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Our Hidden Gems

Have you ever dreamed about finding a buried treasure or discovering a hidden gem? You don't have to sail the Seven Seas or comb the beaches of the South Pacific; your treasure is waiting to be discovered here at The Hermitage.

When visiting The Hermitage to find your new fur-ever friend, you'll be greeted by over 100 different cats of all ages, breeds and personalities. Take a tour of our shelter and stroll amongst our cats on the patios and the special needs rooms, but don't miss the room that houses some of our dearest felines. Be sure to venture into our Diabetic/Weight Management room where you'll discover some of the greatest hidden gems of our cat population.

Goldie - *The Matriarch*



Despite her 12 years, Goldie has plenty of spunk and is always ready to welcome visitors with a raspy meow that suggests a history of cigarettes and martinis.

Daisy - *The "Not So" Shrinking Violet (& Our Cover Girl)*



Daisy was a bit on the shy side when she first arrived at the shelter. She spent much of the day nestled in the room's cubbies. But this sassy girl has since broken out of her shell and will sidle up to visitors with a swagger in her step & her little meow.

Macy Gray - *The Enigma*



Macy Gray may seem a bit aloof when you enter the room, but be sure to take a seat and spend a few moments. You will soon find Ms. Macy Gray has quietly snuck up next to you while you were looking

the other way. She is more than happy to grace you with her beauty and attention while you visit.

Shyvana - *The Social Butterfly*



There is nothing shy about our Shyvana. She has never met a conversation she didn't love. In need of a friend to shoot the breeze and share the day's gossip? Shyvana is the girl for you!

These are just a few of the amazing hidden gems that can be found in our Diabetic/Weight Management room. Be the explorer that discovers a hidden treasure and the love of your life all in one day. These precious felines may require a little extra TLC as the newest member of your family, but they are well worth their weight in gold.

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Dear Friends,

It's June already and I can't believe we're halfway through the year. The concept of time is interesting. I look at my calendar and think how time has flown by, yet for some of our shelter kitties, time passes too slowly as they await a forever home.



On my daily walks through the building I experience a rollercoaster of emotion. I see the “old-timers” and pray silently that someone will come to their rescue before they cross the bridge. I see volunteers cuddling with our Manx syndrome babies and I'm brought to tears. As we enter “kitten season,” I see momma cats having babies and I'm hopeful for their future.

There are days however, when I see things that nobody should see. As I type this letter a staff member brings me a 6-week old orange tabby kitten. The woman who brought him in threatened to dump him in the desert if we didn't take him. This wasn't the first kitten dropped off in this manner and not the only time we've received that reaction from someone. What animal deserves to be dropped off in a desert in 100 degree heat? Or drown in a bucket of water? I shake my head and wonder how these people live with even the words on their conscience. Then there is Monroe, a beautiful one year old girl who was literally thrown over our fence from the apartment building next door. She was flung from her family and everything she knew. She was tossed with callous indifference as an inconvenience, something that was used up and discarded. Fortunately and to our delight, Monroe was adopted 3 weeks later.

Monroe is only one example of the felines who come through the doors of The Hermitage from people who, for whatever reason, find it necessary to drop off or relinquish a kitty. Although these scenarios break our hearts, we are actually grateful to the individuals who bring these cats and kittens to us because “sheltering” them is our mission and we live it 24/7.

The one constant through all of this, is that all of these cats were given a second chance at life thanks to you. Being there for these cats is a collective responsibility and you all show your goodness and generosity in the form of donations, volunteerism or fostering. This year, we're celebrating our 50th Anniversary and I think you'll agree that our “collective mission” must continue for another 50 years. That said; it is my hope that you will continue to pass the time with us and, whenever possible, donate, volunteer or foster. Thank you so much for your continued loyalty and support. The babies send you their love and gratitude.

Blessings,

Lee Bucyk
Executive Director

The Future Of Caring

We recently had the pleasure of meeting an amazing young man and would like to take moment to recognize him and all his efforts in the community. His name is Cody Allen. Cody began his project at the ripe old age of 10 with the assistance of his mother, Amber. Now 14, Cody has gained his 501(c)3, not-for-profit status for his organization “Cody’s Friends,” in addition to a website and a growing number of followers.

Cody’s Friends is a unique concept in that it acts as a support to locally based charities and nonprofits whose staff and volunteers are already overworked and stretched so thin. Cody does not focus on one particular type of charity either; he is here to help all those in need, including people, animals, the environment, and community. The Hermitage kitties were the recipients of Cody’s generosity as they received bags of food and other supplies.

Imagine yourself cleaning out your home. You find yourself with a truckload of things that you would love to donate to local charities but you have no truck and you do not want it to go to a chain thrift store that has no investment in our community. What is worse is that you have some things that should go to under privileged children and some to animals, but those places are spread across the city! Cody will come to your home and pick up your donations, write you a tax-deductible receipt, then deliver your goods directly to where they will be of most use to those within our community.

Cody has provided a much needed and helpful service to the residents of Tucson and its numerous charity organizations. There are many dedicated people in the greater Tucson area, but it is always astounding and heartwarming to come across someone so completely devoted at such a young age. Cody represents the next generation of community caretakers and will be the one to continue our work when we are gone. Let us all help him and his organization grow.

To donate to Cody’s Friends, visit their website at www.codysfriends.org or email helpcodysfriends@gmail.com.

Ryan Inama, Adoptions Manager/Development Assistant



Leaving A Legacy Of Caring



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There are many ways to support The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter and Sanctuary, from volunteering at the shelter, to sponsoring one of our long-term special-needs residents, to making a

contribution to our ongoing operating funds.

Another way to support the shelter is with a planned gift as part of your estate plan.

Planned giving offers many benefits for both you and the shelter. It provides you an opportunity to make a more significant gift than might be possible as a lifetime donation. It offers tax benefits to your estate. It allows the shelter to plan realistically for our future, helping to assure that there will be adequate resources to continue to fulfill our mission for future generations.

Perhaps most significantly, it allows you to leave a legacy of providing shelter, protection, and care to the homeless and unwanted cats in our community.

Planned gifts can take many forms, including simple gifts in wills or trust agreements, appreciated stocks or other assets, life insurance proceeds, IRA or other retirement plan funds, or charitable trusts established to benefit both your family and the charity of your choosing.

If you are interested in learning more about planned giving, you can ask your attorney or financial planner about the available options given your individual situation. You may also contact The Hermitage directly at 520.571.7839 and we can provide you with more information, including sample language for a bequest in a will or trust.

As The Hermitage approaches its 50th birthday next year, we thank you all for your love of the cats and for your ongoing support.

We are forever grateful for the following gifts we have received in memoriam:

Charles Elgasser Trust
Patricia Davis Trust
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Would you love to have a new kitty in your life but your current situation just won't allow it? Your own cat doesn't get along well with others or you have a dog that sees kitties as furry chew toys? Whatever your situation, we have a solution for you! You can become a Sponsor for a special Hermitage cat. For just \$25 a month, which is less than 82 cents a day (some of us spend more on our morning coffee!), you can be a sponsor for a cat who needs to know that someone cares. You'll receive regular letters and photos from your sponsored kitty to let you know what's going on at the shelter. Check out a few of our wonderful kitties on this page who need sponsors. Contact Marcella at 520.571.7839 for more information.

James:

This beautiful tuxedoed boy is all dressed up but has nowhere to go! James is almost two years old and loves to play with toys—especially the “treat” kind! He'll chase balls and treats around all day, purring and chirping his happiness. He does have FIV, so he needs to be an only kitty in order to protect his fragile immune system. He came to us from Paws Placement, and we've been thrilled to have him here with us! We know his family will feel the same way.



Bessie:

Bessie is one of our senior kitties and lives in our weight management ward with her friends Daisy, Macy Gray, and Goldie! She is a very sweet lady and loves to chirp and chat, but is rather quiet, so prefers a calm environment. She is overweight and does need some help getting to a healthy weight—which will help her arthritis, too!



Samwise:

Never judge a book by its cover—and never judge a cat by his ears! Samwise might look like a meanie-pants cat, but he is such a lover and purrs so hard that he melts every heart in the vicinity. He's two years old and has so much love to give a forever family! He has FIV, so he needs to be an only kitty in order to protect his fragile immune system. He gets along with other kitties just fine. Come by the shelter to see this adorably scruffy gent and get some love to brighten your day.



Chevy & Stan:

Chevy is one of those cats whose eyes are startling in their beauty. They're crystal clear, green, and bright. She's also one of the shyest kitties in our shelter. She came to us from a hoarding situation with her siblings—who have found their forever homes. Chevy's still here with us; however, she's found a feline friend and is starting to warm up to the humans around here who love her so much! Stan, on the other hand, is more sociable, gorgeous, and sweet—and Chevy is quite taken with him! Stan is affectionate and sweet—a far cry from the frightened kitty who was abandoned and felt so lost when we first took him in. You can often see these two precious babies snuggled together, enjoying the breeze out on the “catios” or watching the pigeons.



Emma Crawford, Marketing Specialist

Classroom Kitties

Through education we are able to prepare the younger generations for life. It is important to pass on the knowledge we have learned so that our children will be ready to fill our shoes when it comes time to pass the torch. Here at The Hermitage we understand the importance of teaching care and compassion for animals, because it is our children who will be responsible for the protection of animals in the future.

Recently, The Hermitage has made an effort to reach out to our community youth by offering programs catered to youngsters. These programs, such as Cat Camp and Kipi's Korner, allow children the opportunity to come into the shelter to learn about and bond with our cats. Over the past year we have also had the chance to visit schools and classrooms around the community to tell school kids all about our shelter.

In April of this year we proudly introduced Classroom Kitties, our official classroom program, to schools throughout Tucson. Classrooms who participate in this program will be visited by a Hermitage kitty and staff member who will talk with the kids about the shelter, responsible pet ownership, and ways they can help The Hermitage and cats in their community. Of course, they will also be given plenty of cuddle time with their kitty visitor. In the few short weeks that we have offered this program, Hermitage kitties have already visited nine classrooms! Both the kids and our kitties had a blast getting to know each other a little better. We hope this program will instill a compassion for animals and perhaps inspire kids to find ways to give back to local animal shelters. If you would like more information about Classroom Kitties, please contact Heather, our Outreach Coordinator 520.571.7839 or heather@hermitagecatshelter.org.



Heather Passananti-Garcia, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator

Partnerships: Eller Integrated Marketing



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It is vital for nonprofit organizations to form partnerships with groups, businesses, and individuals in their community. Strategic partnerships should be mutually beneficial for all parties involved and can lead to great things. Recently, The Hermitage has been partnering with multiple departments within the University of Arizona, all of which have proven to be extremely valuable to us. University students are a tremendous and often untapped resource. These young women and men are, after all, our world's next leaders, and they are brimming with great ideas.

This spring we had the pleasure of partnering with marketing students from the Eller College of Management. Being an Eller grad myself, I am well aware of the brilliant minds and great ideas that come from this school. After I reached out to Professor James McLean, our shelter was invited to act as a client for his integrated marketing course. This senior-level course was designed to give students hands-on experience in marketing communication.

Students in Professor McLean's class were divided into groups and challenged to create a marketing plan that would align with our mission. The groups all competed against each other throughout the semester to create the "winning" plan, which would be selected by our Executive Director Lee Bucyk and Professor McLean.

As mutually beneficial partners, the students provided us with new marketing ideas to implement, and we gave them a living, breathing client they could work with directly. We found that these students were full of great ideas, and we are fortunate to have benefited from their hard work. We look forward to a continued relationship with the University of Arizona, as we know these students are some of our community's greatest assets.

Heather Passananti-Garcia, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator

And So It Begins

Launching.....

Can you believe that we are already in the summer of 2015? And here at The Hermitage we are about to embark on one of the most exciting projects in the history of the shelter. The launching of our Capital Campaign to raise much needed funds to rebuild our 63-year-old building.

In the winter issue of the Tabby Tabloid I covered the sad condition of the building and the need to basically rebuild to fix the structural and safety issues we have as well as make the property a better, more efficient home for our cats and staff.

Our current plans mark over 50 years of dedication to the shelter, protection, and care of homeless cats across southern Arizona, especially those that are often not consider adoptable by other organizations. The board has contracted with the campaign consulting company Smith & Dale to conduct the Feasibility Study. This process will assist us in determining how we will move forward in a Capital Campaign.

We are in the process of finalizing a building design plan for the shelter and want to acknowledge the countless hours that our architect, Chuck Meyer of CMA, and our interior designer, Emilee Weine of MLE Design, have devoted to the project.

As all of you know, The Hermitage is a cage-less, free-roaming shelter. The emotional and physical health and safety of our felines is our first priority. Building renovations will greatly improve the quality of life for our resident cats.

New building plans include:

- New ramps and platforms for play and exercise
- Windows to provide natural sunlight and stimulation.
- Expansion of the outdoor cat areas
- A small retail space where you will be able to find everything you need for your cat companion(s)
- An open and inviting reception area and adoption rooms where you can take the time to bond with your newest family member(s)
- ADA-compliant restrooms
- An Education Room for lectures and programming
- Comfortable benches throughout the shelter that will allow visitors to interact with the cats

As we embark on this next exciting phase of The Hermitage and our next 50 years of operations, stay tuned for periodic updates through publications, emails, and our Facebook page.

I hope you all join me in eagerly anticipating the ring of hammers, the smell of wood being cut, and workmen swarming the property working on our new home.

Jean Getek
President of the Board



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Dental Disease In Cats

How common is dental disease in cats?

Dental disease is one of the most common medical conditions seen in cats. Approximately two-thirds of cats over three years of age have some degree of dental disease. The most common problems are due to periodontal disease, gingivitis and cervical neck lesions, also called oral resorptive lesions.

What are the clinical signs of dental disease?

Certain signs should alert you to the presence of dental disease or other oral problems in your cat. Your cat may show a decreased interest in food or approach the food bowl and then show a reluctance to eat. It may chew with obvious discomfort, drop food from the mouth, or swallow with difficulty. The cat may drool excessively, and the saliva may contain blood. The cat may have halitosis, or an unpleasant breath odor. In some cases, cats may paw at their mouths or shake their heads. A reluctance to eat may lead to weight loss, which can become quite marked. Many cats will refuse dry food and demonstrate a preference for moist or canned foods. Dental disease and oral pain may account for the “finicky appetites” that some cats display.

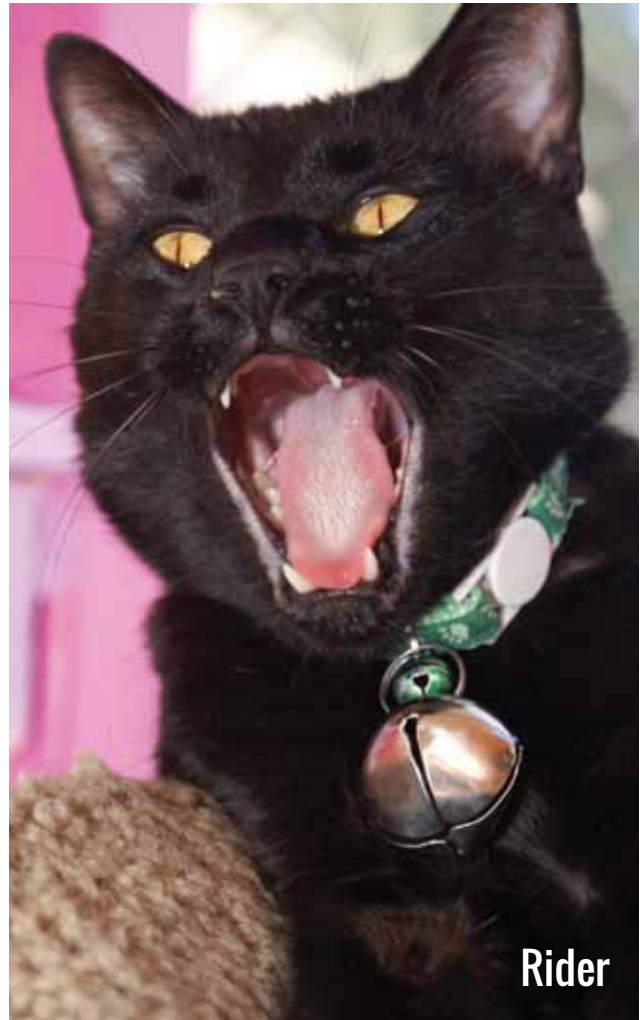
What causes dental disease?

The most common cause of dental disease in cats is tartar and calculus accumulation on the teeth. The tooth surfaces are a home to thousands of bacteria that multiply and produce a layer of plaque. Some of this plaque is naturally removed during eating or by the action of the cat's tongue. However, the remaining plaque quickly mineralizes, forming tartar and calculus. The bacterial products and decaying food stuck to tartar are one potential cause of bad breath.

Tartar is easily identified by its tan or brown color. It normally starts at the gum edge, especially on the back teeth called the premolars and molars. In severe cases, tartar and calculus may cover the entire tooth.

“If gingivitis is allowed to persist untreated, then irreversible periodontal disease will occur.”

The accumulation of tartar and bacteria on the tooth surfaces leads to infection and gingivitis or inflammation of the gums. If the disease is caught at an early stage and a thorough veterinary dental scaling and polishing performed, most of the teeth and gums will have a full recovery. However, if gingivitis is allowed to persist



untreated, then irreversible periodontal disease will occur. Periodontal disease is an inflammation or infection of the bone and ligaments that support the tooth; as it progresses these tissues are destroyed, leading to excessive tooth mobility and eventual tooth loss. Bacteria can spread deep into the tooth socket creating an abscess or even more severe problems such as osteomyelitis.

Once periodontal disease starts the degenerative changes to the tooth and its support structures cannot be reversed. These changes make it easier for more plaque and tartar to collect, resulting in further disease.

Is gingivitis always associated with dental disease?

A slight degree of redness seen as a thin line along the edge of the gum may be normal in some kittens and adult cats with no evidence of dental disease.

Some cats develop severe gingivitis with minimal signs of accompanying dental disease. The affected areas may extend beyond the gums to other areas of the mouth, such as the throat or tongue. The cause of this condition is poorly understood, but it is likely to be multi-factorial and may differ between individual cases. This condition is often very difficult to control and may require repeated or constant treatment, and its accurate diagnosis can involve extensive investigative procedures.

What are cervical neck lesions?

“These lesions are intensely painful, and the only effective and humane treatment is to extract the tooth.”

Cervical neck lesions result from a progressive destruction of the enamel resulting in slowly deepening “holes” (cavities or caries) in affected teeth. Once the sensitive parts of the tooth are exposed, these lesions are intensely painful, and the only effective and humane treatment is to extract the tooth. The cause of this disease is unknown; however, poor oral hygiene may play a role in the disease process.

What should I do if my cat has signs of dental problems?

If you see that your cat has evidence of tartar accumulation, gingivitis or is exhibiting any signs of mouth pain or discomfort, you should take your cat for an examination. You will be advised of the most appropriate course of treatment, which may involve having the cat’s teeth examined and professionally cleaned under general anesthesia.

The rate of tartar accumulation is very variable between individual cats, and in some cases, this may necessitate professional cleaning on a regular basis such as every six to twelve months.

Do not try to remove tartar from the teeth yourself using any form of metallic instrument. Aside from potentially harming your cat’s mouth or the cat harming you, you will damage the tooth surface by creating microscopic scratches; these will provide areas for bacteria to cling to and encourage more rapid plaque formation, thus making the problem worse. (This is the reason why your dental hygienist always polishes your teeth after removing the tartar with dental instruments).

What can I do to help prevent dental disease in my cat?

The best way to prevent dental disease is to keep the mouth as hygienic as possible and to reduce the rate at which tartar builds up on the teeth. Recent advances in pet nutrition have resulted in diets that reduce tartar accumulation.

“With gentleness, patience and perseverance it is possible to brush some cats’ teeth.”

However, the most effective way of reducing plaque and tartar is to brush the teeth. A number of toothbrushes are specially designed for a cat’s mouth. Never use human toothpaste on cats. These are foaming products and contain ingredients that should not be swallowed and could cause internal problems. Numerous pet toothpastes that are non-foaming and safe to be swallowed are available in flavors that are appealing to cats. With gentleness, patience and perseverance it is possible to brush some cats’ teeth.

In addition, or as an alternative to brushing, a range of antibacterial mouthwashes and gels can be applied to the teeth and mouth to reduce the number of bacteria present. Please ask us for further details regarding the recommended dental products for your cat.

*Kayla Boyer, DVM
Speedway Veterinary Hospital*



● announcements

Kids' Korner



Looking for an out of the box idea for your child's birthday party?

We have three fantastic birthday party packages that include cake, decorations, a special birthday certificate, a craft, and much more! Our birthday packages are crafted with your different needs in mind, from a small, simple party for

younger children to a barbeque bash for the older ones. The party coordinator will do all the set up before and clean up afterward, making your job as the parent of the birthday kid that much easier. Each party package is created especially for your child and can include up to nine guests, plus all the kitties here at The Hermitage for lots of purrs and cuddles.

For more information, call 520.571.7839 or email us at emma@hermitagecatshelter.org or ryan@hermitagecatshelter.org. We can email you a brochure, answer any questions you might have, or book your event.

Haven't found a summer program that your kids love?

Join the cats of The Hermitage for our **Cat Camp for Kids**. Cat Camp is for children ages 6 to 12. We have age-appropriate classes and crafts, where they'll learn in a safe, hands-on way about cats, animal care, and how rescues and shelters work. Each class is created with the ages of the campers in mind so that we can best teach them in a way they can understand.

For more information about the camp; including dates, hours and cost; call 520.571.7839 or visit our website @ www.hermitagecatshelter.org/education.php.

Emma Crawford, Marketing Specialist



New Website



If you haven't already, you should check out our new website! We rolled out a fresh new design, in honor of our 50th year, and to update our site,

making it much more mobile friendly, with easier navigation and a gorgeous new look.

We worked with Vitech, a local company, to craft a new look for our website. Not only did we have a new logo to showcase, we had a whole new color scheme in mind. We wanted it to be as beautiful on a 5-inch phone screen as it was on a 25-inch monitor! We also cut down some of the clutter that had accumulated on our site as we grew and pruned programs over the years. Making things easier to find was a must—we had spent a great deal of time trying to navigate our old site and knew how frustrating it could be for anyone trying to use it for the first time.

All of our forms are available online: volunteering, adoption, foster care, intake, and lease for life, as is information about bequests, continuing cat care, and our other programs.

As often happens whenever you tear something down to make room for a new one in its place, we found all sorts of bugs! We do believe that the finished product is amazing, and we hope you enjoy it too.

Our web address remains the same—www.hermitagecatshelter.org.

Learn more about Vitech and see some of the other beautiful sites they've created @ www.vitech.org

Emma Crawford, Marketing Specialist

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in the Tabby Tabloid?
Please Contact Ryan at 520.571.7839**

**Interested in Volunteering
at The Hermitage?
Please Call Us @ 520.571.7839
or email heather@hermitagecatshelter.org**

Hermitage Internships



PCC students (not interns) taking temperature, pulse, and respiratory readings at The Hermitage.

In the previous issue of the Tabby Tabloid we talked about the benefits of having an internship on your résumé. We already know that employers look for real experience when considering a job candidate, and having that

internship can give you a leg up on the competition.

The Hermitage has been proud to offer internships to students in the past, and we truly feel that we can give students a unique experience compared to positions offered by other companies. Interns at our shelter are given the chance to work one-on-one with staff members in each department who teach them the many functions of their jobs. Once the learning stage is completed, our interns work alongside staff members to gain important hands-on experience and put their newfound knowledge to the test. Our interns are also challenged to complete and present a project at the end of their internship that showcases what they have learned during their time at the shelter.

We have had many great interns in the past with whom we have enjoyed mutually beneficial relationships, but we are always seeking ways to improve our internship program. We are very excited to introduce something new in the upcoming semesters that we think will greatly enhance our internship program. The Hermitage will now give our interns the opportunity to earn a scholarship at the conclusion of their semester. This will be a merit-based scholarship that will increase in value based on the level of work achieved. The scholarship base will start at \$200 and interns will be able to earn up to \$1000 depending on their work ethic and willingness to learn. We all know money is a great motivator, and we have no doubt that this scholarship will encourage our interns to give their very best during their time with us. We are so excited that we are able to offer our valued interns compensation for their efforts and look forward to working with new, bright-minded students in the future.

If you are interested in learning more about internship opportunities, or if you would like to donate to our scholarship fund, please contact Heather at 520-571-7839 or heather@hermitagecatshelter.org.

Heather Passananti-Garcia, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator

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Municipal Kitties

We all know that every Hermitage kitty is incredibly special. However, in this issue we would like to highlight all of the fantastic felines who come from our local municipal shelter and that were lucky enough to find their way to The Hermitage. Every year thousands of cats are euthanized because of being labeled “unadoptable.” Whether a kitty is too old, too young, frightened, or ill, they are often given this label and never offered a second chance at life or happiness.

Some of our readers may be unaware that many of our cats are rescued from municipal shelters. These are cats that have been deemed unadoptable and face no hope of leaving their prison. These furry friends are kept behind closed doors, invisible to the public, and never even given the opportunity to be seen or heard. You will never meet these sweethearts because they will never make it to the adoption floor. Fortunately, these cats’ cries were heard by us, and they were able to find their way into the care of The Hermitage, where they are treated, rehabilitated, and loved until they learn to trust again and find the forever home they so richly deserve.

So far this year The Hermitage has pulled in 61 felines from Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) alone. This is in addition to so many others rescued from a similar fate at Pinal County Animal Control, Maricopa County, Sierra Vista, or other rescue organizations. Of these 61 cats that were said to be unadoptable, The Hermitage has found homes for 42 of them. The others still remain here at The Hermitage, safe and sound while waiting for that special person to walk through the doors and take them home. It always warms our hearts to see these kitties, who had no place to go and who were thrown away, find the special person who will love them for the rest of their lives.

Let me introduce you to three of these wonderful kitties. Mellon was dumped at PACC because her family did not want her around the new baby. This sweet little girl was frightened and untouchable while trapped in a cage surrounded by barking dogs and would let nobody touch her. Once she made it to The Hermitage, was let out of her cage,

and found her own quiet place, she quickly showed her huge heart and was adopted immediately. Mimosa was scheduled to be euthanized at PACC simply for being FIV positive. Mimosa, being the handsome lap-cat that he is, found his home as an only kitty through our Lease for Life program. Kate had also found herself on the euthanasia list at PACC due to a positive FeLV test. This little girl with a head tilt, who was so often overlooked, finally found her home at The Hermitage, where she is now spoiled rotten and has full run of the house. This just goes to show that, regardless of the label they may have been given, these fuzzy



friends deserve a second chance. And with a little time and love, they can melt your heart.

While it may be very simple to walk in and out of a municipal shelter such as PACC with a pet and rarely be asked to pay an adoption fee, keep in mind that The Hermitage has rescued and rehabilitated thousands of these cats who were considered a lost cause. Now that these kitties are safe in the arms of The Hermitage, they desperately need to find their new family so that we can continue to rescue the thousands of others who need us. Adopting from The Hermitage is so much more an interactive and positive experience than your municipal shelter. When choosing to adopt your new best friend, come to a place where each kitty is known by name and personality, not a number and cage location. A place where the staff knows all the furry felines and can find the perfect fit for your home.

Ryan Inama, Adoption Manager/Development Assistant



Look for these displays at your favorite Hermitage Supporters locations!



Our Top 10 Collection Box Locations

- Mesquite Valley Growers
- Desert Bloom Re-Leaf Center
- Ace Hardware-22nd & Kolb
- Tucson Mountain Motors
- Wild West Kettle Korn
- Frankie's South Philly Cheesesteaks
- O.K. Feed
- Valley Animal Hospital
- Ace Hardware-Pima & Craycroft
- Harlow Gardens

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- White Copy Paper
- Paper Towels
- Heavy Duty Garden Hose
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- Friskies Paté & Shreds
- Fancy Feast
- Cat Grass
- Temptation Cat Treats
- Toilet Paper
- 12 & 45 Gallon Trash Bags
- Office Desk Chairs
- Gift Cards to:
Costco, Home Depot, Party City, Office Depot

In Honor Of

Dr. David Appgar on his retirement
From the student body at the UA College of Pharmacy

Mat Beal & Sierra Wolter on their wedding
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Karen Topham on her birthday
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In Memory Of

Baby, beloved cat
Richard & Sue Keeth

Gayle Babykin
Bobbie VandeGriff

Ellie Baugher
Sharon Lyle

JaAnn Bruce, wonderful teacher & wonderful friend to cats
Sumayya Granger

Camie & Colonel, wonderful dogs of Shannon's family
Hisayo Lauber

Louise M. Ellis
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Finch, an unforgettable cat with the best adopted family ever
Janine Pfeifer

Sharon Garrison, a forever dear friend & cat lover
Joan Rodieck
Kristie Webster

Goldie
Cheryl Seaton

Robert Gosnell
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Lauren Harvey

Kiki, our wonderful cat that turned us into "cat people"
Julie & Robert Krinks

Kitterhead
Gail Roberts

Kizzie
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Carleen Sholdt

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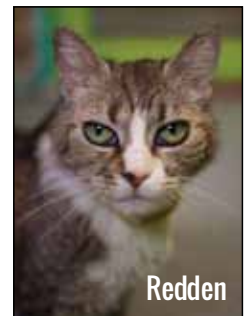
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In Memory of Our Hermitage Cats Lost Between December 2014 - May 2015



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July 17 @ 5:30PM-8:30PM
Loft Kids Fest Kick-Off Party
Trail Dust Town • 6541 E Tanque Verde Rd

July 24 beginning at 9:15AM
Loft Loony Tunes Screening
The Loft Cinema • 3233 E Speedway Blvd

September 11-13
PetSmart Adoption Weekend
El Con Mall • 3601 E Broadway

October 9-11
Tucson Meet Yourself
Downtown Tucson

November 7
Our 50th Anniversary Celebration
Location TBA

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Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm

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