



Stretching Donations To Care For Sick Cats

Not all rescued kitties are ready for adoption. In fact, the majority of the cats that come into our foster system require extra care which means more money for veterinary services. Our adoption fees and donations help us, but we basically operate on a "break even" budget. So if you ever wonder how we spend our donation money, here are a few examples of some recent rescues.

TREVOR

Trevor and his sister Travina were healthy kittens adopted when they were 12 weeks old. About three days after their adoption, the adopters, Beth and Gavin Jones, phoned to say that Trevor was not eating. We normally cannot accept responsibility for cats once they are adopted, but since Trevor was so recently adopted, we decided to stay involved. We brought him to Dr. Ravi Muraka at Centre Square Veterinary Clinic, an excellent pediatric veterinarian and one of our participating vets. Dr. Ravi diagnosed Trevor with an intussusception of the intestine. That is when a portion of the intestine backs up, like a telescope folding into itself, and causes a serious block in the intestinal track. Dr. Ravi immediately

operated on Trevor, removing the blocked portion of the intestine and connecting the remaining two sides of the intestine. Trevor was fine for about two weeks and then another



Trevor with his adoring adopter, Beth Jones. He was greatly loved by Beth and her husband Gavin. They still have his sister and another SCBI kitten.

intussusception occurred. Dr. Ravi did a risky second surgery but warned that Trevor may not survive the ordeal...he lived for only a few days. Estimated charges for surgeries, hospital stays, medicines: \$1,200 and that's with greatly reduced rates thanks to Dr. Ravi's generosity.

KELLY

Kelly, a young female in foster care, suddenly couldn't breathe and so she

was rushed to Harleysville Veterinary Hospital where it was determined that her intestine had backed up into her chest cavity, compressing her heart. She needed immediate surgery to move the intestine back into place and repair a hole that had caused the detachment. Due to the severity of the procedure, Kelly remained at the hospital for a week. Total charges were nearly \$2,000. Kelly was adopted and is doing well.

PRINCE FREDERICK

Prince Freddy had a urinary track infection when he was rescued. It was determined that a bladder stone was causing his distress and so he required immediate surgery. In addition, he tested positive for FIV. Dr. Paulding at Harleysville Vet Hospital removed the stone and flushed Prince Freddy's urinary track. The surgery plus other services tallied over \$700 – greatly reduced thanks to Dr. Paulding. Prince Freddy is now pain free, happy, healthy and ready to find his forever people.

Stray Cat Blues, Inc. honors the life and health of all the cats that come into our care. As long as we have generous donors and adopters such as you helping us, we can continue our vital work. Your donations to Stray Cat Blues, Inc. go directly to the care of the cats and are tax deductible.

SCBI and KAT Join with Centre Square Vet for Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic - June 27, 2010

Dr. Ravi Muraka of Centre Square Veterinary Clinic, with Stray Cat Blues, Inc. (SCBI) and Kitty Adoption Team (KAT) will be sponsoring a community low cost spay/neuter cat clinic on **Sunday, June 27, 2010, 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.** This low-cost cat clinic is open to the public and all cat rescue groups. "Our goal is to spay/neuter and vaccinate 100 cats at this clinic," says Dr. Muraka. Centre Square Veterinary Clinic is located at 1030 DeKalb Pike, Centre Square, PA 19422.

Clinic costs: \$50 for female spay and \$30 for male neuter – price includes rabies and distemper vaccines, pain medicine, and antibiotics. "If you know anyone in your family, neighborhood or at work, who needs a cat or cats sterilized and vaccinated, tell them about this clinic," says Judy Gross, president of SCBI. "Our volunteer trappers will be working overtime to round up colony cats for the clinic as well," she adds.

To book an appointment for the clinic or to volunteer to help, please email savingstrays@yahoo.com or call SCBI at (215) 631-1851 and leave your name and phone number. A clinic volunteer will contact you.

Barn cats galore....

Need organic rodent control in your barn, arboreta, warehouse, garden center...etc.? Then contact us because we've got some terrific mousers waiting to get the job done. Our Barn Cat program has lots of kitties needing placement.



Our barnies are FREE OF CHARGE. They are tested negative for FIV and FeLV, spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, microchipped, wormed, bathed & groomed. We deliver them to you in a training cage that helps acclimate them to your property so they don't run away when released. To adopt, please complete a Barn

Cat adoption application online at www.straycatblues.petfinder.org or email us at savingstrays@yahoo.com.

You Can Help!...Its Easy

If you love cats and would like to help us...become a SCBI volunteer. We have three major adoption locations and need help in all of them. Petsmart North Wales, Petsmart Collegeville, and Pet Supplies "Plus" Telford.

We need:

- Morning and evening cage cleaners at Petsmart
- Foster homes
- Table Staffers
- Phone and email volunteers

Tell us your schedule and we'll find you a job. The time commitment is up to you....just a few hours a week will make all difference to our wonderful kitties.

If you are interested and at least 18 years old, complete a volunteer application either in one of our adoption locations or online at www.straycatblues.petfinder.org. Our volunteer coordinator will contact you. The kitties thank you....and we truly appreciate the help.



TNR Working for Local Apartment Complex

Hatfield Village in Hatfield, PA is a 7-acre apartment complex with 997 units and 1,532 residents. They have had a feral cat problem for years. A new management team has finally acknowledged the problem and given Stray Cat Blues, Inc. permission to do trap, neuter, return (TNR) at the Village. TNR means the cats are humanely trapped and taken to a local vet office where they are spayed/neutered & vaccinated. After a brief recovery period, they are returned to the site or brought into our foster care system.

So far, SCBI has trapped 32 cats, but there is a lot more ground to cover. That's the good news. The bad news is there is no funding for this project. SCBI is using some of our Silent Auction funds allocated for TNR, however, we really need additional funds to complete this massive TNR project. We're estimating to spay/ neuter and vaccinate 50 cats at a cost of approximately \$2,400. Any donation towards this amount would be greatly appreciated. Please see our donation coupon below.

Word of our TNR work at Hatfield Village has spread to another nearby residential community, Neshaminy Falls, Horsham, PA. We have been asked to do TNR on their property as well, and will begin there once Hatfield Village is complete.

Detach or photocopy this coupon, complete it and mail to: Stray Cat Blues, Inc., PO Box 8, Colmar, PA 18915

YES! I want to help SCBI's TNR Program!
Enclosed is my donation \$ _____

Please make check payable to Stray Cat Blues, Inc. (do not send cash)

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Address: _____

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