

2009 Tuxedo Cat Ball

Honorary Hosts: Tom and Julie Suiter

“It is because of the love and caring I feel for my own kitties that I also care about the cats at Safe Haven. When I first visited the beautiful Safe Haven facility, I got tears in my eyes knowing the tough lives many of these kitties have had, and also seeing the selfless devotion and love of so many people helping them to a better life. I am proud to be a part of this group of angels, even in the small way of hosting the Tuxedo Cat Ball. It really is all about those precious and innocent cats.”

-- Tom Suiter

Tom Suiter

For the past 37 years Tom Suiter has been the voice of Sports at WRAL-TV in Raleigh, NC. Tom is an award-winning sportscaster known for his dedication to excellence and for his fresh and enthusiastic approach to sports coverage. He has also mentored many young people and been an inspiration and friend to all who know him. Tom is especially known for his signature pieces: Football Friday, the Extra Effort Award, and Plays of the Day, where he loved to showcase animals.

Originally from Rocky Mount, NC, Tom graduated from Christ School where he still holds the record for most points scored in a basketball game and later from Erskine College with a degree in history. Tom is a vegan who loves walking, yoga, and reading.

Julie Suiter

Tom's wife, Julie, is originally from Charleston, WV, and was a champion gymnast and circus performer before graduating from Duke University with a degree in psychology. She spent 21 years in the corporate world, holding positions in teaching, counseling, and human resources, including serving as the Director of the Wellness Program for a Fortune 500 company. Julie has been teaching yoga for healing and rejuvenation for 14 years, and is a fruitarian who loves acrobatics, ballet, and Nature. She appreciates every opportunity to speak up for the animals.

SAFE Haven

2009 marks SAFE Haven's 15th Anniversary and the 5th Annual Tuxedo Cat Ball Fundraiser. 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.