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● from our **president**



*David & his Hermitage rescue, 'Stache*

**You** may have seen me around the Shelter during the past three years, particularly if you come to The Hermitage on Saturdays. Late morning through early afternoon on this day is the time I have set aside to walk through the Shelter, greet volunteers, meet new staff members, chat with the regulars, and, of course, talk to the cats. I've been doing a lot of talking with Niles these days, who lives in the geriatric area, about recent goings on at the Shelter.

Niles was adopted from The Hermitage about 14 years ago and has just recently returned due to the death of his owner. We were pleased to have him back although saddened by the circumstances of his homecoming. "Once a Hermitage cat, always a Hermitage cat," I've heard it said, and that underscores our promise to every cat who comes through the doors of our Shelter—the promise of a home for life. Whether they remain under our very own roof or are adopted by a loving family, the promise of a home is one we have kept for more than 50 years. Nowhere is this promise more evident than in our current efforts to rebuild our shelter. The Hermitage Capital Campaign has been in full swing for more than six months, and I am pleased to report that already we have collected over \$650,000 in donations and pledges. This is immensely encouraging, but there is still so much hard work to do before we can begin the rebuild. If you have not made a pledge or a donation to the Capital

Campaign, I urge you to consider doing so, and please spread the word about our Grand Project to your friends and families. The end result will be the best home our Hermitage cats will have ever had, one that will continue to offer the promise of a home for many years to come to our current and future residents.

Niles gives me a wink and a raspy "murph" after our little chat about his current home. He assures me that he is happy here but would love to find an adoptive family that will love him for the rest of his life. I promise him that we will continue to love and shelter him until that happens. Come by the Shelter and meet Niles and all his friends. It'll do you good! Hope to see you on Saturday.

*David Bishop, PhD - President*



*Niles on the Geriatric Patio*

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Dear Friends,

**Welcome** to another edition of the Tabby Tabloid. We love bringing you up to date on all the happenings at the shelter, and believe me, I don't think we've ever seen a busier or more exciting time here!

As many of you know, it's kitten season and the nursery is full of the most adorable babies. We're taking care of several nursing moms and about 74 kittens in just about every color and color combination imaginable. Many of them should be ready for adoption at our annual kitten shower June 18th . We hope you'll attend and bring your friends or share the news for those interested in adopting either a kitten or an adult cat.

At the same time, our Capital Campaign is in full swing, and we're busy with plans for the building and plans to move offsite until the new shelter is built. We'll keep you informed at every step, and we'll also need a lot of help, so if you have time to volunteer, we'd love to have you help us out with our plans.

This week I had the opportunity to meet a wonderful 11-year- old named Isaac. Isaac has three cats at home named Luciano, Arvo, and Anton. He wanted to visit the shelter and meet with me because his dream is to someday have his very own cat shelter! Isaac and his mom Kim toured the shelter and he was fascinated by all the cats. He wanted to know where they all came from and if they "all get along" with each other. I encouraged Isaac to live out his dream and told him he could come by anytime to visit with the cats or ask questions. Isaac and Kim are going to volunteer, and we're so excited to have them both help us out.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my job is the ability to meet and mentor children. If you know of any youngsters that would like to visit the shelter, take a personal tour with me, and receive an education in shelter operations, please feel free to contact me. As a reminder, we also offer an internship with scholarship funds available for college students. Our interns have been so helpful to us and we love having them on board.

The second half of 2016 is sure to be fast paced and full of excitement as we begin the rebuild process of our shelter. Our Capital Campaign fundraising has so far been successful but we're still short of our goal, so please, if you can, consider donating to our building fund. To ensure another 50 years of rescuing and rehoming the most vulnerable felines, we need your donations and we need you to be ambassadors for our project.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our Mission.

Blessings,



Lee Bucyk  
Executive Director



Lee & Felicity



Lee & Isaac

## Introducing Your Kids To Cats



1. **Choose** a time that is quiet when your fur-kid, and your human kid are calm. Kitties pick up on our moods. When our children are excited, this can sometimes make kitties anxious, nervous, or uneasy—not good ingredients for an introduction.

2. Seat your kiddo on the floor near the kitty, but not too close, and show them how to hold their hand out to the kitty. This is a kitty “hand shake.” Using your own hand, relaxed at the wrist, knuckles forward, and palm down, let the kitty sniff your hand. If the kitty “boops” their head on to

your hands or puts their heads down, you know they’re ready to get pets. If the kitty is nervous, let your kiddo slowly place their hands on the floor, and give the kitty a few minutes. Your child can also offer treats and sit quietly while your kitty enjoys them.

3. Gently pet the kitty’s ears and down their back. Always pet the kitties like you are giving them a very gentle massage or “scratchies,” not patting them. Patting a cat can make some of them feel as if they are being struck. Some cats like forehead scratches, and will hold still for them, purring loudly—others love to get the base of their tails rubbed. All cats have different responses, taking the time to learn what your cat likes will enrich your child’s relationship with your cat.

4. Remind your child to go slowly; this is the hardest part. Quick movements can startle a cat and cause anxiety. Just going slowly will give your child and your fur-kid the time to meet, bond and get to know each other. Don’t let your child pick up your cat until you know the two are completely comfortable with one another; they could both spook and get hurt. (Some cats never like to be picked up.) Also, remind your child that kitties don’t like hugs the way we do.

5. Watch body language. If your kitty shies away, flattens her ears or flicks her tail, she is telling you she needs space. Tell your child to leave the cat alone. Some cats need more time for socialization than others. Go slowly and let the cat’s body language dictate the timeline for introductions.

By giving your cat the space to show discomfort, and modeling compassion and care, your child and your fur-baby will soon be friends who understand one another. Remember, cats and kittens can take a little time to get used to children and people of all ages; this is just part of their “catitude,” and one of the wonderful things about them.

*Emma Crawford, Administrative Assistant*

## Cat Camp for Kids

**Summer** is here, bringing ice cream trucks singing in the afternoon sun, the echoes of laughing children running through the sprinklers, blowing bubbles and playing in the park. Summer also brings Cat Camp for Kids back to The Hermitage! We will be holding our third annual summer camp in June and July.

Day camps can be a lot fun for children, teaching them many different skills; introducing them to new friends and experiences; and providing a safe space for them to grow and explore the world around us. We've worked very hard to establish these very things at our own day camp, and are thrilled that some of our campers have returned each year.

Each camp session runs from 10am to 4pm Monday through Friday and begins with a meet and greet with our shelter kitties and staff and a tour of our shelter. The campers also learn how to meet cats for the first time. This process is reinforced several times over the five days of camp so both campers and cats feel comfortable together.

Our introduction class helps the campers remember to be mindful of the cats and kittens in the Shelter, and teaches them necessary skills that they can use during their lifetime when meeting other companion animals.

A different topic is taught in the camp classes every day. Campers are invited to give feedback to counselors about what they have learned during the course of the day and how they can use that information. These informal exchanges let the children engage in more question and answer time, helping them solidify the information presented, and allowing for better retention. All topics covered in the camp sessions are researched and presented in an age-appropriate fashion for both age groups in our camp. We want to ensure our campers get the most out of their experience at The Hermitage and enjoy their camp experience to the fullest extent.

Our counselors work to find new crafts for our campers every session. This year we've planned a "mini-craft project" in the morning and the "big craft project" in the afternoon; these activities give the campers the time to interact and have fun with each other. In addition, these projects will produce items the campers can take home. During previous camp sessions, campers have created "faerie garden boxes;" personalized kitty beds; cat toys; rainmakers; and kitty ears. We won't ruin the surprise this year, but we know that our campers will have even more fun.

Contact us at 520.571.7839 or check out our website for more information or to register for one of our camp sessions. Space is limited - don't miss out on this unique summer experience!

*Emma Crawford, Administrative Assistant*



## Not Mean, Just Misunderstood

**Anyone** who has visited The Hermitage in the last few years knows that I hold a special place in my heart for the kitties who are known to have a slightly acrimonious personality. We have all seen these cats around the shelter. They are the ones who are either antagonizing the others or quietly lying around the catio like an old man sitting on his porch patiently waiting for a child to run across the lawn so that he has a reason to yell at something. Even though these guys (and gals!) may be crass or even combative, they have a soft side that will warm your heart if given the opportunity.

Rambo was a perfect example of the grumpy, old-man personality. He came into The Hermitage in May of 2013 after his owner had passed away. He had lived in a quiet home as the only cat his entire life and his human was an elderly man who lived in a rural area with little communal interaction. We all know that humans and their pets often share similar personalities, as was the case with Rambo and likely why he was so content in his home.

When his friend had passed Rambo was left alone and then thrust unexpectedly into an unknown and unfamiliar environment.

Everything had changed for Rambo and he would never be able to fully acclimate to his new surroundings with the chaotic energy that is shelter life. Despite the fact that he was a stunning black Maine Coon with smoky undertones, he was destined to have struggles finding a new home. While Rambo was known to be a very sweet boy with those he knew and trusted, he would often swat or nip at others who invaded his personal space. For nearly three years he stayed with us at The Hermitage as a staple on the west catio. Finally, after all that time, one chilly morning in January his new human came into the shelter. Rambo was apprehensive of the new person in front of him, but this was a special person who understood and could look past his fractious exterior to see all the love he had to offer underneath. Later that day Rambo was on his way to explore an entire new home all to himself and has been happily at peace since.

While adoptions in 2016 have been slow, we have had many residents like Rambo find their forever homes. Cats like Chase, Mila, Molly, and Mistletoe that have spent years at The Hermitage found love. These cats that were assumed to live their lives in a shelter found homes and it proves that there is indeed someone for everyone. Every being on this earth deserves the opportunity to be loved and cherished by another. The Hermitage has many more kitties like Rambo who are very special to staff and volunteers but need a home of their own. I invite you to come meet them and give them a chance to show you how much love they have to give.

*Ryan Twigg, Adoptions Manager*



*Rambo*



*Chase*



*Mila*



*Mistletoe*



*Molly*

## In Their Fur-ever Homes!



These are just a few of the dozens of cats adopted from The Hermitage since the start of 2016. Thank you to all of our adopters for opening your homes and your hearts to these amazing felines!



As we look forward to the re-building of our facility, we are grateful to place the Hermitage kitties into permanent, loving homes. We will continue to be a safe haven for those still waiting to be adopted and those that will live out their years at The Hermitage.



*Clockwise from lower left: Panini; Elaine; Annabelle; Meadow; and Sparrow.*

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## Understanding FeLV and FIV

### What Is FeLV and FIV?

Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV aka Feline Aids) are common viral infections seen in cats. Both viruses are most commonly spread directly from cat to cat and are frequently found in feral populations of cats throughout the United States. Cats infected with either virus will be at an increased risk of developing infections and certain types of cancer. Both viruses can decrease the life expectancy of infected cats. FeLV and FIV are screened for using a simple blood test called an ELISA, which is almost perfect at identifying cats that do not have the disease, but sometimes show false-positives. For this reason, if a cat shows up positive for either disease, a follow-up blood test is run to confirm the presence of the respective virus.

### Feline Leukemia Virus

FeLV is transmitted between cats in several ways: via saliva by cats grooming each other, via blood, and from queen to kitten. While the virus is fairly easy to transmit between cats, only cats under two years of age and adult cats that are repeatedly exposed and have no history of vaccines seem to be most at risk of developing a persistent infection. The majority of healthy adult cats that are exposed to the virus are actually able to fight it off naturally. The current recommendation is for all kittens to be tested and vaccinated (two vaccines, three weeks apart) and then to have the vaccine boosted one year later. Further boosters are only recommended for cats with continuing risk of exposure (e.g., cats that go outside).

### Cats Living with FeLV

Cats that become persistently infected with FeLV are at risk of developing infections due to their immunosuppressed state and frequently develop bone marrow suppression or lymphoma (a common cancer seen in cats) at a young age. The average survival time from the time of diagnosis is as little as three years; however, many of these cats live a happy, healthy life until they suddenly become sick. Keeping infected cats indoors, minimizing exposure to infections, and providing routine vet care can allow some of these cats to beat the odds and live long, healthy lives.

It is generally recommended to house FeLV-infected cats alone or with other FeLV-infected cats. If a resident cat becomes infected with FeLV, it is recommended to keep the non-infected cats current on the FeLV vaccine and not bring any new cats into the home to prevent further transmission. Because the virus is not stable in the environment, if you have a FeLV-infected cat that passes away, it is safe to bring a new, healthy cat into the home within days.



*Clover, 18 year old FeLV+ - defying the stereotype of an FeLV+ cat*



*Regal, 16 year old FeLV+ - son of Clover*



### **Feline Immunodeficiency Virus**

FIV is more difficult to transmit between cats than FeLV. The primary source of transmission of FIV is through deep bite wounds, although blood transmission and queen to kitten transmission is also possible. While there is a vaccine on the market for FIV, its use is limited due to the fact that it is only about 80% effective (giving people a false sense of security that their cat is protected) and there are no tests available that can differentiate between a vaccinated animal and an infected animal. The potential benefit of vaccinating for FIV should be discussed with your veterinarian.

### **Cats Living with FIV**

As implied by the name of the virus, FIV causes immunosuppression in infected cats. Like in humans infected with HIV, cats can often live many years before the immunosuppression becomes severe enough to cause clinical signs. The average survival from time of diagnosis with FIV is five years or more, and since many cats are diagnosed later in life, this can mean that they can live a long, healthy life; however, they will always have an increased risk of contracting infections. Another frequently identified medical issue in FIV-infected cats is oral inflammation or stomatitis. In some cases the inflammation causes pain while eating and leads to the recommendation to extract all teeth from the infected animal in order to decrease the pain. The majority of patients that undergo this procedure recover quickly and are much more comfortable. All cats with FIV should be kept indoors to prevent infection as well as prevent spread of the virus.

Historically, it was recommended to keep FIV-infected cats alone or only with other infected cats; however, recent research has shown that cats infected with FIV can live long, healthy lives in homes with non-infected cats as long as all cats in the house are kept indoors and the cats do not routinely fight with one another. Due to the increased risk of infections from this disease, all cats should be kept up to date on vaccines and parasite prevention and not be fed a raw food diet.

### **The Hermitage and FeLV- or FIV-Infected Cats**

The Hermitage currently maintains separate populations of FeLV- and FIV-infected cats. Since The Hermitage is both a shelter and a sanctuary, these infected cats can rest easy knowing they will have a home for the rest of their life. However, our goal is to ultimately find a loving home for every one of these cats to live out their life. Our FIV population is currently housed separate from our general population because we have a large number of cats that are regularly entering and leaving the shelter, but they are eligible for adoption into homes with non-infected cats.

Please speak with a shelter staff member to discuss the individual personalities of our FeLV- and FIV-infected cats and see if they may be a good fit for your home.

*Dr. Jennifer Becker, DVM  
Associate Veterinarian, Acacia Animal Hospital*



*Lulu, 6 year old FIV+ - spunky, playful & loving girl*



*Garfield, 10 year old FIV+ - gentle, loving boy*

## They Need You (& So Do We)

**D**o you love kitties, but are unsure about the commitment? Ever thought of becoming a foster care volunteer to one of our four-legged fur babies? The emotional rewards of fostering are immeasurable, for both our shelter kitties and their human foster caregivers. When you decide to become a foster care volunteer, you help extend our shelter walls, and as a result you are giving our kitties a new chance at healthy, happy lives in forever homes.

Here are testimonials from two of our foster parents:

“In just one week, Callisto has become a loved member of our household. He is the most trusting, loving cat I have ever known, gladly accepting attention from everyone who has met him and rewarding them with instant purrs. Because of his blindness, he does not try to jump up on anything so there is no concern that he may knock over objects on furniture, etc. He is very well behaved and once-daily eyedrops are the only extra care he requires. He LOVES to be brushed and is happiest when in close proximity to any human. Callisto would be such a loving companion to anyone who can spend considerable time at home and provide the attention he craves.” *Ruth Ann*

“Herbie the love bug is so sweet and social, I tell him he’s handsome every day. He loves to greet me at the door when I come home and often times I see his face in the window when I pull up. Herbie has two favorite things: 1. Sitting on your lap and being scratched 2. Playing “fetch” with his favorite toys, tinsel balls. I think he’d play “fetch” for hours with his ball if he could. Herbie is incredibly social, he loves to greet everyone who comes in for a visit and can often be found looking out the windows checking out the comings and goings of all my neighbors. Herbie is so good about everything from taking meds, trimming his nails and is very good about using the litter box, no accidents at all! All Herbie wants is a little love and maybe a head scratch or two.” *Laura*

If you’d like to become a Foster Care Volunteer or have further questions, please contact Karina Levine at [karina@hermitagecatshelter.org](mailto:karina@hermitagecatshelter.org). Your open home and heart can save the lives of many kitties.

*Karina Levine, Volunteer & Foster Coordinator*



*Callisto*



*Herbie*

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**Interested in Volunteering  
at The Hermitage?  
Please Call Us @ 520.571.7839  
or email [karina@hermitagecatshelter.org](mailto:karina@hermitagecatshelter.org)**

## Wildcats CARE

One of the best ways to help The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter is through volunteering your time. Volunteers are critical to the work we do; we could not care for the number of cats we do without these dedicated individuals. Volunteer opportunities include: administration; socialization; special events; shelter maintenance; and more.

We have been blessed to have many dedicated, loyal, and reliable volunteers over the years. Along with individual volunteering, we have several groups who have volunteered their time, numerous times, over the years, as well. One group I would like to take time to recognize is Wildcats CARE.

Wildcats Committed to Animal Rescue and Education (CARE) is a student-led club at the University of Arizona. Founded in 2014. It is the Wildcats CARE's mission to help local homeless and abused animals through volunteerism, education, and fundraising. The group volunteers at animal rescues throughout our community while striving to educate members and the University community about the issues surrounding homeless and abused animals and potential solutions to combat them.

Wildcats CARE have donated their time to The Hermitage many times since their inception. No matter if they are bleaching the entire shelter, tackling loads of laundry, or socializing with kitties; their help is immensely appreciated.

*Karina Levine, Volunteer & Foster Coordinator*



## Teen Purr-viders

We are pleased to announce the launch of our newest outreach program, Teen PurrViders, a humane education program geared toward high school students. As you many of you may know, we at The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter highly value education and have increased efforts to provide the community with programs that educate our youth. Previously launched programs such as Classroom Kitties, Cat Camp for Kids, and Kipi's Korner have had great success. Our young participants enjoy spending time with the Hermitage kitties while learning about our shelter, kitties, and animal care.

Teen PurrViders, scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2016, is a semester-long program that will provide a few lucky participants with education and experience in the world of animal welfare and shelter medicine. Participants will spend 2 hours each at the shelter each week, 1 hour working on a volunteer project and the other hour covering topics such as volunteerism, event coordination, shelter medicine, and more. The final weeks of the semester, our students will plan and host an event to raise funds for the shelter.

This program is a great opportunity to give high school students real-world experience learning from and working with a non-profit organization. The program is open to all high-school students in grades 9 through 12 and would be of particular interest to those considering a career in non-profit administration, feline care, or shelter medicine.

Students interested should contact us at 520.571.7839 to complete an application.

*Heather Passananti-Garcia, Outreach Coordinator*



### Shelter Wish List

- Anti-Icky Poo  
*(amazon.com)*
- White Copy Paper
- Paper Towels
- #10 plain White Envelopes  
*(Office Depot Non-Security Brand)*
- File Folders
- Friskies Paté & Shreds
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- Temptation Cat Treats
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## Purrs for Autism



**Purrs** for Autism, a therapy program for children with autism, officially launched in March 2016. The goal of this program is to improve the lives of shelter cats and children living with autism by providing a nurturing environment where

the children can learn empathy and animal care, while preparing the cats for adoption. Our young participants enjoy meeting new kitties each week and spend their time cuddling, playing, and working on quiet activities.

After only a few months, shelter staffers can already see a difference in the participants' behavior and comfort level around the cats. By simply speaking with the children and demonstrating safe pet handling, our participants are learning and growing tremendously. It's amazing to see a child go from being easily excitable and chasing after the cats one week, to sitting quietly while cuddling a cat the next. We look forward to seeing continued progress and working with more children as the program continues.

Our staff is grateful to work with partners from the Autism Society of Southern Arizona and Workability. Vanessa Zuber, UCPSA Director of Employment Service and WorkAbility Program, says "What I have enjoyed about the Purrs for Autism program is watching kids learn how to treat animals and learn safety when handling cats. The excitement the kids show is inspiring and puts a smile on my face! Peer mentors with ASD, assist with the program, practicing social and work skills by setting up the room and cleaning up afterwards – it's such a win win partnership between the three organizations - Autism Society of Southern AZ, Hermitage Cat Shelter and WorkAbility/UCPSA. Such collaborations are a prime example of community in action!"

Through collaboration with the folks from these great organizations, we are confident that Purrs for Autism will be a great success.

*Heather Passananti-Garcia, Outreach Coordinator*



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- Pet Club - Broadway

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**Marion Brady for her birthday**

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**Mark Chaney for his birthday**

*Mary Chaney*

**Lynda Cohen for her birthday**

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**Mae ConCannon for her birthday**

*Bonnie Powers*

**Judy Donovan who is a friend to cats**

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**Rhoda Escobar for Mother's Day**

*Michael Escobar*

**Judy Gafner, Happy Valentine's Day Mom!**

*David & Connie McAfner*

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*Sari Gersten*

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*Jennifer Horner*

**Patricia Likins for her birthday**

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**Jennifer Peters for her 30th birthday**

*Beverly & David Schenck*

**Robert A. Peterson for his 75th birthday**

*Nancy Peterson*

**Shadow**

*Patti Ota*

**Frank & Sandi Spence**

*Irene Peoble*

**Ziggy, our adopted Hermitage cat**

*Candi Skillings*

## In Memory Of

**Margot Carmichael's mother from Amanda, Barbara C, Ellen, Marlee, & Michele at CBT Atlanta**

*Marlee Warner*

**Forrest Carr, A great man and a great boss. You'll be missed**

*Erin Christiansen*

**John Devine**

*Dorothy & Stephen Earley*

**In honor of my father**

*Vicki Yehling*

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*Jeanne Wilcoxson*

## In Memory Of (con't)

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*Janice Crebbs*

*Terence DeCarolis*

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**Sharon Sumpter, RIP walk with the angels**

*Kimberly Simpson*

It's not just about how wonderful they make *our* lives,  
but how we can make a difference in theirs.

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