

WE ARE GRATEFUL...

...to all those who continue to donate funds, time and love in support of HART and its mission.

Thank you, Muril Clift

...for donating the cost of non-potable water and doing the watering for the front yard of our shelter; the drought affects us all. We are grateful for generous supporters like you.

A Day Without Sunshine Is Like...

Yes, we know...night. However, for Joe and Fritz, our two FIV positive residents, days without sunshine are endless monotony. In order to keep other cats from contracting their untreatable virus, we must isolate them.



While their six by eight room keeps them safe, it also sentences them to lives of boredom. For a long time Joe

and Fritz have needed a space that would allow them to lie in the sunshine, smell the fresh air and see the world; at last they will be getting a garden window which will fulfill those needs. Two of our donors/volunteers, Verlinda Bailey and Gail Robinette, have offered to cover the cost of the installation. Big-hearted Los Osos contractor Gary Montgomery will donate the materials and do the installation. While HART thanks you all for your wonderful gift, Joe and Fritz will appreciate their window on the world everyday. Joe and Fritz thank you, too.

MEMBERSHIP EVENT AT RISK

Thanks to all those who have already signed up. Regrettably, we need a minimum of 20 more members to make our Members Only event a reality. As we are now midway through the year, you can become a member at half price at any level you choose. See the membership application on our website for details. Not only does your membership fee help support homeless cats and kittens, you benefit as well: a tax deduction, a 10% discount on all merchandise in our "Gift Shop for Cat Lovers" and an invitation to our members only Fall event.

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**The H.A.R.T. of the Matter****ADOPTION TALES: NICOLE INTREPID TRIPOD CAT**

This is Nicole, a happy, spry 15 year old who came to HART from a feral colony. Her leg had sustained a break so old that it was medically necessary to amputate. Surgery was a great success and she bounces around very well on three legs now.

While she is diabetic and requires insulin injections, the treatment is very simple. Using a small needle, insulin is injected into the fatty tissue just under the skin, twice a day. She doesn't mind the shot at all. Nicole has been fostered by a HART volunteer, Bonnie Ahlstrom. In the process of giving her care and attention, Bonnie fell in love with this sweet girl and adopted her. Bonnie has been a dedicated HART volunteer for many years and was responsible for creating the Guardian Angels and the Adoption committee, both integral parts of HART.

HART's mission is to rescue domestic animals in need, place them in good permanent homes and eliminate surplus animals from being born through active spay/neuter programs. HART provides a unique, cage-free, free-roam environment.

HART is a non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

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A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS...

...as Marilyn Zahm, our volunteer Photographer, knows so well. "Spending time at HART offered me a wonderful way to be of service," says Marilyn. "Soon I was getting involved in the Adoption and Guardian Angel committees which help raise money for medical treatment beyond the usual reach of the shelter. My supportive husband warned me not to "even think about" adopting another cat as we already had two cat brothers and everything was running very smoothly at home. Then I took a picture of a kitten named Cooper and home he came to charm us all. I never run out of beautiful and inspiring scenes or kitties to photograph." (See Marilyn's magical photos on mugs, greeting cards, mousepads and magnets in the shelter Gift Shop for Cat Lovers.)

ADOPTION CORNER: TREVOR & TRAVIS

Did you know that 85% of pure white cats are born deaf? Currently at HART we have two adorable, all-white, deaf litter mates, Trevor and Travis. They were part of a mixed litter from a feral mom and are about 1 year 8 months old. They were rescued by a caring person who had many other cats. Their caregiver had to give them all up when she became ill.



Deaf cats should be kept indoors, as they are unable to detect motor vehicles and predators. (Travis made a narrow escape from a hawk, and still has the scars under his fur to show for it!)

A home with older children or adults would be ideal as they can be startled by rambunctious activity. Trevor and Travis are quiet and calm and like that in others, too! They are very attached and entertain each other, and therefore would prefer to be adopted together. These two special boys would make a wonderful addition to a quiet home.



Super fun cat t-shirts in our Gift Shop for Cat Lovers!



URGENT

Try as they might, and they DO try, cats simply can't clean their own boxes--no opposable thumbs...CAN YOU HELP?

Just one morning a week; feed, water, scoop, clean and sweep our cat rooms. The cats will welcome you. Please, bring your opposable thumbs. Call HART to volunteer.

AND THE REAL WINNERS ARE...

...the cats and kittens with painful and debilitating conditions that require extensive medical care. HART's Guardian Angel Committee provides funds to treat their afflictions and relieve suffering. Towards this end, GA will be sponsoring a raffle fundraiser during the months of September and October. An array of wonderful raffle items, including original art from local artists and a beautiful handmade quilt will be on offer. A complete list of items will be posted to the website in early September. Tickets will be available at a cost of \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00 from the shelter. You need not be present to win. Winning tickets will be drawn at noon on October 31st. Celebrate Halloween with a winning ticket and the joy of helping an animal in need.

THE CAT WHO STOPPED TRAFFIC

Willy lived a dangerous life in Atascadero. For how long we do not know—but what we discovered left us dismayed

Willy would lie in the middle of the road, inexplicably not moving as cars approached. Forced to stop in order to avoid hitting him, drivers would get out of their cars and the roadside. Although it was a lightly traveled road, Willy was courting disaster. A nearby resident decided to help: Mike Willy, and began feeding Willy, and altering the cat's risky behavior. It not surprising that Mike



wanted to keep Willy, however, his resident cat would not tolerate an interloper—so, with the help of Julie, our office manager, Willy moved to HART in August of 2014.

The happy ending: Eight months later, Willy found a soul mate in the form of eight-year-old Chase, who often visits HART to play with the cats. On April 22, Chase chose Willy to be his forever friend and renamed him Cannoli Ravioli. That day, Cannoli left HART as a newly adopted and treasured member of the family. Tim, Chase's dad, reports that Cannoli is a wonderful cat and a great companion for Chase. Cannoli sits in Chase's lap while they watch cat videos, and they both enjoy them equally, says Chase. When asked how Cannoli had changed Chase's life, the boy solemnly responded, "Now I have a new responsibility." Tim confirmed that Chase takes his responsibility very seriously. And Cannoli? He just smiled.

Willy—who-used-to-stop-traffic became Cannoli—who-loves-his-friend-Chase; like Chase and Cannoli, we couldn't be more pleased.



Talented HART volunteer Midge Schulkin creates one-of-a-kind hand-knitted scarves and kitties. Now in our Gift Shop for Cat Lovers!



WHERE'S CINDEE?

After our last newsletter featuring new office manager Julie Harper, folks have asked about long-time shelter manager Cindee Noble. She had been phasing out of her involvement with HART and left us at the end of January. Prior to that, her efforts to get our website revised and transition responsibilities to Julie and others, resulted in a very smooth handover. Despite a setback in March involving a trip over a pothole and a broken hip, she is currently living in Southern California finishing up on some music projects and performing as she prepares to head out to Nashville where she hopes to pursue music in the heartland and be closer to friends and family. She does plan to use the skills she gained at HART, along with her love of animals, by volunteering at a shelter once settled. We will miss her dedication and patience and wish her the best of luck.

HART VOLUNTEER FOLLOW-UP

THE LITERARY CAT

by **Tabbytail Van Birman**

Great summer reads by and for discriminating felines

FICTION

A Tale of Two Kitties

by "Li'l" Dickens

(PG13, parents strongly cautioned)

The ribald story of two teen cats, and how they learn the true meaning of "catting around."

To Kill and Eat a Mockingbird

short story by "Carper" Lee

Lost and on her own, Fluffy learns to survive while fending off a vicious pack of mockingbirds... will her family rescue her in time?

The Hoarse Whiskerer

by "Hobbs" Evans Felix faces ostracism and unfriending on his Hissbook page when he reveals he has contracted a severe case of laryngitis. Compounding his woes: a mistakenly posted selfie of his allergic reaction to tuna, a bizarre allergy that causes whiskers to stiffen and thicken.

NONFICTION

For Whom the Ball Rolls

by "Hisser" Hemingway, PhD

"Doc Hisser" explores the difficulties and rivalries that arise over proprietary rights to toys in a multi-cat household. Newly updated section: "Legal Options and Ramifications"

Mimi Dietderich As an animal lover from an early age, it occurred to Mimi Dietderich while in high school that a career involving animals might be a good thing--but how to find out if she was really suited to it? So, beginning in her junior year, she devoted several afternoons a week and much of her Summer Breaks to volunteering at HART.



Starting with cleaning, scooping boxes and feeding (as most of us do), she graduated to bathing, medicating and socializing the cats and kittens. She found the medical part the most interesting and went on to graduate from U C Berkeley with a degree in "molecular environmental biology with a concentration in animal health and behavior".

Currently employed at the Oakland SPCA, where, predictably, she began by doing the cleaning and scut work, she graduated through several levels of increasing responsibility and has been the foster care coordinator at the shelter for over a year in which she transfers cats and kittens to foster families.

As if that doesn't keep her busy enough, she also volunteers at the Oakland Zoo and the Lindsey Wildlife Refuge which rehabilitates and releases wild animals when possible and uses those who can't be released (such as a one-winged eagle) for humane education. Her goal is to work with wildlife in an hands on way. How nice to think that it all began with the kittens at HART.



ADOPTION TALES: BELLE

Belle's previous owner, who had relinquished her to HART, was visiting Belle when a potential adopter walked in. The potential adopter came in specifically to look at another cat, when she met Belle's previous owner. Belle's previous owner began to talk to her about all the great qualities Belle has and before you knew it, Belle had a new family. It's wonderful the way HART cats find homes.



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 \$5 for adult cats (9 months & older)

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SENIORS FOR SENIORS

Hart's Noble Companion Program matches our senior cats (8 years or older) with senior citizens aged 62 plus. Senior cats make ideal companions for senior people; cats find loving, peaceful home and seniors gain the companionship of devoted pets. As an added bonus, we waive the adoption fees. Please call our office to fine out more. Seniors and love, what a wonderful pairing.

Wines, Pines and Felines 2015

Thanks to all the cat lovers and shelter supporters who came out it enjoy the recent "Wines, Pines and Felines" event held at Camp Ocean Pines. The evening would not have been possible without the extraordinary time and talents contributed by our many volunteers and sponsors. Dinner prepared by Chef Suzy Siegler, a creative and lively auction led by Lance Morales, along with the magical "Cat Tales" setting and beautiful weather made for a our most successful event ever.



CURRENT NEEDS:

Fancy Feast canned
KITTEN food
 (Turkey flavor only)
Bleach
Diffuser refills by
 Feloway or Comfort Zone
Clay Litter
 (non-clumping, non-scented)

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Sponsors needed for: concrete step repair, installation of an exterior garage door at \$500, and photo supplies for our Christmas Market Santa Booth (our second biggest fund raiser of the year) at \$1500. Receive our sincere thanks, plus a tax deduction...

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