



THE SCOOP

A newsletter published every now and then by
Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary

Support Safe Harbor This Weekend!!!

Okay. If you've ever thought "I need to do something for Safe Harbor," this is the weekend to put those thoughts into action. This weekend (Oct 13, 14, 15) is our Big Fundraiser push, the time when we do our best to raise the money that feeds our kitties and pays the vet bills (not to mention the rent and the utility bill). And this year, we've also added an important Building Fund to our donations list, so read on and find out how you can help.

First. Friday and Saturday, we're having our Rags-into-Riches Yard sale at KramDen Storage in Fruitland. (Check out the map on page 5.) You know how yard sales work — you come, you buy, our kitties eat. Simple. Enough said.

Sunday's event requires a little more explanation. It's an effortless, yet tasty, way to help Safe Harbor. Tell everyone you know to enjoy Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner at Bob Evans Restaurant in Cape Sunday. These generous folks are donating

10% of all proceeds on Sunday, and the restaurant will then match that 10% up to \$1000!

Please share this info! This donation could start Safe Harbor on its way toward one of our most important goals: Operaton Clean Air.

If you've seen Safe Harbor, you know that square-foot-wise, we have more outdoor enclosures than indoor areas. As winter approaches, many of the cats begin spending more time inside than out. In those conditions, it's inevitable that one cat with the sniffles will spread his kitty-germs to others. Unlike many shelters, SHAS vaccinates ALL pets who come into our care just as soon as is humanly possible, but routine illnesses do spread.

That's why we place such a high priority on installing a ventilation system that will provide a total air exchange,

which will make for a more healthy environment. We have set this building fund goal at \$7500. The first step, which we will be making later this year, is to upgrade the facility's electrical system, which is not currently capable of handling the increased needs of the planned ventillation system.

You can help us meet our goal by dining this Sunday, Oct 15, at Bob Evans Restaurant in Cape Girardeau. Hint: Why not drop a dollar (or two) in the Safe Harbor "You Can Help" donation can located near the check out register. Safe Harbor needs all the help you can give!

Finally, we've got a BIG THANK YOU to Michelle Furlow and her criminal justice students at SIU who donated over \$1000 to the Operation: Clean Air Building Fund. You can read about Michelle's class challenge and the sweet



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Event Calendar

- ☺ 10/13-14: Fall Rags-into-Riches Yard Sale. KramDen Storage, Fruitland
- ☺ 10/15 "You Dine, Bob Evans Donates" — 10% of all Bob Evans Sales go to Safe Harbor

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little canine, Annie, who tugged hearts and made the whole thing happen online at the Southeast Missourian's website. Chris Pagano did a great article. [Click here to read it.](#) Just as soon as you finish the Scoop, of course.

See you at Bob Evans on Sunday!

Adorable Adoptable Spotlight on Litz:

The kitty so special it had to be named 3 times

By Tammy Nelson

When *The Scoop* editor asked me to nominate a cat for the October Issue's Most Adorable Adoptable, I was overwhelmed by the idea of choosing just one. Not. Even. Possible. We have so many wonderful kitties that deserve loving homes, I didn't think I could choose.

I will admit, though, that Litz was one of the first that came to mind because of the incredible changes that we have seen over the last year.

Litz was feral kitten — as wild as banshee — when one of our founding board members, Louise Young, live-trapped it and several others behind her house on Litz Blvd about a year ago. Handling

the little "wildcat" was nearly impossible, but the best exam we could perform led us to believe it was a female, so she was named Ms Litz.

For several months, Ms. Litz violently resisted all attempts to capture her and have her spayed. We coaxed and cajoled her, but I used to warn everyone (volunteers & visitors) not to attempt to catch her because she would definitely hurt them.

Finally, though, with patience, we began to tame her — she started calming down enough that we could pet her if she was laying in a box. We all took advantage of the situation and continued to pet her often.

It was about that time that we had a

real puzzle on our hands. Penny, another Litz Blvd arrival who was awaiting her turn at the vet to be spayed, miraculously (and mysteriously) became pregnant!

Since there were NO intact males in the shelter (or so we believed), we were at a total loss for how this could have happened. Theories were advanced (you don't want to know!), but

the mystery was finally solved one day when my daughter/SHAS volunteer Nicki, brave soul that she is, decided to progress from just petting Ms Litz to actually picking her up.

The protest didn't involve biting or scratching, so Nick took the opportunity to check her out thoroughly and

discovered that Ms Litz was actually Mr Litz!

Alice and I managed to get him into a carrier, and off to the vet he went for immediate neutering.

He is now the biggest baby!! He comes up to us, twining around our feet, demanding to be petted. He head butts us for attention. My sweetie Tom was at the sanctuary last Monday and Litz was rolling and rubbing all over Tom's feet.

The kitty formerly known as Ms Litz is a wonderful success story for the Safe Harbor volunteers!

Next time: Penny the Super Mom! she gets adopted!



Litz, aka Ms Litz, aka Mr. Litz
Buff Tabby, Male, Medium hair
Age: estimated 14 to 16 months

Our "We Need it!" List

EMERGENCY NEEDS

Name Brand CAT FOOD!

Lots of it!

FACILITY NEEDS

- Paving Stones
- Benches, chairs, stools
- Storage Shelving
- Scrap lumber for shelves, bed, catwalks
- Scratching Posts
- Small rugs (washable)
- Bird bath & Bird Seed
- A Shepherd's crook for feeders

OFFICE NEEDS

- Postage Stamps
- Copier Paper (White/Colors)
- Digital Camera

ANIMAL NEEDS

- Under-bed storage for Litter Boxes
- Litter scoops
- Pans for food and water
- Grooming brushes
- Cat Collars
- Cat Beds
- Cat, Kitten & Dog Food (no store brands or Special Kitty, please)
- Cat Toys (like mice)

EVERYDAY NEEDS

- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Liquid Antibacterial Hand Soap
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Disinfectant for mopping
- Trash bags

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- Direct Care "Scooper" Volunteers
- "Cuddlers," Any shift
- TechSquad Volunteers
- Foster Families
- Carpentry (for building shelves, catwalks, cat condos, etc)

SPECIAL NEEDS

- Gift Cards for animal and facility supplies from PETCO, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, etc.

FUNDRAISERS

- Items for the Fall Yard Sale

For Critter's Sake



Dear Safe Harbor:

Obie is doing great. He became acclimated very quickly. He sniffed around for about 10 minutes and made himself at home. He hasn't been shy whatsoever. He is so very loving. He has trusted us from the very first night and rolls over to have his belly rubbed.

He has made himself king of my boyfriend's bed. He stays with him most of the time and when he wants me he calls rather than getting up from his comfy spot. Whiskey is still being a bit aggressive toward him, but I have seen improvements. I have kept them in separate rooms and will let one out to the living room at a time so Obie can get his scent out there and then Whiskey can explore where he's been. She is perfectly fine as long as she can not see him.

Do you have any tips on getting Whiskey used to the new cat? How should I be going about it? Thank you for all that you have done for Obie and the other cats at SHAS. Obie is turning out to be a valuable addition to the family.

Laura Shulse

Tara Answers...

Dear Laura,

Thank you for sharing Obie's story. Your question is a common one. As you have found out while some cats may show fear and defensive postures toward other pets in the home, it is typically the existing pets that can pose more of a problem.

You are already on the right path by transferring the scent between cats and giving them places to escape from one another. At right you'll find a few more ideas for improving the relationship between Whiskey and Obie. These suggestions will also be useful for other new cat parents!

Good luck and keep us informed!

Tara

Have a question for Tara? Put "For Critter's Sake" in the subject line and email to adoptions@safeharboranimalsanctuary.org

Introducing A New Cat Into A Household

Courtesy of www.animalbehavior.net

Part I

Introduce the new cat into an enclosed area (e.g. separate bedroom or bathroom) for 1 - 2 weeks. Allow time for the new cat to explore and gain confidence. This is a minimum of 3 days. A darkened room when not in use is preferred. For some unsocialized, fearful animals this can take weeks.

Feed both (all) cats meals, on either side of closed door so that cats can hear and smell each other, but not see or touch.

Observe body language from alternate sides of the door. If upset, move food back from the door. Measure the distance from the door, at which each cat seems consistently relaxed, and is ignoring the other.

Rotate litter box and cat bed to each cat introduce the new scents. Rub a towel on each, and let the other sniff this scent, while praising and petting.

Once all cats are eating easily and relaxed, allow sight but no contact. E.g. hold door open 1-2 inches, or feed both (all) cats in same room, with new cat in a carrier with wire front. If the existing cats hassle the new cat, place the carrier up on a table, so the new cat can look down on the others.

When cats can eat near each other with relaxed body posture, begin to allow the new cat out, while other cats are locked away. Let the new cat explore and relax in the new environment.

Act jolly and relaxed around the cats so they don't pick up stress, anger or anxiety from you.

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The Blessing of the Pets By Belita Brammer

I had a very enjoyable experience on the evening of Saturday, September 16, when I attended a Blessing of the Pets service at the First Presbyterian Church in my hometown of Jackson, Missouri.

I rarely have the opportunity to sit down and read the newspaper, but a week or so ago I noticed a small article in our local paper inviting anyone interested to bring their pets (dogs on leashes, cats in kennels) to The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson on Saturday evening, at which time there would be a Blessing of the Pets.

Being an "animal person" I thought that sounded like something I would like to do. The article went on to state that instead of taking up a collection that evening, those in attendance were asked to donate pet food or cleaning supplies to a local no-kill cat sanctuary, Safe Harbor. That really got my attention as I am on the Board of Directors of Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary, as well as a Volunteer. I hadn't heard any-

thing about this . . . nor had anyone else involved with Safe Harbor, as it turned out!

So, on Saturday afternoon, I put on my Safe Harbor t-shirt and gathered up Simon and Spice, two Safe Harbor kittens being fostered at my house, and off we went to see what it was all about."

When we arrived, the church yard was full of dogs (on leashes) and cats (in kennels) accompanied by their families. There were baskets of food and cleaning supplies sitting on the parking lot. Another Safe Harbor Volunteer, Peggy Berry, was there as well in her Safe Harbor t-shirt with her German Shepard, Bandit, a Katrina rescue.

As I looked around the crowd, I saw a familiar face and knew right away how Safe Harbor had become involved. Good friends, Marybeth and Kirk Williams, are members of First Presbyterian Church and there stood Kirk with his cat, Buddy. When the decision was made to do a service dedicated to a Blessing of

Pets, Kirk had approached Reverend Grant Gillard and suggested the donation to Safe Harbor in lieu of the traditional collection. Mystery solved!

Reverend Gillard spoke to the group, telling the story of Francis of Assisi and his love for and care of animals. He then blessed each animal individually, calling each by name. It was really a very nice and very special service.

Following the service, we filled Peggy's trunk with pet food and cleaning items for delivery to Safe Harbor where it will be put to good use (note: we use approximately 45 pounds of cat food **daily**). Each time Safe Harbor's food supply runs low, it seems we have a timely donation of food or money with which to purchase food.

Thanks to the kindness of people, such as the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Safe Harbor's four-legged residents have never gone to bed hungry.



How to Make Your Donation

If you would like to help us and our animal friends with a financial gift, please send your check made payable to Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary to:

Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary
359 Cree Lane
Jackson, MO 63755

You can also make donations by credit card through PayPal on our [web-site](#). Your tax-deductible donation will be acknowledged with a Receipt by mail.

To make a donation from the **We Need It! List**, you may drop by on Saturdays between 9 and 11 a.m. or weekdays 8 -10 a.m. or 4-6 p.m.

For all other deliveries, please call 243-8923 and leave a message. No blind drop-offs, please.

Think you can't afford to spay or neuter your pet? Look at these figures and compare the cost of altering one pet with the cost of raising a litter or two or three!

http://www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=adopt_petcarecosts



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A No-Kill Facility

2 Fall Fundraisers!

Dine and Donate!

Sunday, October 15
Bob Evans Restaurant
in Cape Girardeau

is donating 10% of every sale to the
Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary
and they will match that amount up to \$1000

Eat
Breakfast,
Lunch
and/or
Dinner
at
Bob Evans
in Cape
on Oct 15

You Dine & Bob Evans Donates



Rain or Shine

KramDen Storage
10102 Hwy W
Fruitland

Come for the Bargains
Friday Oct 13 7 - 5
Saturday Oct 14, 7 - 2

Have Bargains to DONATE?
They're Tax Deductible.
Call 243-9823 to arrange a dropoff.

Rags-into-Riches Fall Yard Sale

Fri-Sat, October 13 & 14