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NEWSLETTER

Syracuse Project Update

The Syracuse project original goal was to rescue approximately 125 cats from a farm in western Kansas. Another trapping in Syracuse took place the weekend of August 4. All of these 31 cats have been relocated to managed colonies in the Sedgwick area. We estimated there are less than 20 cats left to be trapped. The final trapping will take place this fall. We already have arranged for a managed colony for the last 20 cats in Kismet, Kansas.

The Syracuse project has been our most ambitious effort. It's complexity was compounded by the loss of a van, trailer, and 31 of these cats during the Greensburg, KS tornado. Thanks to all whose volunteer help and donations have made this possible.

The Bentley Project

Volunteers have spent the last 2 weekends cleaning up the shelter, laundering the bedding in the cat houses, and doing general repairs to the building. We found that the roof had a leak and several of the cat houses had standing water in them. Surveying the roof we found several loose pieces of tin where we think the leak occurred. The roof was secured, repairs were made on the inside and the entire roof was sealed (see photo below).



Terry Gaul, FOF, Vice President
working on Bentley roof

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Crossroads at Bentley

The Bentley location has really worked well for our feral cats. They have a nice shelter where they are protected from the elements, They have a wonderful rural location in a wooded area with very little traffic and they are provided food and other attention as needed. Unfortunately, we have just learned that the 20 acre parcel of land and old farm house is to be auctioned off on October 10th. The owners have told us that in talking with prospective buyers they have requested we be able to keep the building where the cats live.

We appreciate their efforts on our behalf, however, once it's sold the new owners may let us leave the cats or they may ask us to remove them. Our hope is that they will allow us to keep the cats on the property. If they do not, we will need to trap the cats and move them to another location. The problem is we don't have any other locations at this time. In a perfect world we would like to own the property and make it a cat sanctuary, but the reality is we just don't have the funds to make that happen. If you know of any locations where we could set up a colony please contact us. We have several other projects pending where we have all the resources to make them happen, but we don't have suitable locations. Or, if you know a knight in shining armor that could purchase the land for Friends of Felines that would be a dream. Keep your fingers crossed on October 10th.

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Like to have your cat
featured in our next
newsletter?

Email me a digital photo, the cat's
and owners name. We will show
several per newsletter.



Fun Cat Records
From oddrob.com

There are two cats commonly listed as the longest living. The first is Puss, who was born in 1903 and passed away November 29, 1939. The second is Grampa who lived to the ripe old age of 34. He was a Sphynx adopted from the Humane Society in Texas.

The richest cat in the Guinness Book of World Records is a pair of cats who inherited \$415,000 in the early 60's. The richest single cat is a white alley cat who inherited \$250,000.

Cat Facts

Neutering a cat extends it's life span by two to three years

A cat's tongue consists of small "hooks" which come in handy when tearing up food

Cats must have fat in their diet because they can't produce it on their own

A cat cannot see directly under it's nose

Cats have about 100 vocal sounds, while dogs have only about 10

Cats lose almost as much fluid in the saliva while grooming themselves as through urination

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Test Your Cat Knowledge

1. What percentage of American homes own a cat?
A. 22%
B. 37%
C. 45%
2. The average lifespan of an outdoor only cat (feral or stray) is how long?
A. 2 years
B. 3 years
C. 5 years
3. What percentage of cats owners blow dry their cats after a bath?
A. 16%
B. 25%
C. 32%
4. What type of cats are almost always female?

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Cat Memorial

A great way to remember a cat that has passed away is to write a memorial for our website. We will display a photo of your cat, a short story or poem, and your name on our website for 30 days for a \$20 donation.

If interested contact:

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Unusual Treats

Some of our readers have reported that their cats have cultivated quite a taste for:

Sugar Free Pudding

Cantaloupe

Sour Cream

Olive Oil Butter

Corn (on the cob)

Email us if your cat has any unusual taste

Reported in the New England Journal of Medicine

For those of you who may have missed this story.

A cat named Oscar, that lives in a nursing home has the uncanny ability to predict when residents are about to die. Thus far, he has presided over the deaths of more than 25 residents on the third floor of Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Providence, Rhode Island. His mere presence at the bedside is viewed by physicians and nursing staff as an almost absolute indicator of impending death, allowing staff members to adequately notify families. Oscar has also provided companionship to those who would have otherwise died alone. For his work, he is highly regarded by the physicians and staff at Steere House and by families of the residents whom he serves. The nursing home has a plaque for him mounted on the wall. It says, "For his compassionate hospice care, this plaque is awarded to Oscar the Cat."

Wisconsin Bill Treats Pets like Kids in Divorces
Reported for the Los Angeles Times
P. J. Huffstutter

Wisconsin legislators have introduced a bill that outlines how divorcing couples and the courts should handle custody battles over their pets. The bill, thought to be the first in the nation, has tongues wagging at the state capitol. The bill would let couples specify, among other things, visitation rights and the right to move the animal out of state. If the feuding spouses can't agree on what to do with the pet, the solution is simple; A judge can either pick a spouse — or ship it off to a local humane society facility or similar shelter. Whoever gets there first owns the dog, cat, or even goldfish.

Intellectual Pets

The following results came from Pet Supplies "Plus" Internet Survey of 2,857 pet owners who believed this of their animal. It was reported in the June issue of Cat Fancy magazine.

- 53% of owners think their pets are smart, but not a genius
- 27% feel their pets are 4 legged Einsteins
- 16% thinks their pets have average intelligence
- 4% think their pets get by on being cute, not smart

Want to Help

Like to learn how to trap cats
 Help with mailings
 Public Relations
 Fund Raising
 We need volunteers to help with a variety of projects. If you would like to get involved please email us at wayneict@cox.net.

Friends of Felines is a 100% volunteer organization and there are no salaries or office overhead. All of our volunteer efforts and donations go towards helping rescue stray and feral cats. Through a small core group of volunteers we have been able to save a lot of cats, but there is so much more to do and we don't have the volunteer or financial resources to keep up with requests for assistance. If you can help us as a volunteer and/or make a donation it would be greatly appreciated. When you see how happy the cats are at Bentley and other colonies it really makes you feel good that we are making a difference. Donations can be made on the website using your credit card or check or you can mail donations to: 1910 North Cranbrook, Wichita, KS 67206.

Stephan Receives Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award

Longtime Kansas Humane Society volunteer, Lynn Stephan, has been honored with the Association of Fundraising Professionals Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award for her exceptional leadership skill in coordinating major fundraising projects for local non-profit organizations.

Lynn headed up our public relations effort on the Syracuse project and was instrumental in us getting both television and newspaper coverage leading to donations to Friends of Felines.

Congratulations, Lynn!!

FRIENDS OF FELINES MEETING SCHEDULE

At the August Board meeting it was voted to continue having the monthly meetings on the 3rd Sunday at Kater Supply in Sedgwick. These meeting will be required for the Board. Any members or guests are welcome to attend. The Future Meeting Dates are:

August 19th—September 16th—October 21st

The Board also voted to have quarterly membership meetings which would feature a guest speaker. No schedule has been finalized at this time, but announcements will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Answers to your cat knowledge: 1. 37 2. 3 3. 25% 4. Calico