

The Crash Pad

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Crash's Landing and Big Sid's Sanctuary

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Plates, Saucers and Bowls... Oh my!

Plate, saucer or bowl? What is the best dish for your kitty? Here are a few things to consider when selecting the best dish.

SIZE/SHAPE:

Dry food: A saucer, small plate or medium bowl since some cats do not like their whiskers touching the sides. If your cat takes one piece of food out & places it on the floor to eat, this could be a sign that the dish is too small - it could also mean she has talent.



A meal fit for a king!

Wet Food: Use a nice big saucer or something similar like a soup bowl that is wide & low. That way your cat doesn't have to press her chin down into a deep bowl of food, which can often cause acne on a cat's chin.

Water: Choose a medium size bowl.

Avoid the Double Dish. Food & water should be kept in separate, non-connecting dishes.

1. Food particles that spill into the water can contaminate it.
2. If water spills into the dry food, it can make the food less tasty & cause bacteria growth.

3. You are more likely to keep two separate dishes cleaner because you will wash them as they become empty. With a double dish feeder that still has dry food you may just refill the water side without washing it.
4. Some cats just don't like water close to their meal. In between meals when a cat goes for water she may not want the smell of food nearby.

MATERIAL: Stainless Steel is the best choice. Unbreakable, sturdy & dishwasher safe. Glass & approved ceramic are good second choices, but make sure they don't get chipped.

Don't use plastic: Not only can plastic retain odors, it can also harbor bacteria, which can irritate the cat's chin (resembles acne). Also, some cats are allergic to plastic.

CLEANLINESS: Even dry food can leave a film in the dish. Try to rinse out dry food bowls daily & run them through the dishwasher at least every few days. Water & wet food dishes should be washed in the dishwasher daily. Also, a place mat or a cookie sheet shaped item under the dishes will help to make clean up easier & control spills.

Never put the litter box next to the food or water dishes. Would you eat your breakfast sitting next to the toilet? Enough said.

Adopted!



SID'S KID - ABEL

In our last newsletter, we highlighted our lovable Sid's Kid, Abel, who is FIV-positive. We are happy to report that Abel has found himself a furr-ever home.

This is why we all work so hard to support both shelters, so cats like Abel



Abel at home

can find a home. It also proves that cats having FIV or Feleuk can find homes & should be given a chance.

"There are precious few places where a FIV or Feleuk cat can go. Big Sid's Sanctuary is a major goodness & I am so pleased that Dr. Jen decided to create such a place, so that having either virus need not be a death sentence." CP

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

"Happy Mew Year" from Crash and all his pals!

"The Scoop:" Top 4 New Years resolutions for cats

Many of us have a New Years Resolution. Here are the top four resolutions your cat might need to consider. They may be similar to something you are doing already, or should be doing to stay healthy & set a good example for your cat. ☺

1. Lose Weight: Obese cats run a much higher risk of developing diabetes, heart disease & arthritis
2. Eat Better: Cats need meat. Find canned food that is at least 95% meat & dry food that meat products are listed as the first two ingredients.
3. Exercise More: Try to play with your cat at least 30 minutes a day (2-15 min sessions or 3-10 minute sessions).
4. Go to get a check-up: Cats age much faster than people, so its crucial that your cat gets an annual physical exam.

Latest Statistics

(As of 1/23/11)

Cats Rescued: 2590

Adopted Out: 1902

Current Residents:

- Crash's - 128
- Big Sid's - 116

Have an idea for an article topic or a cat that you would like to see featured on the newsletter? Want to sign-up to receive future newsletters via email? Send a message to crashpadinfo@sbcglobal.net

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

We could win **\$10,000** as part of the
BISSELL MVP (Most Valuable Pet) [Photo Contest](#).

Beginning January 5, you can enter photos of your pets weekly for a chance at the grand prize. The public will vote on their favorite pets. The grand prize winner will have their pet pictured on a BISSELL box, receive a BISSELL product & a \$500 pet shopping spree. Plus, the grand prize winner will choose a pet charity to receive a \$10,000 donation. Go to www.bissell.com/petcontest & select Crash's Landing as your pet charity.

On January 7th, Kim Carson (The River, 100.5 fm) started doing a segment called **"Purrfect Fridays."** It features one of our cats on her radio show for adoption. Web links are set up to our website from "The River" & vice versa. Check it out! <http://wtrv.com>.

Thank you to Kim Carson & our sponsor
PET SUPPLIES "PLUS"
for making this happen.

When Jason found a sweet older cat fending for himself, he was worried. The cat was covered in scabs & had issues with his left eye. He brought him to us on 5/13/10. Turns out that he is blind in his left eye (pupil is fixed & dilated) but Old Deuteronomy is quite sturdy & healthy (scabs have healed). The blind eye doesn't give him any real trouble, his attitude is chipper & he gets along with everyone. He is not front declawed but he is neutered. Old D is quite a catch as any of our volunteers will tell you. He is quick to make friends, is always ready & eager to get involved (loves to help), & is a very, very curious, cute cat! Older, settled cats make great pets, & Old D is no exception. If you are looking for an all-around good guy, he is the one for you! (Born late 2001)



Old Deuteronomy

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@crashslanding.org

Sponsorship

\$20/month - One Cat
\$35/month - Two Cats
\$50/month - Three Cats
\$40/One time donations: Covers the cost of medical care to get a new cat into the program - feline leukemia/FIV testing, vaccinations, deworming, neuter/spay

PLEASE VOTE DAILY!

through March 20, 2011

www.theanimalrescuesite.com

Go to the website, select the "Shelter Challenge" tab on the right side & vote for Crash's Landing. We could win:

State winner - \$1,000 grant
Grand prize - \$5,000 grant

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want to volunteer your handyman or handywoman skills, sheer strength, excessive love for cats or just help out with daily duties? Contact Brooke.Nienhuis@crashslanding.org.

Email crashpadinfo@sbcglobal.net with suggestions and information for future newsletters

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