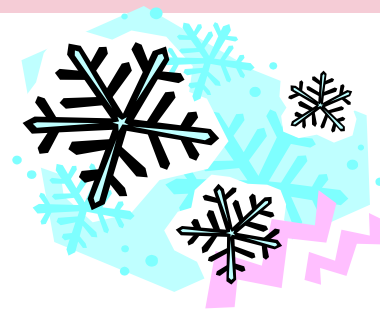


# Street Cat News



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## Special points of interest:

- "Visions of Christmas" Home Tour 2005 happens from Nov 18, 19, and 20. You won't want to miss it. Look to Page 9 for ticket locations.
- Nov 17 - 20 is the theatre production of CATS at the Centennial Auditorium. Not only did they give us tickets to use as a fundraiser, but they are also allowing us to set up an information table. Special thanks to both the CATS production and the Centennial Auditorium and to Magic 98FM for helping us make the connection.

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## Busy, Busy, Busy...

Busy is just about the most accurate word of this summer...and it STILL continues.

Bringing in over 177 cats and kittens since January this year and adoptions of 133 (as of Oct 24), it has been the busiest year ever for Street Cat Rescue.

PETsMART has been a big part of the high number of adoptions, thanks to their Adoption Centre available for our use, but the additional exposure to the public has also increased the number of calls for help that we have received.

I spoke to the two other organizations that are also now associated with PETsMART - New Hope Dog Rescue and Poohkas Rabbit Rescue - and both organizations report the same thing - a dramatic increase in calls for help needed.

That means, for all three groups, an increased need for volunteers, foster homes and funding.

Volunteers are needed to help with fundraisers and to help with the Adoption Centre, not to mention outside help like trapping. Foster homes are a crucial link between the streets and a forever home. The more foster homes we have, the more animals that can be brought in from the streets, especially the kittens as winter is coming in fast.

Funding, of course, is a huge need for the medical expenses of all the animals. Typically each animal costs us a minimum of \$225 just for medical care alone. Any additional medical issues means an increase in that

cost. Some of our fosters, especially those who have been with us for awhile, we call our "grand kitties" because they have costs over \$1000.

In order to continue helping the animals, we desperately need YOUR help. Please consider volunteering or helping with fundraising and foster homes. The more you can help, the more animals we can help together with your support.



## Raising Orphaned Kittens - random thoughts...by Donna (our teenie tinies foster mom)

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2005 10:31 PM

Raising orphaned kittens is the biggest personal challenge I have taken on after having two daughters.

You learn to push yourself just a little more for the sake of the babies. A huge amount of time

is spent daily just looking after the kittens.

Sleep is a thing of the past and becomes "napping when it is dark out". The tinier they are the more fragile and precious they are. You look into their tiny faces and feel such love and sorrow for what fate has handed these tiny little bun-

dles. They are so very dependent. They start out as just tiny little beings counting on you to do things right and to have a little luck. They have to do their part and do what they can to survive.

The tiny ones still have their umbilical cords and you watch their growth day to day. The



***“used two double rolls of toilet paper one week for this job.”***



***“Their innocent eyes looking into yours make your heart sing because you have given them life.”***



## Raising orphaned kittens....continued

corded fall off, the eyes begin to get defined, open a little bit in the corner and over a couple of days finally open totally. You watch their tiny ears begin to unfold and hear your voice. They do recognize my voice even when other voices are around. You watch them learn to get up on very wobbly legs then take a few shaky steps.

I consider their first purr as the ultimate gift and thank you for the endless hours spent feeding. As they get a little older they develop their own personalities. It is amazing to see how diverse nature is in creating different personalities within a litter.

They recognize the bottle when they see it. Many hours over the course of looking after a litter are spent making formula, warming the formula, washing bottles and of course feeding.

Once kittens are 2 weeks old it takes about 7 minutes per kitten to feed. Oh yes, until about 3 weeks of age babies cannot go to the bathroom by themselves so feedings involve getting the bottle warmed, grabbing a receiving blanket to snuggle the kitten, feeding the kitten, burping the kitten and then making the kitten go to the bathroom. I used two double rolls of toilet paper one week for this job. That is a lot of feet of toilet paper.

Then there is the record keeping. Daily weights must be taken of each kitten and then recorded as it is a useful bit of information to make sure everything is on track. Each gain is celebrated and you wait anxiously for the next day's weight in hoping it will be a gain.

It is such an emotional roller coaster ride as there are always a lot of ups and milestones completed and hopefully only a few downs. The downs are inevitable despite doing everything correctly and well. The tinies live under a heat lamp and are kept around 85 degrees. This means countless checks on the thermometer to make sure the temperature is holding and not too hot or cool. You have to decide when they graduate to a cage with heated iv bags and bean bags. Of course this stage means night feedings are a little longer because it takes 4 minutes to heat and realign the cage for them to resettle in.

Babies push me to see how much of myself I can give. You are sleep deprived, worried, watching, checking, feeding and alert to even a change in their cry. You can tell which kitten in a litter is crying just as a mother can tell her baby is crying because you spent so very much time in the day for the babies.

Lunch or supper hours from work can mean no time to eat yourself because the babies come first and you can wait or make do. Sometimes you run on empty because of being so tired and still trying to do all the things you do in your normal life. Their innocent eyes looking into yours make your heart sing because you have given them life.

It is so rewarding to see them mature into great little beings and getting adopted.

But with that great joy comes breaking of your heart because they have become a part of your heart and when they leave a little of your heart goes with

them. It is always such a sorrow to have to say goodbye and you start preparing for the goodbye as they get older. You hope that somehow they will remember all you have done for them and all the love you have shared.

They are all unique. Some eat good, some have to be held a certain way, some like to be kissed while they are eating, some like to be talked to and some fight the bottle until you get it just right. Sometimes you get so tired that you don't know if you can do it another day and still you do because you know no one knows your baby/babies like you do. You know if something is just not right--not crying the same as before, not eating as much as expected, not moving around as much as usual.

They are such a joy and there is no reward like it. The successes make it all worth while and you realize that is why you take on the almost impossible task of becoming a surrogate cat mother. The babies would not have a chance in life if you did not sacrifice for them.

Litters don't usually overlap much but there are always exceptions. Moogli was 3 1/2 weeks old when 2 day old Quest, Quartz, Quimbly and Quiz arrived. They had to learn how to eat from a bottle so feeding was time consuming. That afternoon 3 week old Ralston, Rapper, Remington and Rebel arrived.

You learn what mothers of large families learn--how to juggle and do a wide range of things with one hand while feeding a baby with the other.

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## News Bits from around the Animal World

From PET PRODUCT NEWS (Aug 05)

PET ECOLOGY'S globally patented SCIENTIFIC PROFESSIONAL CAT LITTER with built-in Sickness Indicator helps detect Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease (FLUTD).

[www.scientificcatlitter.com](http://www.scientificcatlitter.com)

IAMS has donated its millionth dollar to Canine Companions for Independence.

POP-STAR Christina Aguilera donated \$16,000 to put pet scanners in all Pittsburgh (her hometown) patrol cars. AVID donated microchips to local shelters and provided the scanners at reduced cost.

THE HUMANE Society Broward County (Florida) and the Red Cross created a pet-friendly evacuation shelter when PETCO donated 350 pet crates.

AN AUSTRIAN politician has proposed that Vienna register the DNA of all dogs in the city, then test all abandoned dog waste to identify the responsible pooch and the irresponsible owner.

DOG OWNERS in Turin, Italy, now face a \$650 fine if they fail to walk their dogs at least three times a day, after the city passed new pet regulations. The city has also banned dyeing pets' fur, docking tails and otherwise "mutilating" animals for aesthetic reasons.

VANCOUVER is #2 and Toronto #9 on the Top 10 Dog Friendly Cities in 2005 ([www.dogfriendly.com](http://www.dogfriendly.com))

HILLS plans to launch its reformulated Science Diet canned cat foods this fall.

FARNUM Pet Products presents Comfort Zone, formulated to control unwanted cat and dog behavior associated with fear and stress that come from unfamiliar surroundings... the feline formula mimics the feline's positive facial pheromones, according to the company. Both formulas are available in a spray or plug-in diffuser with refills.

NESTLE Purina PetCare announces that Purina Pro Plan cat foods now contain protein levels of 40 percent or higher.

The entire line (except Pro Plan Urinary Tract Health formula), including Pro Plan kitten foods, has been reformulated to help cats maintain lean muscle mass and healthy skin and coat, according to the company.

WENDY Bedwell-Wilson reports in "Give Me Shelter" that Pet-specialty retailers ...are finding that partnering with rescue organizations can be profitable through the inevitable sale of products. It's a win-win-win for the rescue, the pet and the retailer.

LOOKING for ECARDS? Fun ecards with FANTASTIC graphics that include cats and dogs can be found at [www.jacquelawson.com](http://www.jacquelawson.com)



**"Christmas Cottage  
This is the card  
that started it all  
off - Jacquie's  
original  
Christmas card**



**showing  
her own  
cottage  
and  
pets."**

## News from KC Rescue, Unity

We have been busy, but the results have been worth all the hard labor. If one had not taken "before" pictures it would be hard to believe it is the same place. We are now seeing some light at the end of the tunnel and our exhaustion is now turning into excitement once again. KC Rescue was hoping to be open in October, but have come to accept that we would be pushing it. We are now looking at the beginning of November to officially

open the doors to the public. The Home of KC Rescue will have a variety of items that will interest you. We have access to pet food that we will always have on hand to insure your pet is fed a quality diet. Items will be for sale that are hand made by volunteers ... from ornaments to clothing! One area of the building is going to be used for donated items. All proceeds will go to KC Rescue and we will no longer have to hold...continued on page 9

**"Boarding...little beds to sleep on and  
cozy couches to relax on...\$7 per day"**





**“found two weeks later after rent was late”**



## Just a sampling of the type of calls received this year...

The following are only just a sampling of the calls we receive.

- “Five newborn kittens (2 days old) found in the back of a semi trailer after a long haul from North Saskatchewan (only one died, the rest have survived through the dedication of foster home)
- Mowgli found one day old in a garbage dumpster, never tasting his mother’s milk
- 796- Rosa (7wk old kitten) - found on highway south of Saskatoon
- 797-Sasha, pregnant found by property manager when she appears to have been abandoned in apartment
- Thea (8 wk old kitten polydactyl) - found on highway between Hague and Osler
- 805 and 806-Vanessa and Victoria (8 wk old kittens), found in middle of highway in pouring rain
- 808 and 809-Whitney and Winona (8 wk old kittens), rescued from the middle of traffic on Broadway
- 817- Angus (8 wk old kitten) was following letter carrier, who finally stopped at a house and asked the people to take it in
- 831- Chamberlain, 8 months old, thrown out of car at gas station in Chamberlain, picked up by twins, Melodie and Melanie and brought to Saskatoon.
- 810 and 811- Xylia and

Yasmin, 8 months old, abandoned in apartment with food, found by landlady 2 weeks later who checked to see why rent wasn't being paid.

- young cat, orange/grey, less than 1 year, sleeping in yard and eating dog's food.
- small kitten fits in palm of hand, found in lumber pile. Removing rest of wood very carefully.
- Abandoned- mom and 1 kitten---3-4 months, Russian blue
- cat across alley being neglected by owners. Neighbours have tried to reason with owners, with no luck. Cat now on neighbour's porch seeking shelter and care.
- feral cat found. Son keeps getting sick when he plays with it.
- Two cats scavenging for food by airport terminal, one seems to have an injured back leg.
- Township of Martinsville asks for our help with the animals that are left at local vet clinic.
- Two separate reports of several cats & kittens in a garage

And I could go on and on and on----.”

The first thing that we need people to realize is that this is a volunteer organization. We do not have people being paid to

go out on these calls. We need people to understand that and to be patient and understanding that we are not able to get out there right away, and sometimes just simply might not be able to make it at all. We do the best we can with the people and resources that we have at any given moment.

The second thing that we need people to understand is that the prime source of money to pay for all the medical bills is from donations.

So If you encourage someone to call us about a situation, please also mention those two facts and ask them to be patient and generous to help us help more animals.

The calls you read here are only a few and the calls are increasing every week as the public become more aware of this organization.

Both New Hope Dog Rescue and Poohkas Rabbit Rescue, both members of the newly formed SASKATOON ANIMAL NETWORK (including Street Cat Rescue & KC Rescue), are also receiving increased number of calls.

We need community support - YOUR support to continue this service.

Yes, we help animals, but we are helping people help animals as well. We are helping the community to become a more friendly and compassionate community towards each other - animals and people together.

Join us in whatever way you can and become a member of the Team.

### Recipe for Love: just a few of our new “moms & dads”

RECIPE for LOVE  
(batteries not included and not needed)

1. Take one pet-friendly residence.
2. Add minimum one human looking for unconditional love.
3. Add minimum one four-footed, furry companion looking to give unconditional love.
4. Mix well through play and

cuddle sessions and as often as possible each and every day.

5. Dash of regular medical checkups.
6. Sprinkle liberally of good quality food.
7. Allow to bond over time.

Now sit back and enjoy the wonderful life with pure, hon-

est and unconditional love with the best companion and soul mate you could ever have.

Encourage others to share this kind of experience and help make the world a better place for us all.

On this page just some of the happy homes this summer.



*Recipe for Love*



All we need is Love!





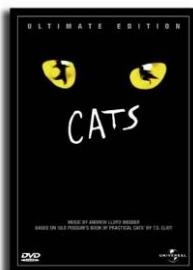
**Aiden and Carrie playing**

***“I kept telling him I bought him a house, but he didn’t believe it until he saw it”***



Now available! Donate \$5 to Street Cat Rescue and receive a “I Saved a Pet” wristband. Quantities limited.

Or make an additional donation of \$20 before Nov 13 and we put your name in for a draw for “CATS” tickets



## Stories from New Guardians: Adrian, now Aiden

Hi everyone,  
I have attached a Word document with the latest on Aiden (aka Adrian).

He is an amazing cat and I am so happy with him.

I met his foster mom at PetSmart and she said he liked being tickled on the belly, and boy was she ever right!

let me know if this gets through okay! Take care, Lisa

Hello everyone at Street Cat Rescue,

I just wanted to update you on Aiden (the cat formerly known as Adrian). He is doing wonderfully!!!

We had some big changes happen in the last couple of months, but he adjusted very well.

First, we moved out of my parents house into a new home (I kept telling him I bought him a house but he didn’t believe it until he saw it J. It only took him one day to come out from under the bed!

Next, Aiden got a new friend named Carrie- a two month old Ragdoll. We

picked her because they are supposed to be calm and get along well with other animals.

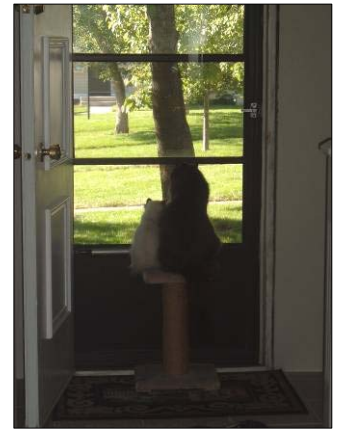
Aiden also adjusted to this change very quickly- they are inseparable! They play together, eat together, sleep together, groom each other, and call each other if they happen to find they are in different rooms. Aiden is so patient with Carrie (we’re still waiting for the “calm” trait to emerge!)- she can do pretty much anything to him and he just takes it all in stride.

Aiden has come such a long way from the cat that hid under my bed for the first week! He now sleeps ON my bed (with me) and loves to be petted ALL OF THE TIME!

He purrs (quietly) and is getting to the point where I can walk around him when he’s not expecting it and doesn’t run.

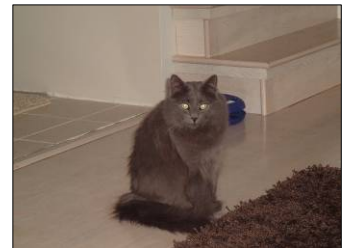
He also plays lots, and although still loves laser tag, is branching out into sponge balls. He is getting lots of attention since I am working from home these days.

I have enclosed a few pics so you can see him in our new home. There are lots of trees (hence lots of birds) so he sits by the window all day.



**Aiden and Carrie looking at birds**

**Aiden is the most photogenic cat I’ve ever had- he just poses so naturally!**



Thanks for the opportunity to adopt this wonderful cat!

Sincerely, Lisa Lejbak

## Business Sponsors are important

We don’t get a chance to thank our business supporters often enough. Always first on our list is, of course, the clinics and the veterinarians. Concorde Group of Companies is a super bunch of people. We will be listing some of our wonderful sponsors in the

next issue, but we wanted to note some of our newest supporters such as Safeway, GLOBAL TELEVISION, Centennial Auditorium, PETSMAST, Saskatchewan Lifestyle Magazine... And Linda’s Printing who do an outstanding job of our newsletters and educational

materials and even go out of their way to deliver it for us. They are amazing.

Thank you to all these and many more. Look for further listings of business sponsors in our next issue so that you can support those who support us!

## Early Spay/Neuter

A progress report on a study funded by The Winn Feline Foundation, Summary prepared by Diana Cruden, Ph.D., states the following:

"...many veterinarians have been practicing early neutering for years... Large animal practitioners have long practiced early neutering on their livestock and consider it not only acceptable, but desirable..."

Even before concerns for the burgeoning population of unwanted pets raised our collective consciousness, there were many scientifically documented reasons to spay and castrate... protected against mammary cancer and uterine infections. In males, castration reduces the risk of testicular cancer and enlargement of the prostate and related infections...less aggressive and more affectionate than their unaltered counterparts...driven by the urge to reproduce, they are less likely to roam and fight."

"In the last year, recognition of the safety and efficacy of early spay/neuter has grown rapidly."

The American Humane Association has endorsed early neutering prior to adoption as a "feasible solution to decreasing pet overpopulation and the tragedy of resulting deaths."

In July 1993, delegates to the American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Meeting voted to give AVMA's support to the concept of early neutering. Work done by veterinarians at Angell Memorial Hospital for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals supports Dr. Bloomberg's observations.

Other organizations involved in early neuter programs include

the Denver Dumb Friends League in Colorado, the Miami Humane Society and Alachua County Animal Control in Florida, The Humane Society of Austin and Travis County in Texas, the Chicago Animal Control in Illinois, the King County Animal Control in Washington state, the Vancouver SPCA in British Columbia and the Southern Oregon Humane Society in Oregon. The Dekalb Humane Society in Decatur, Collie Rescue of Metro Atlanta, the Georgia Alliance of Purebred Canine Rescuers, The Haven (dog rescue) and Dog River Sanctuary in Douglasville are among the Georgia organizations working with early neuter in dogs and cats, as well as exotic species.

The Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) has changed its show rules to permit altered kittens to compete. Many breeders of pedigreed cats are working with their veterinarians to neuter pet quality kittens prior to placement in new homes.

New pet owners indicate that acquiring an already neutered animal relieves them of the worry and expense of scheduling the surgery at a later date, enabling them to relax and enjoy their new companion.

As is the case for shelter managers, breeders can relax in the knowledge that the kitten they place today is not going to contribute to the surplus pet population tomorrow."

**From the [Spring 1998 Illinois Veterinary Bulletin College of Veterinary Medicine \(USA\)](#)**

**Early Spay/Neuter: An Overview by Theresa A. Fuess, PhD, VM-3**

"studies report that anesthetizing 6- to 7-week-old puppies and kittens was uneventful.

Spays are reported to be easier and faster at 6 to 7 weeks than at 6 to 7 months because there is little subcutaneous fat to hinder entrance to the abdominal cavity and the lack of vasculature reduces hemorrhage.

Finding organs was no harder than on the older animal.

The speed of castrations at 6 to 7 weeks and at 6 to 7 months is the same, and the testicles are easier to remove and break down.

Finally, the younger animals recovered faster and with less pain...

These studies indicate that early spays benefit the animal, the owner, animal population control, and...the veterinarian.

The animal benefits because the anesthesia is fast and uneventful; surgical procedure is well tolerated and animals recover faster.

If made part of the standard puppy/kitten vaccination program, it would also benefit owners by decreasing the number of veterinary office visits necessary upon acquiring a new pet.

This convenience to owners would lead to increased compliance on their part and thereby decrease the number of unwanted dogs and cats produced each year.

The veterinarian benefits because spays and neuters at 6 to 7 weeks of age are easier and faster than at 6 to 7 months, they help reduce animal overpopulation, and higher owner



**"recognition of the safety and efficacy of early spay/neuter has grown rapidly"**



compliance means more business. It also gives veterinarians the opportunity to interact with shelters, pet stores, and breeders and be seen as leaders in animal welfare in our communities."



## The "Tale" of Hope

This story took place last year, but it undoubtedly will happen this year. While we shiver in anticipation of this year's Winter's bitter breezes, please heed these words and encourage all to keep their cats safe and sound and warm INSIDE, and keep an ever watchful eye for another unlucky little cold kitty that might need Street Cat Rescue.

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Wanda's letter to the Star Phoenix.

It is with disgust that I write this letter. While driving down Ruth Street the other evening when the temperatures were at -44 with the wind-chill, I found a small cat crouching on the sidewalk. As I slowed down I noticed the cat was acting very strange. It would crouch, run and then crouch again. I stopped the car and got out. I called the kitty and it without hesitation ran towards me and allowed me to pick it up. It was shaking and shivering like I have never seen an animal do. I took her home with me and observed her. Her ears were frozen and felt to the touch like rocks. Her feet had white spots of frostbite on them. Her tail was as hard as a rock and her face had lost its whiskers due to severe frostbite.

I took her to the vet the next morning and confirmed my observation

of the cat. She was frozen. The frostbite on her ears will result in her ears falling off. Her whiskers will hopefully grow back. Although, her feet are fortunately not needing to be removed her tail will have to be amputated.

It is very confusing to me in this type of weather to see animals outside. I do know some cats are feral and do have no choice but to try to survive outside. I also know that some pets get lost and are left to fend for themselves when their owners cannot find them. On the other hand, I know of people who purposely leave their cats and dogs outside in extreme cold weather, with no regard for their well being. I would like to ask these people, do you wonder if the cold affects your pets the same as it affects you? Well let me inform you. Yes it certainly does.

For those of you with animals, just a firm reminder that just like us, animals cannot survive this harsh winter outside and I am certain they would rather be inside and warm. Just like with this kitty, someone's ignorance and stupidity has caused this cat undue pain and suffering. If you are a pet owner who will not or cannot care for your pet, then (please give it to) someone who can. For those of you who sleep cuddled up in your beds at night while your pets fend for themselves outside, perhaps you will one day be locked outside your car or house in the middle of nowhere. Perhaps then you can understand what it will be like to be cold, then frostbitten and perhaps lose a few limbs.

For those of you who do treat your pets with the best of care and like part of your family,

thank you. For those of you who don't, shame on you. And for those of you concerned about this kitty, she will be kept at the vet for another week. Her tail will be removed and her frostbite monitored. I can only hope that she recovers with flying colours.

### Note from Heather: The Tail of Hope

The letter by the SCAT supporter who rescued Hope says it all in a general way. But what about Hope herself? Who did she turn out to be? When she came into the program (Street Cat Rescue), she could easily have been one of those newcomers who just pass through on their way to the hereafter. A week later at the vet's, she'd been spayed -oh yes, she'd had kittens sometime or times, had vaccinations, had surgery related to a hernia in her flank, and had her frozen tail amputated - all but an inch and a half of it- and she was off to a foster home. Then within a month she was adopted.. This is a fast turn-around for a cat estimated to be between five and ten years old. Who would adopt such a cat? Answer: the folks who would and did adopt Kaos (see post-script re spelling) aka Molly Brown, a SCAT "dumpster" kitten. (A dumpster kitten is one that has been thrown into a dumpster.)

After a month in her new home, it's as if she'd always lived there with her two guardians and Kaos. Like many of our cats, at first she was shy in her new home. She was alarmed when she heard her new dad's footsteps; it's taken the whole month to warm up to him. She is afraid of feet and still startles easily. They suspect that there's a reason why.



On the other hand, she's clear about what she wants. Not a lap cat, she prefers to sit beside a person and purr loudly. Her favourite spot is the back of the recliner where she balances with four paws stretched out. Kaos lets Hope be the boss, just happy to have a playmate. Hope is a vocal individual who calls Kaos out of the bedroom in the middle of the night so that they may raise Cain together - but unfortunately they "raise" their human family.

With her rounded ears and docked tail, Hope looks a little like a bunny and a little like a Teddy bear. Today she is one lucky cat, with a past that we can only imagine.

### From Hope's Mom:

Sounds great. We spell Kaos with a K (she is named after a sesame street puppet kitten). We aren't one of those that name their dogs "Killer" (just in case anyone wonders). A few other things about Hope are: she follows me around the house all the time, and she plays hard even by herself. We often find the cat toys scattered around the house at the end of the day. She will fling and pounce on a toy mouse from one end of the house to the other and then back again. She gained a whole kilogram from the time she was first taken to the vet to the time I took her back (approx. 6 weeks). I will be sending the pictures this afternoon or tomorrow morning at the latest.

Thanks, Hope's Mom

### “Bringing the Community Together for Christmas”

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The planning and preparing for the 5th annual "Visions of Christmas" Home Tour is well underway. This year five homes and four floors of the Trinity Parish Hall will be on display.

"Bringing the Community Together for Christmas" is very apparent here. Local florists, businesses and talents are working together to make a weekend you will remember for years.

One of our homeowners and decorators, Joan Robertson, and her Red Hat Society ladies add a special flair to the tour this year. Joan's home is also home to "Peppi", the missing nutcracker. Peppi went missing a few years ago and Joan has been receiving post-cards from around the world

by the wandering nutcracker. Maybe Peppi will come home for the Christmas tour. Wouldn't that be exciting!

The "Last Stop" hall, is always the highlight of the tour. The sights, smells and sounds of Christmas are all around you. Come have a Timothy's coffee and a tasty treat while you sit and enjoy the sounds of the "Country Two", and many other entertainers.

This year we are really excited about Global sponsoring us by running the event dates throughout the beginning of November. This should definitely help us get the word out

You won't want to miss the fabulous display put on by, "Prairie Rail Workshop Inc", Saskatoon's model railroad club.

Have your picture sketched , by "Siemens Artworks".

Get some home decorating tips by "Shanta Panchal", the designer of the Dundonald Home.

On the upper floors, local businesses and crafters help you get your Christmas shopping off to a good start. "Phoenix Ceramics", "Norwegian Crafts by Esther", and "Can Sun" are just a few to mention.

Want to look good for that Christmas party? "Boutique Be You Te Ful", "Fifth Avenue Collection", "Solar Styling Salon" and "To Ear Is Human", will help you go in style.

We hope you will be part of the community that comes

together for Christmas.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or to donate some holiday baking, please give us a call as soon as possible. That would be a much welcomed help.

Wendy Penston & Grace Lindenbach Home Tour Coordinators

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Wendy 384-5526  
Grace 343-0162

**“Visions of Christmas” Home Tour**

**November 18 - 19 - 20** (Fri - Sat - Sun)

Call **955-7228** for ticket information & ticket locations

Berry Barn (Lawson Mall)	Lewiscraft (Midtown)
Cat Hospital	Prairie Drapery (MarketMall)
Charter House, 1st Ave	Snow White (Confed Mall)
Early's (Lorne)	Unique~Chic (Circle PK Mall)
East Village, 2nd Ave	

SCAT Shelter  
51st & Faithful

**\$20**



**Last Stop: Trinity Parish Hall**

Bringing the Community Together for Christmas Venues, Refreshments & Entertainment  
Get some of your Christmas shopping done early, some ideas on decorating, and then sit and enjoy entertainment, conversation and refreshments! You won't want to miss it!



**Nov 18 & 19**  
Home Hours  
5-9  
**Sun, Nov 20**  
Home Hours  
1-5

**Hall Hours**  
6-10  
**Hall Hours**  
1-6



PS: Note from editor

Please be sure to tell Wendy and Grace how much you enjoyed this event. They put a LOT of time, “blood, sweat and tears”, into this event every year and that is a big part of why it's always such a huge success.

We all adore both Wendy and Grace for their commitment to the animals and their wonderful friendly upbeat attitudes that put a smile on everyone's face. It definitely keeps us going.



### KC Rescue...continued from page 3

our yearly garage sales. We also have a grooming room for your cat ... sort of like a pamper day for your pet. And of course, one huge room for our adoption center. Here, our cats awaiting permanent homes will live in an atmosphere full of warmth and love. They will have beds, condos, posts, couches, and all other things to make them happy as they wait for that right person to come along.

KC Rescue's boarding rooms are decorated in a home atmosphere. They have little

beds to sleep on and cozy couches to relax on. We have already used them in August and every cat has enjoyed their stay with us. They get a lot of attention from volunteers and all rooms are kept very clean (you might as well say they have maid service). Owners provide their own food so the cat's diet is not changing. KC Rescue supplies everything else. If your cat has a favorite toy, bed, etc. you are encouraged to bring it along for them.

Rates are \$7.00 per day. Up-to-date Vaccinations are very

important. KC Rescue will clip nails and groom your pet while they stay with us for additional charges.

Correction from last newsletter KC Rescue did not receive donated money to buy a building ... Corinne and her husband (Larrie) purchased the building (upstairs living quarters and the commercial area down stairs). There were generous donations received to purchase equipment like exam tables, kennels, washer, dryer, and other items needed for the adoption center.

**NEED  
Cans &  
Bottles**

With so many cats and kittens coming in, our monthly medical costs are very high. Please drop off your cans/bottles at the shelter to help get much needed funds.



## November 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>General Meeting 7 pm @</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Home Tour</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Visions of Christmas</i>
27	28	29	30	DEC 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

### Raising orphaned kittens....continued

At least kitten babies can be carefully balanced in the crook of your arm while you make formula, get ready for work, make a meal, do laundry as time can be at a premium.

I truly love each baby that comes into my world. I would not give up caring for these babies for anything.

It is a short term commitment and that is what keeps you going.

Laundry is also a large undertaking and seems endless when the babies are small. Thank

goodness for receiving blankets.

Bathing is tolerated by the babies just as they would a good washing by their mom--with the resignation of a baby kitten.

These babies did not ask for their lot in life and I am touched by each one and proud to be their "mom" for a while.

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PS: All of us at Street Cat are eternally grateful for our very special "teenie tinies" foster



mom. We applaud all her hard work, dedication, and love. She's the greatest!

**I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for your help. Thank you so much.**



Want to Help?

Help us help the cats of our community. Make this a better place to live for both animals and humans by showing your support.

Want to Volunteer for:

- Fundraising Events
- Fostering
- Outside animal care
- Office/Professional
- PETsMART
- Other

Donation/Membership

- Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Senior/Student \$15
- Regular \$25

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

#### WE NEED YOU

**This little guy is just one of the many who have found their way to us. Help us to help him and the others by showing your support through generous financial donations, or donations of time. We need you. He needs you. Without the help of generous, loving people like you, this organization would not be able to continue its important work. Thank you.**

WISH LIST

- Can food such as Friskies/whiskas Fancy Feast
- Wood Fiber Litter called Clean Litter

Call the shelter to ask what else we need. Thanks!

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**Sewn with Hope and Love in every stitch**

Each new adoption comes complete with a new toy and blanket, BUT not just any blanket.

These blankets are sewn with extra wishes, hopes and dreams of a better place for each and every one of our little souls that come through our program.

Our volunteers lovingly prepare these warm blankets to take our warm wishes for this cat's future with

you, the new guardian of this little life.

With the large amount of adoptions happening lately, our blanket makers are having a bit of a time keeping up.

Can you help with fabric supplies? Quilt batting? Warm fleece?

Or do you sew yourself? Maybe help make some of these wonderful little blankets that wrap our little ones with love on their path to a new life?

Or even some gift certificates to fabric shops would be great too!

Help us send our little ones into their new lives with lots of warm wishes, hope and a warm blanket.

