

Crash's Landing & Big Sid's Sanctuary

cat rescue and placement centers

Saving our little corner of the world, one cat at a time.
A No-Kill 501(c)(3) Organization

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Pick Me!



Supersized Frankie

Supersized (21 lbs), lovable Frankie (6/06) adores being held and is a total lap cat. He is social and seeks out attention. In early 2011, he developed urinary crystals which were corrected with medication and a special dissolution diet. He is once again crystal free. Frankie will need a bit of long term care to insure that he doesn't get crystals again, but the cost is minimal and a canned diet helps. He is a worth his weight in gold & he takes his meds very well.

"The Scoop:" By Dr. Jen - *Summertime Blues*

A shelter runs on volunteers, adopters and donations. During the summer, we have less of all three, at a time when intake calls triple and intake needs skyrocket. There are several cats in need of our help, but before that can happen, think about this.

Summers = Busy!

Busy = Fewer Volunteers

Busy = Forgotten Causes = Fewer Donations = Fewer Needs Met.

Busy = Bad Time To Adopt = Fewer Adoptions = No Room for New Residents.

"It's simple math, if 3 cats get adopted, only 3 new cats can come in."

"If cats don't get adopted, then we can't take new cats in"

Please help where you can. Volunteer, adopt, donate, share your skills in communication, creative fundraising or the trades. Even a little time volunteered can make a difference. Adopting a cat (or 2) helps in so many ways. Help is more things than financial. Thanks!

Keeping Kitty Indoors... Why you should

Kitty wants to go outside, but don't give in - here's why:



Let me out—please!

Disease. Outdoor cats always come into contact with other cats, which can put them in contact with diseases like FIV, FeLV and feline infectious peritonitis. Or she might unknowingly bring home parasites like fleas and worms (I have spent hundreds on getting fleas out of my house). Plus, light-colored cats can develop skin cancer from overexposure to the sun.

Injury. Cats are also considered prey to most dogs, predatory birds and various other wildlife. Even with a full set of teeth and claws, cats rarely have a chance in these attacks. Declawed cats are at even higher risk. Then you have human cruelty. It's sad, but true: there are people who enjoy torturing cats.

"More cats are killed by cars each year than are euthanized in US animal shelters."

Wildlife. Cats will chase and kill birds, rabbits, and other wildlife. Studies show that cat predation has a significant impact on songbird populations in some areas.

Neighbors. Cats do venture into neighbors' yards and won't make friends by using their gardens as a litter box or killing their backyard wildlife. My neighborhood cat sprays on my back door—yuck! Yes, some people use pellet guns, poison, etc. to keep cats away.

Getting lost. Cats that roam may be "rescued" by other cat lovers, rescue groups or picked up as strays by animal control. Collars break, & even microchips don't guarantee your cat will be returned to you. Cats can and do get lost when they get too far from their home turf.

What to do: Provide an indoor adventure: cat trees to climb, windows to look out with a bird feeder near by, toys to stalk, rugs to roll on, toys to chase and companions to play with. Set aside play time with your cat 2 or 3 times a day for 10 minutes or more .



Ah - birds!

Adopted!



London

London came to Big Sid's Sanctuary from the live trap of Focus on Ferals (10/8). He had some type of bite wound that turned him into an FIV guy and he also tested positive for FeLV. (Keep your kitty indoors!) After losing a rear leg to an infection, a Sid's volunteer started carrying him around in a baby sling. He loved it and that was all he needed to wrap his paw around Cheryl's heart. London now has a new home!

Check out this week's featured cat & all our other lovable cats at www.crashlanding.org

The Litter Box(es) - Where you will always find a treat!

Scooping, feeding, sweeping & cleaning.
Don't forget petting, scratching & chin rubbing.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL:

Can you spare a lunch hour, time after work or a couple hours on the weekend to help out with daily duties? Can you volunteer your handyman or handywoman skills? Email us at volunteer@crashlanding.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/8 Celebration South: Premier for Zookeeper 6 & 8pm.
8/6 Booth at EGR High School Track 12 to 6pm.
8/10 Fund Raiser at Olga's Kitchen, Woodland Mall
9/10 Rock for Crash's: Founder's Brewing Company
11/4 Wine & Art Gala, Airport Hilton Hotel 7:30-11pm
11/5 Celebration South: Premier for Puss in Boots

Artisans for Animals in September at Robinette's
Witch's Walk in October

More information at www.crashlanding.org

SPONSORSHIP

\$20/month - One Cat

\$35/month - Two Cats,

\$50/month - Three Cats

\$40/One time donation: Covers the cost of medical care to get new cat into the program—FeLV/FIV testing, vaccinations, deworming, neuter/spay

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS:

Do you have children who need volunteer hours for school? Does your Brownie, Girl Scout/Boy Scout group need volunteer hours? Contact our Youth Coordinator angie.taylor@crashlanding.org

Privy, Loo, Outhouse, WC, Lavatory, Dunny

No matter how you say it, or what you call it, a restroom is a very important place. There are moments when a restroom is all you can think about!

At **Big Sid's Sanctuary**, the restrooms are even more important because they serve a second, lesser known purpose, which is to function as a work area (seriously!).

Volunteers need a work space that is not controlled by the resident cats. Since the cats do not have general access to the restrooms for safety reasons, they have become the logical location for a work area. Unfortunately, ours are in need of remodeling.

Please consider donating to our **capital campaign** to upgrade our restrooms; we promise your donation will go to create a better work environment for the dedicated volunteers who spend so much of their time at our sanctuary. Even though your money might buy a new toilet, you can be sure your donation did not go down the drain – so to speak!

Donations can be made to the Privy Fund:

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Or can be sent to us via our
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