

Just for You!

All the News.....pg 4

Kitty Klassifieds.....pg 5

Tuxedo Cat Ball.....pg 6

The SCRATCHING Post

www.safehavenforcats.org

MARCH/APRIL 2019



TUXEDO CAT BALL

Friday, April 12, 2019

See page six for details



Message from Our Founder & President

A quarter century of service to our community...and 40,000 lives saved—thanks to YOU!



**Below is a photo of the first four cats rescued by SAFE Haven!
Yes, they are in our garage in the summer of 1994!**



Incredibly, by the fall of 1996, we had already been successfully incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit for two years. During that time, we rescued 160 cats and kittens! **In October of 1999, with the help of many volunteers and supporters, we moved out of our garage and opened the first permanent no-kill shelter in the Triangle.** Shortly after, in 2001 we opened the SAFE Care Feline Spay/Neuter Clinic – the first “just for cats” in North Carolina.

Now, let’s fast forward to today. By the time you read this newsletter, we will have adopted our 10,000th cat, and sterilized the 30,000th cat in the SAFE Care Clinic. Between our Pet Food Pantry, Feline Fundamentals Education Series, extensive volunteer program, and community outreach we are helping thousands and thousands of people and pets yearly, thanks to you!

Hard to believe that it all started in a 500 square foot garage!

This year, to celebrate and pay recognition to our shared success, we will be having many activities and events, so look for those and please join us whenever you can. Having lived every day of our 25 year journey, I know that it could never have happened without the friendship and generosity of our donors, adopters, volunteers and friends.

In this newsletter, you can read about some of the wonderful cats who have new homes, those still waiting for their perfect home, and our upcoming Tuxedo Cat Ball. Thank you for helping each of us save lives. I sincerely hope you are pleased with our shared, lifesaving progress.

With gratitude for each one of you,

Pamela Miller

Pamela Miller
Founder & President



Lady Marmalade adopted
by Allison Molin



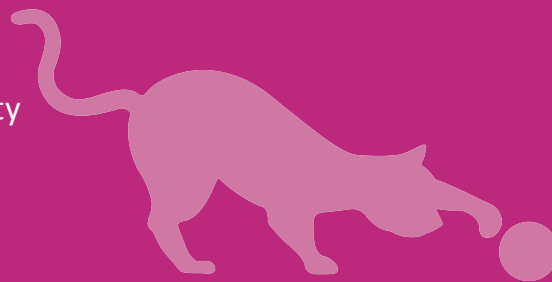
Gallifrey adopted
by Rhonda Lemon & Christian O'Neal



Perfuma adopted
by Amy Lindsey

Adopter's Corner

Ten thousand men, women and families in our community have saved the life of a cat or kitten by adopting from our shelter. Here are some of the recent ones. **Thank you so much to all our adopters...you are heros.**



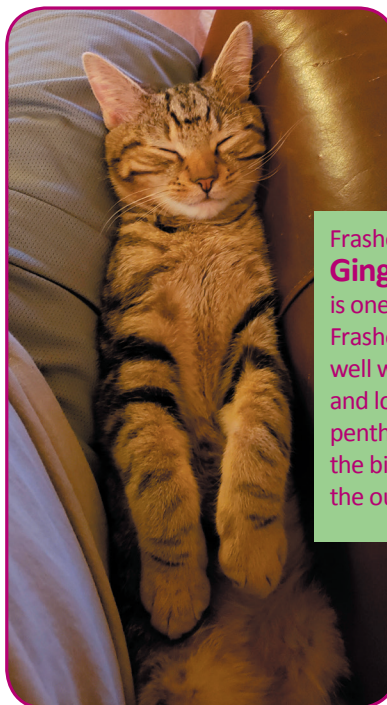
Frosta came to SAFE Haven limping and blind in one eye. Look at her now! Emily and Keith Fair adopted her two days before Christmas! Looks like it was a happy holiday for all...



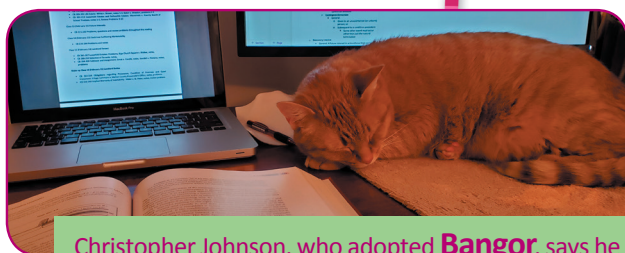
Grapenut & Kashi went home with the Coltrane Family. Look at this wonderful photo.



Nandina in her new home!



Frasher Van Asch adopted **Gingerbread Cake**. "He is one very happy kitty," said Frasher. "He gets along very well with his new big brother and loves to hang out in his penthouse perch watching the bird feeder attached to the outside of the window."



Christopher Johnson, who adopted **Bangor**, says he helps every day with his law school studies.

SAFE Haven News Briefs



Kids just “get” animals!

A group of wonderful young students from The Duke School came to visit SAFE Haven. Part of their “assignments” were to draw pictures of the cats and learn about animal welfare. We would say they all got “A+’s”



Remembrance Ceremony

In January, a group of SAFE Haven volunteers and staff gathered to read aloud the names of each of the 864 cats we adopted in 2018 and to remember the eight who passed away.



Shelter Cat Enrichment Activities

Thanks to a grant from the **Nothstein Cerasa Foundation**, we were able to implement some unique enrichment activities. These stimulate the cats through their senses of smell, sight, sound, taste and touch. We now have new tools in the shelter such as essential oil diffusers, spices, perpetual motion toys, mobiles, lava lamps, sound machines, recordings of birds, puzzle feeders and brand-new climbing perches.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Rabies & Microchip Clinic	Saturday, March 9 12 noon – 2 pm
Volunteer Information Session	Tuesday, March 19 6:30-8:00 pm
Bottle Feeding Orphan Kittens Class	Tuesday, April 2 6:30-8:00 pm
Adoption Event at PetPeople	Saturday, April 6 1-4 pm
Tuxedo Cat Ball	Friday, April 12, 7 pm – Midnight

Before and After

In late September, the team at SAFE Haven became aware of a dire situation in the Triangle concerning 22 young cats and kittens. The story is a common one, but nonetheless, unfortunate, and one we have seen repeatedly in our community. Sometimes, well-intentioned people think that penning up stray cats outside is a way to protect them from predators or other harm. Because they can breed, are exposed to the elements and are crowded in a small space, the animals end up suffering terribly.

Thanks to you, we were able to rescue these adorable kitties and find them all wonderful homes.

Kimono and family before



Kimono after



SAFE Care Clinic rolls out the Stars & Stripes Program!

In December, we began offering reduced surgery packages to all active, retired and reserve military.

The fee is only \$25 for the surgery package, which also includes an exam, pain medication, microchipping, and vaccines. (Limit two cats per person.) The Colonel, left, is the administrator of the program.

Spring into Action for March and April

The **SAFE Care Feline Spay/Neuter Clinic** is offering \$25 surgeries for male cats and kittens March through April 2019. We may be able to assist with transportation, too.

Is your male kitty on the prowl again? Feline overpopulation is a concern everywhere, and one more neutered male cat may mean thousands less unwanted animals. What's more – your male cat will be less aggressive, won't spray as much (or at all), and won't have that Tom Cat smell anymore. Neutering isn't just a good idea – it's an excellent idea for you and him! Stop the yowling and end the "Stray Cat Strut" today. **Call SAFE Care for an appointment today: 919.872.7730**



DON'T LET YOUR CAT FALL BACK INTO OLD HABITS!

Spring into Action
with Low-Cost Neutering at SAFE Care Clinic

SAFE CARE
Feline Spay Neuter Clinic



Kitty Klassifieds

Meet Pink Dogwood and Carolina Cherry



Pink Dogwood



Carolina Cherry



Carolina Cherry hugging Pink Dogwood

Please think about adopting these two. They came to SAFE Haven from the Granville County Animal Shelter. They are some of our longest residents having been with us for 8 weeks. (Our average length of stay is 3 weeks). Carolina Cherry is about 1.5 years old and Pink Dogwood is her six-month old kitten!

They are so cute together. They "play" fight, snuggle, groom and sleep together.

15th Annual Tuxedo Cat Ball

A very special evening celebrating 25 years of cat-centered lifesaving.



**Tickets \$100 per person at
tuxedocatball.org**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019
7:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT**

North Ridge Country Club

6612 Falls of Neuse Road

Raleigh, NC 27615



Our celebration this year won't be complete without you; our adopters, volunteers and supporters who have made it possible to save 40,000 lives

We guarantee you will have a smile on your face all evening as you dine on excellent food, enjoy delicious wine, and bid on your phones from an incredible selection of silent and live auction items.

Don't miss the opportunity to see our Tuxedo Cat Ball video that traces the humble beginnings of SAFE Haven to the important lifesaving community resource it is today.

Jewelry store at the Ball! Provided by Raleigh Diamond.

Try on one-of-a-kind necklaces. Visit with kittens from SAFE Haven. Dance to your favorite song. Laugh, get misty-eyed, celebrate your compassion, and the **love of all things CAT.**



**FREE VALET PARKING!
A CHANCE TO WIN
\$1,000 CASH.**



Thank you to our Tuxedo Cat Ball Sponsors



SILVER SPONSORS:



ANNIVERSARY SPONSORS:



Elizabeth Moss Ohrberg & Keith Ohrberg

Tom and Julie Suiter



Marie & Frank Seiber



Melissa & Tom Anderson

Cindy Marrelli

SUSTAINING SPONSORS:

Jill Odom

Brian and Tracy Coyle

Sherry Johnson

Rosa Chrismon & Beth Lindsey



Tim and Sue Hanis

Rep. Cynthia Ball & Dave Aspnes

Pam Miller

SUPPORTING SPONSORS:

Rivethead, LLC

Jay Riley

Janet Hensel

Holly and Grady Crumpler

Unleashed

Paragon Bank

Cozy Cat Veterinary Hospital

CAHEC

caroline z photography

Gail & Dan Scheck

PetPeople

ThemeWorks

SMALL BUSINESS SPONSORS:

B-MAC's Auto Restoration

Island Sound & Video

National Power Corporation

Pinafore Wealth Counsel

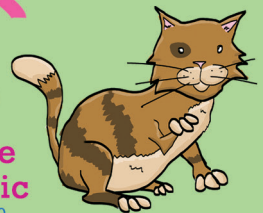
Six months into
our fiscal year—
**What YOU have
made possible!**

July 1 – December 31, 2018



508
cats adopted
previous one-half year:
492 adoptions

1,669
Surgeries in the
SAFE Care Clinic
previous one-half year: 1,480



3,187
VOLUNTEER SHIFTS
FOR A TOTAL VOLUNTEER
DOLLAR VALUE OF
\$168,317.90

25 fosters
WHO HAVE
OPENED
UP THEIR
HOMES TO
77 kitties



ZIP CODES SERVED:



Clinic
100
ZIP CODES
in **25** counties

Shelter
83 ZIP CODES
in **24** NC counties
and **1** VA county

Volunteer
63 ZIP CODES
in **13** counties



8431-137 Garvey Drive, Raleigh, NC 27616

Non-Profit Organization
US POSTAGE
PAID
RALEIGH, NC
PERMIT #1779



SAFE Haven for Cats

8431-137 Garvey Drive
Raleigh, NC 27616
919.872.SAFE (7233)
safehavenforcats.org

Photos:

Photos in this publication are courtesy of contributors, Karen Reynolds, Brittani Halbert Photography and Dylan Crumpler.

About SAFE Haven for Cats

SAFE Haven's mission is to use no-kill principles and education to save cats' lives through rescue, adoption, spay/neuter services and community programs.

SAFE Haven for Cats Board of Directors

Jill Odom, Chair
Sherry Johnson, Vice Chair
Leslie Karlsson, Treasurer
Jay Sliwinski, Secretary
Janet Hensel
Tom O'Larnic
Elizabeth Moss Ohrberg
Mary Ka Powers
Pam Miller
Doug Eader

SAFE Haven for Cats Staff

Founder and President

Pam Miller
pam@safehavenforcats.org
919.582.7834

Medical Director

Dr. Jennifer Bledsoe-Nix
drjennifer@safehavenforcats.org
919.341.4093

Senior Director

Patti Godin
patti@safehavenforcats.org
919.341.6287

SAFE Care Clinic Manager

Gina Jennings
gina@safehavenforcats.org
919.872.7730

Shelter Manager

Brittaney Keene
brittaney@safehavenforcats.org
919.341.4128

Veterinary Services Manager

Carl Nix
carl@safehavenforcats.org
919.341.4124

Volunteer Coordinator

Ginger Rice
ginger@safehavenforcats.org
919.341.4103

Empress Suiko says

SAVE THE DATE for The Tuxedo Ball on April 12, 2019

