



KATS' TALES

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KAS FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The 1st annual Cat Calendar is at the printer! We should be able to start selling them in time for holiday gift-giving. Watch your email for an announcement about this. In addition, we are really hoping to make this final yard sale of the year a big one for KAS. Everything must go! Kingdom Canine Center has been kind enough to accommodate our yard sales for several years now, but space is limited at their new location, so we are looking for a new venue for future sales. If you know of any place that has storage capabilities from one sale to the next, please contact KAS. We are hoping to continue our partnership with St. J. Subaru in our Share the Love event held in mid-December. An exact date has not been determined yet, but we will announce it in the November edition. That event combines several fundraisers for us, including Photos with Santa Paws, pet i.d. tags, raffles, a bake sale, and more. It is always great fun, so watch for next month's newsletter. As soon as we work out the details we will let you know. As always, thank you for supporting Kingdom Animal Shelter. We appreciate your help!



MR. PEACH

Mr. Peach is a medium-haired neutered male about two years old. He was found as a stray and has a very sweet personality. He gets along well with other cats and small dogs but not large dogs. We think he is a real 'peach' and will make a great addition to your home. Stop by today!

Ah...There's the Rub (Shelter's Edge)

When our furry feline friends flip over to show us their adorable bellies, many of us make the assumption that they're looking for a tickle or a rub...and end up with scratch or bite wounds as a result! While there are some cats who do enjoy a friendly belly rub, there are probably at least as many who are rolling over in an effort to communicate that they're not interested in affection at all. A cat may be rolling over to show you the weapons he has at the ends of those velvety paws. And he may follow up with his teeth if you don't heed his initial warning. Next time you're thinking you have a belly-rub inclined kitty on your hands, look first at the other body language the kitty might be sharing - such as a swishing tail, pinned-back ears, dilated (round) pupils, whiskers pulled back or extending forward. These can all be signs that this particular kitty isn't in the mood for attention at the moment. He may be trying to tell you he is feeling overly excited/stimulated, fearful or aggressive. If a cat is trying to tell you to back off, simply remove yourself and find another way to show your affections. Try giving the kitty some quiet time to calm down, provide him with an appropriate wand toy to chase, or give him a bit more time to acclimate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Yard Sale—Moving Sale! October 19, 8:00 to 2:00, Kingdom Canine Center, 100 Hemlock St. Lyndonville
- Apple Pie Festival / Art & Book Sale, October 19, Cabot School Gym; Cabot Public Library booth to benefit KAS; pies, crafts, and much more

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GROWING OLD WITH YOUR CAT: TIPS ON SENIOR CAT CARE (conclusion) Published on Webvet (<http://www.webvet.com/main>)

Elder Years Older cats generally show a decreased amount of physical activity. You may notice that your cat sleeps more than when he or she was younger. It may be time to keep your older cat indoors entirely or reduce outdoor time. If your senior cat will be spending time outdoors, he or she should be supervised. Keeping your cat indoors can add years to your cat's life because older cats have weaker immune systems and are less able to fend off joint disease. Joint pain and muscle atrophy can prevent a cat from hunting or from escaping danger in the form of predators, traffic and other animals. Even if your cat is an outdoor cat, do not overlook the importance of exercise. Regular exercise can help prevent muscle atrophy, reduce weight gain and can improve your cat's overall mobility. If your cat does not exercise on his or her own, use toys to gently play on a regular basis. Just as the habits and health of senior people change, so do the habits and health of senior cats. Preventive care is vital to give your cat more happy and healthy years, so never hesitate to consult a veterinarian if you have questions. This will keep our feline friends around for many years to come.

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Did you know....The *weirdest* cat on record was a female called Mincho who went up a tree in Argentina and didn't come down again until she died six years later. While treed, she managed to have three litters with equally *ambitious* dads.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT The purpose of the Kingdom Animal Shelter is to facilitate the placement of stray and unwanted animals and pets in desirable homes; to establish and maintain an animal shelter and associated procedures that promote health, care and handling; and to prevent overpopulation and the prevention of cruelty to animals. The animals in our care, our guests, are never euthanized merely because we lack space or because the animal's stay with us has exceeded a predefined amount of time.

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