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2300 Ramona Road, Atascadero, CA 93422

## 🌿 Feral Cat Habitat Sanctuary



Photos by Judy McPhail, <http://geminifoto.com>

*All the cats within Cat Habitat Sanctuary would have met a darker fate - euthanasia, starvation, a fast-coming car - had they not found their safe and loving home in the almond trees of North County.*

## A Haven for Feral Kitties

**V**olunteers are needed on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon to help "winterize" the grounds at the feral cat sanctuary in North County. We need to clean up the sheds and do some general yard cleaning to get prepared for the winter season.

The sanctuary also needs someone to pick up the food shipment at Food 4 Less'

Paso Robles store twice per month on a Sunday morning.

If interested in these projects, please e-mail NCHS at [slonchs3@charter.net](mailto:slonchs3@charter.net) or leave a message at the shelter at 466-5403.

Extreme heat or rain cancels the cleanup event on Sept. 27, and we will reschedule.

Thanks for helping the ferals!



*Bennie, top left, was the first cat on the Sanctuary grounds, shown above. At left, another Sanctuary kitty enjoying herself among the trees.*

## 🌿 Calendar 🌿

### SEPTEMBER

🌿 **SHOP FOR THE SHELTER**  
Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m.-noon  
At Food 4 Less in Atascadero. To volunteer to hand out shelter "shopping lists," call 466-5403. Or stop by to buy cat food and cleaning supplies for the shelter.

🌿 **ADOPT-ATHONS AT SHELTER**  
Every Saturday in September, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
At the shelter, 2300 Ramona Road in Atascadero.  
There will be a \$50 gas card raffle!

🌿 **ADOPT-A-PETS AT PETCO**  
Every Saturday in September and October, noon-3 p.m.  
At Petco in Paso Robles.  
Short 'n Sweet Dog Rescue will also be there!

🌿 **RABOBANK HONOR**  
Rabobank at 705 Golden Hills Road in Paso Robles has honored NCHS as Business of the Month.

🌿 **NCHS BOARD MEETING**  
Thursday, Sept. 25, 6-8 p.m.  
For location, call 466-5403.

### OCTOBER

🌿 **ATASCADERO COLONY DAYS**  
Saturday, Oct. 18, noon-4 p.m.  
NCHS will have a booth at the annual event. Volunteer or stop by!

🌿 **NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY**  
Thursday, Oct. 16

🌿 **NCHS BOARD MEETING**  
Thursday, Oct. 16, 6-8 p.m.  
At the Atascadero-Martin Polin Library, 6850 Morro Road.

Check [www.slonchs.org](http://www.slonchs.org) often for upcoming events.



## North County Humane Society

**Shelter hours:** Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Adoption hours:** Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Our vision:** To live in a world where all animals receive compassion, respect and humane treatment from all people.

**Newsletter team**  
Sandy Rakestraw and Jennifer Robillard

**Director of Animal Care** Kayce Daniels  
**Director of Operations** Jan Jones

**Senior Animal Care Technicians**  
Andrea Juarez  
Sherry Chapman

**Board of Directors**  
Maddy Nager, president; Jennette Kovacs, secretary; Terry Miron, treasurer; and directors-at-large Geoff Condon, Tim O'Keefe, Sandy Rakestraw, Ken Kellett and Anita Rouse

**Want to volunteer?** Call the shelter at 466-5403.

**For newsletter advertising or comments, e-mail**  
NCHSnewsletter@gmail.com

# You Responded to Our Call

Thank you for your Save Our Shelter campaign support; more needs to be done

The public plea to please help "Save Our Shelter" must have touched a chord with many of you, as the outpouring of generous donations and other gifts exceeded our expectations. Many of you sent personal or business checks, gave your credit card numbers, brought in cash, and made in-kind donations. Thank you all for your help and support. As a result of your generosity, over \$90,000 was put directly into the shelter's working funds to buy food, medicines, supplies, veterinary care, spays and neuters, and to help keep our shelter open for the well-being of the animals and to give the opportunity for wonderful adopters to come and find their forever friends.

These wonderful gifts have taken us nearly one-third the way toward our goal of \$300,000 for yearly sustainability. In the meantime, we've been working smarter, not just harder, toward ways to reach the final number. But recent

Your continued support is critical at this time to keep the shelter open as a sanctuary for animals in search of their forever homes.

higher prices for "costs of goods" have hit our budget hard. The shelter staff has been exploring further measures to cut expenses, and we are seeking more businesses to donate needed supplies (litter and paper plates) and office supplies (toner cartridges and rolls of stamps). If you are able to help, please call Jan at the shelter at 466-5403.

Also, to bridge this remaining monetary gap, your board is working diligently to advance our fundraising efforts to the next level. Besides our affiliations with the Petco and Petsmart foundations, local Chambers of Commerce, and the ASPCA, we've received much assistance from Charter Communications (thank you!).

New and updated shelter literature has been designed, printed and distributed; our new Web site (thanks to Nancy McKarney) has launched; and our take-to-the-public Power-Point slide show "A Day at the Shelter" is ready to share with local businesses and groups at meetings, luncheons and functions.

Finally, a big boost has come from joining the Nonprofit Support Center and expanding our planned and annual giving for large donors and special bequest programs.

Through these programs and your ongoing support, trust and investment, we will lead the shelter to ultimate success.

Continued financial support from our members and all the communities we serve is critical while we aim to reach for our greater goal of permanent sustainability for the sake of the cats we take under our care.

**Sandy Rakestraw**  
*Editor and Board member*

### This issue's featured kitty

Meow! My name is **Piwackett**, and I'm told I'm a very inquisitive cat. I enjoy just hanging around, checking out this and that, from top to bottom, left to right, over and under... under and over! I'm a mostly black, medium-hair male who will show you just how much I appreciate your love if you take me home! To adopt me, come by the shelter. Purrs!



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## ❁ Short 'n Sweet Dog Rescue



**M**meet Trooper, a beautiful, healthy 3-year-old blond terrier mix weighing 16 lbs. This time last year he was found running around Griffith Park badly injured, and estimates given his rescuer for surgery were very high. Fortunately, a well-known celebrity was in the same vet's office at the time, overheard the conversation, and offered to "take care of everything" if a promise was made to give the little dog a good home. Two hours later, he was in having his needed surgery.

He earned his worthy name due to the struggles he faced during recovery, all with his tail wagging. But now he has a happy heart, a funny grin, and is waiting for his forever home.

If interested in learning more about Trooper, send an e-mail to: [Debby@shortsweetdogrescue.org](mailto:Debby@shortsweetdogrescue.org) or call 805-237-8016 to arrange a time to meet a real Trooper!

[www.shortnsweetdogrescue.org](http://www.shortnsweetdogrescue.org)

## ❁ Short tails: Mews and more from the shelter

### Community rallies to save the shelter

North County Humane Society has received some very special gifts thanks to the generous people and organizations of our community.

Here is just some of the kindness:

- Artist **Bill Jennings** donated his North County Access Yellow Pages front-cover photo winning prize of \$250;

- **The Quiltery** in Paso Robles raised over \$100 from a cookie sale;

- **Brad Kyle, AKA "Dr. Danger,"** held a July 4 event in Biddle Park and raised \$625 for the shelter;

- **New Frontiers Natural Market** in San Luis Obispo held a special 5 percent day for the shelter and presented a check for \$1,778;

- **Carolyn Hornbuckle** of Mac & PC Teacher donated much of her time with technical computer assistance.

- **Reined Cow Horse Show** in Paso Robles gave \$214; and

- Teen **Alex Helms** started a project on teen volunteer site Do Something: [www.dosomething.org/project/sos-help-north-county-humane-society](http://www.dosomething.org/project/sos-help-north-county-humane-society).

Thank you all for believing in what we do.



*NCHS Office Manager Jan Jones, Artist Bill Jennings and NCHS Board President Maddy Nager.*

### Chalk Mountain students' fundraiser

June 7 was a great day for NCHS! The students at Chalk Mountain Community School held a car show, BBQ, bake sale and plant sale at their school to benefit the shelter. They collected loads of shelter supplies donated by car show patrons as well as over \$400 in donations!

Many thanks to Precilla Carminati, Brianna Wallravin and Chloe Robertson. The kitties, staff and Board of Directors of NCHS applaud your efforts. Fantastic job!

### Estate sale raises \$3,000

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard for the AFAR/NCHS Estate Sale held Aug. 15 and 16. The first thank you goes to our founder, Daphne Fahsing, who offered the use of her beautiful property along with donating some wonderful treasures to sell with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the shelter spay/neuter

program and sanctuary.

Immeasurable gratitude goes to shelter friends Steve and Barbie LaSalle who spent untold hours planning and organizing the event as well as directing so many wonderful volunteers: Hallie McMaster, Pam Gordon, Gerri Brasher, Marcia Morales, Maddy Nager, Anita Rouse, Larry Bell, Joan Muir, Alice Coppers, Madeline Rothman, and Chanel and Shane Crespin. You were a great team!

Of course, thanks to our own shelter Office Manager Jan Jones and to staffers Jeb Jones and Seth Wilson who schlepped needed goods "to and fro"; to Geoff Condon for great publicity and transporting tables; to Ken Kellet for donating the shopping bags; and to the Atascadero Historical Society for use of their tables.

Finally, thanks to all of you who answered our plea for "More Stuff!" and contributed wonderful sale items to make our event so successful. Meows to everyone.

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# In Memory

## In memory of ...

**Eddie.** A very special kitty, and who at one time was a resident at NCHS. Love from Yvonne and Alex Helms and the shelter staff

**"Mr. Rooster"** who started each day with so much joy, and **"Ms. Tazzie,"** a feral black kitten found 10 years ago at Atascadero State Hospital and gave us lots of love.

Both pets left us on the same day. From Barbara Schoenike and Steve LaSalle



*Freida*

**"Freida"** — the diagnostic dog at Morin Bros. Automotive. From an anonymous donor

**Mingus,** a special loving cat adopted from NCHS in 1995 by Monica Fiscalini. From Barbara Fiscalini

**Tony the Tiger,** whom I loved very much! From Sally Knight

**Peter Pumpkin.** From Elaine Genasci

**Caroline Ellen Gordon.** From Karen Clanin

My very dear **"Binky"** kitty. From Helen Way

**John Erlanson.** From Brenan, Lonnan, and Nathan McIntyre

**Renas Parkhurst** and her cats. From Patricia Gagala

**"Harold"** — our beautiful Maine Coon cat. From Donna Buchholz and Richard Williams

**Sancho Gluck.** From Marna Christopher

**Snickelfritz.** From his mom, Kristen Ruby

My daughter, **Kara Miller.** From Janet Becker

Adopted shelter kitty **Cry Baby** and in honor of his Mom, shelter staffer Shelly Montoya, for giving him so much love. From shelter staff and Sandy Rakestraw

**Claude Fiske.** From Nancy Fiske

**Miles,** missed so much by Maddy and Rich, and forever now with his Dad, Paul. From shelter staff and Sandy Rakestraw

**Domino,** beloved kitty of Denise Milardo. From Sandy Rakestraw

Kayce's beloved **"Fred."** From Janita and Bob Baker

My wonderful cat, **Woody.** From Barbara Clark

Barbara Clark's beloved cat, **Woody.** From Robbin Peterson

**Cee Cee,** beloved kitty of Lauren Nagle. From Sandy Rakestraw

**Diana Golledge.** From Barbara and Robert Golledge

**Meeko,** Sandy Rakestraw's beloved kitty. From Steven and Kate Klein

My two cats, **Barney and Bamm-Bamm.** From Richard Coole

**Kara Miller** from her kittys! We miss her! Ann, Ipod, Gidget, Adolph, Fluffy, Mokey and Kitty

My dog **"Turtle,"** and with appreciation to Dr. Brad Hollstien and his staff at Veterinary Medical Center. From Nancy Tweedie

**Diana Golledge.** From Barbara and Robert Golledge

**Monty.** To the Barnes family, From Betty Malone

**"Fritz."** From Jessica Neubauer

Sarah Stedman's beloved **Nadia.** "Nothing so loved is ever lost, and you have been loved completely." From Bob and Janita Baker

**Doris Miyamoto.** From Suzi and Queak Bettger. Also, to Gary Miyamoto: In loving memory of your mom, **Doris Miyamoto,** a true cat lover. From Susan, Marc and Tiffany

**Mr. Boo.** A friend is a forever thing. We love you. Mike and Deb Dill. Also, in expression of heartfelt sympathy to

Deb and Mike Dill for the loss of their family member and pug dog **Mr. Boo.** From TC and The Cat Habitat Crew

My dog **Tootsie** and in honor and with special thanks to Sharon Klintworth of Veterinary Medical Center for all her love and care to all of my animals. From Nancy Tweedie

**"Mr. Bunnars,"** companion to Gail Robinette and Verlinda Bailey. From Betty Malone

Shelter kitty **Misty "Gypsy" Rose.** From Robbin Peterson

Shelter kitties **Curly, Maize, Misty Rose, Roy Rogers, Dixon, Hank, Victor, Sarah and Antoinette.** From shelter staff



Photo by Chelsea Lightfoot

*Shelter kitty Pumpkin.*

Shelter kitty **Pumpkin.** You may have been abandoned before, but your were loved the short time you were with us at the shelter. From shelter staff

## In Honor

### In honor of ...

**Jennifer Wills** birthday! From Kathleen Gorman

And in celebration of the marriage of **Ariane Leiter and Jerry James.** From Gina and Kevin Axsom

The **65th birthday of Alice Fold,** the best friend a cat ever had. From Sally Knight

**Tricia Williams** for her birthday! Happy birthday from Richard Williams

**Bobbi Egbert's** birthday. From Donna Buchholz and Richard Williams

**"Footie McClenahan."** From Pat and Chuck McClenahan

**Edward Haggerty.** Happy Father's Day from your family!

**Marleta Garner's** birthday. From Linda and Raymond Cosma

## Thank you, members!

### MAY

Candice Buckley  
Linda Caldwell  
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Hi! My name is Keller.

## The (Next) Biggest Help!

Dear friend and shelter supporter, In case you don't feel like "The Millionaire" right now, the next best way to financially help the shelter's animals is to sign up as a **Guardian Angel**. This special program allows supporters to send a monthly gift of \$10, \$25, \$50 or more, which goes for the care of one needy shelter cat.

You can pick a special kitty to support, or we'll gladly suggest one for you. It's an easy way to help the shelter and "virtually" adopt a cat! Please see the membership coupon below or call Jan at 466-5403 for more information.

Thank you!  
Keller (blind but not disabled)

## Cat Food:Wet vs. Dry (an excerpt)

**"Unfortunately, many cats that eat nothing but dry food are suffering from dehydration.**

"A cat's thirst response is less sensitive than a dog's because of her ages-old adaptation to desert living. Water requirements were met primarily from prey consumption.

"Cats adjust their water intake to the dry matter rather than the moisture content of their food. This means that a cat consuming only dry food will take in approximately half the water of a cat fed canned food but will not make up for that lack by drinking more.

"A diet high in moisture-rich foods will increase the cat's water consumption and the volume of urine. Dr. Newman says this is especially important when a cat is ill and doesn't have the energy or inclination to orally consume water."

Source: "Animal Wellness," June/July 2008, p. 64-70. (New Frontiers Market)

## Join the North County Humane Society and help hundreds of cats find their forever homes each year

Yes!!! I want to help North County Humane Society! (All memberships include newsletter)  
No amount is too small! Donations are tax-deductible.

( ) GUARDIAN ANGEL membership, a monthly pledge for a kitty:  
\$50\_\_\_\_\_ \$25\_\_\_\_\_ \$10\_\_\_\_\_  
To find out more about this program, please call 466-5403

I would like to be a NCHS member. I am sending:

- ( ) \$30 Bronze Paw
- ( ) \$50 Silver Paw
- ( ) \$75 Golden Paw
- ( ) \$150 Platinum Paw
- ( ) or \$\_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) I am interested in volunteering. Please contact me.
- ( ) Please add me to the NCHS e-mail newsletter.

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### Ways to donate

We welcome and depend on your donations to keep our shelter open and our programs operational.

- You can **mail** your donation and this form to NCHS, 2300 Ramona Road, Atascadero, CA 93422.

- You can **call** Jan Jones at 805-466-5403 with your credit card information.

- You can send your donation using our **secure Web donation form** at [www.slonchs.org](http://www.slonchs.org).



**The kitties thank you from the bottom of their furry toes to the tips of their whiskers!!!**

We do not share, rent, sell or give out member or donor contact information.



Sally (above) and Kiwi.



## ❁ WISH LIST: What the shelter needs

Donations can be dropped off at the shelter on Ramona Road in Atascadero.

- Canned cat food (any brand)
- Dry cat food (Purina "Complete" or "Indoor" preferred)
- Paper Towels
- Towels and blankets
- 6- or 7-inch (small) paper plates
- Liquid "Hi-Eff." detergent
- 33-gallon trash bags
- Cat beds
- Cat treats
- Cat toys
- Cat brushes
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Bleach
- Office supplies such as envelopes, postage stamps
- Money for medical care

### ❁ TIMMY THE CAT'S FUN FACT ❁

A record number of offspring by one female cat is held by a 17-year-old cat named Dusty, who gave birth to 420 kittens in her lifetime.

### INSIDE Front Page:

Feral Cat Sanctuary needs volunteers

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Save Our Shelter Campaign update

### Page 2:

Piwackett searches over and under for his forever home

Page 4: Terrier mix is a 'Trooper'

Visit the animals online: [www.slonchs.org](http://www.slonchs.org).

### NCHS Welcomes Specialty Pet Supply to Atascadero.

Located in the same center as Veterinary Medical Center at 8135 Morro Road (Highway 41), Specialty Pet Supply carries prescription diets, medical supplies, agility supplies, dental products, grooming supplies, training aids and much, much more. Alana would love to show you around. Call 461-4842.

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