

#### On September 5th, a Wings of Rescue flight from Acadiana Animal Aid shelter in Carencro, Louisiana delivered over 100 animals to San Diego—part of a series of airlifts to maximize their opportunity for adoption and to open up space for incoming Hurricane Harvey pets displaced by the storm. Within an hour of landing at El Cajon's Gillespie Field, 15 cats were transported by San Diego Humane Society volunteers to Friends of Cats, where they were given a warm welcome. The cats arrived already named and with their paperwork affixed to their carriers. They were temporarily placed in the main hallway during check-in, where our office cats carefully inspected the new arrivals. After a quick inventory, our new residents were transferred to the shelter's hospital area, where each was assigned a clean cage with fresh bedding, clean litter and lots of food. Overall, they showed very little sign of stress or confusion from their long trip; several settled in quickly to bathe and eat. One young tortie, Sheeba, showed her contentment by purring, kneading her

The cats will be allowed to rest up and acclimate to their surroundings for the next ten days, and will be available for adoption around September 15th. Meanwhile, please check our Facebook page for video of their arrival as well as photos and updates. With continued hurricanes displacing thousands in the southeastern U.S., the need for further shelter airlifts will continue, and FOC can offer sanctuary to more cats if space becomes available, so please help

blanket, and batting at her new toys.

# Hurricane Harvey Shelter Airlift Transports 15 Cats to Friends of Cats





Clockwise from top left: Office cats inspect new arrivals; incoming cats in the arrival van; a wide-eyed kitty in its new cage; vet tech Cora checks for microchips.



us make room by adopting. Donations towards the care of our new arrivals would also be greatly appreciated. (Please note "Harvey" on your check or Paypal payment.)

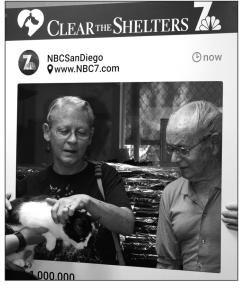
We would like to thank our partners at the San Diego Humane Society for helping to facilitate transport, as well as Wings of Rescue and Acadiana Animal Aid for their ongoing efforts in the hurricane-stricken areas.



Bonded buddies Annie and Chip with new family.



Longtime senior resident Mama K., age 14, found her home.



Vivienne (bottom right) went home with the couple above.



# Clear the Shelters Day

Friends of Cats participated in Clear the Shelters Day on August 19th, an annual nationwide adoption event waiving fees for approved adopters at most city, county, and nonprofit shelters. 15 lucky cats found new homes that day, including several senior cats who had been Shelter residents for years (such as Mama K., age 14.) Adopters received carriers to transport their new family members, as well as comfy cat beds which were donated to participating shelters by the Helen Woodward Animal Center.





An office cat tests out one of the complimentary cat beds given to adopters courtesy of the Helen Woodward Animal Center.



Assistant Office Manager Heidi Clark with her trusty helper.

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## Thank You!

#### **Monetary Donations**

Elaine Alvarez; Olivia Ann Ashcraft; Lois-Julia Beland; Patricia Berry; Sally Ruth Black; Diana Blanton; Lily Cowen; Alex Crow; Elaine De la Vega; Christine Degurse; Renee Differ; George Drain; Suzanne Dupre; Eric Estremara; Barbara Evje; Susan Finger; Janet Fowler; Terry Fraenzl; Thomas & Leslie Gabehart; Stephen & Patti Gentes; Jacqueline Glascock; Kathleen & Jim Grigsby; John Groff; John & Denise Harrington; Gail Heard; Karina Hilas; Beverly Hoffman; Rose Hoffman; Christine Hogan; Marilyn Hutcheson; Connie Iverson; Paul Jarosz; Glendella Karl; Katherine Klohr; Phyllis Crystal Laman; Sheila Laurenson; Sandra MacPherson; Donna Mancuso & Fred Dawn; Elaine Manning; Peter Maxwell; Joan McCormick; Catherine Meyer; Tim & Vickie Mize; Mary Mlekowski; Roger & Betty Montanus; Sandra Morgan; Network for Good; Lynn Noe; Greg & Karen Orr; Heather Pampolina; Frances Peregoy; Livia Peterson; Mary Ellen Pfleeger; K.A. Pierce; Janice Rogers; Edward Rose Jr; Jill Shure; Bonnie Stein; Michelle Strange; Laura Telles; Bonnie Thomas; Julie Tirpak; Gary Toomer; Barry Tupper; United Way; Catharina Van Hoek; Linley Vance; Catharina VanHoek; Barbara VanHorne; Catharina VanHouke; Kristine Vickery; Jack & Cammie Wagner; Kimberly Weimer; James Whitlock; Abra Woodbyrne; Nathan Workman; Pamela Worrell; Ted Wright; Harriet Zale

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#### **Monthly Pledges**

Pledge Club Members are a very strong and important part of our donation program. We are very much aware of all that you do. FOC staff, Board of Directors, volunteers, and, of course, our kitties all extend sincere thanks for your generosity: Rob Abrom; Elaine Barrett; Cecilia Berg; Barbara Blanchard; Karen Borden; David A. Bower; Terry Carpenter; Barbara Cefalu; Robert Clay; Heather Coate; Kathleen Coe; Carol Culkin; Suzzy Davis; Chris Degurse; Martha Evans; Richard & Melinda Fisher; Stephen Foreman; Rita Forshey; Catherine Frazier; Teresa Haas; Carole Harrison; Sue Heim; Helene Hoffman; Christine Hogan; Edward & Gayle Kane; Lynette Kaplan; Johnny & Rose Keene; Mary Kern; Jean Landis; Jeannette Landis; Katherine Lazzaro; Dave & Sally Loucks; Bob Martin; Dolores McPherson; Virginia Miller; Laurie Orange; Eileen & Joe Quarles; Patricia Ray; Sam Shepherd; Trenton Smith; Charlotte Spahn; Kathryn Stirlen; Jan Turner; Julie & Jeff Walker; Jean West; Darlene Whorley

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#### **Special Shelter Needs**

A special thanks to Elizabeth Comer for her generous donation of 3 washers and a dryer and their associated warranties. We have recently relocated

and expanded our washing facilities, and the new machines help us meet our huge laundry demands with greater speed and efficiency. Ms Comer is a supporter of various cat welfare organizations, and knows how important laundry appliances are to the everyday operations of a shelter. Her hope was to give FOC something that it really needed and would use regularly. We couldn't be more grateful to her for providing us with items that will truly be in constant use on a daily basis. Ms Comer also hopes that her donation will prompt others to donate needed items to the Shelter. If you would like to help, please check our Amazon Wish List on the Amazon site, or at this link: https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/ref=cm\_wl\_search\_28?ie=UTF8&cid=A1ELIQ33YXS3]2



#### **Donations in Honor of the Following People:**

Jim & Carol Stein—Corey Stein-Plummer

#### **Donations in Honor of the Following Cats:**

Poe—Molly Ann Ball; Charlotte Hajec • FOC cats fire recovery—Catherine Frazier • Beau & Nigel—Donna Guhl • Jack's 8th birthday—Sally Loucks

### In Memoriam

#### **Donations in Memory of the Following People:**

**Elaine Johnson**—Molly Ann & Bob Ball • **Cynthia Henkel & Leyana Kafalas**—Rita Kafalas-May • **Betty Lyberg**—Pamela Spencer

#### **Donations in Memory of the Following Cats:**

Abba Zabba, Annie, Bebe, Bella, Bridget, Buzz Lightyear, Cali, Casper, Charles, Chewy, Chloe, Chyla, Coconut, Cosmo, Eleanor, Elvis, Emily, Felix, Flossy Bell, Gilligan, Harley, Katy, Kitty, Kramer, Lilly, Luna, MacLeod, Mae, Peri, Ponchik, Pretty Boy, Prudence, Riley, Sam, Sam, Simba, Spike, Spike, Tango, Tater, Tawny, Teddy, Tilly, Tuxedo—Cheshire Feline Hospital · Abby, Bonzo, Bugsy, Callie, Chloe, Dempsey, Emmy, Mimi, Sally, Whiskas—Kensington Veterinary Hospital · Kitty—Elaine Lamb · Cody—Suzanne Masheeco · Black Jack—Rayleen Mullin · Butterfly & Sassy—Barbara Stringer

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## A Word About Friends of Cats

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#### **Shelter Location**

15587 Olde Highway 80 El Cajon, CA 92021 619-561-0361

Membership Coupon		
Name		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip
E-mail address		
Telephone		
Membership Status:		
Youth: \$5		Supporting: \$100
Senior: \$10		☐ Supporting +: \$500
Regular: \$25		Life: \$1,000
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per month for a minimum of one year.

Mail to: Friends of Cats, P.O. Box 1613, Lakeside, CA 92040

Membership does not guarantee acceptance of a cat by our shelter. Please call for details: 619-561-0361

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#### Hours

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Tues-Sun 10am-4pm Closed Monday

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