



RESCUE ME!

One of the goals of CASAS is to rescue cats and kittens when they are in circumstances with no one to take care of them, and have them available for adoption.

Recently, CASAS embarked on a new "rescue" program. We have many cats that are beautiful and sweet but have been too shy to adopt out. Via the *Free Kibble* website, it came to our attention that a woman who works in a shelter in Maine, Sara Goldenthal, was having some very good results with shy and feral kitties using *Bach's Rescue Remedy* and positive reinforcement. One of our volunteers contacted her and she was very receptive to conveying her methods. A dilute solution of Rescue Remedy is dropped on a treat and given to kitties or dispensed on the hands of the volunteer and rubbed on the head and ears of the kitty if the volunteer has already won the trust of the cat. The premise is that once the shy kitty has trusted one person, it will begin to associate that trust with other people. It is a slow process, with consistency and dedication on the part of the volunteer vital to the success of the program. Miracles do not happen overnight and are not to be expected.

We began this program the end of February with the Remedy being administered every other day by the same volunteer. There has been noted improvement visible to those of us who are with them every day. The kitties appear much more calm and less skittish, even forming more loving bonds with each other. Also, when volunteers go to feed these kitties, who mostly hang out in our front room, they do not scatter but are much more amenable to staying around waiting for their supper. Overall, a sense of calm has seemed to pervade the shelter.

We will continue this program indefinitely, with the goal being to adopt out at least some of these wonderful cats who all deserve their forever home.

ADOPTING A CAT

I lost my full-time job in July 2010. Luckily, I found a seasonal job quickly enough but it ended by the middle of September. By the beginning of October I was going stir-crazy, trying to figure out next steps. Then I remembered what a friend of mine told me: the Carrie A. Seaman Animal Shelter (CASAS) needed volunteers. With so much time on my hands, I headed out to Sandy Hill Lane on Route 6, to begin my love affair with CASAS.

While I help to do the things all volunteers do - scooping litter boxes, changing water bowls, filling food bowls and (payback!) playing with the cats - a four month old gray tiger kitten named Harriet adopted me. Every time I sat down long enough to take a breather, Harriet would stalk my lap and stare down any cat that came near me. Soon enough, she came "home".

CASAS strives to make ownership as easy and cost effective as possible. Spaying and neutering is done before the cat leaves the shelter. CASAS provides financial assistance for people with limited monetary resources who obtain a cat from elsewhere. Your cat receives all shots and necessary medical care before adoption.



Harriet & Lumpy

Since Harriet had so much love to give, I treated her (and me) to another kitten, a four month old tuxedo named Lumpy. Harriet has taken on the role of mother/sister/crash test dummy for Lumpy. And, both give me unconditional love.

- Donna Walker

THIRTEEN KITTENS

CASAS is one of the few shelters on the Cape ready and willing to accept pregnant cats. Usually, the cats we take in have had little or no prenatal care or proper nutrition. This year we accepted a "stray" male cat (we were told it was a male, looked like a male and we just took the finder's word for it). We spent much time and energy trying to locate the owner. We eventually located her and found that the cat had escaped accidentally and unfortunately became pregnant. Within a very short time, "he" was having contractions with no result. One morning, the early morning volunteer arrived to find a deceased kitten that had apparently come from the "male" cat. Dr. McDonnell, our fabulous volunteer veterinarian, came immediately and performed an emergency Caesarian. If this mama cat had given birth outside, not only would she have died but the second kitten also. The deceased kitten was not visibly injured or damaged. Because it is not good for a kitten to be raised singly we had another mama cat, Fern, with 5 kittens who was delighted to donate her babies, Moss and Ivy, to be foster siblings to little Aprill. Aprill was initially thought to be a girl born on April 1st but we mis-gendered (it is hard when they are tiny) and he is now Aprill and is thriving. The foster mama was delighted to nurse three babies and the original mother was happy to be relieved of some of her maternal duties.

*Is there anything
in the world
more attentive
or expressive than a dog's eyes
following the trajectory
of a cookie
from your hands to your mouth?*

Dennis Rhodes



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KIBBLES AND SKITS 2013

Our fabulous MC and diva, **Gwen Kazlouskas-Noyes**, produced the most recent version of our “no talent” variety show at the VFW. This year, however, the talent was more than apparent with **ChiChi Royale, Susan Mitchell, John Fitch, Sarah Greene, Jeanie and Joanne Carney, Chev Hardy, Frank Poranski, Judy Linen, Alison Hyder, Bragan Thomas, Dan McGhie, Anne Stott** and **West End Wendy Wendell (Willard)** rocking the house.

Raymond Johnson worked the sound system borrowed from **The Mews**. **Ellen Battaglini** ran the spot light. Special *Thanks* to the cooks, **Ellen Daley** and **Carrie Notaro**, the **VFW, Provincetown Florist, Cosmos Catering, East End Marketplace, Fanizzi’s, Farland Provisions, Jimmy’s Hideaway, Napi’s, P-town Parties, The Red Inn, The Lobster Pot, Stop and Shop** and especially all the CASAS supporters who turn out every year to help us with our mission. The 50/50 Raffle was won by **Len Connolly** who donated it back to CASAS.

Gwen, as always, was perfection.



Chi Chi Royale and friends

THINGS WE DO

One thing that CASAS volunteers particularly love doing is helping people with their feral or backyard cat populations. If the “caretakers” are able to monitor a humane trap, we can loan them one of ours which are easier to work than the older models. A Truro Treasures grant paid for several of these. We will trap, spay/neuter, and vaccinate and, if the cat is too feral to socialize and adopt out, release the cat to its familiar territory as long as there

is a caring person to feed them. If kittens are born, we trap them early and socialize them to be adopted. We spay the mamas and occasionally can socialize them also for adoption. As a result, CASAS spends over \$200 a month to supply food to these outside populations. We encourage homeowners to call us early so we can solve their backyard population problems before they increase.

NAKED WALK

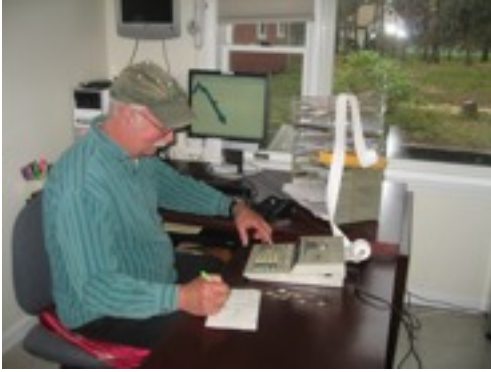


CASAS is always looking for new and different ways to raise money to support our population and our spay/neuter program. Anita and Dave Butler came up with the idea of Santa Claus walking naked down Commercial Street during Holly Folly. Most people we approached to participate declined, so Anita (as Mrs. Santa Claus) was forced to do it herself. Pledges were accepted, donations were sought, and Mrs. Santa walked Jerry Walsh’s Kee-shound, *Bob*, disguised as “Naked”. Several elves also walked the strip and collected donations as they went.

Tim Convery, owner of **Tim-Scapes**, and the father of *Teddy*, a CASAS adoptee, has designed a cat and a dog t-shirt/sweatshirt for CASAS supporters. They will be available for purchase after May 18th, and a percentage of the proceeds of each sale will be donated to CASAS. Please stop by his store at 208 Commercial Street, Provincetown and check out the great design!

Thanks Tim for your generosity.

THIS IS WHAT A VOLUNTEER LOOKS LIKE



Dave Butler is a great volunteer to have around. He can fix just about anything, knows all about computers, and is excellent at feeding tiny kittens that need extra nourishment. Oh yes, and he is the treasurer of CASAS. When Dave wears that hat he is a worry wart. Do we have enough money to cover the bills? If we spend extra for advertising for an event will it bring in more people? It sure costs a lot to print and mail the newsletters!

We seldom come right out and ask you for money in the newsletter but in this issue we are. If everyone on our mailing list sent us just \$5.00 we would raise over \$7000.00. Five dollars is a small amount that most people wouldn't miss and it adds up quickly. This would probably put Dave over the edge with paperwork but as he would say "What else am I doing?"

So please, open your wallet, checkbook, or PayPal account and send us a donation. Of course, we will accept contributions of any size, the bigger, the better.

Would you like to help CASAS but have limited cash flow? How about donating a GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR SERVICES? We have several annual events where we use gift certificates from local businesses for auction and raffle prizes. There is surely someone out there who would love to have a massage, an hour of plumbing, or perhaps a boat ride to Long Point. Get creative! Whatever you donate is fully tax-deductible, and you'll be helping save the lives of local animals in need.

CROWNE POINTE

For the fourth year CASAS benefited from the generosity of **Crowne Pointe Bistro** at their truly superb dinner with wine donated by **Truro Vineyards**. As always we were sold out and a good time was had by all. The money raised at this event enabled us to send one of our senior cats, *Raisin*, for an expensive procedure to treat an overactive thyroid. A gift basket from Trader Joe's was auctioned off and was won by board member, **Jeanette Bragger**, who then gifted most of the contents to other bidders. We thank the owners and staff of Crowne Pointe, **Dave, Tom, Sean and Michelle** and **Chef de Cuisine Renee Little**.

RECENT ADOPTIONS

Molly to Joan & Elio Goff
Ruby and Zander to Roz Goldstein
Ramona to Claudia Martin
Parker & Kelly to Derek Pazolt and Darius Herber

FOR ADOPTION



Bayne

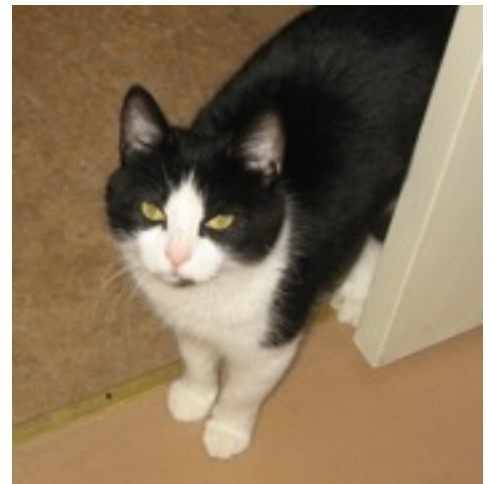
Bayne is a handsome three year old male tuxedo cat. He was sadly relinquished due to changes in his living arrangements. He was placed in a temporary home for a few months but ultimately ended up at CASAS. In his own room at the shelter, he loved to be petted and jumped on laps. After he was moved out into the lower level, he became more skittish. We made him a lovely bed and he adores being petted by some of our volunteers. He gets along well with the other cats and snuggles with one cat in particular on a regular basis. In his new home, it would be best to start him out in a small space and to give him lots of one

on one attention. Whoever adopts this wonderful cat will have many years of love and adoration.



Fern

Fern is about one year old, too young to have as hard a life as she had. Street cats get pregnant early and often. Thankfully, she and her last litter were rescued and brought to CASAS. All five of her babies will soon go to their new homes and it's time for Fern to shine. She is very sweet, does not beg for people food, and loves to play and make up new games. Fern is spayed and has had all of her shots.



Mo

Mo wins an award for "Best Mother". Not only is she raising her own kitten, we gave her two foster kittens so her baby would have playmates to grow up with. Mo never put up a fuss over having more mouths to feed. She took it all in stride. She has been spayed and is up to date with shots. Mo is a little shy as she had some traumatic days just before giving birth, but she is sweet and would do well in a quiet home

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WISH LIST FOR CASAS

VOLUNTEERS to sit, comb, brush, socialize. No heavy lifting, scooping or feeding necessary unless you want. Willing to commit on a regular basis to a few hours a week to prepare our residents for adoption. We need someone who can commit to a regular morning @7-8 AM to feed, scoop, clean and/or someone to come on a regular basis @ 7 PM to sit and socialize with the cats so the night is not so long for them. We also need people to volunteer at special events, especially during Pet Appreciation Weekend which is always the last full weekend in September. We also need people who can stay at the shelter to answer phones and welcome visitors while we are out on errands, trapping, or on vet runs.

CAT LITTER - scoop and clay
TRASH BAGS -33 gallon and smaller kitchen bags

PAPER TOWELS - preferably Bounty
PET FOOD - Fancy Feast or Friskies wet food; Iams or Purina dry kitten food; Dry cat food - especially Innova, Hills Science Diet Sensitive Skin and Oral Care
FLEECE THROW BLANKETS, CAT TREES, SCRATCHING POSTS, CAT CONDOS - gently used only
GIFT CERTIFICATES to pet supply stores, BJ's, K Mart, or gas cards
TOYS- such as feather or other interactive games to play
LEAF RAKERS
No blankets, pillows, futons, comforters, vacuum cleaners, or used litter boxes, please. We have plenty of cat carriers and dog crates for now.

SAVE THE DATE 2013
Mary Oliver Reading July 20
Pet Appreciation Weekend -
September 27-29