

KATS' TALES

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1st Annual Cat Calendar Photo Contest

Despite some technical glitches beyond our control, we are still moving forward with our cat calendar contest. Votes may be cast at: www.kingdomanimalshelter.com until September 29, 2013. Votes will be tallied on September 30, 2013. The photo receiving the highest number of votes will be featured on the cover of our 2014 calendar. The next 12 highest votes will be featured as Cats of the Month. Calendars will be available (hopefully!) by early October and will cost \$15. They will be available for purchase on the website, at the shelter, and other locations to be announced later. There will be a small shipping/handling charge for online orders. Thank you to all those who submitted photos, and we thank you for your patience!

HATS OFF TO MOOSE RIVER CAMPGROUND!

We'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to an area business that sponsored two fundraisers for us this summer. Gary and Mary Lunderville, campground owners and cat adopters, contacted us to share their fun last month with two special events. The first event was the Storage Wars, where boxes of 'stuff' were auctioned off to the highest bidder. The main event was the Moose Plop weekend, where you could buy a square on a large board and win money if the plop landed on your square. At the same time, they held a contest where campers offered food for free tasting, with the top three winning a prize! All in good fun, and all to benefit KAS. We truly appreciate the kindness and generosity of the campground folks. If you are an area business that has a fundraising idea you'd like to see featured in our newsletter, we'd love to hear from you. We rely heavily on donations, as you know. The more creative the idea the better! Thanks Moose River Campground!



LUKE & HAN—The Star Wars Boys

Come and meet our very own famous (or is it infamous?) duo, Luke and Han. While they may not be from a galaxy far, far away, they are 'extraordinary' to us. Luke is a talker; he loves to carry on conversations with you. Han is a bit more shy. He loves to play with other cats and will purr if you hold him. Stop by the shelter and check out these superstars today!

ADOPTION FEE SPECIAL FOR SEPTEMBER!

We have a very special reduced adoption fee for the month of September for our adult black cats. Contrary to popular belief, they are NOT unlucky and in some societies are considered to bring good luck to the household! We have a good number of them in our shelter who would love to bring some good luck to you and your family. Feel free to stop by during adoption hours or by appointment to meet and greet these fantastic felines. Adoption hours are from 4:00 to 6:00 Monday through Thursday, noon until 3:00 Saturday & Sunday.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 6 Autumn on the Green, Danville, VT 10:00 to 4:00 @ the Danville School parking lot. Stop and check out our raffle items under the canopy.
- Yard Sale—not held in September this year, but stay tuned...we're working on an October date!

GROWING OLD WITH YOUR CAT: TIPS ON SENIOR CAT CARE (Part 2)

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Medical Issues Cats have a tendency to cope well with and hide disease successfully for years. This means that by the time symptoms of a disease show, that disease, may already be in advanced stages. Normal aging does cause many changes, and these changes should not be considered to be symptoms of disease. As cats age, they may have a tendency to slow down, their hearing may change, their vision or eyes may change, and older cats sometimes also experience muscle atrophy. Older cats may tend to bathe less and may develop a smell, their fur may be slightly matted, or they may have patches of fur that are missing. If these symptoms suddenly worsen, you should take your cat to the veterinarian. However, gradual changes should be considered a normal part of the aging process and are not cause for concern. Regular checkups for your cat are very important because checkups can help detect disease early. Some common diseases and conditions that often affect older cats include arthritis, dental problems, hearing loss, vision loss, and senility. Because of the combination of muscle atrophy and arthritis, it is important to be sure that your cat does not have to jump up and down from high places. Placing small pet stairs by the bed is helpful if your cat sleeps with you. It also may be helpful if you use shorter litter boxes or cut down the size of your existing box. The litter and food may have to be moved closer to the cat's sleeping area so that your older cat does not have to walk as far. Changes in vision or senility may also affect a cat's ability to get around the house. You can help by trying not to make any major changes to the furniture placement in your home. One of the first signs of disease is often changes in litter box use. If the cat can no longer find or walk to the litter box, he or she may begin to urinate or defecate in inappropriate places. This and increased water consumption may also be indicative of kidney disease. You may want to begin feeding your cat softer food and brushing teeth more often to stave off gum and dental problems. If you notice major changes in your cat's normal behavior, notify your vet immediately. Early detection of disease often leads to the best treatment options and will give your cat more healthy and happy years. (concludes next month)

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Did you know....The most popular names for female cats in the U.S. are Missy, Misty, Muffin, Patches, Fluffy, Tabitha, Tigger, Pumpkin, and Samantha.

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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