match pool. In addition, one donor each hour will be chosen at random to have an additional \$300 bonus added to his or her gift.

The money that TCH raised the last two years was critical to helping improve the lives of cats in Lincoln. Last year, it helped defray the cost of dental work to keep the cats healthy and pain-free; spaying and neutering; and shelter operations. This year, the money will help as we renovate and prepare to move into our new building.

Gifts can be made from midnight to 11:59 p.m. online at givetolincoln.razoo.com. Gifts also will be accepted in person during regular business hours at the Lincoln Community Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall South. Mark your calendars now and log on (or drop in) May 29.

Catnip stix, pet beds, and carrier liners!

To purchase, stop by the shelter, or call the hotline at 402-441-9593.



In addition to monetary donations, you can donate items that we use in the day-to-day care of our feline friends. To arrange a drop-off time and location, you can call us at 402-441-9593 or email info@thecathouse.org.

DRY CAT FOOD

- Any dry cat food
- Royal Canin Baby Cat
- Science Diet Original, W/D, R/D, C/D or K/D*
- Purina NF*

CANNED CAT FOOD

- Science Diet or Iams – kitten & adult – turkey, chicken, salmon (ground or minced)
- Fancy Feast – turkey, chicken, salmon (ground or minced)
- Science Diet A/D, W/D, R/D, C/D, or K/D*
- Purina NF*

CLEANERS

- Scent-free liquid laundry detergent (sensitive skin)
- Scent-free dryer sheets (sensitive skin)
- Clorox bleach (regular type)
- Anti-bacterial hand soap
- Dawn dishwashing soap
- Dishwasher detergent
- Clorox disposable wipes
- Swiffers
- Hand sanitizer

* sold at vet clinics

CAT LITTER

- Non-clumping, regular clay litter (no clumping, pine, or newsprint type litter)

SUPPLIES

- Brooms
- O'Cedar Light 'N Thirsty cloth mop refills
- Paper towels & bathroom tissue
- Large trash bags (heavy duty)
- Kitchen and office size trash bags
- Copier/printer paper

MISCELLANEOUS

- Shallow, stainless steel food/water bowls, 16 oz or larger, with a wide bottom and low sides to accommodate whiskers!
- Meat flavored baby food (chicken, turkey, beef, ham)
- Small chenille or cotton reversible bath rugs (no rubber backs)
- Rotating teeth combs for cats
- "Slicker" brushes for cats
- "Cable Cuffs" or "Cable Clamps" cable management tool
- Pet carriers, hard plastic with metal doors
- Large litter boxes without covers
- Aluminum trays (no smaller than 8"x13")
- Lint rollers

These cats are looking for forever homes.

Visit our shelter at 1935 Q Street on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6–8 pm and Sundays from 1:30–4 pm. You can also visit The Cat House kitties at the PetSmart adoption center located at 5200 N 27th Street.



Statler – 4 years



Bruiser (FIV+) – 2 years



Griffin – 9 years



Daisy – 8 months



Pierre – 10 months



Petunia – 10 months



Atticus – 5 years



Mrs. Moo – 2 years

Digit

By Ann Adams



When you first look at Digit, you see a beautiful black cat with fetching green eyes. Then you see it: that one white toe on this otherwise all black cat. That one drop of white is far from being her only endearing trait, however.

Digit is sweet, fun, and friendly. She's a real people lover. She also loves her grub. Because of this, she would probably do best in a one cat household where

her food intake could be controlled.

Digit would rather spend her time with people instead of other cats anyway. She enjoys being a lap cat but can be curious and mischievous at times as well. Digit would bring more than just a drop of joy to the right household.



Colin O'Malley – 7 months



Henry (FIV+) – 12 years

Oscar

By Martha Stoddard



If Oscar looks a little rough around the edges, there's good reason why. He had to live on the streets before coming in to The Cat House. A good Samaritan discovered this solidly built, red tabby on a busy street in Grand Island, being teased and tormented by some boys. She stopped, scooped him up, and took him to a veterinarian.

The vet discovered he had some wounds, most likely from

fighting with other cats. He also discovered that he had the Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). That meant he had little chance at most shelters. But TCH agreed to take him in when he recovered from his wounds.

He arrived at the shelter with a confident air and a friendly purr. He's always eager to greet volunteers and visitors. Every day he gets a little more comfortable showing his playful side. As a former street cat, he enjoys his regular meals.

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) severely weakens a cat's immune system. Infected cats that receive supportive medical care and are kept in a stress-free indoor environment can live a normal lifespan. The virus is spread to other cats only through deep bites, so Oscar could share a home with laid-back companions.

Lost and found

By Lindsay Soucek

Sam Franklin connected with The Cat House last year after finding feral kittens at Pawnee Lake. She contacted TCH for help catching them, then agreed to foster them until they were socialized enough to come in to the shelter. As luck would have it, Sam wasn't just a normal person who happened to see the kittens. She actually had training and experience dealing with lost pets.

Sam had lost her basset hound for four months. To help bring her furry friend home, she took the Missing Animal Response training course through the Missing Pet Partnership. This gave her the knowledge and training the search desperately needed.

But Sam decided her efforts shouldn't end there, so she created the Lost Pets of Lancaster County Facebook page. "There was a need in the community to help people reunite with their lost animals," she said.

Here she shares tips for those who have not had training but have lost a pet or who want to help bring owners and pets back together.

What to do if you've lost your pet

- Search your entire house, inside and outside, WITH A FLASHLIGHT (you'll see their eyes glow).
- Search around neighbors' houses (seven

houses each way), WITH A FLASHLIGHT.

- Call Animal Control and the Capital Humane Society and file a report.
- Contact the pet's microchip company and put an alert on the record.
- Make "Lost Pet" fliers, include a color picture of your pet and your phone number (at the bottom of the flier).
- Hand out or hang fliers in a seven-house radius.
- Hand out fliers to everyone you can (residents, police, postal carriers, and delivery persons).
- Post your pet's description and your contact information on the Lost Pets of Lancaster County Facebook page.
- Make neon posters to hang at intersections (see the Facebook site for instructions).
- Call Lost Pets of Lancaster County at 402-739-9939. They can provide advice and help search.

What to do if you see a lost pet

- DO NOT CHASE THE ANIMAL! Everything they see, hear, or smell is a potential threat when they are lost and scared.
- Lure the animal to you using calming signals such as not looking directly at the animal, not walking toward the animal, and not calling or saying their name.

- Pretend to eat something and throw bits of food in the direction of the animal.
- See if the animal is listed on the Lost Pets of Lancaster County Facebook site or Craigslist and notify the appropriate party through there. Be sure to give all information regarding the size, color, markings, direction, time, etc., when reporting the sighting. Animal Control doesn't follow up with cat sightings.

Q: How can people volunteer to help the Lost Pets of Lancaster County?

A: Lost Pets of Lancaster County needs help hanging fliers, talking to people, and searching for animals. They are willing to train anyone on what to look for, where to look, and what to do.

Q: How can people help financially?

A: Searches cost hundreds of dollars. Lost Pets of Lancaster County relies on donations to help find these pets. People can send donations to LPoLC, PO Box 83401, Lincoln, NE 68501 or through GoFundMe.com/LostPetsofLancasterCounty or Paypal.

Against the grain

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The metabolism of a cat is best at breaking down proteins, not carbohydrates. Obligate carnivores require high amounts of protein in their diets and actually use protein to fulfill their blood glucose requirements. If cats are not receiving an adequate amount of protein in their diet, their bodies could start to break down bone and organ tissue to meet this need.

The introduction of grains into feline diets was not done with feline health in mind. It was done more in consideration of humans in an effort to provide low cost, convenience based foods that would make feeding a pet cat or dog cheap and easy.

Your cat can't read food labels, but you can. Deciding on the right food for your pet can seem like a daunting, confusing task. If you are concerned that your pet's food may not be providing a properly balanced diet, do some research and be sure and consult your vet before changing your pet's diet. Grain-free diets are not the best choice for all cats and may not be appropriate for cats with certain medical issues.



Better with age

By Ann Adams

Stacey and Brad Watson love geriatric cats. In 2013 after the passing of their beloved cat Orion (who they adopted at age 17!), they came to The Cat House looking to bring the love of a feline back into their home.

They asked the volunteers to introduce them to some of the oldest cats. After a moment of initial shock, the volunteers gladly escorted them to the room that housed Penelope and Patch. Both 12 years old, Penelope and Patch wasted no time in staking their claims on Stacey and Brad. When the couple found out that the cats had come from the same home, they decided to bring both cats into theirs.

Penelope and Patch transitioned easily into their new forever home. "They came home ready-made for our life. Loving our house, and especially our floor level

windows, they spent hours watching wildlife outside," recalls Stacey.

The couple got to better know the cats and their specific personalities. Penelope was a lover who wanted round-the-clock attention. Patch had a dog-like fascination with water. He would stand with his feet in his water bowl, splashing the water around as he drank. Being committed stewards to their cats, Stacey and Brad developed a strategy to keep the water contained by placing his water bowl on a cookie sheet.

Stacey and Brad lost their Penelope to cancer but feel lucky to have had the time they did with her. She brought a lot of love and affection into their lives and home. Patch is now joined by 13-year-old foster cat, Rudy.

When asked about the couple's preference

for older cats, Stacey said, "Older cats offer so much more than kittens and younger ones. Their affection is immediate and their appreciation is constant. They have personality-plus from day one. Geriatric cats are more focused on the human interaction and less on the entertainment factor.

"Yes, there can be some aging health issues, but knowing you gave this animal a calm, happy, loving last few years, makes it a small issue. And to those who say, I just want more time with a pet, I believe the G-years give you twice the love as a single kitten year."

Stacey and Brad Watson exemplify TCH's conviction that there is a perfect cat for every cat lover. It is this type of match-making that results in happy adoption stories.

Cali's column

Dear Cali:

There's a new cat that started hanging around my neighborhood. It seems kind of scared. I think it might be lost. What should I do?

Signed, Soft hearted



return process. Someone trapped it, got it spayed or neutered and released it back to its home.

If that's the case, and the cat is not hurt, you can just enjoy having a new neighbor. Live and let live, I say. If the cat seems feral but has not been fixed, then you need to decide if you want to get involved. If the answer is yes, call

TCH and ask about the TNR program.

For a cat that appears lost or a friendly stray, you have several ways to help reunite it with its people. Call Animal Control and the Capital Humane Society, which maintain lost cat and found cat reports. The Lincoln Journal Star runs found animal want ads. Other options include going to the Lost Pets of Lancaster County Facebook page or emailing them at lostpetsoflancastercounty@gmail.com to see if anyone is looking for the cat and to make a found cat report.

Try taking the cat to a veterinary clinic to see if it has a microchip. TCH can loan you a humane trap (with a deposit) if the cat is hurt or too scared to go into a cat carrier. Check with your neighbors to see if they know of anyone who might be missing a cat. If you are more ambitious, you can make up fliers about the cat and hand them out or post them in the area.

Finally, be prepared for the possibility that you won't be able to find a human who

belongs to the cat. You may just have acquired a new cat. Congratulations!

Well, there you have it. You can trust Oscar's advice, he wouldn't lead you a "stray"! I trust you will do the right thing by your new neighbor.

Sincerely, Cali



Dear Soft:

You must be daft to think that I would know about cats that "hang around." I do not engage in such behavior and have never dirtied my delicate paws by living outside. I have always established the proper order of things with my humans, which includes regular food and pampering.

However, my neighbor Oscar recently had experience being on the street. (You can read his story elsewhere in this newsletter.) I directed him to offer you advice. Here is what he said:

First, be cautious about cats you don't know. They may not be up-to-date on their shots and could be sick. They may be aggressive, too. Some of my friends here at The Cat House have been bitten by other cats. If the cat appears to be injured, you should be especially careful. Cats that are scared and in pain will often lash out at helpers.

Some cats are feral, meaning they are wild and will not take well to people. If the cat has the tip of its ear cut off, that means it is a feral cat that has been through the trap-neuter-



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