

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 to keep cats safely indoors...

Think outdoor cats are happier? Think again. Indoor-only cats enjoy healthier and lengthier lives – plain and simple. In fact, they generally look and feel perkier, and live four times longer than outdoor cats. Here's why.



Indoor cats vitally avoid:

- Fleas, ticks, ear mites, intestinal worms, ringworm, and other parasites, which can cause itching, vomiting, diarrhea, or infection
- Feline leukemia virus (FeLV), feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), feline infectious peritonitis (FIP), feline panleukopenia (distemper), and upper respiratory infections carried by feral, stray, and other cats. Notably, the American Feral Cat Coalition estimates approximately 60 million ferals and strays in the United States
- Predators, such as dogs, foxes, snakes, and coyotes
- Motor vehicles
- Poisons, such as pesticides and rodent bait
- Cruelty
- Kidnapping
- Straying
- High trees they can't climb down

How can you easily bring your outdoor cat in? Learn about environmentally enriching your home to satisfy his natural instincts in the next issue of Feline Defenders.

Based on information from:

Home, Sweet Home: Bringing an Outside Cat In. (2009). The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

Indoor Cats vs. Outdoor Cats. (2010). The American Humane Association.

Preventing Your Cat from Getting Outside. (2010). The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

EVENTS

Keeping you informed of community events...

Newport Beach Events

April 15 to 17, 2011, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Fri. and Sun.)/7 p.m. (Sat.)

America's Family Pet Expo
at the OC Fair and Event Center
(800) 999-7295

May 15, 2011, 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

April 9, 2011, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

May 7, 2011, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Barkin' Beach Dash Walk for Animals
at Crown Point Shores, Mission Bay
(benefiting the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA)
(619) 243-3434

June 5, 2011, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

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at the Spring Valley shelter
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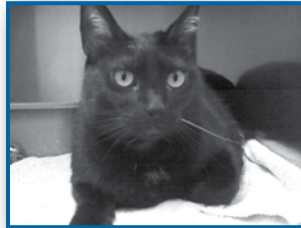
NEWPORT BEACH

FEATURED FRIENDS, KITTY-KITTY AND MITSU-KITTY

As everyone knows, times are tough right now – for people and pets alike. Owners inundate animal shelters with calls every day, hoping we'll be able to take in their furry friends. While shelters are generally maxed out, we're happy to report that a few adoptions recently opened up space at NATCAT. That's how we could admit our newest residents, Kitty-Kitty and Mitsu-Kitty!

Kitty-Kitty is a 3-year-old black domestic shorthair female, and Mitsu-Kitty is a 2-year-old gold and black part-Bengal male. They're both very sweet and hoping to find their forever homes soon. Just think – by adopting Kitty-Kitty, Mitsu-Kitty, or both, you'll not only enrich your home, but also clear space for another kitty in need.

Need to relinquish your cat? Call the NATCAT shelter closest to you to see if any space has opened up lately.



Kitty-Kitty



Mitsu-Kitty

FEATURED FRIEND, DOUGY



Dougy is a 3-year-old part-Maine Coon male that has been with NATCAT since arriving with his brother, Dory, in February 2008. Dory has been adopted, but Dougy is still patiently waiting for his forever family – which will no doubt enjoy his company as much as we currently do. Dougy is quite

a character! He loves to greet new kitties, play, and follow visitors around the adoptable adult cat room. He is very affectionate, although he isn't a lap cat per se. This assertive behavior is why we call him the "man" of the room!

***Interested in any of these kissable kitties?
Contact NATCAT Newport Beach today!***

FEATURED FRIEND, MOMAS

Momas is a 4-year-old brown tabby mix female whose owners gave her up to travel. If you love petting kitties, consider adopting this sweet girl! She doesn't care to be picked up, but will contently sit next to you purring as you pet her all day long.



CAT CABLE *(Continued from page 10)*

On Yourself

- Wash your hands after touching your cat
- Select a specific outfit to wear while holding, snuggling, or playing with your cat
- Take an over-the-counter or prescription antihistamine like Benadryl®, Claritin®, Allegra®, Zyrtec®, or Astelin® Nasal Spray; decongestant like Sudafed® or Allegra-D®, or medication like Flonase® or Nasonex®
- Get desensitizing shots from an allergy specialist

Based on information from:

Are You Allergic to Your Pet? (2010). ASPCA.

Tapping, Mercia. *Cat Allergies: Top 10 Ways to Decrease Your Allergies to Cats!* (2010). About.com.

Cat Allergies. (2010). WebMD.

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.

CAT CLUE

The Oriental cat breed was initially bred to see the many colors and patterns possible in cats. That's why it's so diverse – with hundreds of types! *For more on the Oriental cat, check out our special cat breed series on page 8.*

SPRING VALLEY



FEATURED FRIEND, NOODLE

Noodle is a senior chocolate point Siamese male that gladly welcomes NATCAT visitors. Often found perched on his shelf, he likes to meow to them directly – at eye level! You may be surprised at first, but will then surely love his friendly, gentle nature. Noodle also likes to be carried. Just note that he has been known to spray, so you may need to keep an eye on him. However, Noodle

is worth every bit of any special care necessary!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT, JUDY ROBINS

More than seven years ago, Judy Robins and her husband were ready for a new kitty – after sadly losing their 19 and 20 year olds. That’s when they discovered NATCAT. Judy loved our organization so much that she has been volunteering with us ever since!



*Judy’s cats, Fats and Fuzzy,
lounging on their own sofa*

Judy visits us once a week, particularly enjoying long-term residents Diablo, Her Shyness, Dora, and partners in cat-crime Widou-Widou and Zulu. She also makes sure to make time for the new office kitties and retirement cats. What does she think about the Paradise Retirement redesign? “I think it’s wonderful,” she says. “It lets the cats move around like they couldn’t before, which has really improved their behavior! Like, Mama used to be quite unfriendly, but isn’t now that she can climb everywhere.” When asked what she likes most about NATCAT in general, Judy said “that their staff takes excellent care of the cats and above all, it offers a place I can gratefully go to have love and give love.” Thanks, Judy, for sharing the love with our kitties as often as you do!

She gets plenty of love at home too from her cats, Fats and Fuzzy – feral kittens that found her three years ago. Now 13 and 16 pounds respectively, they live the good life – in their own room with their very own couch!

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT, MARIANNE MEIVERS



Marianne was living in Los Angeles when she first heard about NATCAT. That was back when our shelter was in Long Beach! She then moved to San Diego, where a veterinarian in La Mesa told her about the one cats-only shelter in the area at that time, Friends of Cats. Out of her fondness for felines, she served on their board for several years – until she learned that NATCAT was building a shelter in Spring Valley.

Marianne immediately started volunteering at NATCAT all of the time, as the new site was very close to her home. And she has supported our organization ever since! She even knew Founder C. Richard Calore really well and greatly admired his deep dedication to animals. “Over the years, NATCAT’s staff has remained loyal to the organization, which is a true testament to their quality, dedication, and leadership,” she noted. “Nowadays, I still love the way their staff and volunteers care for the cats and kittens.”

Marianne has rescued kitties, adopted NATCAT cats and kittens, taken in a pregnant cat and kept all of her kittens, and inherited deceased friends’ felines. For about 10 years, she also bred American Shorthairs. However, she wasn’t like any other breeder. She sheltered them in open yet enclosed space and ultimately had all but one or two spayed or neutered. Would you believe that at one time, Marianne cared for 50 to 60 cats? “I just can’t let go of kitties!” she remarked. Meanwhile, her cats have passed away naturally – most recently, her beloved 19 year old.

Marianne hopes she outlives her cats – so she can always care for them, but her will gives them to NATCAT in case she doesn’t. “Beyond appreciating NATCAT for safely housing kitties, I’m so thankful they could do the same for mine, if necessary,” she comments. “I’ll support NATCAT as long as I live.” Thanks for this undying support throughout all of these years, Marianne!

CAT TIP

Did you know that people aren’t allergic to cat fur, regardless of its type or length? Allergies actually result from dander, saliva, urine, and sebaceous cells, which you can control exposure to. *For more on overcoming allergies, check out page 10.*

CAT CABLE



Supplying the latest information in cat care...

Cat Allergies

Allergic to cats? You aren't alone – 15 to 20 percent of the population is too. Fortunately, your irritated eyes, nose, throat, or skin, or sneezing or coughing don't mean you need to give up your furry friend!

Your symptoms may improve with these tips:

Around the House

- Clean dust mites, molds, pollens, and any other allergens altogether, as allergens cause issues cumulatively
- Replace fabrics such as rugs, drapery, and upholstery with cotton-covered options and blinds or shades. If you can't, routinely steam clean them
- Sweep and mop floors often
- Vacuum using a high-efficiency particulate arresting (HEPA) filter or disposable electrostatic bag at least twice weekly
- Install a central air purifier and vent filters
- Spray an anti-allergen product
- Sleep on hypoallergenic bedding, and wash it in 140-degree water at least twice monthly
- Use low-dust, fragrance-free litter, and clean the box frequently
- Dust routinely
- Wipe down walls
- Use washable pet beds, and clean them frequently

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Where There's a Will, There's a Way

Protect the Ones You Love

Give the gift of quality life after you're gone by including the National Cat Protection Society™ in your will.

Our humane education programs teach animal population control and responsible cat care to children and adults. These programs aim to reduce the number of unwanted cats and enhance animal welfare for years to come.

Your bequeathed donation can support these efforts by helping us promote the humane treatment of all animals and adoption of the homeless cats continually entering our shelters.

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