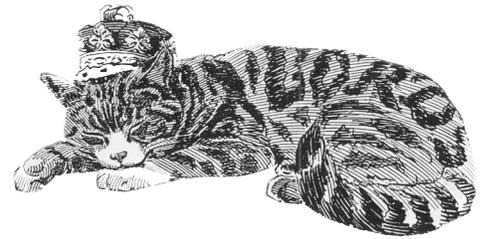


# CAT TALES

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## Shelter Renovation Under Way



**Room C-2 at the beginning of renovation. New floor-to-ceiling wall panels, new flooring, new doors and fresh paint complete the upgrades—all of which meet with great approval (below).**



### Donors Help FOC Meet Its Phase 1 Target

The next time you visit Friends of Cats, you will notice a difference in the adoption rooms, beginning with Room C-2 on the left as you enter the main building. Work began on July 22nd with a targeted early-September completion date. By the time of our upcoming



Open House on September 28th, attendees will see new white vinyl dual-glazed sliding glass doors, new fiberglass entry doors that are disability-compliant, and fiberglass floor-to-ceiling wall panels in all four of our cat and kitten adoption rooms. New vinyl self-coved and heat-welded flooring with freshly painted ceilings will complete the renovation of all four rooms.

This renovation is long overdue. Years have passed since the last facelift of our adoption rooms. Our renovation campaign was formally launched at the Cinco de Meow event in May. Thanks to many generous donors who attended the Cinco event, we received nearly half of the \$20,000 needed for this project. Since then, we have received a major donation of \$10,000 that enabled us to begin work in July. This is the first phase of renovation that will continue with the corridors, the hospital, and other rooms of the main building. Planned upgrading of the modular building housing the shy cats is also on the agenda. Eventually, we anticipate full renovation of all the existing buildings that house cats at Friends of Cats.

Our current work is progress has been funded; however, planned improvements still await the financial support of our members and donors. We have established categories of donor levels at \$250, \$500, and \$1,000, and donors' names will be honored on a wall plaque. Please plan to visit us at Open House in September. See what we have completed, and consider how your support will benefit the cats at Friends of Cats.

—Ed Kane

## Friends of Cats



### Our Mission Statement

To maintain a Shelter for homeless and unwanted cats with the goal of placing all healthy cats into loving, adoptive homes while providing a sanctuary for cats that are terminally ill, considered unadoptable, or whose owners have prearranged for their continued lifetime care. In a nurturing, rehabilitative environment, we ensure the health of all cats entrusted to our care, promote spaying and neutering, and resort to euthanasia only as a matter of compassion for cats whose terminal illness causes suffering.

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# IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Quilt Raffle · Fabulous Raffle Prizes  
· Shelter Tours · Delicious Food  
· Kitty Boutique · Kitten Races  
—AND LOTS OF GREAT CATS!—





**Friends of Cats' Board of Directors for 2013. Front row, left to right: Julie Tirpak, Jean Foster, Christine Hogan, Gina Stevens, Chris Degurse. Back row, left to right: Ed Kane, Lydia D'moch, Roy Degurse, Terry Hogan, Karen Hansen.**

# Meet the FOC Board of Directors

*Friends of Cats' Board of Directors is currently comprised of ten individuals of varying backgrounds and professions, but all have in common a profound love of cats and the shared goal of ensuring the Shelter's physical and financial well-being while building upon its 84-year legacy. Here, our Board members share what drew them to FOC, and what motivates them to serve.*

**Chris Degurse (Corresponding Secretary):** I have been on the Board since January 2009. [Current president] Terry Hogan worked with my husband and knew I loved all animals, especially cats. He asked me to help. I liked the idea of updating and improving our communication with members. So I continue to keep track of membership and correspond with people whom I know love cats as much as I do.

**Roy Degurse (Treasurer):** We adopted our first cat from Friends of Cats in 1994. We adopted two others in 2002 who still share our home with us. Terry Hogan and I worked together for many years. He asked me to help with various items at the shelter on and off. When I retired in 2010, I began working as Treasurer.

**Lydia D'moch (Vice-President, Cat Tales Editor):** Of the six cats I've shared my life with as an adult, four were adopted from FOC. I still remember the delight I felt in discovering this special place when I adopted two cats in 1994. I initially found my volunteer niche by designing the shelter newsletter *Cat Tales* from 1995–2000. After adopting a kitten in 2002, I joined the Board as *Cat Tales* Editor, handling the newsletter's editorial content, design and production. I also currently serve as Vice-President.

**Jean Foster (Recording Secretary):** I became involved with FOC as a volunteer foster parent for kittens 10½ years ago. Shortly thereafter, I was asked to serve on the Board. I have always loved cats and believed wholeheartedly in FOC's 'no-kill' philosophy, so I felt compelled to become more involved. I have now served proudly on the Board for the past 7 years.

**Karen Hansen:** I've been on the Board since 1993 and have held various positions ever since. I am currently a Member-at-Large and until recently oversaw the newsletter mailing. I enjoy working with special-needs cats, especially those with spinal issues.

**Christine Hogan:** I've been on and off the Board since 1991, and to me this is a labor of love.

**Terry Hogan (President):** I brought in a cat that was living in a hangar at North Island Naval Station. The Shelter Manager (Judi) agreed to take the cat even though the Shelter was full at that time. Judi asked if I'd like to join the Board. I said yes and I have never left—that was 25 years ago.

**Ed Kane:** My involvement with the Board stems from my passion for cats. I have always lived with cats and regard them as the best of companions. My wife and I support FOC because this organization is dedicated to protecting cats and making their welfare a first priority. I have been a Board member since August of 2012. My primary service relates to marketing and fund-raising.

**Gina Stevens:** I have loved cats all of my life. I was a toddler when I was given my first cat, an orange boy. Since then, I have had a unique and special relationship with every cat that comes my way. My friends call me "cat lady" because I have so many cat-related clothes and treasures. I met FOC's president Terry at a cat show in San Diego more than 20 years ago. I began to volunteer for the shelter and eventually became a Board member. It is so rewarding to help save the lives of so many amazing felines. FOC continues to provide a great home for cats. I love being part of such a worthy cause!

**Julie Tirpak:** I have been on Friends of Cats' Board of Directors since January 2010. I am a Member-at-Large, and my primary focus is researching and applying for grants. Growing up, pets were a big part of our family. My parents taught my brother, sister and me to treat our pets as part of the family. My pets, then and now, brought much love to my life. But I also learned I couldn't "save them all." By volunteering on the Board of Directors, I am able to contribute time and energy into helping animals.

# CINCO DE MEOW



Many eager kids take turns at whacking the piñata to release the cat toy treasures within.



Coe Lewis and friends

**F**riends of Cats' first annual Cinco de Meow was a huge success! Held Saturday, May 4 at the Shelter, the event brought many newcomers as well as lots of familiar faces, all of whom enjoyed the Mexican-themed celebration. KGB Radio deejay Coe Lewis was our host for the day's events, and her audio engineer Paul McClendon provided some smooth sounds. Delicious Mexican food was available, and our boutique provided ample shopping opportunity for cat-related items. Great raffle prizes were distributed to the winning ticket-holders. The afternoon culminated in an exciting game of "smash-the-piñata" that was especially challenging due to an extremely durable and nearly indestructible piñata!

We wish to thank those who generously donated items and services to our raffle, including those listed on the next page.



Coe Lewis announces a raffle winner.



FOC Treasurer Roy Degurse serves up a Mexican feast.

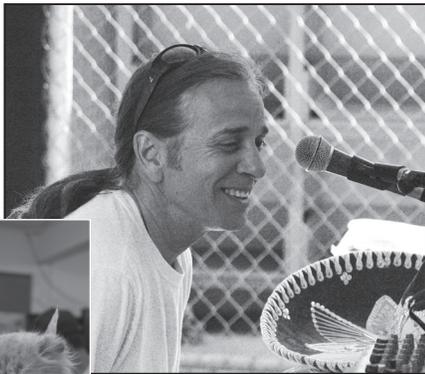


Nicole Kovacs helps her mom Roz into the mascot suit!



This family generously donated a truckload of cat food and supplies during the festivities. Our sincere thanks to them!

Sound engineer Paul McClendon



Board member Gina Stevens with Chuckie.



Board member Julie Tirpak (right) and her niece Francesca Tirpak oversee raffle ticket sales.



A Cozy Cottage cat enjoys attention from a visitor.

- Cheshire Cat Feline Health Center (attention Roberta): 1 gift basket with cat related items
- PRP Wine International (Nancy Stewart): 1 Gift certificate for wine tasting for up to 12 people
- Gloria Brumfeld, local artist: 2 cat paintings
- Colleen's Custom Pet Photography (Colleen Carnevale): 1 session of pet photography
- Terry & Christine Hogan: 1 gift basket with coffee items
- Zen Orchid Skin Care (Charlotte Gelastopoulos): 1 gift certificate for facial or body wrap
- Dr. Arnold Cutler, DDS: 3 home teeth whitening systems
- Infiniti Kearny Mesa (Richard Newendyke): 1 complimentary oil & filter change
- Ada's Flooring (Adam & Amy Ada): 1 flooring or tile job
- Bumper Doc (Ray Wahoff): Gift certificates for cloudy headlight restoration, paintless dent repair, windshield chip repair, and auto details
- Dcompress Downtown (Diana Boyle): 2 gift certificates for 1 hour massage
- Broadway San Diego (Christann Heideman): 2 tickets to the musical "Sister Act"

# A Q&A WITH Coe Lewis

*Coe Lewis of 101 KGB Radio rocks! As San Diego's longest-running female deejay, she showcases classic rock, and also uses her visibility to promote community and animal welfare causes that are dear to her heart. She has become an ardent supporter of Friends of Cats and regularly emcees FOC's events such as Open House and Cinco de Meow. Come meet Coe at September's Open House on September 28th. Meanwhile, get to know her a little better here.*

**You work tirelessly to promote and spread awareness of animal issues and events in our community. How did you become such a passionate advocate for animal welfare?**

I was born into a family that loved animals, but the passion for animals and their welfare was ingrained when we lived in Ethiopia and spent half of our time on a game reserve just outside of a small town that catered to sugarcane plantations. My father's campsite for exotic travellers, researchers, and avid safari clientele was situated on the Awash Gorge, the place known for Dr. Leakey's discovery of Lucy, the oldest skull ever found in a paleontology dig. Being surrounded by the most exquisite animals and natural beauty, and dealing with the horrific effects of poaching firsthand will stay with me forever. We adopted many animals out of need [due to poaching]. How its evil grip has become even more devastating literally haunts me at night.

**How did your early exposure to other cultures when growing up influence or affect you? Did it contribute in any way to your sense of community activism?**

I was raised in Ethiopia, Lebanon, Spain and Belgium, and spent time in South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Europe. It truly changes your view of everything. In Ethiopia, people had *nothing*. They treasured education as a dream—it was a gift that only a few got to receive. Animals rights are non-existent there. We picked up the puppies thrown out when poverty-stricken families needed a guard dog and a male was all they wanted. The hyenas just waited to eat the pups, so we scooped up anything and everything riding back from school on our horses.

**Can you share any anecdotes about a special pet?** We raised an orphaned baboon named Philip. He was the love of our lives. He learned how to ride a bike, and he would cruise around with one of us with his tail up and his arms and legs wrapped around our ankles as he plopped on our feet for a free ride. What a baby doll!

**How did you first hear about Friends of Cats?** I had heard of

FOC from different animal people and critter groups, and when I moved out to BV I drove by it one day. I stopped the car like, "what was that?" then backed up and did a double-take. *Yipppee*, Friends of Cats, a wonderful organization right nearby! Yay for me, and yay for Mitch, my highly-allergic-but-cat-loving honey.

**How many cats do you have in your household?** Would you believe it is hard for me to do a proper head count, but 10! For some reason I always think 12. Maybe it is the continuous cleaning that makes it feel that way!

**Anything you'd like to comment on regarding FOC?** My dream, if life gave me more time, energy and a little better health (which is getting better thankfully), is for FOC to become more well-known by

all San Diegans for its amazing deeds and accomplishments. Here's this wonderful little piece of heaven in the country, which does such great work day in and day out, but it doesn't have the fiscal horsepower to compete in marketing, public relations, and all the other stuff that goes with raising big dollars. It is often under the radar when it comes to the bigger, more well-known organizations, and that really frustrates me to no end. Animal welfare is a cause, not a competition, and those who buy into that when working with animals are in it for the wrong reasons. I mean no disrespect, because at the end of the day, they are saving animals—but aren't we all on the same team? Politics has no place in this. We have too many homeless animals and not enough resources. Like everyone

else who loves animals, I just want good groups to succeed and do what is best and right for the animals. That's it.

**You seem perfectly matched with your job at KGB and obviously enjoy it. But if you could "try on" a different career or dream job, what would it be?**

I have been incredibly blessed at KGB. I work with the best people, and I have the honor of knowing the best listeners who amaze me with their kindness, grace, loyalty and friendship. They rally for what is right and have blessed me with their confidence and trust in letting me create "Coe's List," my charitable organization which assists people and critters in need. How lucky am I in having a medium in which I can help. So when I get kicked to the radio curb one day, well, I am sure I will end up working with animals, either at a local facility, or I may head back to Africa and work on behalf of those fighting poaching. Poaching and its atrocities makes me physically ill. I feel such anger and such helplessness! We should all be outraged at animal abuse worldwide.

**You will once again be acting as emcee at this year's Open House in September. Do you have any surprises in store?**

I am already stockpiling goodies for prizes and I guess I will be hitting the phones and calling in favors. My motto will be: *Will stalk you for prizes to help Friends of Cats. Resistance is futile. You've been warned!*



Coe with Mitch and one of their many cats

# Owning a Pet:

## The Positive Impact on Physical and Emotional Health

**P**et owners will be the first to say that owning a pet is a wonderful experience. But do people really know how their pet impacts them, physically and emotionally? Research shows that owning a pet has many positive benefits on physical and mental health. Feedback received by Friends of Cats from new adopters clearly substantiates these findings. Here are a few ways in which pet ownership can induce a sense of overall well-being.

In terms of physical health, studies have shown that having a pet reduces stress. For example, in one study, pet owners and non-pet owners had the same physiological response to stress when they were alone. However, pet owners had a lower physiological response to stress when their pets were present. Other studies have shown that owning a pet can decrease blood pressure, decrease cholesterol, and may even help prevent heart attacks and strokes. According to Dr. Marty Becker, people that own a cat are 30% less likely to have a heart attack, and 40% less likely to have cardiovascular illnesses such as a stroke.

In terms of emotional/mental health, pet owners will often talk about the unconditional love they receive from their pets. Pets provide companionship and give the owner a sense of purpose, which has shown to improve one's mood. Studies show owning a pet can reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety. Simply holding and/or petting an animal has been shown to decrease stress and anxiety. Owning a pet can also provide the opportunity for more socializing, which decreases isolation and feelings of loneliness.

Animal Assisted Therapy is becoming a routinely-accepted part of mental health treatment. Hospitals, residential treatment facilities, skilled nursing facilities, prisons, and outpatient offices are incorporating animals into their treatment programs.

Pets can also have a positive impact on children. As a mental health professional, I often have parents ask me about whether or not to allow their child to have a pet. Obviously, every situation is different, and in some cases it is not appropriate for a child to have a pet, but in most cases owning a pet teaches children responsibility, and, as with adults, it can decrease stress and anxiety.

Obviously, several factors must be considered before choosing to own a pet:



- Your current financial situation. Are you in a position to make sure all of your pet's needs are met (i.e. food, toys, grooming, vaccinations and other vet bills)?
- Your current living situation. Are you living in a place that allows pets? Are there any restrictions regarding pets (i.e. number of pets, size/weight)?
- Do you have any limitations that would prevent you from taking care of a pet on a long-term basis?

Unfortunately, not everybody can own a pet. But people can still have interactions with animals that benefit them in similar, positive ways. Volunteering with animals, for example, is a win-win for both the animals and the volunteers.

If you are interested in either adopting a cat and/or volunteering at the Shelter, please call Friends of Cats at (619) 561-0361.

—Julie Tirpak



# Nefertiti, Beloved FOC Mascot 1999–2013

Nefertiti, a resident of the shelter since 2000 and Friends of Cats' official mascot, died on August 8 from chronic renal failure. She was 14 and had been in decline for some time due to health issues. It was with great sadness that the staff said their last goodbyes to her before her final visit to the vet.

Nef was a petite Tonkinese with stunningly beautiful pale blue eyes. She had lived at FOC since February 2000, when she was brought in as a stray. She suffered from a variety of ailments that deemed her unadoptable, including chronic sinusitis and feline asthma—both of which contributed to her unique “honking” sound and deep, rasping purr—as well as mega esophagus. Her personable, adaptable good nature made her a perfect candidate for full-time residency at the shelter, and she was made mascot by a vote before the Board. With that, Friends of Cats had a full-time feline representative who traveled to events and posed for a variety of Shelter-related photos and publicity. She developed quite a following over the years.

Loved by the staff for her sweet disposition, Nef had the run of the place. She would readily hop a ride on a passing shoulder, and loved to play with anything that had strings. Nef developed special relationships with several fellow feline residents of the Shelter. Her greatest love was Tutt, who passed away several years ago, and her recent constant buddy was orange Persian Chuckie. They could usually be found curled up together in a fuzzy bed atop the dryers.

Nef also had a special gift with kittens. Above all else, she loved playing surrogate mother to kittens, and was often left in charge of wriggling, mewling babies who snuggled and climbed all over her. Her patience and devotion to them made her indispensable during kitten season. On the eve of her last day, Nef was given her final duty of caring for several kittens as a measure of mutual comfort.

Nef got into mischief from time to time, especially in her youth, with the entire Shelter to explore. She once took a tumble in the clothes dryer, an experience that left her with a mild concussion, a

flaccid tail, and the smarts not to try it again. On another occasion, she slipped outside and hid under the boxcar after leading shelter staff on a wild chase around the grounds. Head Vet Tech Robin Johnson recalls taking Nef home with her to treat her asthma with liquid albuterol, after which Nef “was so cranked up that she climbed my blinds, got on top of the bookcase, fridge, and closet, and honked all night . . . I got no sleep at all.”

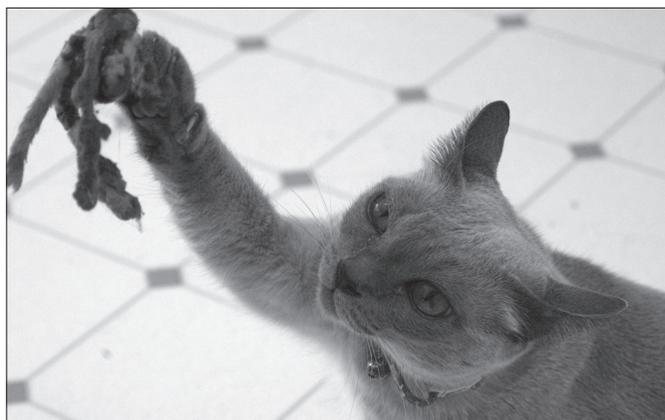


Always diminutive, Nef was down to 3.8 pounds at the end, from 7.5 in her prime. She had survived several health scares, including an episode in which her lung and sinus ailments caused her to stop breathing altogether, but she survived and persevered. Robin probably knew Nef best of all, since she was responsible for overseeing her medical care, and describes Nef as “a little cat with a huge spirit. Fun, loving, and very giving to those cats that were ill, especially sick or small kittens”—as though she understand infirmity due to her own health

issues. “I took care of this little girl for 13 years, and I will miss her.”

Everyone at Friends of Cats will miss her, as well, and the Shelter will not be quite the same without her loving presence.

—Lydia D'moch



# Staff Picks

*In each issue, we invite staff members to comment on favorite cats currently at the shelter, and encourage those looking to adopt a cat to check out our featured felines.*



## Heidi's choice is: **MAYNARD**

Maynard is an 8-year-old short-haired gray and white male tabby who came to FOC with two littermates, Bertha and Ethel. Maynard is the last of the three and is waiting for his family to take him home. He can be a little shy, but he has become very attached to several volunteers and adores staff member Jane, with whom he is very affectionate, so he has the potential to shine with the right person. Maynard also LOVES other cats (as is evident in the photo above), so he would make the perfect addition to a multi-cat household.

## *Shelter Manager's Corner*

A NOTE FROM JANET BIANCHINI—Kitten season is in full swing at Friends of Cats. As we all know, kittens need to be kept busy with proper play so that they do not become destructive.

We get a lot of calls from people who have kittens and adult cats that are showing some destructive behaviors such as chewing, scratching and even sometimes biting the hand that feeds them.

These behaviors can sometimes be surfacing because the cat is simply bored. Just like humans, cats need to be mentally stimulated.

Cats are hunters, so mentally-stimulating play will include hunting. When playing with your cat, move toys in such a way that they mimic the movements of a rodent or bird. Always make sure to rotate toys so that your cat doesn't get bored. Set up household items like a paper bag or cardboard box for an inexpensive new toy.

Another thing that we have done at the shelter is hang bird feeders and set up bird baths in view of the cats. They love to sit and watch the birds!

Once you help your cat spend their energy constructively, you will generally see the destructive behaviors go away.

# Thank You!

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# Letters to Friends

CAT TALES welcomes letters and photos from readers. Because of limited space, we can publish only a representative selection, some of which may be edited or condensed.



*I just thought I'd send a few pictures of Kazoo. We're all getting along nicely. She's great with my two-year-old, who desperately wants to love her. And her favorite person to snuggle with is my husband, who is the self-proclaimed anti-cat person in the house; I keep finding them lounging together when they think I'm not looking. Thank you so much for suggesting her to us!*

—Lisa McNeil



*Nosferatu (now known as Gus) is doing really well. Other than getting really stressed and carsick on the way home he has acclimated quickly to his new home. He seems to be eating well and has become a lot more outgoing in the last 24 hours. Thank you for steering me to him. He is a very sweet cat.*

—Laura Lynn Green



*I adopted Foo Foo on June 19th. She is now named Shoshana and is doing great. She is enjoying her new bed and tunnel, bird-watching and meeting the neighbors. She is a joy—such a happy kitten, friendly with everyone. Shoshana now has a cat tree; she sleeps on the top watching the birds. She is a busy girl, and loves running up and down the stairs. Many thanks for such a well-adjusted, fun kitten. She is very loving.*

—Maxine Quinn



*As I write this email, Toby is lying cozily across my lap, wedged in between me and my laptop. His closed eyes suggest angelic drowsiness, while his tail flips and flops impatiently, as if to say, "Enough, already! Stop pounding those keys so that you can give me the attention I deserve!"*

*It is now just a bit longer than a year since we adopted Toby, and he has since then taken total command of us, the house, and our other cat Boris. (But Boris doesn't seem to mind, and—in spite of Toby's insistent hogging of every lap and bedspread in the house, Boris thoroughly enjoys the considerable attention and affection that Toby gives him.)*

—Paul Carmona



# A Word About Friends of Cats

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