

Happy holiday season 2008- 2009

From ADOPT A CAT

Here it is another Holiday Season with Yet another year nearly passing into history. It has been a monumental year in many ways in the world at large. Some of that has been positive, but the state of the economy has impacted many people adversely. We at ADOPT A CAT hope that you will have much to celebrate at a time of year which is and has been honored by all traditions. It is a time for family, friends, generosity of spirit, and celebrating the goodness of our lives, as well as reflecting on the past year. After 14 years AAC has increasing adoption numbers, a new employee, improvements at the shelter and great donations. I find many causes for celebration and gratitude. It is very easy to get bogged down in the daily chores and routines and emergencies that are part of life when dealing with living creatures –many of whom come to us with multiple issues. I try to stand back regularly from all that and give thanks that we are here and making our small contribution to increasing well being and diminishing pain in our little corner of this awesome planet. This is the theme of this newsletter.



Jewitt, one of the featured Pet of the Month cats was adopted at the Willowbrook Petsmart about 2 months ago. He came from a cabin near Jewitt, Texas-hence the name, when a kitten After 2 years here he's found a forever home. Our adoptions have increased this year-primarily because of the addition of the Petsmart where this lucky cat found a home. Of the 383 adoptions this year, 210 took place there! Kudos



SANTA PHOTOS

If you want your pet's photo taken with Santa- children can be included in the picture too- we have some choices for you: PETSMART 249@1960- the Willowbrook Mall. every Saturday and Sunday. 11-5 from now until Christmas
PETSMART Main@Kirby same schedule
PETCO Eldridge@1960 11-4 Saturday, Dec. 13
PETSMART I10@Beltway 8 11-5 Sunday, Dec.14th

RUTHERFORD and SUNSHINE

The two at the left are our golden amputees. The top fellow's right front leg had sustained nerve damage and he could only drag it. There was nothing to do except get it out of his way so that it does not become a source of infection in the future. The young woman who brought him to Adopt A Cat is like many others-working 2 jobs and still not able to afford the cost of surgery. She was very concerned that he come to a place where he'd be helped. **Sunshine** was in very grave danger of losing her life when she came to us. She was missing part of a hind foot which included 3 toes. Gangrene was present and the lymph glands in her groin were working very hard to contain the infection: very swollen. She was thin, dehydrated and had a problem with one eye as well. I did what I could then took her to My family Vet. Dr. Scott was ready to leave for a few days off, yet stayed and did the surgery. Two hours later a phone call confirmed that the surgery was "uneventful", that she was being supported by IV fluids and pain medications and could be released the next day. It's been improvement for both of them ever since. We would be most grateful if you can see your way to give a donation for their vet care as part of Holiday or Holy Day generosity. We can turn these kitties' fates around because you help us help them.
THANK YOU.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS 2008-2009 CONT'



Halley, (left) is one of the 4 week old kittens found in the church yard in August and mentioned in the September newsletter. Her 2 sisters, Haley and Hillary have found homes from the Willowbrook PetsMart. Her personality is as beautiful as her coat, face and pose. She has a tortoise shell foster -sister to play with now.

Attila, (right) was so named because when he first came we truly thought he would be a barbarian forever. Trapped on the property when we were trying to get an escapee (we later did), he behaved like a true feral. Over the months ahead he began to respond to human overtures. Now I call this crossed-eyed flame point, Siamese mix, "**Attila the Honey**", especially when he rolls over to have his tummy rubbed.



Visit our newly updated website at www.adoptacattexas.com See the many ways that you can support Adopt A Cat": Shopping Partners" allows AAC to receive a percentage each time you make a purchase; you can buy AAC merchandise; make donations; find out our adoption sites and hours; see pictures of our cats, see some of our "special needs" kitties; find out about volunteer opportunities and more.

PROGRESS!

One of the components of ADOPT A CAT's mission is to promote spay/neuter. All cats we adopt to forever homes have been spayed or neutered and we help as many people in the community as our resources allow. We feel like the little Dutch boy who put his finger in the dike to keep the flood waters out. Cats are indeed more prolific than rabbits!

We are about to take a giant leap forward on this front .Deana Sellens, one of our Board members has been working with a representative of PetsMart Charities, as well as a national organization which assists groups in attaining the funding and technical assistance to establish a low cost spay/neuter clinic north central of the Houston area. A great deal of preparatory work has been done on this project. The self-imposed deadline we have for grant submission is January 31. If all goes according to plan, the clinic will open in July 2009. The national group has assisted with the establishment of more than 40 such clinics so far. Their experience has shown that after about 5 months the clinics show a profit. So not only will we be providing a needed service to Houstonians, we will also be providing a needed revenue stream for ADOPT A CAT in a down-turning economy as well. The guidance and technical assistance of these two organizations, dedicated to reducing the suffering of unwanted animals, will continue to be invaluable as we move forward. We will keep you updated with more specific details. In the meantime think about how you might help with this new development for us and for the greater Houston area. **And this will just be the first one!** (See our website for more information).



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