



Adopt A Cat- June 2008

17319 Bamwood
Houston, TX 77090
281-580-6652
www.adoptacattexas.org



CAT OF THE MONTH WANDA

“Wanda in the Grass” is a favorite at the sanctuary. People often ask what color she is and I have to admit that I do not know what to call this combination of colors and patterns. Wanda came with her Mom cat and 5 siblings. They were all some kind of gray. Her beautiful fluffy, Manx Mom was mostly feral and earned the name ‘Momma Sass.’ After some months she would sit by me of her own accord: touching her was prohibited. She refused to stay in and spent a great deal of her time on the roof! One day she disappeared never to return. The kittens were adopted—including Wanda. The family returned her –when she was no longer a kitten- due to allergies acquired by a family member she made several trips to our off-site adoptions, even had a stint at a Pet of the Week cage in a PetCo. All she did was hide under her bedding, so she came back to us again. We thought we had a home for her last year. A woman had seen her picture on line and completed an application at the shelter. Unfortunately, that was not to be: they wanted Wanda to be an outside cat! We don’t do that. Her nickname is the “Hairdresser Cat”, due to her habit of playing in your hair with her paws. Clearly, someone who found that annoying would not want this quirky girl. (Maybe a handsome bald man would be appropriate). She’s very loving and lively. At nearly 7 she continues to be passed over because of cute kittens. Whatever name her coat color and pattern may warrant, she is deserving of a home and more attention than we can give her as one of so many

I LOVE YOU GUYS!

RACHEL REJONA, MAGIE EDGAR, JOHN HUTZLER, DEANNA SELLENS, BONNNY SEARLES & PATRICIA ARRIOLA, made it possible for me to take a much needed break during May for 6 days and 5 nights. A friend that I had not seen since 1992 had invited me for a visit to her current home in Kentucky 70 miles from Lexington. She teaches English part-time at Eastern Kentucky State University. She lives in the hills more than 30 miles from Richmond where the university is located. Beautiful, verdant and COOL. Cells phones don’t work there. I heard bullfrogs and watched the coming and goings of a pair of cardinals caring for their new hatchlings. I ate 3 meals a day and sat and talked with old friends and new folks too. No cats and no demands.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME (FOR THE CATS)

People dedicated to the welfare of animals must juggle many hats and multi-task constantly. One set of very important tasks involve fund-raising. How to give more people more often the opportunity to help us help voiceless companion animals is a question that must be asked and answered again and again. Truthfully, I’m not very good at asking for money and am always gratefully amazed that we are sustained year after year by kind people who are there with what we need.

That said: I’m going to tell you that each year I have a birthday on June 30th. Not the BIG ONE yet (70), but the penultimate one (for me) of 69 is this year. I don’t eat cake and ice cream and I don’t encourage others to eat dairy products and sugar, so I’m not going to have a party. Instead, I’m using this day as a reason to ask that you make a special donation to ADOPT A CAT to help celebrate my birthday.

If you don’t respond in goodly numbers I’ll decide that it is not a fundraising method to be added to a list of useful ideas and get help from a more creative mind next time. Each year makes us older, yet for me I am more grateful each year for the presence of ADOPT A CAT’s friends and supporters. Beverly

When we’re not using the original dryer—OLD SOL—we are drying the cat’s abundant laundry in the **new dryer** donated by **Jeff and Krista Hannis**. Just in time too. The old one’s drum did not always turn—things don’t dry well under those circumstances. The old one lasted us nearly 8 years: a miracle given the demands placed on it by the laundry needs of many hundreds of cats. They adopted a cat from us about 21/2 years ago. They love him so much that they have become Adopt A Cat supporters because we saved his little life twice during the first three months we had him here. Thanks to you both for your love and the dryer.

IT'S still ABOUT 1:5
 During the first five months of the year there were **130** adoptions from among the cats of ADOPT A CAT. Of these **24** were from the shelter. This year's tally so far is a bit less than twice the 66 adoptions from last year for the first 5 months. We will continue this trend thanks to great volunteers at the adoption sites.

COST OF COUNTRY LIVING Part 2
 A million thanks to the lovely cat-lovers who responded to our plea for funds to replace the lid to the septic tank. It was duly replaced and a question was answered. While he was working, this man whose job I do not covet, and I were talking about the problems we've had since moving in. Some have been solved piece-meal. Others remain and include sinks that do not drain and back up into each other between bathrooms.
Major issue: the tank was put in backwards! The pipe from the house is *low* and the one going into the field lines is *high*. Not good. We aren't going to replace the big tank, which is all full of water again already because of this error. Instead they will "blow out" the outgoing lines, put a small tank next to the large one and perhaps put a sump pump in the large tank. Because we've already spent \$880 with them and because Adopt A Cat is non-profit and I'm a senior, they'll do that for \$1800. It would be very nice to have a properly functioning system for carrying rather unpleasant waste away from where we live and breath. The water well and tank cost about \$1200 last year-- a number of small items and a replaced tank. I am incapable of properly expressing my gratitude to all of you for your caring support of our lives in the outskirts of Houston.

Beverly

PUTTING FOR PAWS II
 Noon will be tee-off time on Monday, September 13 at the Second Annual Putting for Paws to benefit Adopt A Cat and SMART(Sunmart Animal Rescue Team)We are looking for volunteers for the day itself, plus the following sponsorships:
 Tournament Sponsorship-\$1,500;
 Corporate Sponsorship: \$500;
 Hole Sponsorship: \$200;
 Beverage Cart: \$200;
 Hole - in -one Sponsor: \$150;
 Putting Contest. Longest Drive or Closest to the in Sponsorships: \$100.
 Also needed are goodies for the raffle and diddy bags. Send any sponsorship checks a separate account:
 Rescue Fundraising
 P.O.Box 910
 Spring, TX 77383-0919
 Call Deanna Sellens at 713-822-4368 for more information and we'll keep you posted

Merchant Processing for Business Owners
 You can now support Adopt A Cat through your credit card processing services. Convert your processing from your current provider through AAC and a percentage of your fees are donated to support rescue! You will not have to buy any new equipment. We will match or lower your current fees and a percentage will still go to Adopt A Cat. To learn more, contact Deana Sellens at 713-822-4368 or at dsellens@charityworkshop.com. I am grateful for her, as I'm a dinosaur and don't know one whit about these matters.

Jennifer Grassman is doing a benefit concert for **ADOPT A CAT** and **SMART** at the **Main Street Crossing** located at 111 W, Main St./FM 2920, Tomball, TX 77357 on Friday, June 13 at 8 p.m. Donation at the door is \$8. This concert was her idea—we did not solicit her. So support her and her music and support us too! For more information check out: myspace.com/jennifergrassman or call 281-290-7444.



Adopt A Cat
 17319 Bamwood
 Houston, TX 77090
 281.580.6652
www.adoptacattexas.org
 Saving the World, One Cat at a Time.

I want to support Adopt A Cat's continued work in the community. Here's my donation of \$ _____
 I want to help with spay/neuter costs. My donation is enclosed.
 I want to volunteer.

6/08

- 10\$
- 25\$
- 50\$
- \$100
- 250\$
- 500\$
- Other \$ _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Date of Donation: _____

Please check this box if you wish to be removed from this mailing list.



Adopt A Cat- June 2008

17319 Bamwood
Houston, TX 77090
281-580-6652
www.adoptacattexas.org

