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The National Cat Protection Society is a shelter whose primary mission is dedicated to the protection and welfare of cats.



EDUCATION

Providing humane education through volunteering...



Ten years ago, Kathy Thompson was browsing through the Union-Tribune when she learned that National Cat was seeking volunteers. Excited about the opportunity, she quickly joined the Spring Valley team, and only two months later, her husband, Nick, decided to volunteer at the shelter as well.

Nowadays, the helpful duo works hard to encourage adoption and reduce homelessness. "We help our cats feel comfortable around visitors so they're more likely to get adopted," Nick explains. "We also advise people to adopt from a shelter and to make sure that they spay or neuter their pet." Over the years, Nick and Kathy have continually enjoyed caring for the cats and providing humane education. "We never feel like we're sacrificing our time or energy to help out," Kathy says. "It's actually quite the opposite; we feel like we're using our time and energy better, contributing to a worthwhile organization."

EVENTS

Keeping you informed of community events...

Newport Beach Events

Monthly, first and third Saturdays

Anesthesia-free teeth cleaning for cats
at Pet Supply
(800) 600-7387

April 11-13, 2008, 10 a.m. to 6(Fri. & Sun.)/7(Sat.) p.m.

America's Family Pet Expo
at the Orange County Fairgrounds
(800) 999-7295

May 4, 2008, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

National Cat Protection Society Open House and Fundraiser
at the Newport Beach shelter
RSVP (949) 650-1232

Spring Valley Events

January 26-27, 2008, 10(Sat.)/9(Sun.) a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cat Fanciers' Association Cat Show
at the Del Mar Fairgrounds
(714) 488-1822

February 24, 2008, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pet First Aid
at the American Red Cross, Vista
(877) 454-7229

March 18, 2008, 6 to 10 p.m.

Pet First Aid
at the American Red Cross, Headquarters
(877) 454-7229

June 8, 2008, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

National Cat Protection Society Open House and Fundraiser
at the Spring Valley shelter
RSVP (619) 469-8771

For updated event information, don't forget to check out the next issue!

If you'd like to receive the latest news and announcements from NATCAT, please send your e-mail address to natcatnewport@gmail.com.

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NEWPORT BEACH

PET-FRIENDLY HOTELS

You've finally managed to make time for a weekend getaway, but as excited as you are about it, you really wish you didn't have to leave your kitty behind. Or your dear friend wants to visit you in the Newport Beach area, but she simply can't justify leaving her pet at home. If you've ever dealt with these or similar situations, here's some good news: It turns out that there are lodging options when it comes to taking your cat or kitten with you.

The following are some pet-friendly hotel chains in Newport Beach and across the United States (please note that some locations in each chain may not be pet-friendly):

Candlewood Suites	MainStay Suites
Clarion Inn and Suites	Masters Inn
Comfort Inn and Suites/ Comfort Suites	Motel 6/Studio 6 Extended Stay
Crowne Plaza	Novotel
Day's Inn	Quality Inn
Econo Lodge	Red Roof Inn
Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts	Rodeway Inn
Holiday Inn/ Holiday Inn Express	Sleep Inn
Intercontinental Hotels and Resorts	Starwood Hotels and Resorts*
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*Starwood Hotels and Resorts includes Four Points by Sheraton, Sheraton, aloft by W Hotels, W Hotels, Lé Meridien, The Luxury Collection, Westin, and St. Regis.

NATCAT at AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO



When National Cat set up a booth at the 18th Annual AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO at the O.C. Fair and Exposition Center in Costa Mesa last April, cat lovers of all generations stopped by for a visit. Many wanted

to know how to properly care for their kitties, while others asked questions about their cats' behaviors.

National Cat always likes to make sure that everybody has a good time, so we raffled off the board game "Catopoly," set out the game "Feed the Kitty" for children to play, showed the movie "Aristocats," and featured images of our shelter cats on a laptop. "We were in the Kids' Korner area, and our extremely colorful booth fit in there really well," Volunteer Event Coordinator Julie Pearson noted. "Our friendly and energetic volunteers handed out 600 flyers and had a wonderful time overall."

National Cat thanks volunteers Barbara Atwood, Julia Burnside, Nanci Burris, Barbara Cutler, Faith Rajac, Dora Shaieb, Heather Shields, and Dawn Sobelman for making the event a great success.

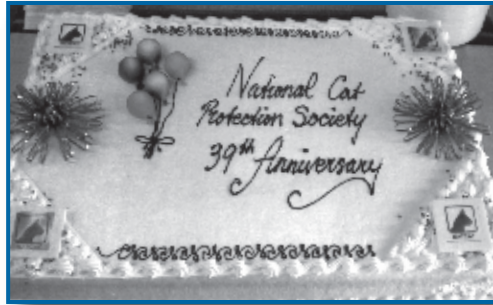
CAT CLUE

Monitoring your kitten's weight gain may prevent obesity in the long run. He should only gain about one pound per month until he reaches eight to 10 pounds. *For more on the downside of overweight cats, check out page 8.*

SPRING VALLEY

39th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND FUNDRAISER

How did we spend our 39th birthday? Fighting for felines, of course! Nearly 300 people attended our annual Open House and Fundraiser on June 24th this year to support our wonderful kitties, graciously bidding on over 70



items like Disneyland tickets, an automatic litter box from ScoopFree, and many gift baskets gushing with goodies in our Silent Auction. The beautiful weather, especially compared to last year's scorcher, must have put all of us in a particularly good mood, because every single auction item was bid on – a first for NATCAT!

When we weren't eyeing auction items or winning raffle prizes, we were playing with kitties of all ages and feasting on delicious refreshments from Sizzler. Hans and Harry's once again donated an amazing cake to the event, officially commemorating our exciting anniversary and reminding us that our 40th is just around the corner. Make sure that you stop by next year to celebrate the milestone event and many purr-fect years to come!

Thanks to all of our guests, members, donors, staff, and volunteers for your time, heart, and the paw-sitive memories!

CAT TIP

Your garbage can may contain potentially poisonous substances like rotting, toxin-producing foods, medications, chemicals, and more. Protect your cat with a covered trash can that doesn't tip over easily and by properly disposing of harmful materials. *For more on poison control, check out page 10.*

SUCCESS STORY, HARLEY

When Robert and Donna Clark visited National Cat to find their one-year-old kitten, Noodle, a more energetic playmate than their 16 year old, Casanova, Harley couldn't have made it any more obvious that she wanted to join the Clark family household. "Harley greeted Robert by jumping onto his shoulders," Donna remembers. "She climbed all over him like he was a small mountain."



Now 15 months old, Harley, named after a harlequin doll for her black and white markings, has competed in a couple of cat shows – and has already placed 12 times! When she isn't impressing judges, she's gently playing with Casanova, roughhousing with Noodle, or demanding attention by dancing on her pillow that lights up until Robert or Donna tell her she's a pretty girl. "As much as she expects the attention, though, she knows her place in the house," Donna explains. "She won't eat until Noodle and Casanova have both eaten. She's quite the lady."

CALLING ALL DONORS!

We're adding on to our Retirement Center, and we need your help! Please make a donation to provide our senior kitties with what they deserve – a better place to live. National Cat is joining creative forces with the co-creator of the feline fantasyland The Cat's House and author Bob Walker to turn our Retirement Center into a delightful tropical paradise that our cats will love...thanks to you.

FELINE FIELD

Helping you get to know more about your cat...

The Downside of Overweight Cats

Like obesity in humans, obesity in cats often causes major health problems and a short lifespan. In general, obese cats are more prone to cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hepatic lipidosis (a type of liver disease), arthritis, and cystitis (lower urinary tract disease). And, sadly, 40 percent of cats today are considered obese.

Because overweight cats don't feel as well as they could, they're less likely to exercise and more likely to eat, which only makes the problem worse. If your cat is moderately to heavily obese, check with your veterinarian to determine his optimal bodyweight based on his size and age. Then help him attain and maintain that weight by encouraging exercise with his favorite toy and monitoring his food intake. Your healthy-feeling and disease-free cat will thank you for it.

Knowing increasingly more about felines can help you understand your own cat's behavior and desires. Visit Feline Field in Feline Defenders every issue to obtain such knowledge, which can only nurture a happier and healthier relationship with your faithful friend.



Each year, NatCat finds loving, responsible homes for hundreds of unwanted cats and kittens. Donations and memberships help us provide them with food, shelter, and medical care while awaiting adoption. Please help us continue to provide this vital service.

Join NatCat by becoming a member!

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CAT CABLE



Supplying the latest news in cat care...

Poison Control

As much as we don't like to think about our cats touching or ingesting something poisonous, it just might happen one day. That's why it's important you're prepared.

If you know what your kitty touched or ingested and how much, write it down and hold on to the wrapper or container. Then call your veterinarian or poison control center right away and read them the information, including the active ingredients on the label, over the phone. For help 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, you can call the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435. (FYI: A \$55 consultation fee may be applied to your credit card.) Even if you only suspect that your kitty made contact with a poisonous substance and don't have any specifics, the vet or poison control center will tell you what to do next.

As long as your vet says it's OK, you can induce vomiting by placing a little salt or hydrogen peroxide on the back of the tongue. For 10-pound cats, a half teaspoonful should work just fine, but you'll definitely want to confirm this amount with your vet first. Also, feel free to ask about syrup of ipecac; he or she will tell you if it's appropriate to use and where you can acquire it.

Visit Cat Cable in Feline Defenders every issue to read the latest in cat care. If there's any specific information you'd like to see in Feline Field or Cat Cable, please notify the Newport Beach shelter.



Where There's A Will, There's A Way

Protect the Ones You Love

**You can give the gift of life after you're gone by including
The National Cat Protection Society in your will.**

Our humane education programs strive to teach population control and the responsible care of cats to school children so that there will be fewer unwanted cats in years to come.

Your bequeathed donation can help make our dreams a reality by promoting humane cat care and adoption of the homeless cats in our shelter.

**Please write today for our free brochure:
"Planning for Your Charitable Donations"**

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