

# Mewsletter

For the friends of the Independent Cat Society, a no-kill cat shelter

Fall 2011, # 134

## Calicos! *Jazzy and kaleidoscopic, like fall leaves, with personalities to match...*

Nothing says "cozy" quite like the sight of a charming calico cat curled up in a comfy ball of color. Colorful and delightful, calico cats are beloved by cat lovers everywhere. Like torties and tabbies, calicos are not a breed but rather a color pattern, created by the combination of white, black, and orange. In the case of calicos, the whole is most definitely greater than the sum of the parts!

The name "*calico*" comes from a cloth first imported to Britain from India in the 17th century. Calico fabric was and still is brightly colored and distinctively patterned just like the cats. In Japan, tri-colored cats are called *mi-ke*, meaning "triple fur," and in Holland they are called *lapjeskat*, which is Dutch for "patches." It should come as no surprise that the two most common names for a calico cat are "Callie" and "Patches," but there are other names inspired by their coat that may suit one of these multi-hued beauties, such as Autumn, Calista, Dottie, Jewel, Kalie (as in "kaleidoscope,") Rainbow, or Sunset, and many more. Our own Paulette Gonzalez has made a science out of naming calicos, coming up with some of the most outrageous names, like Fiesta, Confetti, Spumoni, and Salsa! Regardless of what you choose to call your own example of living color, she still may or may not come when you call her.

The genetics of calico cats are similar to that of tortoiseshells, with the exception that calicos also have a spotting gene which results in large patches of white. This also results in the patches of colors being distinct as opposed to mixed up or brindled. Like tortoiseshells, calicos are almost always female, with the very rare male being sterile. Cats that possess the dilute gene will be blue, chocolate, cream, or fawn instead of black and red on a white background. Dilute or classic, nobody would deny that all calicos are certainly gorgeous cats.

Some people believe that calico cats have personalities along the lines of the infamous "tortitude," while others describe them as quirky, independent, and fun. Still others insist that they are great mothers and even better mousers. The reality of course is that all cats are individuals and how well the cat is socialized both with humans and other animals is crucial in developing their personality. But be honest: can you blame these colorful cuties if they occasionally display a bit of a diva side?

Calico cats have always been popular for their distinctive coloring, but did you know that they are also considered lucky



**Maddie and Sophie (a dilute calico) are ICS alumni, and great examples of calico beauty, as well as sisterly love!**

by some cultures? Japanese sailors often carried calico cats on board their vessels because they believed the cats would help protect them while at sea. These felines were also thought to bring good fortune and wealth to any home lucky enough to have one. (See "*The Most Famous Calico Cat.*")

Whether or not a calico cat can bring you luck or money, we think that anyone who shares their life with one of these wonderful cats is very fortunate indeed! If you would like to tip the cosmic scales a bit to your advantage, consider giving one of these live good luck charms a chance.

### *Feline trivia question:*

**What type of cat has been named the State Cat of Maryland?**

**Answer:**

The calico, because its colors are the same as those worn by the **Baltimore Orioles!**

# **Mewsletter**

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friends of the  
**Independent Cat Society, Inc.**  
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The **Independent Cat Society, Inc.**,  
founded in 1977, is a non-profit, no-  
kill cat shelter on US Rt 6 at the  
Porter/LaPorte County Line Road in  
Westville, Indiana.

The **Independent Cat Society's**  
mission is to promote the welfare of  
all animals, especially cats, by  
reducing pet overpopulation,  
educating the public, preventing  
cruelties to animals, promoting  
responsible pet ownership and  
working for more humane legislation.

#### **Adoption hours:**

Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sunday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Others by appointment.  
Please call (219) 785-4936.

#### **Adoption fee: \$75**

Includes: Spay/neuter, vet exam,  
feline leukemia and FIV test; age-  
appropriate vaccinations; parasite  
treatment; tattoo ID; cardboard cat  
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# Calendar of Events

## November

### Dining to Donate

November 14th, 15th, 16th

Applebee's — Valparaiso, Portage, Chesterton, Michigan City

### ICS Members Meeting and Election

November 28th, 7:00 pm

Valparaiso Fire Department's Union Headquarters

355 Evans Ave., Valparaiso

## December

### ICS Annual Christmas Open House

at the ICS Shelter

December 10th & 11th



**WAKE UP!!!—You don't want to miss the**

## **Holiday Open House!**

You are cordially invited to visit the shelter for our annual Holiday Open House on December 10th and 11th. Festivities will occur on Saturday the 10th from 10-4 and Sunday the 11th from 1-4. Join us for delicious baked goods and the holiday shopping you CANNOT miss. Kids may want their parents to shop at a toy store, but your cats are keeping their paws crossed that you'll come to ICS and load up your sleigh!

## Low-Cost Spay & Neuter options

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Call for details: 12 E Hwy 12, Beverly Shores, IN — (219) 861-9006

or email: [cat\\_s-n@hotmail.com](mailto:cat_s-n@hotmail.com)

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**Pet Neutering & Adoption Services**, DeMotte, Indiana — (219) 987-7297

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# President's Message

Try to come up with something new and interesting for every president's message, but this time I am going to steal from a previous issue of the *Mewsletter*: What if everyone reading this helps us adopt **Just One Cat?!**

The concept is so simple: If everyone reading this either adopts Just One Cat, OR encourages another person to adopt Just One Cat, we could empty the shelter! Surely, at least 200 people are reading our Mewsletter!

And let me tell you how important it is... we often make appeals to the public based on the many heart-wrenching stories generated each year at our shelter. And they are all true and genuine narrations of what we do and encounter on a regular basis. In other words, "you don't know the half of it!"

But what we don't talk about often seriously enough is adoptions. We can be master rescuers, take the best care of these cats, make them as comfortable as possible, but the rest is in YOUR hands, and all our work results in naught if we can't get them adopted to good homes.

Our adoption rates have dropped and we assume it's a function of the economy or of the many cats and kittens that are found by people every year. Every adoption is treated with kid gloves as we try very hard to match potential adopters with just the right cat. These cats become like our own when they are in our care, and we want the absolute best for them. We put a lot of time, energy, and money into them, far beyond the adoption fee, so if we seem a little picky, that's why!

But we consider ourselves only stewards of their lives until they find their permanent homes. So help us, please... ask yourself, or examine your circle of friends and ask: are they good candidates for feline friends? Cats are "low maintenance" compared to dogs! Seriously—if you find someone you think is a good candidate to become a cat owner, encourage them to come to us. Encourage them to visit. If you yourself adopt or if you steer an adopter to us, we'll issue you **a free container of Calico Corny's home-grown, organic catnip** while you are signing the adoption contract! Trust me, it's nothing like the stuff you buy in the stores, and the cats truly know the difference!



Just one cat!

**If everyone reading this ad helps us place just one cat, we can empty the shelter!  
No Kiddin'!**

For 33 years we have provided a safe haven for homeless, injured, and abandoned cats. Though we think our cats have it pretty good, we think they would have it even better in homes of their own! Come visit our cats and help them find their way to their **Forever Homes!**

Whisper

## Wish List

*Please note: We do not use litter pan liners, newspapers, or pine cleaners like Pine Sol. Thank you!*

### Office Supplies

Stamps  
Canon toner cartridge 104  
Various colored 2-pocket folders, with business card slots  
Letter-size manila file folders

### Cleaning Supplies

Bleach  
Laundry soap (prefer unscented)  
Liquid hand soap  
Scotch Brite scrubbies  
Paper plates  
Paper towels  
30 gallon trash bags  
Simple Green cleaner  
Shaklee Basic H  
& Basic G concentrates

### Medical Supplies

Microwaveable heating discs  
Science Diet AD, ID  
Wellness Grain-Free food

### Building and Grounds

20 x 25 x 5 Aire Bear Furnace filters  
Water softener pellets  
16 x 20 x 1 fiberglass furnace filters  
Replacement filters for Hunter Air Purifier model #30930

### Other

Dry cat food, kitten and adult, Prefer *Eagle Pack*, but will use other brands for donating to the needing public  
Ground flavors of Friskies and Fancy Feast  
Tall cat trees  
Large deep litter boxes  
Scoopable and clay litters  
Gift cards to Lowe's, Menard's, Home Depot, etc.  
Safeguard SG-36D humane traps  
Turbo-Tracks replacement scratchers  
Extra large litter scoops  
Small blankets, rugs, towels

### Special Services

Carpenters, plumbers

*The cats thank you! Ask us for a receipt for tax-deductible donations.*

# The Most Famous Calico Cat: Maneki Neko



**M**aneki Neko is a beloved Japanese symbol of good luck and prosperity, and is almost shown as a calico cat. The earliest documented evidence of Maneki Neko was in 1876, but this colorful icon is thought to have its origins earlier. By the beginning of the 20th century, Maneki Neko was very popular and often used as a bank. This is said to be because a Japanese legend has it that a cat washing its face attracts visitors, and therefore also customers and money. Other legends include:

**The Temple Cat:** This story goes that a wealthy feudal lord was taking shelter under a tree near a temple during a thunderstorm. The lord saw the temple priest's cat beckoning to him and followed; a moment later the tree was struck by lightning. The wealthy man became friends with the poor priest and the temple became prosperous. When the cat died, supposedly the first Maneki Neko was made in his honor.

**The Feudal Lord:** Some say it was Naotaka Li, lord of Hikone district, who was passing Gotoku-ji when it started to rain. As the lord took shelter under a tree on the grounds, the priest's cat peeked out of the temple and raised a paw to invite the lord inside. The lord was curious about this unusual behavior and walked to the temple courtyard for a closer look. When Naotaka Li was standing in front of Tama in the courtyard, lightning struck the tree under which he had been sheltering. The lord's life had been saved, and he immediately believed the cat to be an incarnation of the Goddess of Mercy. As in all good legends, the lord was generous in endowing the temple. The figure of the "Maneki Neko" to welcome guests, luck, and wealth was born. Today, Gotoku-ji temple is home to many statues of cats.

**The Old Woman:** An old woman was forced to sell her cat due to extreme poverty. Soon afterwards the cat appeared to her in a dream. The cat told her to make its image in clay. She did as instructed, and soon afterward sold the statue. She then made more, and people bought them as well. They were so popular she soon became prosperous and wealthy. (Let's hope this means that she was able to get her cat back!)

All of the different Maneki Neko legends center around heroic or insightful cats who enrich their friends and save strangers from harm. Regardless of its origin, Maneki Neko is one classy calico!

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## ***Notice to Membership:***

You are invited to attend the **Annual Members Meeting and Election Meeting**, being held at the **Valparaiso Fire Department's Union Headquarters at 355 Evans Ave. in Valparaiso on November 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. sharp**. The Board seats available this year are as follows: Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and two non-officer positions. If you wish to run for any of these seats, you may do so at the meeting, providing a short bio of yourself and why you would like to have that seat. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Roberta Jocius, Election Teller, at [jocius51@msn.com](mailto:jocius51@msn.com).

**NOTE:** At this meeting there will be a membership vote on bylaw changes that have been approved by the board. If you wish to review these changes ahead of time, please find them on our website at [www.catsociety.org](http://www.catsociety.org).



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## **A Big Boogie Thank You...**

...to the businesses that donated for the 4th Annual Black Cat Boogie:

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, Valparaiso

Massage Therapy & Wellness Center, Michigan City

Arbor View Animal Hospital, Valparaiso

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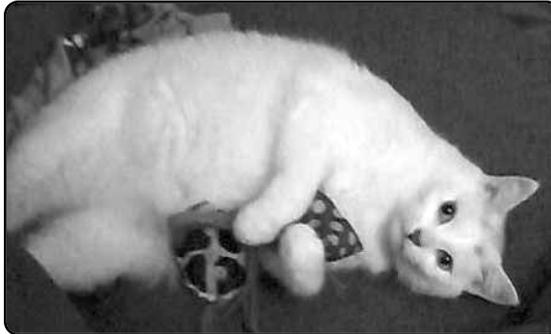
*Please patronize our business donors!*



# Holiday CATalog!

Shop for these cat-friendly gifts at our Holiday Open House or e-mail newsletter@hotmail.com

**T**oys! Flower (spoiled kitty of a Facebook supporter) loves our toys. Whether it be **Catnip Squares, Pouncers**, or our original **Spiders**, toys from ICS are always a feline favorite. Toys run from \$1 to \$3, so you can get a lot of fun for a few bucks. And speaking of original creations, have you bought a **Catnip Mat** for your cat yet? They come in assorted cool prints, and are washable and refillable. No catcentric home should be without one!



**Kitty Kicker in action!**

**Kitty Kickers** are one of our newest toys and one that your cat would definitely get a “kick” out of. It is a tube with stuffing and packed with catnip that is the perfect size for a cat to wrestle and kick—much better than your arm! At \$8 it's a bargain, too.

**Mouse Houses!** Need somewhere to keep those toys? Our Mouse Houses are perfect! They feature a lid to put the toys away and “mouse holes” so your cat can paw them out. They come hand painted for various prices or unfinished for \$20.

**Calico Corny's Crazy Country Catnip!** The holidays are the ideal time to stock up on some “C4.” This catnip is justly famous for being “the good stuff” and trust us, once your cats have tried this, they won't want anything else! Containers good for chasing away loads of winter doldrums sell for only \$5.

**Cat Grass!** Speaking of winter doldrums, you can give your cat the taste of summer any time by growing them some fresh grass. Your cats like salad too! A \$3 bag will last a long time and your cat will love you for it. There are other benefits as well: it's very good for them, will divert them from chewing houseplants, and helps prevent fur balls.

We also have a variety of snugly blankets and mats (too many to picture!) that will keep



**Cat Grass!**

your cats cozy and in style and at least some of the fur off of your furniture as a bonus.

**Portraits in Glass**—(see right side bar) these amazing beads are individually handmade made and utterly fabulous! They are the creation of Diana Foster, one of our wonderful and talented volunteers. You can have your cat immortalized in glass for \$25, or buy an already created one of a kind bead for \$15. If you wish to have Diana create a look-alike bead, please provide her with a picture of your cat and allow two weeks for her to complete it. These are pieces of art you can be proud to wear. Check out Diana's other jewelry too for perfect gifts for cat lovers.

**Butterfly Bags!** Do you need packaging for that really special small gift (maybe a Portrait in Glass?)? Butterfly Bags are the answer. They are beautiful, elegant, a gift in themselves, and guaranteed to impress. Plus no need for wasteful wrapping paper, so great for a “green” friend. All this at only \$10 each—you can't go wrong.

**These items and more are available only at ICS, so make us your feline shopping destination!**

## Noodles



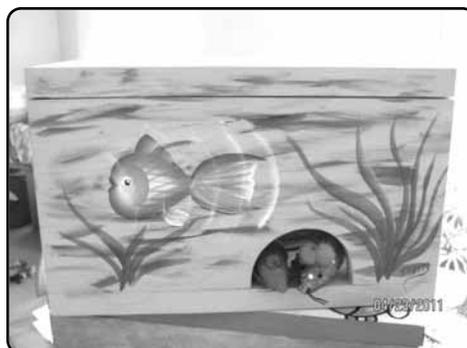
## Kiki



## Sadie



**Butterfly Bags!**



**Mouse Houses!**



# Catty Comments

*Notes on life at the shelter by Orphan Annie*

*Introduces . . .*

**Breaking news!** Thanks to Catty Comments' success in securing the services of some great paparazzi, starting next issue, the *Mewsletter* will be bringing you both Catty Comments and Catty Candids!

So with no further ado, here is what goes on the shelter behind closed doors. What happens in the shelter stays in the shelter? I don't think so!



**Zipper, coppin' a yawn**



**Valle, after a bout with his Nip**



**Bradley, Lynx, and Jinx, best of buds!**



# Catty Candid

**MORE in the next issue of the Newsletter!**



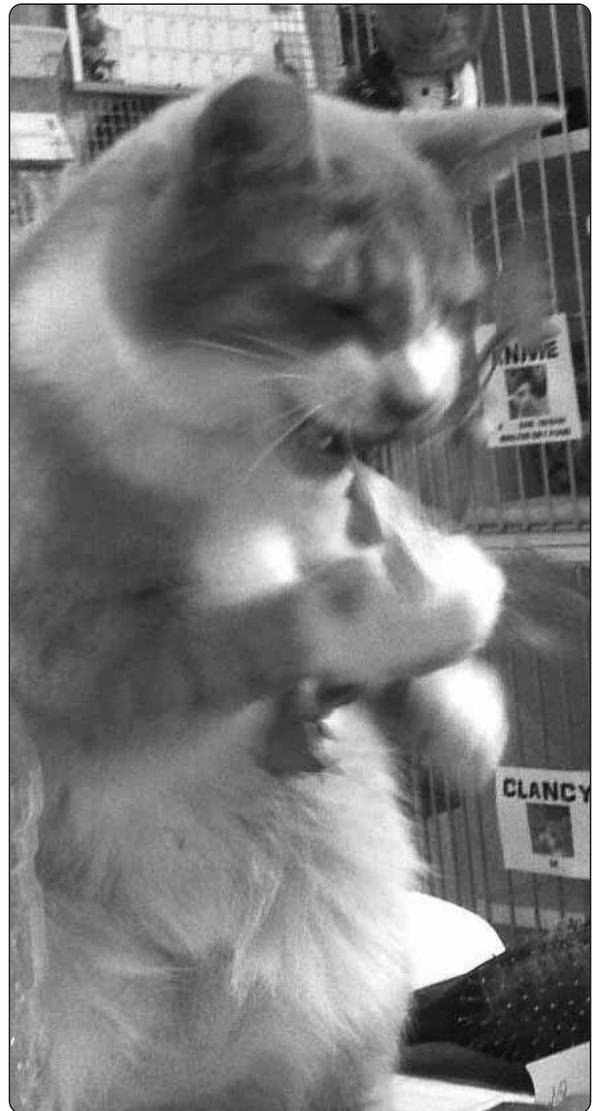
**Richie – Caught in the act!**



**Sheba, tellin' it like it is!**



**Jaden and his bud, Elmo**



**Don't get between Clancy and his Nip!**

Hope you enjoyed the photos. Tune in next issue for more down and dirty documentation of shelter shenanigans.

And that's the *scoop* for now!



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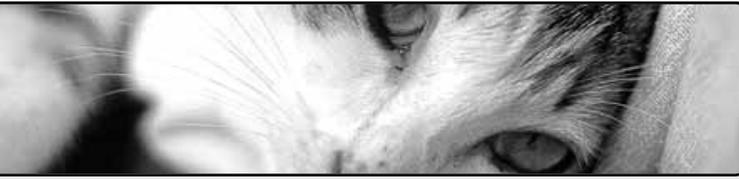
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# Lonely Hearts



These cats are just a few of our mosaic calicos! Like the the others black and white photos cannot begin to do them justice, so please come to the shelter to check them out in person!



Ambrosia

**Ambrosia** was the gift of the gods in ancient Greek mythology and pretty little Ambrosia is the ICS gift to the world. Like the goddess Aphrodite, she is absolutely beautiful. She loves to be petted and she will quickly warm up and come out of her shell if you tempt her with treats. Please come and meet beautiful Ambrosia in the room called Nook.

**Caliope** is a beautifully marked young calico; she echoes the beautiful colors of autumn. Curious, active and playful, she's waiting for the right person to discover just how unique she is. Please come meet Caliope in the room called Nook at the shelter.



Caliope



Baby Girl

**Baby Girl** is another member of the 'Calico Collection' here at the shelter. Her very lady-like manners can fade in an instant for a round of play time. She would love having a home of her own. Baby Girl can be found curled up or racing for a toy in the room called Sing Sing at the shelter. Please be sure to visit her soon.

**Binky's** beautiful eyes search ICS weekend visitors who come into her room Nursery at the shelter. She is a little shy at first and may not come to you right away, but don't let that stop you from getting to know this sweetheart. She is really very welcoming and loving. Binky has been overlooked time and time again because other cats are more assertive. She desperately needs a quiet home with people who will give her time and help her adjust to her new surroundings. The shelter has been her long time home.



Candy Corn



Binky

**Chloe** is a dilute calico who needs someone who would understand her shyness and give her a chance to become the loving companion she could be. Chloe just needs someone with love and patience and they will be rewarded with the sweetest girl ever. Come meet Chloe in the room called Boppers

**Candy Corn** is a beautiful calico who needs to be the only cat in your home because she is pro-people but just not a cat purrson. She is on some minor medication which may not be necessary once she is in a home of her own with no other cats. She is front declawed.



Chloe





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Your ad will not only gets you great exposure, but your patronage helps us offset the costs of printing, allowing us more funding for our cats!

It's a win-win situation!

1/8 page (\$50) = 3.6 x 2.25 or 7.5 x 2.25

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# Increase our stash with no cash!

● You can buy wonderful ICS products at <http://www.cafepress.com/catsociety> for gifts or to treat yourself. We get a portion of every sale. Some of our beautiful photographs proudly proclaiming "Shelter Cats are Beautiful" can be ordered on items such as several styles and colors of shirts, totes, tiles, mugs, and more! We also offer our logo as well as the TNR logo, the Kindness Counts logo, and the Black Cat Boogie logo.

● **GoodSearch** Don't forget **GoodSearch.com**. We have made \$832.00 since we started, which is not bad for just surfing the web. But we can do better! Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Independent Cat Society as the charity you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7,300 in a year without anyone spending a dime. So be sure to spread the word!

● **iGive.com™** Register at [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com), and a portion of your online shopping comes to ICS.

● Find out if **your place of work matches your charitable giving**. Many businesses will double your donation.

● Donating your **aluminum cans** to ICS helps support our crucial Spay & Neuter efforts. (Please, no stainless steel cans!)

● **And most importantly, VOLUNTEER!**

## In Loving Memory of... from 7/28/11 TO 10/19/11

**Marlene Myers** from Roxanne Myers, Mary Williams, Wilma Rister, Robert & Diana Myers, Maureen Merritt, Ann Naulty, Joyce Staudohar, Mary Cavallini

**Debra Wagner** from Jack & Gail Helton

Our beloved cat **Peter**, who was adopted from ICS when he was 5 years old. He died on 8/1/11 at 16-1/2 years old. From Mr. & Mrs. McCoy

My beloved cat, **Mr. W.** From Susan Nolan

**Kitty Earl Gray** from Mary Louise Bertoluzzi

**Angelo** from Louise Vale

**Ron Wyller** from Randal & Beth Brandt

**Ann Rainer** from Scott & Wendy Schultz

**Chatul**, adopted from ICS. From Phyllis Baker

**Sue Newcomb** from Lawrence & Lois Brandt

**Smokey** from Grandma and Grandpa

Our precious pets **Buster Brown, Princess I and Princess II, Angel and Mr. Misty**. From Donald & Rosemary Fanning

**Tommy Kowalik** — *If heaven wasn't so far away...*  
From Wayne & Carol Albrecht

If we have omitted anyone, please write or call us so we can include them in the next newsletter.

# BIG Purrrrs go out to...

...**Robert Gordon**, who donated many hours of service for the Walmart Community Service Grant, and to Walmart for their monetary donation of \$250.

...**Vale Park Animal Hospital** for choosing ICS for their Day of Caring project. Much appreciated!

...**AJ Awnings and Tents** who donated the use of a tent for our yard sale.

...**Karen Villarruel and Dorothy and Charlie Ripperdan**, responsible for some of the great changes at the shelter lately. The residents of Kiki's and Freckles have a whole new outlook thanks to their screen doors.

... **Diana and Bill Foster, Joan Hildebrand, Ed Nelson, and Dorothy and Charlie Ripperdan**. Thanks to them, the walls in Sing Sing and Nook are new and clean! What a difference it makes!

...**our wonderful volunteers**, who have been going above and beyond in so many ways lately. We can't thank all of you enough.



## Sponsor-A-Cat!

*your SAC Spokescat, Boy George*

### Beat holiday shopping stress — Give a Gift of Sponsorship



Boy George, your new Spokescat

As senior cat and *Sponsor-a-Cat Spokescat*, I feel I owe it to our supporters to look out for their well-being, and frankly I worry about you this time of year. Cats of course don't do a lot of shopping; we tend to restrict our gift-giving to a surprise fur ball or the occasional remains of an ill-fated rodent. **(Holiday tip: this makes a great gift for a CSI enthusiast.)** We are aware though that many people get very stressed out with all the trouble of shopping in crowded stores and wrapping for hours, only to find that after all that work the present doesn't fit, they already have one, or they're allergic to it. So give all that hassle a pass and just give SAC!

The lucky giftee receives a photo and biography of their sponsored cat. Most importantly, they have that warm fuzzy holiday feeling all year round knowing that all of us are being cared for. And easy? Just complete the *Sponsor A Cat* coupon today. Please include billing information.

Now just sit back, put your feet up, and relax, knowing that you have gotten the purrfect gift.

On behalf of all the cats at ICS, I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season. Please stop in soon and visit! I'll be here on the desk waiting for you.



**Yes! I want to Sponsor-A-Cat from the Independent Cat Society**

I have enclosed a check for:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$180 for one year of Sponsor-A-Cat

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 or \_\_\_\_\_ for the first month of Sponsor-A-Cat. I pledge to send \$15 each month to Sponsor-A-Cat.

The sponsor will receive a photo and biography of his or her Sponsor-A-Cat.

Name of sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Month of sponsor's birthday \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

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- I am donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the new building fund.
- I am donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the TNR/Assisted Spay & Neuter Fund.
- I will help groom cats at the shelter.
- I will help give cats their medications.
- I will help at fundraising events.
- I will be a foster parent.
- I will donate my cat-themed artwork or crafts for fundraising events.
- I will bake for fundraising events.
- I will make adoption follow-up telephone calls.
- I will help cats get good homes by becoming an adoption counselor.
- I will help take care of the grounds and maintain the shelter.
- I will distribute flyers for fundraisers.

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