



STUIE'S STORY



When you live in a small community, the issues about animals thread their way through our regular lives. We at CASAS tend to be privy to some human suffering when an animal is involved, usually a cat.

Stuie was born at CASAS 5/18/2015; we have an exact date for him which is unusual for us. He was adopted by a wonderful member of our community - a Navy Veteran of the Vietnam war, who has painted many interiors in town and who is also drove a cab. But things change and as his owner had ever increasing health issues, *Stuie* was cared for by his owners' friends and ultimately by his landlady.

We were contacted by his caretaker that *Stuie* was very much regressing. *Stuie* was hiding, sort of reverting to a feral behavior. We went over to assess the situation and determined that trapping was in order. He was squeezed up in a space and when I put my hand up into it, hissing and growling ensued. So, we brought in a trap. Sardines the prize! In less than 16 hours, I got the call that he was in the trap. I contacted his owner in a rehab facility to set his mind at ease that we had his cat under our care and *Stuie* would be waiting for him when he came home.

Thus begins our work at the Shelter. We worked with *Stuie* to gain trust. Getting him to eat and working with him to be comfortable enough to groom - he had sardine oil all over his long fur. As we

didn't feel he was a good enough candidate for a shampoo, we used a combo of natural wicking substances and cotton gloves. He responded so well, now plays and has started grooming.

Unfortunately, we heard his owner had passed. He was now available for adoption. A new forever home was very quickly found. Good luck *Stuie* with your new owner.

OUR FURREVER FELINES



As you walk into the Shelter, you may be greeted by *Ollie*, rubbing against your legs, but the warning comes, Don't Pet Her! Most people heed the warning, but the unfortunate ones end up in our washroom for anti-septic and a band aid or two. She was adopted from us as a kitten but her owner became increasingly debilitated, and *Ollie* started biting and scratching. *Ollie* is now one of our furrever cats, living out her life at the Shelter.

Also as you enter, you may see a large flash of marmalade scurrying into a back room.



That's *Tyler*, a very shy boy. Through no fault of his own, *Tyler* has been back and forth into the Shelter - first, a new baby in the household, then his next two owners passed away.

Then, there are the two girls, *Sonia* and *Josie*, in a large room on the left as you enter. They scoot up to the nether regions on their catwalk, effectively out of sight. They are bonded sisters, also adopted from the Shelter as kittens.



Sonia

Sonia has some health issues and pees very high over most litter boxes. We've adapted a very high litter box for her, but it's difficult to tell how long she will physically be able to utilize it.



Josie

Her sister *Josie* is even more shy, and since they are a bonded pair, we will not allow one to be adopted without the other.

Continue on through the Shelter and meet *Dixie*. She is a silver declawed sweetie; sometimes she thinks a soft towel makes a fine litter box. The only cat not adopted from the Shelter, she was slated for euthanasia after her owners did everything they could health wise for her.



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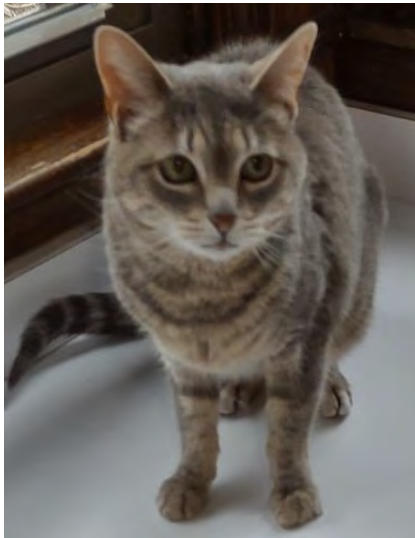
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Dixie

This is our roster of furrever felines at the moment. They are all north of 13 years old and most are on special food for renal issues. They all require regular vaccines. In addition, most of them get supplements.

We love them very much and they will probably live out their lives with us. They have a great quality of life, including access to our outdoor enclosure and as much petting and brushing as they allow.

When you donate to CASAS it helps to maintain the lives of these furrever felines.

RECENT ADOPTIONS

Lizzy & Alex to Max Schneider
Dude to Abby Roderick
Stuie to Sylvia Leonard
Miko to Eileen Rice



Miko

cat, undiminished

A Doberman pinscher tore her ear off.

That's why I playfully call her Van Gogh.

She has style, wisdom, dignity and grace.

And that is all she wants you to know.

Dennis Rhodes

KITTEN SEASON

As we head into spring we have our fingers crossed that some kittens will come to the shelter. Yes, kittens are a lot of work but the joy of socializing them, watching them grow and learn, fight and play is so rewarding and fulfilling. Sometimes it can be scary, too. Upper respiratory infections seem to come from nowhere and can wreak havoc on tiny kits. As they transition from mother's milk to solid food diarrhea can dehydrate a baby quickly. But we are prepared should these problems arise. Our volunteers can give subcutaneous fluids, liquid medicines and pills. Kittens and moms can be monitored closely in volunteers' homes when needed and veterinary help is just a phone call away.

So bring on the kittens and let the fun begin!



Mowgli

"I was awakened by a gentle touch of a cat paw, tapping my eyelid. All of them are well fed, so this was an early wake up call to look out the window. The very early light was playing across the slats of my fence, dusky but coming into brilliance. Thank you cat."



CAT CHAT CAT-EGORIES TO CONSIDER ADOPTING

by Roz Goldstein

Spring is coming along. The arrival of warmer weather and longer days heralds the kitten season. Those adorable little balls of fluff can steal your hearts. But is a lively little ball of fur the right fit for your family? There are 3 categories of cats you should consider before deciding on an adoption candidate.

First, is the adorable kitten. Cute yes, but also very active. They are in need of constant attention and frequent medical checks during the first year of life. For a quiet household, one with senior animals, limited income or limited time, bringing a kitten into the mix may not be ideal.

Yes they will be box trained and may be "fixed" prior to adoption but unless you have another young cat or family members who could benefit from the liveliness, a kitten may not be the ideal choice.

Second, is the young adult cat. A cat between 1-3 years old is still playful, but usually calm enough to spend time alone. He has already had his "baby shots" and at this age is likely to be healthy.

Third, is the adult cat 3 to 8 years old. They are usually calm, may play, and are quieter companions. Senior cats (ones 8 years and up) make good companions for older people and quiet households but may require more regular medical check-ups and blood work at times.

All indoor cats regardless of age require environmental enrichment as well as vaccination. Senior cats, as well as young cats, need stimulation to be happy cats. This includes climbing structures, interactive toys such as ball tracks and toy mice as well as a window to the outdoor world. All of this satisfies the cat's natural instinct to hunt. Of course, playtime with his human is a must. String toys, feather toys and laser pointers are great. String toys should be put away after play as a cat may bite the string and swallow it, which may cause an intestinal blockage. Playtime with you enhances the cat-human bond. Play also keeps a cat calmer.

Hopefully this helps in your decision about what age cat you want to adopt. Additional help is available by calling CASAS as well as information on kitten and senior cat care.

Enjoy your new feline companion!

ODE TO JADE

by Lee Roscoe

My beloved *Jade* is gone. *Jade Jazz* calico kitty was only 10 pounds. A lonely cat at CASAS in Provincetown, they kept her separate from the other cats because she had been picked on in a hoarding situation in Chatham where she was rescued, so she was not fond of other cats. I first saw her on a flat navy-blue dotted pillow on the windowsill of the basement, looking out the window to the wetland. She came to me and slowly sat on my lap. They told me she didn't know how to play and I would have to teach her. (I did teach her, and she loved her feather wands and her grey mousie, which she would bat at and push up into the air and chase, and roll on, as she also would roll on a lovely white laundry ball I sprayed cat nip on, holding it in to her tummy like prey and kicking at it.) When I took her home, she hid under the bed sofa in my living room. Gradually coming out. Staring at me with her sweet yellow eyes. They had named her *Jade* at the shelter, but her eyes were Citrine. Her fur was a Duke Ellington suite, black tan and beige, white and rufous. A multi-racial kitty. I named her *Jade Jazz* (*Jazzkin*). She loved nothing better than to sit on my lap and watch TV or read with me, purring; loving me to stroke her little ears inside and out, her chin, her cheeks, her striped forehead. She was a designer cat with abstract expressionist splotches and a white triangle on her face. When she was sad or upset or worried about me, the stripes on her forehead would come together, like a dog wrinkling its brow. She barely meowed, but when she did she spoke my name, lee lee, and it was a soft baby kitten meow. She was completely gentle, other than a tender love bite or two when I first had her (I taught her not to do that). She never ever scratched. She did not like to be picked up, but I could squeeze her tight to me to bring her to bed and she would kick her legs out to

jump on the bed and then we would snuggle. She curled into my tummy and we spooned and fell asleep. Sometimes she would nose kiss me. In the morning she never ever woke me up for food. She was patient. She didn't like her tummy petted. And she was a healer. In February of 2020, I had gone to theater just as Covid was starting; someone coughed. I asked them to cover their mouth. I put my scarf around mine. But in a few days I was fatigued with a bolt of throat phlegm I could not get rid of. I did go to the doctor but it was right before the Covid knowledge of March 12. So they did not test me. *Jade* sat on my upper chest and neck in bed at night when I was having trouble with the phlegm and purred and in the morning I seemed fine. She had healed me. She would sit on pieces of me that did not feel well and soothe them and heal them. She was a magical cat. She had a very short back coat, as if someone had shaved her and it had not grown back. They told me she had had bad fleas. I was fearful that the flea medicine they said had been liberally applied would harm her. She liked to itch at herself, but the vet found no skin problems. I thought she was my mother because my mum had itches and allergies, too, and *Jade* took care of me like a mum, my mum. She got breast cancer and her skin erupted and bled, and would not heal. Yesterday she could not walk well and where it had healed erupted again. I knew it was time. She was the best, sweetest, gentlest cat ever. I will love her forever. I hope she will be my mother's kitty in heaven. It's so quiet now in the house, so blank and lifeless and lonely.



TRIBUTE TO ALL RESCUERS

All the little cat spirits were crossing the rainbow bridge when one of them looked back and saw some cats' souls lying on the other side of the bridge, not moving.

"Who are they?" he asked the cat next to him.

"Oh, don't you know they are the souls who had no owner in life and knew no love like we did."

"So what are they lying there for?" he asked "Why don't they cross over like us?"

"They can't." replied his new friend. "Only pets with owners can cross."

Just then all the souls on the other side of the bridge sat up and looked down the road.

"What's happening?" asked the little cat. "Watch!" replied his friend.

Whereupon a man and woman were seen walking towards the bridge. They looked to their left and then to their right then opened their arms wide and all the patiently waiting souls got up and went to them.

They knelt and touched each and every spirit in turn.

They then all proceeded to cross the bridge together.

"Who are they?" he asked his friend.

"They are very special." replied his friend.

"They are rescuers."



Wick

PIZZA PARTY FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to **Montano's** owner **Bob Montano** and his staff for a wonderful Pizza Party fundraiser in March! We hadn't been able to have this fundraising event since 2019. Over 60 people came out of hibernation to socialize, eat some great pizza and salad, and support CASAS. We also had some great donated items for our "choose your own" auction.

Everyone looked like they had a wonderful time, and we thank everyone for their support.

ASKING FOR HELP

Once again we are asking you, our loyal supporters, for financial help. Our expenses continually need to be met and vet bills, as most of you know, seem to be increasing at the speed of light. Our older cats require more medications and special foods. Our building is over 40 years old and is starting to show its age - it is time for repairs and maintenance. All of this costs more than it ever did and we can't do it without you. As you go through your own spring list of things to do, please remember us and add CASAS to your list.

All of us, humans and felines, thank you for your generosity.

CLIPPING CLAWS

Doors are shut, kits slinking underneath beds, sofas, chairs. Many rooms left. Doors closed, hiding behind drapes, slithering between all. "Oh," tabby cat says, "you can't see me" on the tabby cat throw. A black one hiding on the windowsill, with the ebony sky as a background says, "you can't see me". "I am hunkered down by the black bike tires" says the small black cat, "you can't see me". The tabby, piled into a cat lounge says, "here I am, let's get started."

And I do. Success with all!



Buddy

IN SEARCH OF ...

... a community cat caretaker. If you live in the upper (North) area of Franklin St., Race Rd., Kimberly Ln. or Bayberry Ave. and would like to assist in helping a feral kitty live out her best life, please contact Sherry at CASAS, 508.487.4243.

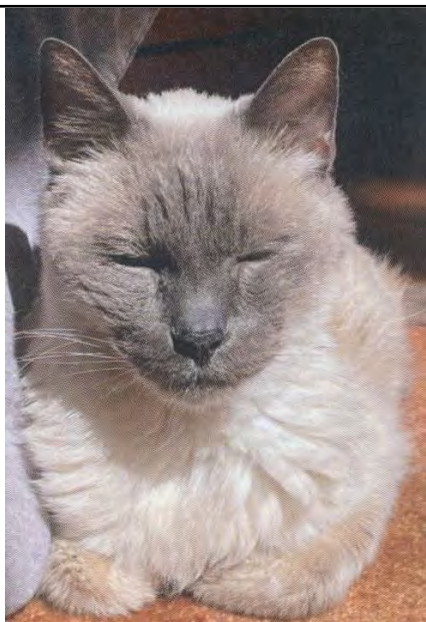
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In memory of our beloved Buffy cat
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In memory of Izzy
You were the alpha female to our
other kits and the greeter to our
house. The void is deep.
Enjoy your next adventures over the
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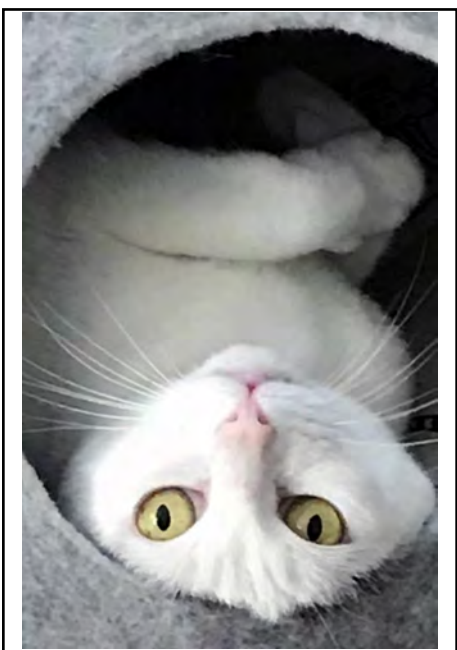
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MAKING YOUR IMPACT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE TAXING

There are tax advantages for several types of gifts:

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Some call this the IRA Charitable Rollover. A QCD from your IRA today is an excellent way to make your gift tax-free while also satisfying your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). If you have a retirement account and are required to take a minimum income distribution (RMD) each year, this is taxable income for many. But, when you give a gift directly from your retirement account to CASAS, the IRS does not tax that portion as income. Simply call your financial advisor or retirement account administrator.

Appreciated Stock

A quick phone call is all it takes to donate gifts of appreciated stock held for more than a year directly to CASAS. This remains a great way to support the animals AND avoid paying capital gains taxes. It's easy to do!

Include CASAS in Your Will or Trust

A gift through your estate is a great way to keep control of your assets while pursuing your financial strategy, knowing that you also benefit CASAS programs. Naming CASAS as a Beneficiary in your retirement plan, life insurance policy, annuity, and other financial assets is another way to create your legacy.

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