

FELINE DEFENDERS

of the
National Cat Protection Society



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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 presence on adoption-partner sites...

To promote NATCAT as a humane educator and adoption source for our communities, we've proudly partnered with these well-known and respected adoption sites:



Petfinder.org is an online database that provides information on 12,500 animal shelters across the United States, Canada, and Mexico and animals looking for homes.

Our shelter profiles including links to our adoptable kitties:

Spring Valley – <http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/CA242.html>

Newport Beach – <http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/CA821.html>



Adopt-a-Pet.com is a pet adoption charity that provides information on animal shelters and animals looking for homes on the Internet, television, and by phone.

Our shelter profiles including links to our adoptable kitties:

Spring Valley – http://www.adoptapet.com/cgi-bin/public/shelter-details.cgi/display?shelter_id=73175&adopts_out=all

Newport Beach – http://www.adoptapet.com/cgi-bin/public/shelter-details.cgi/display?shelter_id=69065&adopts_out=all



Pets911.com is a one-stop Internet and phone source for information on animal shelters, animal adoption, lost and found pets, veterinarians, fostering, volunteering, health, and training.

Our shelter profiles including links to our adoptable kitties:

Spring Valley – <http://pets911.com/organizations/natcatsv>

Newport Beach – <http://pets911.com/organizations/natcatnewport>

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EVENTS

Keeping you informed of community events...

Newport Beach Events

Monthly, first and third Saturdays

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

November 14, 2009, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pet First Aid
at 600 N. Parkcenter Dr., in the George M. Chitty Building
(714) 481-5355

May 2, 2010, 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

October 24, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

People Pet Walk
(at and benefiting Helen Woodward Animal Center)
(858) 756-4117

December 13, 2009, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade
at Hilton Park
(619) 233-5227

June 13, 2010, 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 newport@natcat.org.

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NEWPORT BEACH

NATCAT RESCUES FEATURED FRIENDS FROM UPLAND SHELTER

The Upland Animal Shelter is an open-intake shelter serving the City of Upland. Earlier this year, Upland desperately called for help from rescue groups and other shelters when they ran out of space for the many kittens they'd received. Animal Services Supervisor Jon Knowlton was delighted when NATCAT promptly answered and since May, we have thankfully been able to rescue 23 kittens. "All of these kittens had virtually no hope of survival without the generous and loving care of the NATCAT staff," Jon says.

While we're thrilled to report that 13 have already been adopted, we still have a few like Starsky, Shiloh, and Hutch – now teenagers – eager for healthy, happy homes.

Starsky



Shiloh



Hutch

NATCAT 41ST ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE & FUNDRAISER



For this year's main event, we roped off the parking lot to enjoy the day in the fresh ocean air while as usual, offering complimentary valet parking. A wonderful caterer grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and made several side dishes, which we all enjoyed while visiting with one another at tables shaded with umbrellas. We also had a great time bidding on the gift certificates and other valuable items that local businesses generously donated. Our gift baskets were a big hit, in particular – they created a bidding frenzy!

Thanks to all of our kind supporters for coming out. We had a good turnout and are already hard at work planning a bigger and better event for 2010!

CAT CLUE

Did you know that the only animal that sleeps more than the cat is the sloth, which spends 80 percent of its life asleep? But cats move a lot faster, which is actually why they slumber so much. *For more on sleeping for sprinting, check out page 8.*

SPRING VALLEY

NATCAT, SDFB, KYXY, & HSUS HELP OWNERS KEEP CATS



Using the Foreclosure Pets Fund grant graciously awarded to NATCAT by the Humane Society of the United States, we proudly partnered with KyXy 96.5 FM to promote our participation in the San Diego Food Bank's Community Cares Project. The Project provides not only food for people in need, but also direct access to food-stamp, housing, employment, health care, utility, and other low-cost programs.

Complementing the project, we handed out cat food, shelter information, and a flyer on economical, yet responsible cat care to help owners keep their cats during these tough times. Accompanying us was KyXy's Gene Knight, who gave away prizes.

Interested in finding out more about how to economically, yet responsibly care for your cat? Please contact the Spring Valley shelter and ask for our NATCAT's Guide to Economical, yet Responsible Cat Care flyer.

GENERAL INTEREST STORY: KITTENS SURVIVE CAR CRASH



Two baby kittens were recovered at an Alaskan junkyard from a GMC crew cab pickup destined for shredding, after it was crushed and stacked at the bottom of nine other vehicles on a flatbed trailer. The kittens were in a paper nest their mom made under the back seat, explaining why plant workers didn't see them. It was when the workers heard a mew that they decided to take down the vehicles

and rip off the roof. A tire was in just the right spot to protect them from harm! The kittens have since been adopted by a mother and daughter in Anchorage. Their names? Crush and Smash, of course.

NATCAT 41ST ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE & FUNDRAISER: TRENT SLATTON MCS

A new host led us through this year's event, as we all socialized over food and beverages and bid on silent auction goodies: MC Trent Slatton. An enthusiastic volunteer for NATCAT, Trent knows the shelter firsthand and enjoyed sharing his knowledge, particularly on our roots. "I really liked telling the story of Mr. C starting NATCAT," he says. And we not only enjoyed hearing it – as well as him calling our names as silent auction winners, but we also got a kick out of his fun, corny cat jokes! Thanks, Trent, for doing a great job and most importantly, thanks to all of our caring friends who made it out. The event was a purr-fect success!

EDUCATION *(continued)*



Catster.com is the sister site of Dogster – together, these sites feature web pages for more than 600,000 cats and dogs. Once animal shelters and owners join, they can make cat-to-cat connections, create and participate in forums, groups, and diaries, and access various other community features.

Our shelter profiles including links to our adoptable kitties:

Spring Valley – http://www.catster.com/local/CA/Spring_valley/Animal_Shelters/National_cat_protection_society-121708

Newport Beach – http://www.catster.com/local/CA/Newport_beach/Animal_Shelters/National_cat_protection_society-121927

CAT TIP

If your cat wakes you up for food, try a timed feeder, food-dispensing toys, or hiding kibble throughout the house.
For more on preventing your cat from keeping you up at night, check out page 10.

FELINE FIELD

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

Sleeping for Sprinting



Have you ever wondered why cats sleep so much? Experts don't know for sure, but think they're conserving energy to sprint while chasing, playing, hunting, or retreating due to their solitary nature.

Cats are such excellent sprinters because they move their front and hind legs as pairs, arching their back to thrust their strong hind legs ahead of their front legs. This flexible, yet forceful movement enables cats to catch air and swiftly stride forward, accelerating them as fast as 30 mph in seconds!

However, like any other sprinter, cats can't sprint for long. In fact, it only takes a minute for them to overheat, causing them to stop, pant to cool down, and eventually, rest up for the next race. This routine explains why cats slumber for an average of 16 hours a day!

Based on information from:

Sleep. (2009). Discovery Communications.

Hunting. (2009). Discovery Communications.

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.



NATCAT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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.

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CAT CABLE



Supplying the latest information in cat care...

Up at Night

Is your cat keeping you awake? It's no wonder, considering their ancestor, the African wildcat, is primarily nocturnal. Take these measures to get some shuteye:

- Play with your cat in the evening, until he seems worn out
- Feed your cat dinner right before you go to bed, so he's likely to sleep longer
- Encourage your cat to play all day using toys, games, and other items such as videos featuring birds and mice, feeders to attract small animals he can watch through the window, and cardboard boxes. Regularly rotate them to keep him interested
- Set up a warm, comfy bed for your cat away from your bedroom

Based on information from:

Nighttime Activity in Cats. (2009). ASPCA.

Nash, Holly, DVM, MS. *Cat Awake at Night? Limiting Nocturnal Activity in Cats.* (2009). Veterinary Services Department, Drs. Foster & Smith.

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.

In response to Feline Acne in the Spring 2009 issue, a reader told NATCAT, "When one of my cats got feline acne, I stopped using plastic dishes, which can't be completely cleaned of bacteria. The result: No more acne!"



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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