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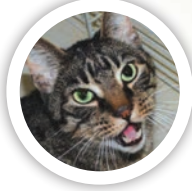
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The art of cats

By Ann Stubbendeck

Learning should be fun, and who knows that better than art teacher Jodi Heiser, who teaches art for Ralston Public Schools and also volunteers at The Cat House. As a nine-year art teaching veteran for kids in grades K-6, Jodi is an expert at making art both educational and fun. Jodi came up with the idea for the Cats and Crafts program after doing an art class with a Girl Scout troop in which the girls created posters that gave advice on cat care. These posters, which hang proudly upon the walls of the TCH shelter, say things like, "Take your cat to the vet," and, "Every cat needs a home! Every cat is the best!"

In doing this project, Jodi realized she'd discovered a way for kids to have fun and be creative, while teaching them about TCH and promoting education that will lead to happier, healthier cats in our community. Cats and Crafts was born.

The Cats and Crafts program began over the summer, with five Saturday night sessions being held at TCH. The sessions involved a \$20 donation to TCH and lasted for 2½ hours

each. Participants got a coloring book with educational cat facts, art to take home and, perhaps the most fun of all, time spent with actual cats.



The summer sessions of Cats and Crafts were so successful that Jodi has plans for many more crafting events. On Oct. 20 she is having a Cats and Crafts Costume party for kids. For a \$20 donation to TCH, kids in first grade through middle school can come dressed in a costume of their choosing and get their faces painted like cats. The idea is that everyone will end up dressed like a cat in a costume.

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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

Happy Tails Stats

Here are the number of cats adopted in recent months.

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| April | 20 |
| May | 25 |
| June | 11 |
| July | 23 |
| August | 29 |
| September | 24 |

The art of volunteering

Featured volunteer: Jodi Heiser

By Ann Stubbendeck

Volunteers use their time and talents to benefit and strengthen an organization or cause. This definition can certainly be applied to Cat House volunteer Jodi Heiser. She began volunteering at TCH in June 2009. An elementary school art teacher, she had just finished her master's degree in curriculum design and found herself with a summer full of free time. She knew she wanted to fill some of that spare time with volunteer work. Her love of animals led her to TCH.

In the three years that Jodi has been volunteering at TCH, she has taken on ever increasing amounts of work and responsibility. She is a team leader for the Monday night cleaning crew, works three or four times each month giving tours to potential adopters at TCH's open hours and fostered her first litter of kittens (she



ended up keeping two of the six!). Most recently, Jodi began doing interviews of people wishing to adopt a cat from TCH.

Jodi states that she is pretty attached to TCH and hopes to do as much as she possibly can to help out. And help out she has. On top of her regular volunteer duties, Jodi has put that master's

degree to work in formulating the Cats and Crafts program for TCH. The program serves as a proactive tool through which TCH can further its community outreach while teaching kids how to be responsible pet owners.

Asked about her experience volunteering at TCH, Jodi said, "I am in love with the place. It is an amazing place to be a part of and I am so thankful for everyone I've met and all we do there." The feeling is certainly mutual.

The art of cats continued

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Activities will include a black cat craft project, treat bags, cat education and more visits with cats.

Jodi noticed that the adults who accompanied kids to the summer sessions also were having a lot of fun participating in the crafts. As a result, she is planning a Dec. 8 Cats and Crafts Card-Making session for adults only. There will also be a Dec. 15 holiday-themed Cats and Crafts session for kids. With continued support and success, Jodi hopes to make these craft sessions regular events at TCH so that art and education can become tied together and lead to smarter, better—and more fun—cat ownership.



Donations in memory & honor of...

In memory of

Myoki from Marcia & Cy Leise
Maddox from Angela Mittan, Jenny DeBuhr, Evan, & Karlie
Tony Vrchota from Virginia Wright
Joe, Boots, & Casey from Nancy Shelley
Dusty from Joan Marr-Nichols
Lazee from Shawnadee, Mark, & Mystic Morris
Lucky Norris from Wanda Norris, who still misses his presence & the way he use to snuggle at night, especially if she had a bad day
Eva from Christopher Greene
Ron from Janene Preston
Phebe Waterman from her sister Mollie Baldwin

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Addie Hesterman from Shawnadee, Mark, & Mystic Morris
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Mick, Bethany, Klaus, & Oskar
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Thank You!

A “Small” miracle

By Martha Stoddard

Among all the special cats at The Cat House, one fluffy red-and-white tabby stands out. In fact, he could be considered somewhat of a miracle. Named Small, despite being normal size, he was infected with the feline leukemia virus as a young kitten. Normally, that would have cut his life short.

The feline leukemia virus compromises cats' immune systems and puts them at risk of developing other illnesses. The veterinary manuals say most infected cats die of a related illness within two to three years of exposure. Kittens typically don't make it that long.

But Small beat the odds. He not only survived kittenhood, he made it through young adulthood, middle age and is well into his senior years. He was four when he arrived at TCH after the death of his former caretaker. He turned 10 at the end of September. That was miracle enough, according to the manuals, although loving care and good veterinary medicine in the

TCH Special Unit have added years to the lives of several leukemia-positive cats.

Then it turned out Small had another surprise in him. Earlier this year, he had a dispute with another cat in the Special Unit and wound up with a bite. Fearing he might have gotten infected with the feline immunodeficiency virus from the bite, he was retested for both viruses. The result? The test showed he was not infected with either FIV or feline leukemia! A second, more sophisticated test confirmed that he had eliminated the leukemia virus from his body.

Dr. Shelley Knudsen, a veterinarian with All Feline Hospital, said Small appears to be among a small number of leukemia-positive cats that live long enough for their immune systems to eventually overcome



the leukemia virus. It's rare, she said. She's only seen it happen in three cats. She said they may have had particularly strong immune systems. But they

also had to have a low stress life and good care to survive until their immune system could throw the virus.

“He's immune for life,” she said. “He has a natural vaccination now.” So don't look for Small among the Special Unit residents anymore. He's got a new home now with the general cat population of TCH, the ones without leukemia.

Calendar of Events

Please join us in participating or celebrating the following events.

Cats & Crafts

October 20

Cat-related crafts and face-painting for children.

The Cat House, 1935 Q Street

Meow & Chow

October 28 / 4:30 pm

Fundraiser for The Cat House and

Lincoln Animal Ambassadors

Scottish Rite Temple, 16th & L Streets

PetSmart Adoption Event

November 3-4

5200 N 27th Street

Earl May Holiday Preview

November 15 / 4-8 pm

5555 S. 48th Street

Seward Craft Show

November 17

Ag Pavillion, Seward

Garage Sale

November 30-December 1

The Cat House, 1935 Q Street

Cats & Crafts

December 8

Card projects for adults

The Cat House, 1935 Q Street

Cats & Crafts

December 15

Card projects for children

The Cat House, 1935 Q Street

Pet Santa Photos

TBA

Petco at 4701 O Street

PetSmart at 5200 N 27th Street

Lincoln Women's Expo

January 26 & 27, 2013

Lancaster Event Center

Hawkeye State Cat Show

February 9-10, 2013

Altoona, IA

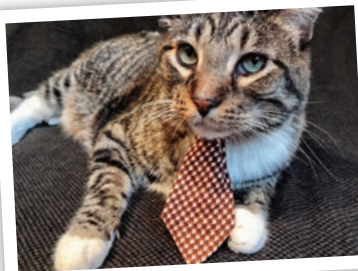
Get your cat fix

By Ann Stubbendeck

No, we didn't say get your cat fixed (although you totally should if you haven't). We said get your cat fix and we are referring to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/thecathouse. By liking The

Cat House on Facebook, you'll get regular picture posts of cats available for adoption as well as photos of already adopted cats looking happy and content in their new homes. There is simply no better way to cute-ify your news feed.

In case you haven't noticed, the internet is rapidly turning into a cat-lovers paradise. Infinite are the hours that can be spent watching cute, quirky cat videos on YouTube. And with rising stars like Lil Bub



and Oskar The Blind Cat amassing Facebook followers that number 100,000-plus, people all over the world are beginning to appreciate the beauty of special needs cats.

The Cat House is way ahead of this trend. In fact, did you know that Oskar The Blind Cat's brother, Klaus, is a TCH alum? He's currently designing and selling stylish cat neckties on his website www.oskarandklaus.com and donating part of the proceeds to TCH. Keep the cyber cat love growing and spreading by liking TCH on Facebook and looking up Oskar and Klaus on the web, because the cool cat craze is something we certainly want to go viral.

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 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

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

* sold at vet clinics

Splash

By Jeff Kennedy



There is a song with lyrics that say, "If it wasn't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all." This could be Splash's theme song up to this point in her life. Born and raised a Cat House cat, this beautiful

3-year-old cat has been adopted three times and returned to TCH each time through no fault of her own. Despite Splash's tough luck, she remains upbeat and trusting, willing to love unconditionally.

Splash has a wonderful personality—talkative and fun-loving, she can provide hours of good company for any person she's around. She loves to play energetically with toys but will also curl up in a human lap and purr while being petted. She is black with a white bib and paws, a striking tuxedo. Her unique white facial markings were the origin of her name, having the appearance that a little milk splashed up in her face.

Although Splash might prefer to be the only cat in a home, she also gets along well with other cats. Like all cats, she will need a slow, patient introduction process to other animals.

Will you be the person to give this pretty girl a splash of good luck in her life? She will be more than willing to return the favor.

Fuzzy and Sassy

By Jeff Kennedy



Sassy



Fuzzy

When Fuzzy and Sassy arrived at The Cat House earlier this year, they were shy and withdrawn. Their person had unexpectedly passed away, throwing them into unfamiliar surroundings with new caregivers.

Because they have feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), they went into the TCH Special Unit. It soon became clear to volunteers that

Fuzzy and Sassy were used to human affection and responded positively to being petted, held and talked to. It wasn't long before their sweet, loving personalities won the hearts of many people.

The "Oreos," as some volunteers call them, are black and white with classic mask-and-mantle markings. They are front declawed and estimated to be four years old. Sassy is the more outgoing of the pair, wandering out among cats and people in the Special Unit seeking attention. Fuzzy tends to stay more stationary, but still loves to interact with people and other cats; they just have to come to him. Fuzzy and Sassy seek a stable, loving home to call their own again.

FIV causes an infectious disease in cats similar to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV infection) in humans. It attacks and weakens the immune system, making the cat susceptible to infections and diseases that don't usually affect healthy cats. There is no cure for FIV, and the use of vaccines to prevent infection is somewhat controversial. FIV is a lentivirus, a virus that causes slowly developing disease. Though eventually fatal, an FIV-positive cat can live for many years without any signs of illness.

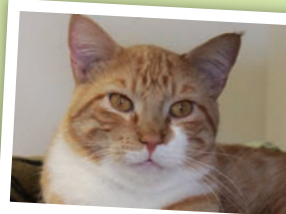
These cats are looking for forever homes.



Ruthie – 4 years



Pinky – 4 years



Angus – 1 year



Haley – 4 years



Diamond – 2 years



Cali – 19 years



Ani – 2 years



Frankie – 10 years

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.

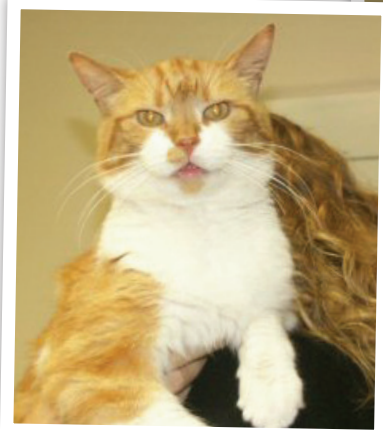
Sloopy remembered

By Faye Stevens

Sloopy, a true icon of The Cat House, left us recently for the other side of the Rainbow Bridge. Sloopy had been in fragile health for a while. In August, it became obvious the kindest thing for her was to let her go, as hard as it was to think of TCH without her.

Sloopy came to TCH in 2005, from a shelter in North Platte. She wasn't what you'd call a real attractive adoption candidate—she quickly became known as the cat who pooped outside the litter box (sometimes in women's purses!) and that poop wasn't what you'd call "good," either. In spite of that, you couldn't help but love Sloopy.

She was one of the most easy-going cats I've ever met. She could room with any cat and not be upset by their behavior. The expression on her face when you'd remove her from some kind of food she shouldn't be eating was priceless—obviously, you didn't know that you were being stupid by



doing that, but she'd forgive you (and then sneak back to that food as soon as possible).

Even when she was barely eating on her own, she was caught in the kitchen, trying to scavenge stray pieces of food.

Sloopy was the first cat at TCH to try a commercial raw food diet, back in late 2010, a last resort when her irritable bowel disease caused her to lose so much weight we thought she wouldn't make it. Thanks to that success, several other cats have moved to that diet and are thriving.

We'll miss Sloopy's calm demeanor—just a few weeks before her death, she sat on her "Uncle Steve's" lap while Uncle Tracy ran power tools just a few yards

away. We'll all miss that bow-legged walk, and little meow, and habit of lying on any clothing she'd find on the bench inside the shelter entrance. And we'll remember how

she enjoyed stroller rides outdoors, and having that same Uncle Steve carry her around the shelter and outdoors to look around.

Special thanks to the wonderful foster parents who hosted Sloopy in their homes at various times. Because of them, Sloopy was able to enjoy most of her last eight months in a home. And thanks to our great vets at All Feline Hospital who understood what a special cat she was and provided her the best of care.

Cats like Sloopy make us remember why we do what we do at TCH—care for cats who have no other options. I'm confident she is proud of that legacy. Please take a moment to give your own cat (or a shelter cat) some affection tonight. Our time with them is all too short.

'Frick and Frack' find the good life

By Martha Stoddard

Not so long ago, Slate and Damien were starting to look like lifers at The Cat House. They had spent five years with TCH, as the organization grew from a small shelter in a residential neighborhood to opening its first public adoption facility and finally moving into the current Q Street location.

During that time, Slate and Damien had seen countless other cats come and go to new homes. But most potential adopters overlooked them. Although large and handsome, the former strays were very cautious about people. Each passing year made them less attractive to people looking for kittens and young cats.

Lori Jensen changed all that. Four years ago, she was looking on the TCH website and saw Damien's picture. He reminded her of a cat she had lost, and her son

convinced her to meet him in person.

Jensen wasn't put off by Damien's shyness. She had spent enough time with stray cats to believe love and patience would convince him to open up. She wasn't put off, either, when TCH volunteers insisted Slate had to go with Damien because the two were so closely bonded. She simply added both to her family. "I've got a big heart," she said.

Four years later, Jensen said, the two have changed tremendously. They hang out with family members. They sit in the windowbox to watch the birds and



squirrels and the fish swimming in the backyard pond. Slate loves having his neck rubbed—"he purrs so much, he drools." Damien is a fool for the laser pointer. At ages 10 and 11, they still play together and with

the other cats. They don't even mind the dogs, she said.

"They're all over the place," Jensen said. "Where one cat is, the other is. They follow me everywhere I go in the house, that's why we call them Frick and Frack. I don't think our house would be the same if we didn't have them."

Kitty Lit

"Cat vs. Cat" by Pam Johnson-Bennett

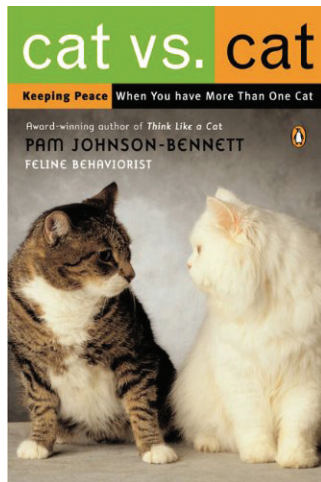
A book review by Jeff Kennedy

Introducing a new cat into an established cat household can be a daunting task. Feline behaviorist Pam Johnson-Bennett provides useful tips and information in "Cat vs. Cat: Keeping Peace When You Have More Than One Cat." Following her successful first book, "Think Like a Cat," Johnson-Bennett's second effort is concentrated on multiple cat homes.

When talking about feline social behavior, it's vital to understand two concepts critical to cats living together: hierarchy and territory. The author explains the importance of these ideas within cats' social structures and clarifies the differences between how a person thinks about these things and how a cat does.

She offers the idea of "time-sharing" territory. Have you ever noticed one of your cats is in a particular room or on a specific piece of furniture at one time of the day and another cat occupies the same space at a different time? If you have, you've experienced one of the ways cats work out territory issues by sharing locations at different times of the day.

Most cat people understand that when introducing a new cat, the animals should be kept separated but allowed to smell each other. Johnson-Bennett provides a means to accomplish this task with the ingenious tip of a "sock exchange." In this process, the person takes a clean sock and allows one cat to rub against it, especially facial rubs (producing what the author refers to as "facial friendly pheromones"). Another sock is used to rub the second cat and then the socks are placed in the opposite cat's territory. This allows each cat to smell the facial pheromones of the other without a face-to-face meeting.



Much of the book is devoted to recognizing, understanding and handling cat stress or anxiety. Many symptoms of feline anxiety also can be symptoms of other health issues so Johnson-Bennett wisely advises that if a cat displays these symptoms a veterinarian should be consulted. But if given a clean bill of health, a stressed cat can be helped by the guidelines provided

in "Cat vs. Cat."

There are two precautions a reader should take while enjoying this book. First, the author promotes many products by brand name. As long as a person understands the purpose of the product, they needn't buy specific brands. Second, every cat is different and a cat parent shouldn't be discouraged if some tips from the book don't work for their particular situation.

Overall, this is a very informative book and even the most experienced cat person will gain some practical, useful ideas on how to keep the peace in a home with multiple cats.



Give to Lincoln Day: Update

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To Lincoln Day
May 17, 2012

Here at The Cat House we have many challenges but none as joyous as the Give to

Lincoln Day held on May 17 to raise money for local nonprofits. The Lincoln Community Foundation and partner sponsors made this event possible.

The challenge match and bonus grants brought home an amazing \$31,500 for The Cat House thanks to the generous donations made by donors and volunteers alike. The depth of our gratitude and that of the cats can never be adequately measured.

This money was used for program support such as Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR), veterinarian bills, and an addition to our Special Unit. As an all-volunteer, nonprofit 501(3)(c) organization, every dollar is meaningful to us and we thank you.

Fundraising is an integral part of any nonprofit organization's existence. Each and every donation, both large and small, enhances our ability to fulfill our mission of a true no-kill cat shelter where no cat is too old or no case is too hopeless and where we are limited only by the amount of money we can raise.

Thank you,

The Cat House Board

3rd annual fundraiser for
Lincoln Animal Ambassadors & The Cat House

OCTOBER 28

DOORS 430PM BINGO 6PM

SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE 16th & L
All you can eat soup & bingo games!
Bread, dessert, and beverages also provided.

\$20 DONATION AT THE DOOR
BINGO PRIZES RAFFLE FOOD & FUN

Fame comes to The Cat House cats

By Jeff Kennedy

The Cat House and its furry residents have been getting a few moments of fame this summer. It all started when TCH board member Suzie Meierdierks saw an announcement on the Lincoln CBS station for 10/11 Cares, which allows local nonprofit groups to have a public service announcement shot and aired for free on the station. Suzie contacted the station and set up the PSA.

If you haven't seen it, the PSA is quite funny, with an actor wearing cat-themed clothes and professing to "have been making internet cat videos for a number of years now." Some familiar (cat) faces show up in the video. It opens with Loretta sitting in a chair looking slightly bored with the whole process. Soon after, Nancy plays the diva. In response to the actor saying, "That's not true, the camera doesn't add 10 pounds," Nancy jumps off the chair in a well-timed exit while delivering an obvious feline retort. And finally, in what has to be an unscripted moment, Wizzard grabs the microphone and pulls it away from the sound man.

The PSA has run at various days and times over the course of the summer. In case you haven't seen it yet, here's the YouTube website address: www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeC6V5KmTnw. Special thanks to Channel 10/11 for the purr-fect PSA!

Jerry's Gems

Dear Jerry:

I am adopting a cat and will be bringing her home soon. What can I do to make sure we start off on the right foot? I've never had a cat before.

Signed, First-timer



Dear First:

Well, well, well, you have come to the right cat. Old Jerry here happens to have just had a personal experience with moving into a new home. It went swell. Of course, with a cool character like me, what else would you expect?

The people who brought me home were smart. They had everything set up for me and right away took me around to the important spots – food dishes, water, litter box and scratching post. I spent the rest of the day exploring every inch of the apartment and checking out all the chairs and sleeping spots so I could claim the best ones for myself.

Now that worked OK for me because their place wasn't so big and I'm a cat with

experience. But most of my friends at The Cat House need more time to adjust to a new place. They like taking things slowly, so they can get used to all the strange sights and smells and noises and can figure out what's scary and what's not.

When they move, my friends like to start out living in one room, all set up with their food, water and litter box. It makes them feel safe and secure to have a smaller, enclosed space while they learn the routine in your place. Some cats only need a day or two in their safe space before they're ready to check out the rest of the house. Some cats need many days, and even then prefer to explore other areas a little bit at a time and to be able to run back to their safe area when necessary.

Now, I know people get all excited about bringing a new cat home and they don't always listen to voices of experience like mine. But trust Jerry on this. Cats like what is familiar. Your goal is to let your place become familiar to your cat on her timetable. Patience on your part will make for a happier cat. Meanwhile, you can spend lots of time with her in her safe space.

Follow my advice and your cat should be roaming around the house soon with her tail straight up in a sign of confidence. Just be ready to give up your favorite game chair and reserve a spot on the bed when that happens.

Sincerely, Jerry 🐾

Special Unit expands

By Martha Stoddard

The Cat House added to its Special Unit this summer. A new room was built upstairs at the Q Street shelter, next to the existing Special Unit, which houses cats infected with either feline leukemia virus or the feline immunodeficiency virus. Both viruses compromise a cat's immune system and leave them vulnerable to developing other diseases. The new room provides more flexibility to meet the needs of Special Unit cats.

The room's first residents are Corabelle and Nora Lee, kittens infected by their mother with feline leukemia. Having the separate room helps protect them from any pathogens that the older cats might be carrying. It also gives them a place to live until they are adopted or grow big enough to hold their own with the adults.

In the future, the room may become a special isolation area or simply additional space for new arrivals to the Special Unit.

The Cat House Candid



Store gives to the cats (and dogs)

By Martha Stoddard



The giant paw prints decorating the front of Cause for Paws might lead the casual observer to conclude the business offers animal products or services. It doesn't—at least not directly. But the store has paid for lots of food, litter, veterinary care and other necessities for animal organizations in the Lincoln area.

Cause for Paws turns your donated gently used clothing, shoes, handbags, glassware, decorative items and more into

cash donations for local Nebraska animal charities. Tucked away in a strip mall on the northeast corner of 56th Street and Old Cheney Road, it is behind the Nebraska Animal Medical Center. The store was the brainchild of Adair Sue Smith-Sturgis, who started it nearly four years ago as a way to help animals. She gives most of the proceeds to animal welfare groups. As of this summer, the total provided by the store exceeded \$210,000.

The Cat House is among about a dozen groups that have benefited. Lincoln Animal Ambassadors, which operates a pet food bank out of the TCH shelter and collaborates with TCH on the Meow and Chow fund-raiser and other

events, is another. Other groups that have received donations include: Hearts United for Animals, Capital Humane Society, Big Dogs-Huge Paws, Coalition for Pet Protection, Wildlife Rescue, Golden Retriever Rescue in Nebraska, Wounded Heart and Nebraska No Kill Canine Rescue.

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The costs to operate the facility continue to grow. One way of reducing costs is to minimize the number of newsletters that are printed and mailed out to our supporters. We are, therefore, asking if we can send future issues of The Cat House Scoop to your email address instead of mailing you a printed copy. Rest assured though, if you don't have access to a computer, we will continue to send the newsletter to you by mail!

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