

# KATS' TALES

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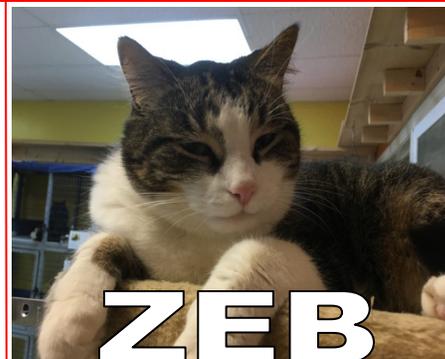
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## THANK YOU! A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL by Helen Morrison

Steve Cobb, who owns the Danville Inn and Restaurant, put on a scrumptious Buffet Dinner on Sunday, April 30, to benefit Kingdom Animal Shelter. We served over 80 people who contributed \$1900 to the Shelter. Volunteers waited on tables, cleaned up in the kitchen and out front, and made many delightful and delicious desserts. As people left, many said how delicious it all was but also how much fun they had sitting with and talking to people they didn't yet know. Many thanks to Steve Cobb.

On June 17, we will do our annual choosing of the winning raffle tennis balls at Bark in the Park, after the St. J Pet Parade. We wish to thank Community National Bank for their continued support and their donation of the cash prizes for the raffle, one \$500 prize, two \$100 prizes, and two \$50 prizes. We are extremely grateful to Community National Bank for their generosity.



Zeb is an 8-year old tiger and white male cat who is playful and friendly. He just loves to interact with people. Stop in and meet our handsome Zeb soon!

## MASTERING THE STRESS-FREE VETERINARY VISIT by Terri Johnson, CVT (conc.)

McPeck says, "Pets pick up on our anxiety, even simple cues and facial expressions that we may not be aware of. They worry that the head of their household, the head of their pack or pride, is anxious. One of the best things is to take long, slow breaths, treat the veterinary visit just like any other day, and plan ahead. Having a plan with a few tricks to keep your pet calm will help both of you have a more positive experience at the veterinary practice." Developing positive experiences during routine car rides can really pay off for both dogs and cats. Begin by taking them for short car rides around the block and returning home. This type of routine can help pets associate the car with something fun to do and not just with going to see the veterinarian. Planning additional time for play and fun before and after a car ride can also help your pet be less stressed about getting in the car. Start slow, and remember to reward positive interaction and behavior. Training your cat to like his carrier is well worth the time and effort. For anxious pets, McPeck says, "Talk to your veterinarian about natural calming treats. These may help your pet stay calm, yet alert and not drowsy. Additional products, like calming hormone sprays, can be used 30 minutes prior to placing your cat in the carrier. And pressure shirts, like the Thundershirt, are another option for calming both dogs and cats. If your pet gets stressed around other animals, consider scheduling an appointment during slow times of the day when the veterinary team can take you and your pet right into the examination room. Consider calling 5 minutes before you arrive, so they'll be ready to escort you right into an open room," says McPeck. Training and helping your pet feel comfortable is time well spent. Creating a stress-free way to transport your pet and establishing a happy, relaxing vibe at the veterinarian's office will pay off in a lifetime of happy veterinary visits.

(Source: <http://www.aaha.org/PetsMatter>; February 19, 2014 newsletter; retrieved: 4/8/2017)

**\*\*NEW MONTHLY FEATURE\*\* APRIL ADOPTIONS-- "FUR-EVER HOMES" found for: Lacey and Tyler Woo-hoo!!**

### \*UPCOMING EVENTS\*

- **June 17 Pet Parade at 10:00, Main St. in St. J. Bark in the Park raffle to follow. Tennis balls for the raffle on sale this month Saturdays at White's Market; also at Locally Social Coffee, or call Helen at 563-2488....\$5 each**
- **June 24 Cats and Roses 206 Cliff Street, St. Johnsbury; 9-2, cookout, yard sale, 50/50 raffle, KAS shirts & hats for sale, much more info next month....**

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Did you know...Cats purr at the same frequency as an idling diesel engine. That's about 26 cycles per second.

**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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