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Pennington: Adopted June 2012
Hello SAFE Haven Family,
We have a great event coming up - the 9th Annual Tuxedo Cat Ball.

I thought you might get a laugh out of our attempt to get a picture of our newest Tuxedo Cats, Liam & Layla. These two, their sib and mom just arrived. The kids are only 3 weeks old.

This is what it is like at SAFE Haven every day. Herding cats! But all kidding aside, isn’t it wonderful that because of YOU these incredibly sweet kittens will have long and happy lives?

Hint! Hint! These kitties will be just the right age for us to bring them to the Tuxedo Cat Ball.

Please come and meet them and see first hand the good you are doing for all the needy cats in the Triangle.

Still trying to photograph cats . . .

Pamela Miller
Founder &
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This year is a fantastic year at SAFE Haven. Why?? Because through YOUR support, we are adopting and sterilizing more cats than EVER BEFORE! We are so excited to see this trend!

This year we are on target to reach our goal of adopting 500 cats into forever homes, and we are as close as we have ever been. Due to your help sharing our promotions on Facebook, posting flyers and sponsoring cats while they reside at the shelter, we only have 133 more adoptions to go. As you can see in the chart above, we have already adopted 367 cats/kittens. Your help and dedication has made a huge, positive impact on our adoption success.

This year, we asked you to stand by us to expand the SAFE Care Clinic. Not only did you help financially but you supported us by visiting the clinic and helping spread the word. Since the clinic expanded, we have made an extraordinary impact on the cat overpopulation problem. The clinic has already surpassed its total number of surgeries in 2012 by over 200! The chart above compares last year to this year and shows how well we are doing so far. This success is due to YOUR support and we thank you!!!
HAPPY TAILS:
ADOPTIONS STORIES

Zach

He is really the best lil’ guy I have ever met! Our female cat (Maggie) and Zach play more and more each day - I think they really like each other! The male (Toby) has been joining in the play as well! Maggie and Toby aren't always getting along but neither have any issues with Zach.

He eats......all the time! He drinks tons of water too. I thought Toby drank a lot - YIKES! Nothing compared to Zach! I will admit he is very very spoiled. :) But then again so are our other cats! Seeing as how Zach is getting along so well with Maggie and Toby and has become my little baby we are going to adopt him.

I just love my lil’ Zach! ❤️

Adrianna

We renamed Adrianna. Snowbelle is her new name. We brought her home and she immediately took right to my mom, loving on her and plopped right up on her bed. The feeling was mutual, my mom fell in love! She was a little scared at night for about the first week, meowing loudly at all hours, but she quickly adjusted and now has the run of the house. She adores laying on everyone’s beds, especially in between pillows and has even been known to burrow herself beneath the covers so she is all covered up. She loves when we pet her and hold her, she loves sleeping, and loves playing with her toys from the stocking SAFE Haven gave us. She also has taken a liking to underneath the Christmas tree, only fitting since she was a Christmas gift!
Please attend the Tuxedo Cat Ball on Friday, April 19 at North Ridge Country Club.

This event will make a huge difference in the services we can provide to unfortunate cats and kittens in our community.

With your ticket purchase we can reach our goals for the next four months. Goals such as:

**Saving Lives ● Saving Lives ● Saving Lives**

- Adopting 500 stray cats into great homes. We only have to adopt 133 more to reach our goal of 500 in 12 months.
- Sterilizing 800 more cats in the SAFE Care Clinic for a 45% increase saving an additional 2,400 lives.
- Bringing 51 cats to SAFE Haven from euthanizing shelters, hoarders and other dangerous situations.
- Vaccinating another 300 cats and dogs for rabies for only $5 each.
- Giving out 3 tons of food this quarter to support 70 animals and their families with free pet food.
- Providing free spay/neuter to 110 more cats in Zebulon to meet our goal of 410 this year.

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SAVING LIVES CAN BE FUN!

Col. Benjamin B. Farrell
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WHAT TO EXPECT

A delicious glass of Champagne to welcome you. Graciously sponsored by Furry Friends Pet Sitting.

An Incredible buffet Dinner to include everything from Basil Pesto Tortellini to Goat Cheese Bruschetta; from Prosciutto di Parma to Smoked Salmon Spread. And all topped off by a fabulous Tiramisu Bar.

Two free Drinks of wine, beer, or soft drinks.

A chance to visit with several of SAFE Haven’s cat residents! YES actual Kitties.

Entertainment by Mr. Cat. (Yes, that is really the name of the band) and dancing to the great hits of the past and present.

View a heart warming Video created just for the Ball by Blind Cat Video.

Shopping and bidding on over 125 valuable and unusual auction items.

Raffle for an iPad Mini valued at $550.
No matter how you look at it, Snookie is perfectly dressed for the Ball. She is wearing only black or white, is formal and has a mask (if you count the moustache!).

These are just some of the hundreds of wonderful companies who have donated auction items for you to bid on:

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When a donor presented a check to SAFE Haven for $30,000, it was like winning the lottery. What we did not realize at the time was that he would give us another gift that was more valuable than a monetary donation— he introduced his friend Marc Reeves to our organization. In the time since Marc began cleaning shifts at the shelter, he has become more than just a volunteer. He is an adopter, contractor and friend to us all. Whenever he is called upon, Marc does not hesitate to say yes.

Marc and his wife Michelle, who volunteers on the Tuxedo Cat Ball committee, are cat lovers and share their life with 5 wonderful cats. For those that remember Rapidash from the Resilient 17, she went to live out her short life with Marc and his wife under hospice care. Sparkleberry is the latest lucky one to be living in the lap of luxury with the Reeves.

As a Tabby Cabby, Marc drove 140 miles in one day to transport cats from Zebulon to the clinic. Driving to Zebulon once would be a burden for most, but Marc thought nothing of doing it twice. He knew he was making a difference for someone who didn’t have the means to bring their cat to be altered and vaccinated. On another occasion, an ill cat had to be taken to NCSU Vet School, but it had started to sleet and rain. We panicked thinking that the appointment would have to be cancelled but Marc assured us that he would make it happen. Sure enough, both the cat and Marc made it to the appointment and back safely.

In February, we moved the adoption center from the corner of Durant and Garvey into the original shelter building. After many hours arranging and re-arranging, we realized that the merge was a little TOO cozy and that we needed more room. Back to Marc we went with a request to build a loft for storage. Before we knew it, he had built a very ample and sturdy storage loft that helped make the merge a total success.

We are currently working on a Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) project in Wake Forest. Marc is going to build a back to back feral feeding station to accommodate over 30 cats. It’s sure to be state-of-the-art. We truly are grateful every day for generous animal lovers like Marc & Michelle!
Kitty Klassifieds

Visit us Tuesday and Friday, 11:30am to 4pm; Thursday, 3pm to 8pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 5pm to meet one of these loving kitties!

Nella

**Nella is a 3 year old female.**

I have one of those interesting faces that you want to spend time studying: distinctive white blaze, white ear tufts, earnest eyes and a lovely black beauty mark. But it’s my fantastic whiskers that I’m most proud of. The more whiskers, the smarter the cat or so the legend goes.

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Tiza

**Tiza is a 1 year old female.**

I’m cute, curious, loving and don’t miss a trick. If visitors are around, I want to meet them so you’ll see me peeking from my cage and asking you to notice me, stop a while and then decide I’m the one you’ll be taking home. If there’s a toy being flicked around in a nearby playroom, I come to attention: I want to play, too!

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Sir Wellington

**Sir Wellington is a 4 year old male.**

A very proper British title that’s only fitting for a regal fellow like me. I’m handsome, smart and curious about all the things around me. I would be such a fine friend and loyal companion whether we’re curled up together reading a book/Nook or having a spot of tea before the fire. Cheerio, let’s get started now!
The Ninth Annual Tuxedo Cat Ball is commemorating you – our supporters, new and old. We are all committed to the same cause – saving lives! We invite you to join us on Friday, April 19 from 7 pm to Midnight at North Ridge Country Club. The exciting event in a brand new venue will include wonderful food, music by Mr. Cat, and spirited bidding on desirable live and silent auction items. If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation to continue helping homeless cats.

☐ YES, I want to attend the Tuxedo Cat Ball:
Number of individual tickets (admits one) x $100 _______________________
Number of couples tickets (admits two) x $160 ____________________________

Number of Raffle tickets for an Apple iPad Mini x $10 (or 3 for $25) __________

☐ I/We cannot attend. Enclosed is a gift to show our support:
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