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Newsletter #87

Fried's Cat Shelter

Letter from the Director

Dear Loyal Supporters,

Today's message is not very encouraging. Donations in 2003 were down 15% from 2002 and 23% from 2001. As a result, the monies set aside for repairs to our buildings were needed to pay our employees, including payroll taxes, and the ever-increasing utility costs.

We had to close a section of the building because the mold from the leaking roof caused sickness among the cats which, in turn, increased our veterinary bills.

On the other hand, we have now more than 350 cats and face serious overcrowding. Spring is just around the corner, and that means kitten time. We used to put them in the closed off section which has accommodations for 5 mothers and their kittens. Where do we put them now?

Dear Friends, I hate to do this to you because I know you have your own worries, with the uncertain economy and job situation, but could you see your way through and dig a little deeper into your pockets? In turn, we at the shelter are tightening our belts as much as we possibly can. We have had to cut our employees' hours even more than before, but we still have to heat the buildings, buy food, litter, cleaning supplies, and pay for the veterinary bills.

I hope, with your help, we will be able to weather this difficult period and thank you for all the assistance you can give us.

Sincerely,

Sandra O'Dell

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Director

Special Announcements

We would like to thank all of you who used the Jewel coupons during the Jewel Shop and Share Days. By using the coupons you helped Fried's Cat Shelter raise \$532.45.

As soon as we are able we will be setting up some more Shop and Share Days with Jewel. We will let you all know when that will be, and include the coupon, in one of our upcoming newsletters.

Once again...**THANK YOU!**



From the Desk of Charlie, Jr.

Hi! Human Friends,

Brrr! I just came back from my daily inspection tour. I stuck my nose out the back door, but it was too cold and too snowy to put a paw outside. Our humans were dashing outside in shirt sleeves to empty our litter boxes into the dumpster, and racing back into the warmth of the building.



One of the outside cats stopped by to talk to me. She and her mother and father don't want to come inside; they are too wild. "Thank the humans for feeding us, and for putting up shelters. We don't mind that one was a doghouse. It barely smells of dog now. And, we appreciate the warm blankets and pillows we can burrow into when the cold wind blows the snow in."

I walked back and told my companions of the encounter. They nodded and looked out the windows. "Yes, we are lucky to be here, in a warm, clean building, with plenty of food and water, and our human friends to care for us."

Dear human friends, if you see any stray cats in your neighborhood, please put out some food and some kind of shelter for them. A cardboard box with rags will do.

That's all for today.

 *Charlie, Jr.*

Incoming and Adoptions for 2003

Adoptions: 119

Incoming Cats: 157

COME FOR A VISIT

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Our Business hours are:

Mon - Wed Closed
Thurs - Fri 10 am - 4 pm
Sat - Sun Noon - 4 pm

Driving Directions:

Coming from Illinois...take I-94 East to Indiana exit 40B (Hwy 20/35 for Michigan City). Take that road till you come to the exit for Hwy 212 North (about 1/2 mile). When on 212 get into the left hand lane. We are on the left side of the road at the end of the curve in the highway. We are across the street from the Butt Hutt, whose sign you will see first.

Coming from Michigan...take I-94 West and follow the above directions.

Coming from South Bend...Take the 80/90 Toll Road West to La Porte Exit 49. When you come off the exit head North (a right turn) on Hwy 39. Go to the traffic light (Hwy 20) and turn left. Take it to the exit for Hwy 212 North (about 5-6 miles). When on 212 get into the left hand lane. We are on the left side of the road at the end of the curve in the highway. We are across the street from the Butt Hutt, whose sign you will see first.



YES! I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE AN ORDER!



NOTE: All prices include shipping and handling

Quantity	Description	Price	Total
	Cat World Blank Note Card	\$ 3.00	
	Feline Frolic Blank Note Card	\$ 3.00	
	Poster/Gift Wrap of cats 19 1/2" wide and 28 1/2" high	\$ 3.00	
	Poster/Gift Wrap of kittens (same dimensions)	\$ 3.00	
	Spiral Bound Mini Note Book 3 1/2" wide and 4 1/2" high	\$ 6.00	
	Catnip	\$ 3.50	
	Scratch-N-Sleep Pads	\$ 24.00	
	Zig-N-Zag	\$ 5.00	
	Play-N-Squeak	\$ 6.00	
	Play-N-Treat	\$ 5.50	
	Book: Cats Rule	\$ 12.00	
	Book: The Splendid Little Book of All Things Cat	\$ 12.00	
	Book: Kittens! Why Do They Do What They Do	\$ 7.00	
	Book: Cat Blessings-A collection of poems, quotes, facts, myths	\$ 10.00	
	Book: Cats Are Better Than Dogs	\$ 10.00	
		TOTAL	

SORRY, NO CREDIT CARD OR C.O.D. ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Memorials & Honors

Your donation in memory or in honor of loved ones or pets will go a long way to help Fried's Cat Shelter's cats and kittens. When sending memorials or honors please include your wording

ON A SEPERATE SHEET OF PAPER

along with your name and address.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY!



In Memory Of



In memory of my precious friend, Rose Tuters.
--Doris Thomas

In memory of Tom DelZenero, beloved husband of Regina.
--Graceann Tang

In memory of Snake, the original Spot Not Car Wash Cat. You may be gone, but you'll never be forgotten.
--The Spot Not Gang and Frankie

In memory of Brindle and Terra.
--Marguerite Sumid

In memory of Darius and Nicodemus.
--Lorna W. Sherry

In memory of my wife Julie Grott.
--Gerald Grott

In memory of Michael Minard.
--Mattie Minard

In memory of "Sutchie".
--Lil Lyons

In memory of Florence L. Erickson.
--Shirley Seamon

In memory of Mrs. June M. Burke.
--Tom Burke

In loving memory of my mother, Irene Eddins, and our shared feline child, Holly. They passed away within two weeks of each other. Holly was 17 years old.
--Karen Joyner-Hilliard

In memory of Peanut -- never has one 20 lb alley kitty adopted two people so completely. Gone wayyy! too soon. We miss you!
--Mr. and Mrs. Nick L. Cortese

In loving memory of Nicholas and Amos.
--The Blaisdells

In memory of Bailey -- "We will love you forever" our sweet little dog.
--Garry and Michele

In memory of Roscoe and Murphy.
--Theresa and Lawrence Christensen

In memory of "Kiwi". We got Kiwi from your shelter 9 years ago. He was a wonderful companion.
--Robert and Adella Sidor

In memory of three delightful cats that shared our life -- Missy, Muffin, and Sasha. We will miss them.
--William and Maria Wolf

In memory of my husband, Maurice Dickman.
--S. Dickman

In memory of "all our cats".
--Alpha Remaley

In loving memory of O.B. who passed away December 4, 2003. For 19 years you gave us unconditional love and joy. I know you are now with our beloved John and the angels.
--Janet Fassbender

In memory of Michael Minard.
--Marsha Rzepczynski

In memory of Tommy, Timmy, Devan, Missy, and Scooter. We miss you.
--Anne and Christine Paluch

In memory of TC and Kitsy.
--Barbara Shapiro

In memory of my parents' 80th wedding anniversary. Both are not with me since 1952 and 1990, but will always be with me.
--Rhoda Herzoff, Ruby, and Abby.

In memory of "The Ormsby Girls".
--Doris J. Anderson

In memory of Squeaky and Ethel.
--Vicky Smith

In memory of Jackson Dog...my best friend for all times!
--Patrick Pruitt

In loving memory of Sarah Jane, Casper, and Jessica Kitty. We love you and miss you.
--Bob, Linda, Dayton, and Jenny Brown

In memory of my beloved cat "Rocky". He left for the Rainbow Bridge eight years ago and will never be forgotten.
--Jeanne M. Lamping

In memory of all my beloved pets.
--D. Salazar

In memory of Billy, a sweet kitty.
--Ronald Kittleson

In memory of my two precious kitties -- "Sunny" May 94 to Nov. 18, 2003, and "Tim" Jan 85 to Dec. 16, 2003.
--Karen Swerczek and cats

In memory of my sweet little girl Smokey; I only had her 9 short years, and in memory of my loving parents, Kenneth and Jean Hutchins, who are now together with our Lord and watching over us. I love you and miss you all very much.
--Kathy McKinney

In memory of "Paul".
--Leanne Kitterer

In loving memory of my cat, Little "Angel" Girl, who left this world on August 9, 2003 at 18 years old, and is now reunited with her sister, "Parfait", and also with "Peaches". We miss you and you will always be in our hearts. Until we meet again at the Rainbow Bridge.

--Jean Tanaka, "Cassie and Amor"

In memory of Margaret Panelli.

--Andrew and Patricia Panelli

In memory of our precious kitties -- Rainy, Blackie, and KC. We miss them so much.

--Kim Neuberg

In memory of Barbara A. Murphy.

--From her Friends and Co-Workers

In memory of Dale, beloved dog of Carolyn Smith.

--Judy Grossman

In memory of Cuddles, beloved cat of the Venema Family.

--Judy Grossman

In loving memory of Lilah (20 years), Helen (18 Years), and Molly (15 years). All my beloved girls gone in 2003. How I miss you!

--Elli French.

In memory of "Pooky"

--Alison Taplin

In memory of Margaret Reuber

--Mary Wroblewski



***A Very Special
In Memory of:***



NEIL RUZIC



All of us here at Fried's would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Neil Ruzic. He was a true animal lover, and a great man who touched the hearts of all who knew him. He is, and always will be, greatly missed!

Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.

~Author Unknown



In Honor Of



In honor of the birthday of Dr. Louella S. Thomas.

--Deanna Oklepek

In honor of Frank, our new Spot Not Car Wash cat. We thank the boss, Thomas Ray Crowel, for letting us have him as part of the family.

--The Spot Not Gang

In honor of my three feline children: Prissy 10, J.T. 7, and Little Bit 7. My life just wouldn't be the same without them.

--Karen Joyner-Hilliard

In honor to celebrate our life now with Casey.

--Theresa and Lawrence Christensen

In honor of Snowie.

--Howard Weiner

In honor of Dan & Linda Petritz.

--Peggy Stamm

In honor of Doreen Taplin in lieu of a Christmas Gift.

--Alison Taplin

In honor of "Eddie" - The best thing I've ever found under the porch.

--Beverly Thompson

In honor of Laurie Hoppe in lieu of a Christmas present. A Better friend hath no cat.

--Roy T. Bethke

In honor of Casper and Lucy.

--Vicky Smith

In honor of Vivian Rhodes.

--Kazimiera Kaczorowski

In honor of one of Fried's Cat Shelter's loyal sponsors, William Hirsch and the two cats Smoky and Blaze.

--Judy Cherin

In honor of Laurie Wegmann in lieu of a Christmas gift.

--Andrew and Cheryl Wegmann

In honor of the following: We're co-workers of 25 years, who are foregoing a gift exchange again this year to give to the animals.

--Sharon Brooks, Sharee Dickhans, Maxine Hamann, and Judy Chairchoff

Ahh...the joys of catnip



Return Service Requested

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Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$ _____ to support the
cats and kittens of Fried's Cat Shelter

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Remember

Your donations to Fried's are always tax-deductable