

The Purr-fect Times



Newsletter of the Purr-fect Cat Shelter

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Shelter Message Center 508-533-5855

FABULOUS FELINES

CODY



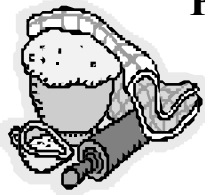
This fabulous pair of young adult cats were rescued from another shelter where they were slated to be euthanized. “Cody” a domestic short hair, brown tiger and his brother “Rudy” a domestic short hair, black, are among the favorites of the volunteers at the shelter. Their playful, outgoing nature is sure to be entertaining and amusing. The bond between this dynamic duo is very strong so they need to be adopted together. Why not double the pleasure and double the fun? Although both are doing fantastic, soon after Rudy came to the shelter he was taken to the veteri-

RUDY



narian because of a cough that had developed. Upon examination and testing Rudy was diagnosed with having heartworm. Unlike heartworm in dogs, heartworm in cats tends to be one or two worms and the worms have a shorter lifespan. He has been on a low dose steroid to help with any inflammation and we feel his prognosis is extremely good at this point. If you may be interested in adopting them feel free to contact the shelter or your own veterinarian for more info on feline heartworm. This surely hasn't stopped him from chasing his toy mice and being the wonderful Rudy that we love!! Rudy and Cody wish for a loving home to call their own. We feel they would do well in any home situation. This beautiful tiger and black beauty are truly an awesome pair!!!

PCS BAKERS - START YOUR OVENS!!!



It's time to get your apron on and the ovens heated to cook up some tasty treats for the **PCS Bake Sale!**

Friday April 14th is the **PCS Bake Sale** that will be held at Wal*Mart, 250 Hartford Ave., Bellingham, MA from **10am to 4pm.**

Along with bakers, help is also needed the day of the sale as well as the day before. Thursday is spent collecting, repackaging, labeling and pricing every item donated. On Friday, everything is packed up and moved out along with tables, signs, stands, boxes, tablecloths, etc., then unpacked and set-up for business. If you are interested in baking and/or working at the booth please contact the Message Center at 508-533-5855. Volunteers are needed for set-up from 9-10am, clean-up from 3-4pm and to work a shift during the sale.

Recommended “TOP SELLERS” for the bake sale include: Cookies, Squares (all types), Pies, Breads (all types), Coffee Cakes, Fudge, Whoopie Pies, Muffins (not corn); and anything unusual.

Discouraged items: anything with frosting like cupcakes and frosted cakes or anything that requires refrigeration.

Please wrap all baked goods in clear plastic and clearly marked if they contain peanut butter, nuts or coconut.



A Message to Our Supporters

When the Purr-fect Cat Shelter opened its doors to the first adoption ten years ago, it was the vision of a group of individuals that PCS would flourish and make a difference in the lives of homeless cats and kittens. Now nearing our 1700th adoption, we are grateful for the dedication and commitment of all the volunteers, communities, businesses and other supporters who make it possible for us to be a successful organization. As we begin 2006 we would like to give special thanks to Sandy Armstrong for her many hours of service to the shelter and wish her well as she retires from her position of President. Sandy is one of the founding members and has given of herself to guide and encourage us as volunteers to be all that we can be. She has shown leadership in fundraising and along with other members has set into motion programs that have become invaluable to the communities we serve.

As President, it is with honor and commitment that I look forward to continuing the mission the Purr-fect Cat Shelter has set forth. Volunteering for PCS is tremendously rewarding, and we welcome those who have a love for cats to volunteer with us. Awareness and education has also been important to PCS and we will continue in our efforts to be out in the communities promoting spay/neuter and vaccination for all animals. Our desire to have our own facility is still a priority and we hope someday to make that dream come true, as it would greatly increase our opportunity to serve the needs of homeless cats and those who desire to give them a loving, permanent home.

I'm proud to be part of such a wonderful organization not just for the work we do but for the camaraderie of such dedicated people. Thank you to all the volunteers and those who support the Purr-fect Cat Shelter. It is ultimately because of you that PCS is where it is today.

Sincerely,

Donna Elbery
President



2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 15** General Meeting - 7:30pm
Norfolk Public Library
- Apr 1** Millis Rabies Clinic - 7 Water St. Millis
- Apr 14** PCS Bake Sale
Wal*Mart Bellingham 10am-4pm
- May 21** Spring Cleaning at PCS - 10 a.m.
- June 10*** PCS Yard Sale (rain date June 11)
- June 14** General Meeting - 7:30pm
Norfolk Public Library
- Sept 13** General Meeting - 7:30pm
Norfolk Public Library
- Sept 17*** PCS 2006 PetWalk - 9am-3pm
Norfolk County Agricultural
High School, Walpole
- Nov 15** Annual Meeting - 7:30pm
Norfolk Public Library

Dec 16, 2006 - Jan 6, 2007
Shelter Closed for Holiday Season
No Adoptions done during this time

*Dates and/or locations to be confirmed



PCS WISH LIST

Here are a few items PCS is wishing for. If you would like to donate any items please call the Message Center 508-533-5855.

Polyester Batting for Pet Comforters ~
Preferred batting is 48 in X 100 in rolls available at JoAnne's Fabric for \$8.99 per roll or full size batting 81 in X 91 in. Comforters are handcrafted and donated by Judy Ross. The comforters are used by the cats at the shelter and go home with each cat when it is adopted!

Cat Cuddle Beds

Cat Toys

Bounty paper towels

First Class Postage Stamps

Science Diet Feline Light Maintenance Food and

Iams Dry Kitten Food

(All donations of other cat food will be used for the feral colonies under PCS care)

Cat's Pride Clay Litter (not scoopable)

CAT CAREGIVERS and FOSTER HOMES are always needed!! Call the message center 508-533-5855 or see our website www.purrfectcatshelter.org for more information on how to volunteer.



Volunteer Spotlight: Terri Prairie

Terri Prairie is a Franklin resident and stay-at-home mom who has been volunteering with PCS for more than three years, but has never worked directly in the shelter. Instead, she has been providing foster care in her home and involving her entire family in the process. "This is a great thing," Terri says. "I don't understand why other volunteers don't do it!" Terri found her niche when she heard that the shelter was looking for foster homes. Terri had recently lost two cats and knew that her young family wasn't ready to adopt again, but she missed having cats in the house. Fostering was an ideal way to enjoy feline companionship without making a long-term commitment to another cat. Since then, the Prairie family has fostered more than 52 cats and kittens, each of which has a place of honor in a photo album of foster cats. The fostering process has been wonderful for Terri's sons Jeremy (age 13), Ryan (age 10), and Travis (age 5). "The kids get the excited feeling of having a new pet all the time," Terri explains, and they all assist her with cat care, although they prefer play and socialization! However, young Travis has become very adept at helping. "He's been a big help, because sometimes you need more than one pair of hands," Terri says. Travis has also proudly brought the foster photo album to Show & Tell at his school. After work, Terri's husband Scott enjoys giving the foster cats and kittens lots of attention and playtime.

Most litters of kittens stay with the Prairie family until they are 8 weeks old before entering the shelter for adoption, although each situation varies. The Prairies may foster mothers with kittens that are nursing, or they may have litters of kittens that are independent and old enough to eat kitten food. The biggest group they've ever fostered has been a mother cat with seven kittens. When asked about the space commitment, Terri explains that she has a heated mudroom with a child safety gate on the doorway leading into the house. The floor is easy to sweep and clean, and as the kittens become older, they are litterbox-trained and able to climb the safety gate, which is Terri's signal that they are ready to live in the house with the rest of the family. Daily care that Terri provides includes feeding, scooping the litterbox once or twice a day, giving medications if needed, keeping an eye on spay/neuter incisions and social play time.

Terri and her family have also fostered adult cats who are in need of a place to stay before entering the shelter. They may have a medical issue that needs monitoring or they may need to be evaluated for personality. One of Terri's favorites was Leroy, a young, lovable 17-pound cat. Terri was tempted to take him herself. In the meantime, she's looking forward to her next litter of kittens, combining fun, family, and hard work in the process of giving them their first real home.

PCS is always in need of foster homes. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, particularly for the upcoming kitten season in the spring, check out the "Foster Care" section of the PCS website at www.purrfectcatshelter.org, or call the PCS Message Center at 508-533-5855.

Adoptions

The following cats and kittens have been lovingly adopted since our last newsletter.

KITTENS:

Tex, Ashton, Zeke, Misty, Tucker, Casey, Chance, Ben, Xena, Prince, Snow White, Tinkerbelle, Peter, Wendy, Charmer, Apollo, Alfie, Bagel, Porsche, Sedona, Gator, Serena, Donut, Magna, Crystal, Puddles, Cinder, Slim, Weeble, Pearl, Flower, Patches, Pekoe, Whinney, Gretsche and Zildjian,

ADULTS:

Smokey, Linus, Apple, Fiona, Mocha, Rocco, Squiggles, Sabrina, Coal, Lucy, Amber, Lily, Jesse, and Schmooky

Congratulations and best wishes to you and your new families.

**Drop us a note at interestingcats@yahoo.com and
let us know how you're doing!**



PCS YARD SALE

When was the last time you cleaned out your attic? basement? garage? kid's room?

Well it's time for the **PCS YARD SALE!!** What better opportunity to clean out and donate gently used items for the benefit of homeless animals. On **Saturday June 10th**, PCS will be holding it's ever famous **YARD SALE** at the **Medway Shopping Center, Route 109, Medway**. Rain date will be Sunday June 11th.

Items accepted include: household items, dishes, glassware, sport equipment (no exercise equipment please), all types of jewelry, paperback or hardcover books (no magazines please), furniture, toys and games.

Items we are unable to accept include: clothing, bedding, computers, printers, TV's, air conditioners, microwave ovens, and large appliances. Small electrical appliances must be in good working order.

This is a great fundraiser and a lot of fun. Additional volunteers will be needed to help in the planning, at drop off dates and the day of the sale. If you are interested in volunteering please call the message center 508-533-5855 or send us an email at purrfectcatshelter@yahoo.com

Watch our website www.purrfectcatshelter.org for more details as they become available.

Upcoming PCS General Meetings

The next **PCS General Meetings** will be held Wednesday March 15, and Wednesday June 14, 2006 at the Norfolk Public Library at 7:30 pm.

Find out what's going on with the shelter and what exciting events are coming up. If you are interested in the many volunteer opportunities PCS has to offer come to the meetings and share your talents and ideas with us.

Thank you for all your support, and we hope to see you at the meetings.

PCS at Especially for Pets in Medway

PCS adoption counselors and volunteers will continue to be at **Especially for Pets** at Medway Commons distributing literature about our shelter and talking with people interested in adopting, being a foster parent or volunteering. Even a few of the shelter cats and kittens enjoy a day away from the shelter to romp and play in the wide open space the store generally uses for dog training. This has been a great way to publicize the shelter cats and kittens for adoption, educate people and recruit volunteers. Also available for purchase are PCS mugs, T-shirts and sweatshirts.

Stop by and visit us: Sunday ~11:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. ~ Jan. 29, Mar. 19, May 21, and July 16

Saturday ~ 1 p.m. - 4. p.m. ~ Feb. 18, April 22, and June 17

PCS is looking for a special donation

PCS is looking for a donation of land to serve as the future building site of our very own shelter. Desirable attributes: build-able with business zoning, a minimum of one acre, located in Millis, Medway, Norfolk, Bellingham, Franklin or Wrentham. The Purr-fect Cat Shelter is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible!





Mail from interestingcats@yahoo.com

*We're pleased to bring notes from PCS alumni and their adoptive families. PCS adoption counselors have started this email as a way to keep in touch. We have had a terrific response and although we would love to post all the letters our space is limited. Thanks to all who have written to **interestingcats@yahoo.com**. Keep those notes coming!!*

Hello—

My daughter Michaela and I brought Scarlet, our little tuxedo kitty, home in early September. That night she made some unusual noises at 3:00 a.m. She squeaked! She squeaked in the morning too, in the afternoon, and whenever she was feeling chatty. Her name became Squeaky. She is meow-challenged!!!!

We adore her. She is so sweet, a little goofy, very snuggly (she likes to sleep under my chin), and loves attention—which she gets lots of. I took her to the vet for a distemper shot; he raved about her health, her beauty, and your shelter. I do too!

This lovely little creature has only brought joy into our lives. For that we can't thank you enough. And we are pretty sure she is happy too! We still talk about all the wonderful cats and kittens we saw on our visit. You folks run a wonderful shelter and truly care.

Many, many thanks—
Freda and Michaela S.

I read in your recent newsletter that you were looking for adoptees and I adopted a wonderful cat from the Purr-fect Cat shelter. In 1998 I visited the Purr-fect Cat Shelter and adopted "Wilma". She is a tuxedo cat and has "thumbs". She also had a brother named Barney and a sister Betty. All three were up for adoption. I would have liked to take all three, but I fell in love with Wilma and took her home that day. She has been my constant companion and is well and happy and a wonderful cat. By the way, I did re-name her Chloe and she answers when I call her name. She's active and can be feisty with another cat we took in named Rockie, although they do snooze on the cat shelf in the window together. I am now getting Chloe used to a harness and leash so that I can bring her to the nursing home where my mother resides to cheer up the residents. Hopefully I will be able to visit with Chloe soon. You are doing a wonderful job at the shelter.

Sincerely,
Judy E.

Adopt-a-Cage Program 2006

Thanks to these thoughtful supporters who are participating in our Adopt-A-Cage Program for 2006!

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Rabies Public Health Facts



What is rabies?

Rabies is a disease of the brain and spinal cord and is caused by a virus. Rabies is a fatal disease. Rabies in humans is very rare in the U.S., but rabies in certain animals-especially wildlife-is common in many parts of the country, including Massachusetts.

How is rabies spread?

The rabies virus lives in the saliva (spit) and nervous tissue of infected animals and is spread when they bite or scratch. The virus may also be spread if saliva from an infected animal touches broken skin, open wounds or the lining of the mouth, nose or eyes. In caves crowded with many bats, it may be possible to inhale the virus floating on bat saliva in the air.

What kinds of animals spread rabies?

The rabies virus can infect any mammal (if it has hair or fur, it is a mammal), but is more common among certain ones like bats, skunks, foxes, and raccoons. Cats, dogs, and livestock can also get rabies-and spread it to their owners-if they do not have special shots to protect them. Rabies is very rare among small rodents like squirrels, rats, mice, and chipmunks. Fish, reptiles (such as snakes, turtles and lizards), amphibians (such as frogs and salamanders), and insects (bugs) cannot get or spread rabies.

How common is animal rabies in Massachusetts?

Hundreds of animals are found to have rabies each year in Massachusetts. Wild animals most commonly found to be rabid include raccoons, skunks, bats, woodchucks and foxes. Over one hundred cats have tested positive for rabies in Massachusetts.

How can you tell if an animal is rabid?

Rabid animals often behave strangely after the virus attacks their brains. Rabid animals may attack people or other animals for no reason, or they may lose their fear of people and seem to be unnaturally friendly. Not all rabid animals act in these ways, however, so you should avoid all wild animals - especially bats, skunks, foxes, and raccoons. Also, you should not feed or touch stray cats and dogs.

What should you do if you think you've been exposed to rabies?

If you have been bitten or scratched by a stray or wild animal, or by a pet or farm animal that has been behaving oddly, follow these steps:

1. Wash the wound with soap and water **right away** for at least ten minutes.
2. Call your health care provider and local board of health as soon as you finish washing. They will help you decide if you need to be treated for rabies. It is important to follow their instructions exactly.
3. Contact your local animal control officer to catch or find the animal that scratched or bit you. Your local board of health can tell you how to have it tested by the State Rabies Lab, if appropriate.
4. If your pet has been bitten or scratched by an animal that you think may be rabid, put on gloves before touching your pet. Follow the steps above but call your pet's veterinarian instead of your own doctor as in step 2.

What is the treatment for people exposed to rabies?

The treatment for people exposed to rabies involves two medications. One, called rabies immune globulin (or RIG), contains antibodies to fight the virus and is given once. The other medication is rabies vaccine which ensures long-lasting protection, and is given as five shots over the course of a month. (Rabies shots are no longer given in the stomach.) People who received the full series of rabies shots in the past need only two rabies vaccine shots. To work best, the medications should begin as soon as possible after the bite or scratch. However, if the animal has been caught and will be tested for rabies, you can wait for the test results to see if the shots are necessary.

How can you prevent rabies?

- Avoid wild animals, especially bats, skunks, foxes, and raccoons. Do not feed or pet strays. Avoid any animal - wild, farm or pet - that you do not know. Report any animal that behaves oddly to your local animal control official.
- Teach your children to avoid wildlife, strays, and all other animals they do not know well.
- Do not handle dead, sick, or injured wild animals yourself; call the police or animal control officer. If you must handle the animal, use heavy gloves, sticks or other tools to avoid direct contact.
- Make sure your pets are vaccinated against rabies and that their shots are up-to-date. By law, all dogs, cats and ferrets must be vaccinated against rabies.
- Feed pets indoors and keep them indoors at night. If they are outside during the day, keep them on a leash or fenced in so they cannot wander. It is possible for vaccinated pets to get rabies. Pets allowed to roam freely are more likely to get rabies and possibly expose people and other pets in your home.
- Fasten trash can lids tightly. Garbage attracts animals (like skunks, raccoons, and strays) looking for an easy meal.
- It is against state law to keep wild animals such as skunks or raccoons as pets. There are no rabies vaccines for most wild species.
- Cap your chimney with screens and block openings in attics, cellars, and porches to keep wild animals like bats and raccoons out of your home.
- If you have bats in your house, talk to a professional about bat-proofing your home.
- Animal control officers, veterinarians, their assistants, and others who have a lot of contact with strays or wild-life should get routine rabies vaccinations to protect themselves before they are exposed to the virus.

Where can you get more information?

- Your doctor, nurse, or health center
- Your local board of health (listed in the phone book under local government)
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Epidemiology and Immunization at 617-983-6880 or toll-free 1-888-658-2850 or on the MDPH website <http://www.gov/dph>

Provided by: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 305 South St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.
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RABIES CLINIC FOR DOGS AND CATS

The Town of Millis, in conjunction with Dr. DiPaola of Main St Veterinary Hospital, will be offering a rabies Clinic on **Saturday April 1, 2006**. The clinic will be held at the Millis Highway Department Garage at 7 Water St. Millis.

DOGS: 9AM - 10:30AM

All dogs must be leashed. Mail in registration forms will be available to apply for your town license.

CATS: 10:30AM - NOON

All cats must be in carriers or pillow cases. No harnesses or collars, please.

COST: \$10.00 per vaccine

Copies of previous rabies Certificates must be presented in order to obtain a three-year vaccination.

Volunteers from the Purr-fect Cat Shelter will staff the Clinic. Residents of all surrounding towns are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the Millis Board of Health 508-376-7042 or the Purr-fect Cat Shelter Message Center at 508-533-5855.



Don't Let the Cat Out

It's a fact that an inside cat lives a longer, healthier life than the puss that puts paws on the pavement. An indoor cat never faces the dozens of dangers waiting outside your front door like cars, other cats ready to fight for love or territory, exposure to diseases and parasites, and sickness or death from eating spoiled food or poison.

A cat let outdoors will need to see the veterinarian a lot more often than an indoor cat, and that means higher vet bills. Fleas, ticks, worms, abscesses, cuts, diarrhea, a dull coat, or weight loss are all signs of trouble and are most often seen in outdoor cats.

Outdoor cats are more prone to get lost, too. Searching for a lost cat without an identification tag is a time-consuming and often disappointing effort, and there's nothing more heartbreaking than wondering for years if your missing kitty is alive and well, or suffering, abused, or dead.

Cats raised indoors are perfectly content with their world. Cats who have experienced the outdoors will need some time to get used to an upgrade indoor status, but eventually they will learn to relax and enjoy the comforts of home.

Provided by: American Humane Association, 63 Inverness Drive East, Englewood, Colorado 80112

SPRING CLEANING AT PCS





PCS is looking for volunteers to help with our annual spring cleaning **Sunday, May 21, 2006**. Cleaning will start at 10 a.m. If you have a couple of hours or can spend the day we greatly appreciate it. Many hands make the job go quickly. We will be thoroughly cleaning the cages, walls, floors, windows, and if you prefer to be outside we have jobs outside too! If you would like to help please call the Message Center 508-533-5855 or email us at purrfectcatshelter@yahoo.com.

DONATE YOUR CAR TO BENEFIT PCS

Have you ever tried to sell or trade in your old car when purchasing a new one? You can eliminate this hassle and help PCS at the same time. Consider donating it to PCS. The proceeds obtained from your vehicle will be used by PCS to further our mission of "recycling homeless cats into lifetime pets", and your donation may qualify for a tax deduction. **Foreign Car Repair** of Millis is acting as our agent in these transactions. For more information, please contact them directly at 1-800-376-4024. In order to donate your vehicle, you must have a clean title in your own name.

We would like to give a big **"THANK YOU"** to **Marilyn Giaquinto, Barbara Johnson, Narda Nelson and John Balfe** for recently donating a car to PCS!



 *Donations in Memory of* 

In memory of "Cleo" Giaquinto:

*Sandy Armstrong
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In memory of "Sam" Carlson - Donna Elbery.

In memory of "Spike" Flood from his brother "Opie"

In memory of "Blackie" Herlihy - Elissa Flynn-Poppey.

In memory of "Mochi" - Janet Toya Sanderson.

In memory of Kenny - John & Loretta Bigelow.

In memory of "Sparky the Wonder Cat" - Bud Goldstein.

In memory of "Bandit" - Linda Fortier.

In memory of "Pepper" - The Picklesimers

Other Donations:

A matching gift was received from National Grid in the name of employee, Julie Wilcox.

In honor of "Princess Kona" - Donna Marie Cusson.

In honor of Joan McGrath - Sharon Kelly.

In honor of Sabrina Waldo - The Peret Family

With gratitude to Barbara St. John - Lisa Linehan.

Girl Scout Troop 3372 of Millis - handmade catnip toys and canned cat food.

Thomas & Elissa Poppey donated shares of stock to PCS. This will go toward our building fund.

Thank you!

THANK YOU

PCS would like to thank those who have generously donated funds or goods to benefit the cats and kittens of the shelter. Regrettably some names may not make the current newsletter, given our deadlines. Should we go two issues without recognizing a donation, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Thank you to all the caring volunteers!

The Purr-fect Cat Shelter is so fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers who so willingly give of their time and love to care for the cats and kittens of the shelter before being adopted. Thank you for being there for the kitties!!

Helping at fundraisers, writing thank you notes, preparing the mailings, and answering calls are also just some of the jobs that our volunteers spend many hours a month doing to help the shelter.

PCS greatly appreciates everything **all** the volunteers within the organization do to make the shelter the success it is.



The Fifth Annual Purr-fect Pet Photo Contest!

Get the camera and flash ready to capture your "Purr-fect Pet" for our **Annual Pet Photo Contest**. Pictures of cats, dogs and other pets sent in by you will be displayed at **PetWalk 2006** on Sept 17 for PetWalk participants to vote on. Prizes for the "Purr-fect Cat", "Purr-fect Dog" and "Purr-fect Other Pet" will be awarded at the conclusion of PetWalk 2006 (you do not need to be present to win). Winners will be also be featured in the fall newsletter and on the web site. More details and entry forms will be available in our summer newsletter and on our website www.purrrfectcatshelter.org. This is the perfect time to get those interesting snapshots. Who knows, maybe your pet will be the **STAR OF THE DAY!!**



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