

RESQCATS™

A non-profit animal rescue organization
dedicated to the care and welfare of stray and abandoned cats and kittens.



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Winter 2018



President's Message

Written on October 15, 2018



Jeffyne and "Heather"

I am not sure where the year went! But it flew by fast because this was one of the most challenging times in RESQCATS' twenty-one year history! Looking back, there certainly were times when it felt like the cards stacked against us with extraordinary medical issues, expensive surgeries and an upper respiratory infection that required three weeks of quarantine and medicating several times a day. But as always, everyone at RESQCATS pulls together and we do our very best by offering any and all medical treatment that is needed. And I think that love helps to heal, too. I believe that every life is precious and I do my best every day to save them.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the

volunteers who give so selflessly. They all have busy lives outside of RESQCATS, but they dedicate the gift of their time to make such a difference for the cats and kittens. Whether it is cleaning enclosures, socializing frightened kittens, bleaching litter boxes, restocking food, running errands, filling in for others in addition to their own scheduled days or whatever needs to be done...they are there to help with kindness and enthusiasm. Believe me, there is not a day that I don't appreciate them and I can only hope I let them know often enough. I especially want to thank those who foster for RESQCATS. Fostering is a 24/7 job, when it involves bottle-feeding. Deanna Koens is about the best neo-natal expert on the planet and goes above and beyond in the care she gives to so many. At one point this season, she had twelve bottle-babies in her care! And then there are those who tirelessly foster kittens that need to be weaned, or just need a place to stay until there is room at RESQCATS. I extend a huge thank you to Susan Leroy, Kat Foote, Marci Kladnik and our newest foster Angie Watson...all of whom I can call at the last minute and count on!

So often, RESQCATS is full during the season and by having foster homes for the younger kittens that need extra care, I can say "yes" to them coming into our RESQCATS care. That gives me peace of mind and enables me to help more. So thank you, volunteers...each and every one! You are the backbone of RESQCATS and I am so proud to have you as part of the family.

RESQCATS placed almost 150 cats and kittens into qualified homes in 2018. While that may seem like a lot, it is actually fewer than the last couple of years. And this is why. When we save the lives of pregnant cats and their unborn kittens from a high-kill shelter, they occupy an enclosure anywhere from 10-14 weeks. That is very different from bringing in abandoned four week olds or eight-week-old kittens being sold on Craigslist. If there is an infection such as the upper respiratory virus that affects several litters, it can delay adoptions for as much as three weeks or more. That is why I have the philosophy, "We may not do as many, but we are doing it right!"

Our work extends well beyond what is just going on in our facility on a daily basis. Spaying and neutering is the core of all rescues. That is why RESQCATS reaches out into the community to help

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owners who cannot afford or do not understand how important it is to “fix” their animals. If someone needs help doing that, we are there and our support helps stop pet-overpopulation. In addition, we share spay neuter grants to other local organizations to assist them with their own spay/neuter programs. It is our way of helping the entire community.

While I am grateful to be able to provide all the medical care that is needed for the cats and kittens, the expenses this year have been enormous. For example, Sparky was found under the hood of a car with an injured leg and it took surgery and several weeks of treatment and therapy to try and save her leg. Unfortunately, after giving it our best, everyone agreed (including Sparky) that she would do less harm to herself and to the injury if it was amputated. The cost to RESQCATS for Sparky alone was \$4345.

Reed, now named “Hey Jude,” was found as a kitten when a gardener was weed-whacking! He did fine in his first few weeks in foster, but then he developed some serious digestive issues. He saw several doctors and specialists at a cost of \$4507 to RESQCATS. Luckily, he was adopted by a veterinarian who has graciously offered to take on his ongoing medical expenses and care.

Mari gave birth to five kittens at a nursery in Carpinteria. She lost all five due to exposure and the fact that her milk never dropped. Those first minutes of life are critical to newborns, so despite all efforts, the kittens went to The Rainbow Bridge. However, when it was determined by an ultrasound that two kittens still remained in her womb, she had an emergency caesarean and the vets were able to literally breath life into Bud and Flower. Since RESQCATS asks for a minimum \$100 adoption fee for Mari and her two babies, we recovered only \$300 in adoption donations leaving RESQCATS with \$2237 in expenses.

When a mom, such as Jenny has babies at RESQCATS, the long stay and costs of food and litter in addition to the expenses of following our medical protocol add up quickly. Even after adoption donations, \$475 above the adoption fees collected remained and RESQCATS has to find a way to make up that discrepancy.

I expect that the 2019 kitten season will be no different! And that is where you come in. I have said it before, but it bears repeating. I love what I do!... ALL BUT the part of asking for your tax-deductible donation. I don't know why asking for money is just so difficult, but I have to put my hang-ups aside and do it for the cats!

This is the time of year when people feel most like giving. And what better way than to give to RESQCATS knowing that not only are you changing the lives of stray and abandoned cats and kittens, but they in turn pay it forward to those who adopt them. The adopted cats bring happiness when perhaps

there has been a loss. They teach children about compassion for all living creatures and their greatest gift to us is unconditional love. So, your donation gives to the cats and thus to humankind.

There are several ways to donate. Of course, we accept your tax-deductible check or you can donate through our website: www.RESQCATS.org.

My book, “Cat Tails: Heart-Warming Stories about the Cats and Kittens of RESQCATS” is also available. You will find a tab on the website that says “Cat Tails Book.” You can also purchase it at The Montecito Pet Shop, St. Francis Pet Clinic, Noah’s Ark and Cat Therapy. And for you convenience, Chaucer’s Books and Tecolote Book Shop carry it as well.

And lastly, “The Cats and Kittens of RESQCATS 2019 Calendar” is offered at The Montecito Pet Shop or you may contact me directly through the website.

NOW, finally and without further delay, I have an announcement to make! Many of you have already heard about my selection as the interim caregiver at God’s Little People Cat Rescue in Syros, Greece this winter...so read on as I have written an article in this newsletter that explains this once in a lifetime opportunity!

Most sincerely,

Jeffyne Telson
President of RESQCATS, Inc.



“Rose”

Wishing you a joyous holiday with family and friends and a happy, healthy new year!
And may you discover a passion in your heart and make a difference in the world.



RESQCATS *to work with* *God's Little People Cat Rescue* *in Syros, Greece*

It all began with an email link in my "to read Jeffyne" box. I had seen it come across the internet on a few occasions, but this time it was different. My husband, Mitch, had put it in my inbox.

I read about a beautiful place on the island of Syros where the founders of a non-profit sanctuary were looking for a caregiver for sixty-plus cats for six months while they worked on plans to expand their operation, *God's Little People Cat Rescue*. Having been to the Greek islands on three different occasions, I have always had a desire to return, but not for the reasons you might think. Yes, of course,

it is an absolutely picturesque beautiful place in the world. I love that, but there was something else about the islands that drew me back time after time. Can you guess what it was? Each visit I found myself separated from the tourist guides and fellow travelers in search of the Greek cats. Many were easy to spot in the hustle and bustle of tourists shops and around the busy town; I was intrigued by them. But what I liked most was to stroll where the real people of the islands live, eat and spend their time....AND

where the neighborhood cats are! With my camera in hand, I meandered the streets and photographed felines sitting in the brightly painted chairs at cafes and sauntering up white-washed paths through the thick-walled quarters with their familiar blue-tiled roofs. Most of the cats were just wandering; they were not headed for home...they have no home. They are street cats and life has not always been good to them. The exotic looking felines with their long Egyptian-like poses fend for food and while some of them fare well, many do not. I have said a number of times that I am done traveling overseas. "I have seen all I desire to see, BUT, if I ever had a

chance to go to Greece and help the cats, well, that is certainly on my bucket list!"

Still, I read the link and said to myself, "that's neat," but I never thought about it again...until two days later.

I was sitting at dinner when Mitch asked if I had seen the link he put in my mailbox. He is always putting "stuff" there, and I just happened to read this particular one. I looked at him quizzically and asked, "You mean the one about Greece?" He said, "Yes, that one." I reminded him that the founder, Joan Powell was asking at that time for a six month

commitment. Mitch said in his usual convincing way, "Jeffyne, this has YOUR name written all over it. You have dreamed of going to Greece to make a difference for the cats! Are you going to wait until you are too old to try for your dream?! I am 100% behind you if you want to do this and I really DO think you should apply."

So I did. I took the next two days to write about myself, my love of felines and my experience with RESQCATS for

the last twenty-one years. Believe me when I say it was tough to "toot my own horn," so to speak, but it was important not only to share my knowledge but to communicate about my life and my dedication to animals. For me, it was not about living on a Greek island with a beautiful view...I have visited the islands already! Besides, my homes in Santa Barbara and in Oregon have spectacular ocean views. It was about helping, spending time with cats and learning another way of doing things for them. And most of all...maybe I could make that difference I had dreamed about. Furthermore, the time frame that God's Little People Cat Rescue asked for coincided with my usual winter month sabbatical at



Jeffyne and Joan Powell



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my vacation home in Yachats, Oregon.

My application email to Joan was long...very long...but I warned her up front in the subject heading. It read "Joan, this is long but please read." I knew she had received thousands of inquiries already and did not hold my expectations high. She did read it and by the next morning (Santa Barbara time as there is a ten hour time difference), Joan had replied. Mitch opened her email and all I could hear from downstairs was him yelling "Jeff! Jeff!" I thought, "Oh no, he has fallen off the treadmill during his workout and hurt himself." By the time I rushed to open the door and head downstairs to save him, Mitch was halfway up the stairs with his laptop in hand and an open email from Joan. It said, "Can we meet?" I stopped in my tracks. I was in disbelief!

The next two weeks were spent communicating back and forth with Joan and her husband, Richard about a trip to the U.S. and coordinating a time to meet. Even when they arrived in Santa Barbara, I was not certain that I had been selected...after all, there had been 35,000 applicants at that point!

So I really WAS surprised when they shared that they would like me to come for the winter months to Syros as an interim person. Joan and I had so much in common and the connection I feel for her is hard to put into words. We share a common compassion for the cats and our personal backgrounds are uncannily similar. We are both artists by degree and

neither of us chose to have children. I feel a kindred spirit in Joan, a "soul sister" might be a good term to describe the new friendship. Her husband, Richard and Mitch also share our views for the animals and the common good. All around, it is just a phenomenal match.

For me, personally, it is an honor and a privilege to have the chance to make a dream come true. I am "over the moon" with joy and I look forward to working with more people who share the same feelings as I do about the lives of cats and desire to bring a better awareness and understanding of them.

By working together, God's Little People Cat Rescue and **RESQCATS**, there is potential for positive changes to take place for cats around the world. Awareness of their plight will encourage others to step up and acknowledge them for the beautiful living creatures that they are. There will be many who want to make it a better world for them and that kindness can only pay forward towards humanity and helping us to be better, more compassionate human beings.

I hope you will all follow me on my Facebook page: Jeffyne Telson and **RESQCATS** as I chronicle my journey. Many of you who have been such an important part of making **RESQCATS** what it is today will go with me in my heart.

I will return in Spring of 2019 to start **RESQCATS** 22nd season!



And now...
A Few Words from Mr. Jeffyne...
The Story of RESQCATS...

2010 - Present Day

Part 4 of a series on the history and evolution of RESQCATS from 1995 to the present.

For those of you who missed the earlier episodes of the evolution of RESQCATS...from Jeffyne's initial vision through the selection of our location and the subsequent building of the facility...you can read Parts 1, 2 & 3 in the Winter, 2017, and Spring and Summer, 2018 RESQCATS Newsletters that are posted on the website: www.resqcats.org.

As I conclude this 4-part series on the history of RESQCATS, particularly at this time of the year when giving thanks is so appropriate, it is more than fitting to stop and recognize the groups and individuals who have contributed so much to this organization's success.

As anyone associated with RESQCATS realizes, this organization is much more than Jeffyne and Mr. Jeffyne. To paraphrase the expression...it takes a village...it actually takes a community of dedicated people to operate a successful rescue organization.

RESQCATS has been very fortunate to have such a gathering of outstanding individuals.

We have had an exceptional board of directors over the years to help guide the organization...several have been with us since the beginning.

Mort and Carolyn Sacks joined the board when we first incorporated as a non-profit and have provided significant guidance and support year after year. (Some of you may recall that Carolyn was the catalyst for Jeffyne's book, "Cat Tails, Heart-Warming Stories about the Cats and Kittens of RESQCATS.")

Darcie Barnes, DVM, joined the board in 2007 after having been the in-house veterinarian at the Santa Barbara Humane Society for many years. She is probably best known in the Santa Barbara veterinarian community (and probably well beyond,) for having performing more than 50,000 spay and neuter procedures during her medical career...and she's still practicing. Darcie is an invaluable member of our leadership group providing Jeffyne and fosters with important advice when difficult medical situations



Mitch with "Whisper," "Adonis," and "Fantazy"

arise.

Some of you may remember that Mr. Jeffyne used to prepare the financial records for RESQCATS. While being a former retail executive has its advantages, I can assure you that that career did not provide me with the accounting skills to efficiently maintain the state and federal reporting requirements of a growing non-profit organization. In those early days, Jeffyne used to take care of the finances for RESQCATS. She wrote the checks, made the deposits and recorded the information in the check register...and sometimes that input was even correct...but not often!! When I would find checks noted as deposits, and deposits in the checks-written column, I knew we had a problem!

It was a known fact amongst our friends and family that balancing RESQCATS' error-filled checkbook almost cost us our marriage. Well, that might be a bit of an exaggeration, but it did create an atmosphere where some brand new four-letter words could be heard around the first of every month! Enter Tricia Krout, CPA.

Tricia had adopted two kittens from RESQCATS and learned from Jeffyne that we needed some



THE FACES OF 2018

And what faces they have. It is virtually impossible to show all the cats and kittens from 2018. There are literally hundreds of photographs of them thanks to our amazing photographer, Daryl Metzger. He dedicates his time all season to capture those special moments and I credit him and his skills in helping to get so many homes. So thank you, Daryl, and I hope the rest of you enjoy a small sampling of his incredible work!

Page 6 (L to R): Heath, August, Candice, Phoebe, Bud, Scout, Rosalie, Chanel, Jasmine & Chia, Bud & Flower (at 9 weeks!) | **Page 7 (L to R):** Spanky, Flower, Kiaora, Taffy, Kandy, Willow, Davie, MacGregor, Darth







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professional bookkeeping assistance (actually, Mr. Jeffyne desperately needed the help!), Tricia initially volunteered to do the accounting and the federal and state mandated filings for **RESQCATS**. However, after recognizing the invaluable contribution she was making to the organization, we asked Tricia to officially become a board member as well. She has now been a valued member of the team for more than 10 years.

Over the years, the volunteers at **RESQCATS** have always been the unsung heroes of the organization. They are responsible for the daily cleaning of the facility and a significant amount of the socialization that makes **RESQCATS** kittens so adoptable. The morning volunteers do all the cleaning of the cattery...from scooping and changing the litter boxes to sweeping and mopping enclosures to washing and folding towels and blankets. As Jeffyne often describes it, "the morning crew cleans up everything but the beer cans from the cat's wild over-night parties!" The volunteers are also charged with that very "unpleasant" task of loving on and socializing the kittens...not too bad of a reward after emptying some dirty litter boxes!

Before reorganizing **RESQCATS** in 2012, Jeffyne also had a team of volunteers who socialized kittens in the afternoon. But regardless of whether the volunteers worked in the morning or the afternoons or if they helped at special events, or in any other way, we have always felt that our incredible assemblage of totally unpaid volunteers have been the backbone of **RESQCATS**.

There is also a retail business that Jeffyne and **RESQCATS** has worked with for the last six years that has made the adoption part of the organization run much more efficiently. I'm speaking about our pet adoption partner, The Montecito Pet Shop, located in a shopping center less than two miles from the cattery. After Jeffyne established the guidelines and procedures with Montecito Pet to do the adoptions, she realized that the time she saved on the administrative adoption work could be greatly reduced and she could re-focus more of that time and attention on taking care of the cats and kittens themselves. It has proven to be a wonderful partnership.

Of course, any list of people who have helped **RESQCATS** grow from it's early beginnings into the second largest cat rescue facility in Santa Barbara County would not be complete without recognizing two more groups of especially important people... those of you who have adopted the almost 3,000 cats and kittens that have lived at **RESQCATS**, and our unbelievable cadre of loyal donors and supporters who have continually provided the organization with the funds to do the important work that we do. Without any of these groups...our board of directors, our volunteers, our adopters, our pet adoption partner or our donors... **RESQCATS** would not exist today. Thank you one and all.

So at this very special holiday time of the year, when we give thanks for all that we have personally... Mr. Jeffyne would like to send a most sincere thank you to each and every one of you for your contribution to the success of **RESQCATS**. We could not have done it without you!

And as we prepare for **RESQCATS**' 22nd season set to begin in March when Jeffyne returns from her temporary assignment with God's Little People Cat Rescue in Syros, Greece...we want to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a most wonderful holiday season and a very happy and healthy 2019.

The Luckiest Kitten in the World

*Before I start talking, and believe me, I can talk a lot, I just wanted to say that I'm really happy to be writing this all the way from San Antonio, Texas for **RESQCATS**. When I visited my Aunt Jeffyne and her cattery, I honestly thought that I had died and gone to kitty heaven. I may start writing more often to give Jeffyne a break from writing newsletters, but any way I hope you enjoy this story as much as I enjoyed writing it!*

— **Maddie Sherburne,**
author and mastermind of storytelling, age 14



"Lucky" when he first arrived in our care

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Where did all those cats and kittens come from?

Every year as I am winding down from the hectic kitten season, I take some time to look back on all we have accomplished in the past year. It's almost impossible to reflect on anything when you are as busy as we are during the season.

At first, I am saddened when I think about where all the cats and kittens were found and how their fate could have been very different if they hadn't had the good fortune of finding RESQCATS. But it doesn't take long for me to feel good about being able to change their fate.

So where DID they all come from?



"Sparky"

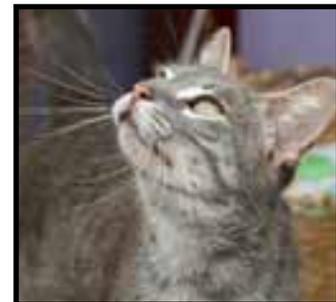
Sparky was found under Sumi Spurlock's car hood. Her leg was injured and the extent of the injury was uncertain and originally misdiagnosed. We made every attempt to save Sparky's leg; surgery, physical therapy, acupuncture and more visits to the vet than I can count. But nothing that we could offer would enable Sparky to lead a full life with such a debilitating injury. It was finally determined that it was best for Sparky to amputate her leg and avoid more medical problems down the road. I can assure you that it was one of the toughest decisions I have ever faced, but Sparky taught me that it made no difference to her if she had four legs or three. She is happy, healthy and remained with Sumi and her wonderful husband, Steve.

Mia and her babies, Tigger, Muffin, BunBun and Sugar were abandoned when they were only two weeks old when uncaring people moved and left them behind in Los Angeles. I have worked with two wonderful women who dedicated every spare minute and resource to the plight of felines such as Mia in their area.



"Muffin"

Trinity was found as a stray pregnant cat in Santa Maria and gave birth to Basil, Chia, Poppysseed, Parsley and Rosemary in the comfort of RESQCATS. There is nothing more heart-warming than to see kittens born and know that they are in a safe place free of predators, cars and all the dangers that kittens encounter when they are born in the streets, under bushes, behind sheds, under cars and other despicable and dangerous places.



"Trinity"



"Poppysseed" and "Chia"



"Ellie"

Ellie was pulled from Devore Shelter in San Bernardino where she and her unborn kittens were scheduled for euthanasia. RESQCATS was able to save Crystal and Sally from the shelter by working with Kitty Devore, an organization that pulls cats and kittens before euthanasia when they can find a rescue to take them on. Crystal gave birth to four beautiful kittens here and Sally had six just two days after she arrived at RESQCATS!



"Crystal" with her kittens and "Sally"



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Catalina, one of my favorite moms this season, stole my heart. She arrived with six babies who had the worst upper respiratory infection I have ever witnessed. She lost every one of them despite everything we did to try and save them. I spent hours with Catalina, she crawled into my lap and her constant soothing purr was reassuring that she was okay even after such tragedy. I especially want to thank Mary Everstine for her kind heart when she read about Catalina. Mary came to RESQCATS, having never met Catalina, with a carrier and a sense that they were meant to be together. A few weeks later, I received a note telling me just that... they were a match made in heaven!



"Catalina"

Toby, who has to be the most handsome brown tabby on the planet, was found at just four months old roaming a neighborhood in Santa Maria. No one claimed him and he had no micro-chip and wasn't



"Toby"

neutered either. His past is something we will never know but he found a wonderful home after he went through the RESQCATS medical protocol.



"River"

Darth, Willow, Bamboo, Lucas and River were being sold on Craigslist. RESQCATS offered to cover all the expenses for their mom including vaccinations, a test for Felv/FIV, spay surgery and micro-chip in return for relinquishing the kittens to RESQCATS so that we could make sure the kittens were not sold or given away without medical attention (including spay and neuter surgeries!).



"Candice" and "Darlin'"

Candice, Darlin', MacGregor, MacBeth, Elvis, Heather, Burney and Catrina were found by a lady in the Los Angeles area who cared for them until they were beginning to eat soft food. She drove them to Santa Barbara not knowing that most County Animal Service organizations do not take out of the area animals. But RESQCATS has no such limitation and we were able to bring them here.

There are many other stories behind the cats and kittens of 2018...some of them I know, others I don't, and most I wish I didn't know! What I can say is that every mom and kitten that found its way here this year has a piece of my heart. They may be lucky, but so am I to experience the process of rescue; the physical toll it takes and the heartbreak are far outweighed by the emotional rewards.



“Cat Tails: Heart-Warming Stories about the Cats and Kittens of RESQCATS” has sold hundreds of copies!

It's a winner of a Certificate of Excellence from the Cat Writers' Association.
A book you won't want to miss and 100% of the proceeds go directly to RESQCATS!

Here are just a few reviews of the book:

“What an inspiring book! The author's devotion and passion for animals is absolutely incredible. It is beautifully written and is truly a hard-to-put-down book. Jeffyne's story about developing and operating her cat shelter oasis is educational, funny, heart-warming and there are sad moments too. She allows you 'in' her life as well as the kittens and cats so you feel like you know them all individually. I couldn't wait to get my hands on this book and truthfully, Jeffyne did not disappoint.”



“Any cat lover or even animal lover will be hard pressed to put this beautiful book down. Filled with heartwarming stories of kittens and cats that have touched the heart of the author will melt you... and make you cry. The rescue world is a special one. The tails and tales in this book will open anyone's eyes to the true, exhausting, unending and soulful work that is rescue. I just loved it as a cat lover, and as a rescuer.”



“Rescuing abandoned, neglected, and forgotten cats is what this book is all about. Jeffyne Telson has made this her life work for more than 20 years. She relates stories that are inspiring, heart-warming and sometimes heart-wrenching. I laughed and sometimes I cried. I applaud RESQCATS for all the cats that are lucky enough to find care and loving homes thanks to this organization.”



“This is a heartwarming read about the world of rescuing abandoned and abused cats and kittens. You will both laugh and cry, but above all you will be taken on a journey of pure love. Jeffyne may set out to save the cats, but in the end it is the cats and kittens who save us by teaching us about forgiveness, acceptance, and love no matter who we are or how we have been treated. This book gives us hope that no matter how difficult the road ahead, with love and caring we can not only heal but thrive.”



“This book is a gracefully written document of one person's life in the equally challenging and rewarding field of animal rescue. I feel totally inspired by the way the author has dedicated her life to the care of cats. It takes a special person to live this kind of life, and she also writes about her experiences beautifully. I think many people can appreciate this book, especially the animal lovers among us, and will laugh and cry in equal parts with reading.”



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100% of the proceeds from the sale of the book go directly to RESQCATS, Inc.



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Wednesday, August 1, 2018:

We were in the car on our way back from Solvang when we got a call from a guy named Adam who had just stopped traffic to save a kitten that was in the middle of the north and south bound I-5 freeway in central California. He wanted to know if he could take the kitten to RESQCATS to be taken care of. Jeffyne, being the crazy cat lady she is, of course, said yes, and told Adam to get food and water into the little guy. Adam had just gone to visit his dying grandmother, and his two family cats' graves who had both died recently. Adam arrived at RESQCATS four hours later with a, then, half asleep tabby kitten, who he had named Lucky. Jeffyne said that the kitten was about 6 weeks old, and he had been thrown out of a car and left there on the median in the middle of nowhere. His lips were bloody and scabs had already formed on his nose and chin. His hind legs were shaking, but, fortunately, he wasn't too traumatized, which was good because he was able to eat on his own. Lucky obviously had a previous owner because he was very friendly, and didn't hiss or scratch when picked up or touched.

Adam had to ask his landlord if he could keep Lucky, and if he wasn't able to, then he wanted someone he knew to have him. Lucky symbolized new life and hope in Adam's world after having lost his mom, his two kitties and now facing the death of his grandmother. Lucky was noticeably very special to him. Lucky was, well, lucky to be found by such a great (and really handsome) guy.

Lucky deserved a new home that would love him just as much as he loves feather toys, fake furry mice and plastic springs.

Sadly, Adam's landlord said no to keeping the little ball of fluff, and all of his friends were unable take care of a kitty, but someone adopted Lucky along with another kitty, Lucas, for company!

Best wishes to Lucky, Lucas and his new guardian!



“Saving one cat will not change the world, but for that one cat... the world will change forever.”



There are other ways to give and make a difference at RESQCATS!

Sign up on AmazonSmile and choose RESQCATS as your charity of choice. We will receive a percentage of everything you purchase. Amazon shares their donation quarterly and in 2017, their charitable contribution paid for 150 vaccines!

Stop by any of the listed businesses and purchase your copy of “Cat Tails: Heart-Warming Stories about the Cats and Kittens of RESQCATS.” The purchase of each book will vaccinate a litter of four!

Buy your Cats and Kittens of RESQCATS 2019 Calendar at The Montecito Pet Shop or email me at: jeffyne@resqcats.org. to order.(\$20 plus \$3 shipping and handling if you order) Be reminded each month of the difference you made for a kitten as each calendar purchase will vaccinate and deworm a kitten or cat!



A non-profit animal rescue organization dedicated to the care and welfare of stray and abandoned cats and kittens.

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