

SAFE HAVEN SAFE CARE

No-Kill Shelter For Cats Feline Spay Neuter Clinic

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Tuxedo Cat Ball Raises Over \$40,000 For Local No-Kill Cat Shelter and Spay/Neuter Clinic

RALEIGH, N.C. (May 4, 2009) – SAFE Haven for Cats is pleased to announce the 2009 Tuxedo Cat Ball raised over \$40,000. The Ball was held Friday, April 17 at Sisters' Garden and Catering Company in Raleigh. The event is SAFE Haven's largest fundraiser each year, and benefits the mission of SAFE Haven for Cats and the SAFE Care Feline Spay/Neuter Clinic.

The evening featured an elegant reception, spirits, Sisters' famous coffee bar, silent and live auctions, guest hosts Tom and Julie Suiter, SAFE Haven's 15th Anniversary wine tasting and sale, diamond and gold bracelet raffle and the unveiling of SAFE Haven's anniversary video. Attendees enjoyed entertainment by Rebecca & The Hi-Tones and Deep Magic of Joshua Lozoff.

"Through great attendance and generous donations, the community banded together to make this year's Ball a success in the midst of current economic conditions," says Pam Miller, SAFE Haven founder and executive director. "The attendees and volunteers boldly demonstrated the value of our organization and their support speaks volumes to the needs SAFE Haven meets. Funds raised at the Ball will help us sterilize and adopt more cats in 2009 than ever before. "

For more information on SAFE Haven for Cats and how you can make a difference, visit www.safehavenforcats.org or call (919) 872-1128.

About SAFE Haven for Cats and SAFE Care Feline Spay/Neuter Clinic

SAFE Haven is the Triangle's authentic no-kill shelter. The mission is to rescue 500 abandoned, neglected and abused cats every year and adopt them into enduring homes. The SAFE Care Clinic sterilizes 1,500 cats yearly, providing low cost services for stray, feral and owned cats in the Triangle.

In 2008 SAFE Haven rolled out a new adoption tool, *Meet Your Match*. The *Meet Your Match* program is like eHarmony® for cats! Based on an evaluation, a cat is given one of nine distinct feline personalities ("feline-ality") and can be paired with adopters whose personality and lifestyle fit the cat best. All cats and kittens receive the following prior to adoption: Sterilization, a Rabies vaccine, Distemper vaccines, testing for Feline Leukemia/FIV, treatment for fleas, intestinal parasites and ear mites, a thorough examination by a veterinarian, and a microchip including registration with a national registry (AKC). To learn more, visit www.safehavenforcats.org or call (919) 872-1128.

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