

The H.A.R.T. of the Matter



Shop our retail store clearance sale

NEWS FROM THE HART RETAIL STORE

From June 15th through July 15th, HART will have its first ever **Semi-Annual Clearance Sale** including decorative items, toys, books and selected food at **50% Off**. Also at reduced prices, some top-end beds and carriers which have simply been on the shelves too long – bargains galore for our customers. **Don't miss it!** We are also carrying some **New Products** including pine litter (as used in the shelter), cat condos, photo magnets by Marilyn Zahm and tote bags with HART kitties.

NEW CAT FOOD BRANDS: We now carry Felidae and Wellness dry cat foods as well as Science Diet. Come in to see our new selection. These are the products you love, and purchasing at the HART store directly benefits the shelter cats and our many important programs. Thanks for shopping with us. We appreciate it!



WINE, PINES & FELINES AUGUST 25

HART'S 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at CAMP OCEAN PINES

**KITTENS
KITTENS
KITTENS**

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With kitty-appropriate crepuscular timing, the event begins at twilight and goes into the evening. Enjoy a romantic dinner with candlelight, white linens and a beautiful ocean view. Featured edibles will be wine pairings with a variety of tasty dishes from a number of well-known, local restaurants and wineries.

A silent and live auction, (including hearts made by local artists), led by our favorite auctioneer, Jill Turnbow, live music and a preview of next year's Film/HART festival will fill out the evening. Due to limited seating, plans are to send out invitations to supporters in June and to open any available tickets to the public in July. Look for flyers around town in the next few weeks or call Susan Barghini at (805) 927-5956 for more details. To help with the event, contact Volunteer Coordinator Terry at (805) 924-1478

NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR



The Creekside Inn, next door to HART, recently had a used furniture sale (due to a remodeling project), and donated \$300 from the proceeds to HART, including a TV set. What a great neighbor! Thank you, Creekside Inn, for your generosity.



**MICRO-CHIPPING
AVAILABLE AT HART
FOR \$35 PER PET**

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. Tax I.D. 77-0018508

HART GRATEFULLY RECEIVES DONATIONS OF SHELTER SUPPLIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY

In March of this year, Girl Scout troop #40970 went door to door in Paso Robles asking for shelter supply donations for HART and came back with bags and bags filled with cat food, litter, bleach, paper towels and more. Many thanks to the Girl Scouts, and troop leader Teesha Hahn.



This is a story that will touch everyone's heart: In April of this year, Sydney Barker, a Cambria resident, walked into HART with her parents, carrying bags of shelter supplies. They had recently lost their cat "Misty," a Siamese mix, so on Sydney's recent 10th birthday she asked her

friends and family to gift her with donations for HART, rather than gifts for herself. What a generous act! Thank you, Sydney and family.

HART is grateful for all donations of shelter supplies. See the current list of urgent needs on our website at www.slohart.org, or call the shelter at 927-7377.



STEWIE

Stewie is a beautiful flame point Persian mix, male, age 4½. If you want a sweet kitty that climbs into your lap, likes to be petted, likes other cats, and is playful, then Stewie is your man. He came to us, along with Guinness, because his family had a new baby and the baby was very allergic to cats. He adapted beautifully to being around other cats in the shelter.



IT'S KITTEN SEASON!

We have totally and unfairly cute kittens, with more coming in weekly...Come down and visit these cuddly guys, but be forewarned, it's hard to leave without one.

READY FOR A NEW HOME

ADOPTED!



Guinness found a new home!

LANCELOT

A beautiful, all-white cat, with a plume of a tail of which he is quite proud. As he will tell you, he loves to be petted and played with but chooses when he wants to sit in your lap. A greeter of anyone that comes into the room, Lance has an endearing personality. As an indoor cat only, he is always curious about his surroundings and what's happening around him. He was relinquished by a woman who moved from Pasadena to Arroyo Grande to live with her mother. Unable to keep Lance, his owner did a thorough check of HART before she made the hard decision to relinquish her handsome boy to us.





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JUDY MILLS

Judy Mills is like the “Pied Piper of Cats”. She walks into the shelter and immediately all the cats run to the door waiting for her to come into their room. Of course, it could be the treats that get them going, but it’s her huge heart that keeps them there. Judy is a blessing to Cindee (office manager) and the cats, especially the ferals that she is so determined to tame down and is usually pretty successful with. She has the patience and love that HART needs. There would be no “med team” without Judy. We depend on her so much, and when the shelter is closed for two days a week, Judy still comes in in the early hours to check on the cats and care for them as needed. On top of that, Judy cleans the shelter once a week.

Thank you, Judy, from everyone at HART, for your years of service.



HART MOBILE VAN SOLD & “Bang the Gavel” repurposes it

The HART van was intended primarily to transport animals to remote venues for adoption. This vision turned out to be time-consuming and financially unsustainable. With some creative thinking and lots of muscle, the stacked cages in the van were relocated to our Isolation Room, where they provide space for “special needs” cats. A buyer for the van was found and will be able to utilize the side windows to set up mobile showcases for her women’s apparel business. Thanks to Ali and Drew Donen for giving our van a new home and for their generous donation as well.

HART’S GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Once a month, a group of us meet on a Saturday and maintain the garden at HART. We are always looking for others that enjoy the love of the land. We pull weeds, trim plants, and replace dead plants with new ones. We start at 10:00 am and work till 12:00 and then HART provides a hearty lunch as a thank you. If you are interested in helping, please give Terry Hanson a call at 805-924-1478.

GARDEN CONSULTATIONS TO BENEFIT FERAL CAT PROGRAM

Get a Free Garden Consultation with a \$75 donation to HART for our Feral Program, a program that helps defray the cost of spay/neuters on feral cats trapped and released by HART. Shana McCormick, a landscape designer/contractor with 25 years of experience in Cambria, will come to your home and give you garden design ideas and suggestions for plants. She will answer questions regarding pruning, diagnose diseases and recommend fertilizers. Valid June 25th to July 25th.



GARDEN MEMORIAL DEDICATED

A memorial plaque for long-time HART volunteer Mary Ann Zirretta was placed on the front garden

bench. Mary Ann was not only an avid gardener, and hard working volunteer but an artist, too. She left us with two beautiful murals in our cat rooms to remember her by. Her long-time partner, Mike Zarowitz, is President of HART’s Board of Directors.

HART WEBSITE REDESIGN IN PROGRESS

Our website is under construction. In addition to a new graphic look, information about HART’s programs and resources will be easier to access and navigate, and our presence on Facebook, Youtube, and Pinterest will all be linked together. Visitors will be able to view our current kitten and cat residents with their bio’s, and will have access to more information. We will announce the launch date as we get nearer to completion.

NEWSLETTER OPTIONS: HART is thinking green, so let us know if you would prefer to receive our newsletter via email instead of post. You may email your request to: newsletter@slohart.org

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HOMELESS ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM

SUMMER 2013

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

PINEDORADO!

Every year, HART puts the "Oh!" in nachos at the Nacho Booth at Pinedorado, Aug. 31st to Sept. 2nd. Shifts are two hours long and require absolutely no skills. If you can use a microwave, ask "With or without chilies?", put tortilla chips in a paper bowl and scoop some melted cheese over them, then HART is looking for YOU. Looks great on a resume. We also need volunteers for the Popcorn and Cotton Candy booth--training provided. Experience that exhilarating boost in self-esteem when you twirl up that first perfect cotton candy. Three days of fun times meeting and greeting locals and visitors at Cambria's hometown party.

JOIN THE PARADE

We got the songs, we got the music, and the crazy ladies dressed up as cats! Join us in the float competition, where we have won four ribbons in past parades! We need singers of any caliber, riders on the float (costumes available if wanted). **We need a pick-up truck and driver to pull the float** during the parade and folks to help decorate the float, as well as take-down. If you would like to help out at a booth or on the float, call Volunteer Coordinator Terry @ 805-924-1478.



Find us on our new Facebook page:
SLO HART

The official home of all things HART!



STORM CLOUD

Too long a Tom, our solitary he,
Not to duel each day with his harem three;
Were he a sword, he'd "Neckbiter" be.

By changing alliances regularly
The female pride manages, dexterously,
To keep that big white guy wonderfully
Under their control, (generally).

So days pass by, variously:
Defending exterior perimeters internally
From window to window, visually
Inspecting critters trespassing his boundaries.

Comes the night then, exhaustedly:
The dynamic changes drastically,
Cats in piles on my bed arbitrarily,
As players shift periodically.

Storm at the foot, in the middle or near me,
But always the center, emotionally
Of our lives, in our hearts: supreme felinity--
Though outnumbered, he is undiscouraged
masculinity.

A Carpe Diem kitty perpetually
and a heck of nice fellow, finally.