

**CAT CARE MEETING  
MONTHLY REPORT  
FEBRUARY 15, 2015**

Present: Paulette Gonzalez, Carol Abshire, Melissa Warfield, Brandy Coleman, Dorothy Ripperdan

Due to the inclement weather and freezing temperatures, Cat Care made a last minute decision to meet on Sunday afternoon, February 15th, rather than its normal scheduled meeting day, Monday, February 16th. Most members were already at the shelter that afternoon or were able to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Dr. Brooke's Visit:**

Dr. Brooke visited ICS on January 27th and again on February 3rd. 51 cats received exams, medical treatment, or rabies vaccinations from Dr. Brooke . 11 cats had blood drawn for testing. All test results were normal or within reasonable ranges.

**Dental list:**

After her examinations, Dr Brooke mentioned some cats which should be given first priority on our dental list and: Little Champ (Nook) , Betsy (Kitty Korner), Gus (Disco), Aggie (Hall), and Jupiter (Freckles). As Westchester does not do bloodwork before performing dentals, cat care feels, for the safety of our cats, that Barb Schwoegler's dental donation would be best applied to dentals at McAfee's. We continue to discuss a possible dental for Aggie. While her bloodwork was within normal ranges, this procedure does pose increased risks due to her condition.

**CATS ON THE MOVE:**

Shamus: Although he had been behaving appropriately after his move from Scruffy's to Nursery, Shamus has now reverted back to his dominate personality - attacking the kittens and stressing the older residents in Nursery. After discussion, cat care feels he should be returned to Scruffy's where the older cats can keep him in check. We know this move will decrease his chances to be adopted so we plan to move him to a hall condo on the weekend during visiting hours so he can meet visitors. He is very loving and friendly with people. He just needs to be an only pet.

### **CAT FOLLOW UP:**

Speedy (Hall): His allergies are flaring up and he is having skin issues again. The cleaners are leaving food down in the hall and Speedy has been eating things that are not on his diet. The cleaners have been instructed to pick up all food when Speedy is out.

Daisy Mae (Disco). Her skin is improved. As she has been caged a long time we will release her but she will be confined for meals to keep her on a strict diet..

Buttercup (Gift Shop): Dr. Brooke confirmed her skin problem was due to a Staphylococcal infection. She was treated and is doing much better. She is no longer itching and the "Cone" has been removed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The ASN program was discussed. We are currently using McAfee, Westchester, and Dr. Anderson. We know that ICS representatives have met with the new doctor at Arbor View but we were not sure if they had agreed to participate in our ASN program yet. We knew they had presented their price list for general vet services but no one had a copy with them that afternoon.

Apparently, the price for Science Diet food has increased substantially. We will need to discuss this with July Lindmark and Roberta and how this will affect our budget. At this point it may be too early to discuss changing brands if we can no longer afford this food. We had a brief discussion of other possible brands and programs.

Deterred by the bad weather, Brandy and Melissa Petrovich hope to be back on schedule - weighing cats, cleaning ears, and doing nail trims - on Thursday afternoons.

The cleaners have notified cat care with their concerns about the new Accel cleaning product. Per Diane Buche, the company representative said that initially the smell in the shelter would get worse before it gets better. However the cleaners, who are most directly involved with this product, have been saying the smell is overpowering, it is hurting their lungs, and they are getting light-headed. There was also one day when the machine broke, and the cleaners (instructed not to use anything else) mopped the floors with water only! There also seemed to be a misunderstanding between Diane and the cleaning staff regarding the laundry. Bleach will continue to be used with the laundry and the cleaners will be so informed.

Respectively submitted,  
Carol Abshire for the Cat Care Committee