



Helping Cats and Their People

The A.C.A.T. Tale

**Almond,
a Classic Beauty**



Almond is a beautiful cat who came to A.C.A.T. as a stray with three darling four week old kittens. Her kittens have already been adopted, so now it's Mom's turn to find a purrfect home.

She is a year and a half old; very affectionate and playful. Life on the streets has made Almond a little wary so she does not like to be approached suddenly. It may take a week or two for her to get to know you, but she has not forgotten what it means to have a home and to be loved. She is such a joy and so appreciative.

Could your home be the purrfect home for Almond?

**Sir Smokey -
Mr. Handsome**



Sir Smokey is a very handsome orange and white boy. He came to A.C.A.T. when his previous person developed severe allergies.

He is a six year old, de-clawed lap cat. Playful, active, and loving, Sir Smokey adores humans but really wants to be an only cat.

Is your home ready for this adorable boy?

The A.C.A.T. Annual Yard Sale is October 7th & 8th!!!

**LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING?**



The sale is inside the building just north of the Wild Oats on Carlisle at Indian School. The hours are Saturday 8am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 2pm. We are collecting stuff **NOW**. Your last minute donations can be dropped off on Friday, October 6th at the Wild Oats from 4 to 7pm. Donation receipts are provided. *Yes!* We do have a pink gravy boat, coffee percolator, ice cream maker, and other useful, as well as randomly odd, items!

Check out the great deals and HELP THE CATS!!

Three things you can do for us: donate stuff, volunteer to help, and SHOP!

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Entertainment Books Available



Books are available at PETCO during regular Adoption Clinics, Saturdays 11am to 4pm. Also, at A.C.A.T. events such as the yard sale and Enchanted Cat Clubs Fall Show.

For just \$35, you get great coupons for great food and great services. Get one now while they last!!! All proceeds go to helping the cats - we are an ALL VOLUNTEER group!!!!



Send us
your letters
and
pictures!

Adoption Clinics

Saturdays
11-4

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PETCO

(San Mateo
& Academy)

A.C.A.T.,

We absolutely love Diamond!!! She is the prettiest cat and she has the greatest personality!! She loves to get treats and be spoiled and she just recently learned how to open our cupboards so we are going to have to child proof them (how funny is that?). She is better than any cat we could have expected and I am so glad we could give her a good home. She is already the baby of the family for my boyfriend and I. Thank you for giving her such a great foster home!! - Katie Jaksha and Carlos Rivera



NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY – OCTOBER 16TH

ON OCTOBER 16TH, ALLEY CAT ALLIES WILL KICK OFF A NATIONWIDE AWARENESS AND ACTION CAMPAIGN TO CONTINUE

THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR. THE CAMPAIGN WILL STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMANE, ETHICAL TNR FOR STRAY AND FERAL CATS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS.

WHAT IS TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN?

TRAP: HUMANELY TRAP ALL THE FERAL CATS IN A COLONY.

NEUTER: TAKE THE CATS IN THEIR TRAPS TO A VET TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED, EARTIPPED, VACCINATED, AND TREATED AS NEEDED.

RETURN: TAKE THE CATS BACK TO THEIR

ESTABLISHED OUTDOOR AREA. PROVIDE FOOD AND WATER DAILY, MAKE A SIMPLE SHELTER, AND KEEP AN EYE ON THEIR WELL-BEING.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

www.wildaboutcats.com

www.alleycat.org

www.nationalferalcatday.org

AT THIS TIME A.C.A.T.'S FERAL/STRAY CAT PROGRAM AND THE ER (EMERGENCY) PROGRAM HAVE BEEN SHUT DOWN DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS. BY EARMARKING YOUR DONATIONS FOR THESE IMPORTANT PROGRAMS, YOU CAN KEEP US HELPING CATS. THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CARING AND GENEROSITY.

That's a Wrap!

We are very fortunate to be selected again as HOLIDAY WRAPPERS at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Coronado Mall (505-883-8200). A.C.A.T. volunteers will staff the wrapping table from November 24th to December 24th. This is an important fundraiser for us, so call 323-ACAT to volunteer! It's fun.



Enchanted Cat Clubs Annual Cat Show

Dates: Saturday, October 28
and Sunday, October 29

Location: Expo New Mexico,
School Arts Building



Join A.C.A.T. at this year's Enchanted Cat Show sponsored by the Enchanted Cat Clubs. Hours are Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 9-4.

This is the Enchanted Cat Clubs' annual benefit show and cat adopt-a thon. All proceeds from the show are used to benefit homeless Albuquerque cats. Come and visit our booth to purchase terrific items (just in time for holiday shopping!) and see some of our foster cats. There will be dozens of vendors at the show and hundreds of beautiful cats competing for ribbons.



George's Cat



A.C.A.T. is a registered 501(c)(3) organization with the IRS and donations are deductible to the limit of the law.

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It's time for the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)! The federal employee campaign theme this year is *New Mexicans Working Together*. And we would like for YOU to choose A.C.A.T. as your designated charity.



The 2006 United Way Campaign is on the way, too! Please select the Albuquerque Cat Action Team listed in your United Way materials. We depend on your contributions to help cats and their people.



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____



A.C.A.T. RAFFLE OF 50

TICKETS - \$2/EACH OR 6 FOR \$10

Drawing to be held 11/11/06 at PETCO

SAMPLE

A.C.A.T.
 2006 ANNUAL RAFFLE
 \$2 ticket

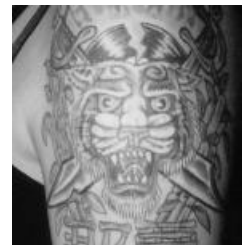
Thank you for supporting A.C.A.T.
 Albuquerque Cat Action Team, PO Box 51683
 ABQ, NM 87181, 505-323-ACAT
 www.albcat.com



A.C.A.T. RAFFLE OF 50

The A.C.A.T. Raffle of 50 has begun! The tickets are just \$2 each (or 6 for \$10). They are available at Adoption Clinics on Saturdays, at the Yard Sale on Oct. 7-8, or call 323-ACAT for more information. And this year, we will be mailing tickets and a full list of ALL the prizes to you. So keep your eyeballs peeled and buy some raffle tickets! The drawing is November 11th at PETCO. There are 50 prizes! Just some of the things you could win are...

- One Hour Hot Air Balloon Ride, donated by an A.C.A.T. Volunteer
- New Mexico Quilters' Association, Gorgeous Handmade Quilt
- George Palamiho, Framed Original Art "George's Cat"
- Old World Imports, Hip Scarf
- Barnes and Noble, Coronado Mall, Gift Basket of Books
- Henna Party Gift Certificate by Zuri Bennett
- Handmade Necklace by Miyanna Waters-Lackey
- GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM: 71 Tattoo :: Wisser Body Work by Roderick ::
- Café Miche :: Chris Martin, Cat Diva, Cat Sitting :: Mediterranean Café
- American Home Furnishings :: Talin World Market :: and....



A.C.A.T.

Albuquerque and New Mexico's first no-kill organization dedicated exclusively to enhancing the lives of stray, orphaned, abused and neglected cats.

All cats in A.C.A.T. are cared for in temporary foster homes. All cats are tested for feline leukemia and FIV, vaccinated and are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

A.C.A.T.'S MISSION

Provide a safe haven in the form of foster homes for stray, orphaned, abused and neglected cats and kittens in the Albuquerque metropolitan area.

Provide veterinary care to the cats and kittens who come into our program and ensure that all cats and kittens who are adopted through our organization are spayed or neutered before adoption.

Relocate cats and kittens into permanent, loving homes through our adoption program.

Educate the public regarding the necessity of spay/neuter and responsible pet ownership, and provide counseling and advice regarding cat behavioral and care issues.

Welcome all volunteers into the A.C.A.T. family where respect, love and support are extended to all.

Limit cat overpopulation by engaging in the trap-neuter-return of feral cats in our community.

Provide low cost spay/neuter for low income cat owners.

PETROGLYPHS: CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

PETroglyphs is reaching a milestone this fall. We're celebrating our 10th anniversary as the only independent animal newspaper in New Mexico focused on community education for animal welfare. Written by a volunteer staff of professional writers and animal advocates, PETroglyphs fulfills its mission by providing current, accurate, information and giving a voice to New Mexico's voiceless animals.

I hope all of you are familiar with PETroglyphs. It is published quarterly in March, June, September and December and distributed free throughout New Mexico. If you don't know us, PETroglyphs fills New Mexico's need for up-to-date behavior, care and health information on companion animals and tips for living with wild animals. We champion the necessity of spay and neuter programs, humane treatment of all animals, humane education for children and we highlight the work of various animal-related groups here in New Mexico.

Visit our web site www.PetroglyphsNM.org, which is loaded with information you can use. The "Resource Directory" is a quick, up-to-date listing of New Mexico's animal organizations that makes finding animal groups in any part of New Mexico easy. These groups help people with animal questions, problems, rescues and spay/neuter clinics. The web site also features archives of past issues, pet product recalls, a calendar of animal-related events, links to helpful animal information on the Internet and a quick link to animal regulations for towns and cities throughout New Mexico. We've added a book review section recently, bringing you reviews of animal-related books, DVDs and CDs we find interesting, enjoyable or useful.

PETroglyphs throughout the state to various establishments that are willing to distribute copies to their customers. Issues can be found at veterinary offices, pet supply stores, restaurants, libraries, animal shelters, animal adoption clinics, bookstores and various places where animal

lovers might gather.

PETroglyphs has won numerous awards. We are the proud recipient of the Milagro Media Award (2003), The New Mexico Journalist of the Year Award (2004), Cat Writers' Association Muse Medallion for Best Regional Publication (2004, 2005), Cat Writers' Association Muse Medallion for Best Column for "Cat Chat" (2004, 2005).

Check us out today in print or on the web. If you like what you see and want to help PETroglyphs by distributing the papers, writing an article or doing fundraising, we are always looking for good people. We continue our work through tax-deductible donations from our readers and advertising revenue. If you want to donate or help in another way, contact us at: PETroglyphs, PO Box 28214, Santa Fe, NM 87592 or by email at: nmarano@aol.com or phone at: 505-989-5789.

With your continued support, we look forward to another ten years of helping New Mexico's animals and pet-loving people through writing.

---Nancy Marano



Saying Goodbye to Big Baby Bear

by Cynthia Richards

“Big Baby Bear” was born to a feral mom in the woods surrounding Durango, CO. We adopted Bear, and his brother “Little Guy Moose”, in May, 1995.

It was our first foray into the world of “semi-feral” cats. We began a journey of learning and discovery that ultimately led us to establish the Albuquerque Cat Action Team five years later.

Bear and Moose taught us that, with love, creativity, and patience, you can socialize a 6 week old kitten, even if you don’t know what you are doing!! And that each kitten develops his or her trust of people at its own pace, and we human guardians of our feline friends owe them the respect to honor this pace. But Bear also taught us how a big, and I mean BIG, male cat can “mother” a tiny kitten, and show it all the good stuff: how to play, how to

use a scratching post, how to plop all your toys in the water bowl, how to love humans. He also taught us that some cats like bananas and cantaloupe, along with yogurt and peach milkshakes. He also taught us that some cats really prefer people over other cats, and that it is possible for a cat to have no fear of other animals. In that sense, Bear was a true reflection of the magnificent animal after which he was named.

Bear was a gypsy at heart and loved to travel with us wherever we went. He knew the sound of the motor home when it pulled up by the house, and he immediately “packed his bags” in anticipation of another road trip. He, and Moose, also were trained to go outside on a halter and leash, and loved to take visits to any grassy or sandy area! Bear knew where his leash and halter were stored, and he was big and strong enough to stand up on his hind legs, use his paw to pull out the kitchen drawer a bit, and then grab onto the leash-halter gizmo and drop it on the floor for us. It was a “not-so-subtle” hint...

In his older years, Bear became

part of the Kennel Kompadres education program led by the city Animal Services Division. As a partnership between A.C.A.T. and Animal Services, Bear went to classrooms, along with a dog, to teach responsible pet ownership and safety. When he got ill, he had to go into “retirement”. Fortunately, Vickie Fisher who established the program, found the perfect “stand-in” cat for Bear—her cat, Arnie. Vickie says “The ‘Bear Program’ is going strong at Animal Services. I’ve been telling the children that Bear is ‘retired’ and he’s sending out Arnie to ‘work’.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Bear in June. We knew he would no longer suffer, but we loved him dearly, and like so many people, still feel that we could have been “better parents”. We miss you, Bear, and wish you were still here. And we thank you for your grace, strength, and for spending your time on earth with us. Your legacy lives on in the multitude of kittens you raised and cats you “watched over” in your domain, and in the “Bear Program” teaching love of animals to children.

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Albuquerque Cat Action Team

Pennies for Purrs

Collect your spare pennies for the cats
from 2/14/06 to 2/14/07.

See www.albcata.com/cents.htm
ACAT, PO Box 51683, Abq, NM, 87181
505-323-ACAT



Don't forget to save your pennies - challenge your co-workers and family members! Save them and drop them at our Adoption Clinic. We have raised about \$1,000 - but Nigella says, "We want **ONE MILLION PENNIES!!!!**"

Rags-a-Paw: Shimmy Fest Was a Success! Did you see A.C.A.T. on Channel 13 on July 15th?

A.C.A.T. set the Guinness World Record for the most people doing a (bellydance) shimmy at one time! Next year - let's break the record of most belly dancers at one time - we will need 150 of YOU for that one!!!

We would like to thank everyone who participated, watched, or volunteered. Also, thanks go to the staff of the Family Focus Center.



City of Albuquerque Animal Ordinance

Are you in compliance with the new City of Albuquerque Animal Ordinance?

Did you know that (in most cases) the ordinance states:

- * All dogs over 6 months & all cats over 6 months must be altered (spayed or neutered)?
- * Dogs & cats over 3 months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies as required by state law?
- * Dogs & cats shall be permanently identified by a microchip?

The full text can be found at www.cabq.gov/council/pdf/O-135fsfin.pdf

DEAR A.C.A.T.—THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WONDERFUL NEWSLETTER. THE ARTICLE ABOUT SQUIRT BEING RESCUED OFF OF PASEO PARTICULARLY TOUCHED ME. DO YOU THINK YOU COULD WRITE AN ARTICLE ON RESCUING CATS? THE FEW TIMES I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO RESCUE A CAT OR A DOG FROM A PARKING LOT OR A BUSY STREET, IT JUST RAN FARTHER AWAY. ANY TIPS YOU COULD GIVE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ALSO, I'VE WONDERED WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A CAT RUN OVER IN THE STREET? I ALWAYS JUST KEEP DRIVING, BUT FEEL SICK AND GUILTY.

THANK YOU. RUTH M.

AND GET IT TO A VET, AT LEAST GETTING IT OFF THE STREET AND TO STOP ITS SUFFERING. I WILL GET BACK WITH YOU ON THIS AS I CERTAINLY WOULD NOT WANT TO PUT YOU OR ANYONE IN JEOPARDY.

I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESCUE SEVERAL ANIMALS FROM PARKING LOTS AND BUSY STREETS AND I WAS SUCCESSFUL, HOWEVER IT WAS A LITTLE SCARY.

WELL HERE GOES... ONE AFTERNOON WHILE DRIVING I SAW SOMEONE THROW A LITTLE WHITE KITTEN FROM THEIR CAR. IT WAS IN THE MEDIAN AND TERRIFIED. I TURNED MY CAR INTO THE MEDIAN ABOUT 10 FEET AWAY. I

HIM OFF TO THE VET. HE LOST HIS LEG BUT DOESN'T SEEM TO MISS IT MUCH.

ONE AFTERNOON WHILE WORKING ALONE IN MY OFFICE, I NOTICED AN EMACIATED GREY TABBY WALKING VERY SLOWLY THROUGH THE PARKING LOT. I WENT OUT AND CALLED TO HER BUT SHE RAN OFF. I WALKED QUIETLY IN THE DIRECTION SHE HAD RUN AND SPOTTED HER UNDER A CAR. I WENT OVER AND STARTED TALKING TO HER AND SHE STARTED TALKING BACK. I NOTICED HER BACK END WAS AT AN AWKWARD ANGLE AND WAS SURPRISED SHE COULD WALK/RUN WITH THIS INJURY. I DIDN'T HAVE

ANY
CAT
FOOD
WITH

A.C.A.T. HELPING CATS AND THEIR PEOPLE . . .

DEAR RUTH—THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPASSION TOWARDS ANIMALS. AS THIS GOES TO PRINT I DO NOT HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS FOR YOU, HOWEVER I WILL GET YOU MORE INFORMATION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER. AT THIS TIME I WILL SHARE WITH YOU WHAT HAS WORKED FOR ME IN HOPES THAT IT MAY WORK FOR YOU AS WELL.

IN REGARDS TO YOUR QUESTION OF SEEING A CAT RUN OVER IN THE STREET, I HAVE HAD VERY GOOD COOPERATION IN HAVING THE DEAD ANIMAL PICKED UP BY CALLING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS:

CITY 768-1975
COUNTY 314-0280
HIGHWAY DEPT 841-2700

IF YOU CHOOSE TO PICK UP THE ANIMAL, YOUR VET OFFICE MAY TAKE IT AS THE CITY COMES BY SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK. CHECK WITH THEM FIRST TO MAKE SURE THIS IS OKAY WITH THEM.

THE NEXT PART OF YOUR QUESTION IS THE ONE I AM SEEKING EXPERT ADVICE ON. IF THE ANIMAL IS STILL ALIVE, IT WILL BE IN GREAT PAIN, IN SHOCK, AND MAY THINK YOUR EFFORTS TO HELP ARE QUITE THE OPPOSITE. THE ANIMAL MAY TRY TO BITE YOU OUT OF FEAR AND PAIN. MY INSTINCT IS TO THROW A BLANKET OVER THE ANIMAL AND TRY TO GET IT INTO A BOX OR A CARRIER



WAS SO AFRAID THAT I WOULD SCARE THE LITTLE THING INTO RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC. I GOT DOWN AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND CALLED TO THE KITTEN IN A GENTLE VOICE, BEING CAREFUL NOT TO MAKE EYE CONTACT AS THIS CAN BE CONSIDERED A THREAT TO AN ANIMAL. I INCHED CLOSER UNTIL I WAS ABOUT THREE FEET AWAY AND THE LITTLE ONE JUMPED INTO MY ARMS. I'M NOT SURE WHO WAS MORE RELIEVED! SHE WAS SCARED BUT UNHARMED.

ON ANOTHER OCCASION I SAW A YOUNG CAT HOPPING ALONG WITH A LARGE WOUND ON HIS HIP AND HIS BACK LEG HANGING. I WAS JUST SICK ABOUT THIS AND DECIDED TO TRY AND TRAP HIM. HE WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE TRAP. I DECIDED TO TRY A LARGE CARRIER AND PLACED SOME TUNA IN IT AND WAITED CLOSE BY TO SEE IF HE WOULD GO IN. HE DID AND I CLOSED THE DOOR REALLY FAST AND TOOK

ME (WHICH WOULD NEVER HAPPEN TODAY) BUT I DID HAVE SOME CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP. I WENT AND GOT IT, GAVE IT TO HER AND SHE WOLFED IT DOWN, STILL TALKING TO ME BETWEEN GULPS. WHEN SHE GOT DONE WITH HER SOUP, I CALLED TO HER AND SHE LET ME PET HER. I GOT UP AND STARTED WALKING AND SHE FOLLOWED ME. I GOT HER INTO THE OFFICE AND OFF TO THE VET. SHE HAD BEEN HIT BY A CAR AND HAD A BROKEN PELVIS, BUT SHE RECOVERED QUICKLY.

AT ONE OF MY FEEDING STATIONS I STARTED NOTICING EVERY BIT OF FOOD WAS BEING GOBBLED UP FASTER THAN USUAL. THEN I NOTICED A BROWN AND WHITE PIT BULL WATCHING ME FROM A DISTANCE, WAITING FOR ME TO LEAVE SO HE COULD EAT UP ALL THE FOOD. NO MATTER HOW MUCH I LEFT, HE ATE IT ALL. SOON I STARTED CALLING TO HIM AND BRINGING HIM TREATS, BUT HE WOULD NOT LET ME TOUCH HIM. HE WOULD JUST LOOK AT ME WITH BIG SAD EYES AND WAG HIS TAIL. IT TOOK A COUPLE OF WEEKS FOR HIM TO TRUST ME BUT I EVENTUALLY GOT HIM INTO THE CAR. FUNNY THOUGH, HE STILL LIKES CAT FOOD.

I HOPE THIS HAS BEEN HELPFUL, AND I WILL GET YOU EXPERT ADVICE IN THE NEXT ISSUE. THANK YOU FOR CARING!

--- PAM R.

Mona Menaul was found wandering on Menaul and luckily was scooped up by a concerned motorist.

IN HONOR OF ANIMALS: A TRIBUTE TO BETH PETRONIS



Every now and then, if you are lucky, you meet a person who amazes you, who you admire.

Beth Petronis was that kind of person. She followed a solid set of principles that guided her in raising her children, interacting with others, and saving the lives of hundreds of animals. In addition to being extremely intelligent and outgoing, Beth was kind, loving, considerate,

altruistic, and looked for good qualities in everyone, whether human or animal.

Beth not only passionately loved animals, but she truly loved people too. She was easy to talk to and was sincerely interested in what you had to say. She always treated people with grace: whether it be an old friend, or a stranger in line at the grocery store. Beth was a refreshing person who extended herself to any living being who needed help.

Although Beth lost her battle with colon cancer at a relatively young age (56), she accomplished tremendous things during her life. Her passion, even as a little girl, was love of animals. She wanted to communicate, like Dr. Doolittle, with animals, and according to her sister, Nancy Alcorn, “was attuned to them, even at a very young age.” And, as many animal people have experienced, Nancy said that “animals just KNEW that Beth and John’s house was a safe haven,” so many just “appeared” at their house. Beth had a true gift and mission, and she achieved a lot in her quest to help homeless cats and dogs.

Beth was most proud of her children, Lexi and Jay. Lexi Petronis, Beth’s daughter, said that she and her brother “always felt her pride” and that she was a great teacher, listener, and advisor. The only thing that could take Beth away from helping her cats and dogs was her family. Her life was a tapestry of warm, loving relationships with her husband, children, sister, in-laws, and friends, interwoven with the hundred of animals she helped.

Beth was lucky. She knew her true life-passion and was able to achieve it for almost 20 years. She had the strength, intelligence, time, and perseverance needed to survive in the animal rescue business. Unlike many “animal people”, Beth didn’t affiliate herself with just one rescue organization. Beth volunteered with Animal Humane Association of New Mexico, and went on to help start up Watermelon Mountain Ranch organization. Even during the last year of her life, when she didn’t have the physical strength to rescue or care for homeless animals, Beth put her time and talents to use with Stealth. Stealth is a national, (mostly on-line) organization created after Hurricane Katrina to reunite hurricane devastated and separated people with their pets, or to find them shelter elsewhere.

Lexi said that her mom “felt fulfilled by helping animals.” She fostered hundreds of animals, mostly cats, but dogs too. Her greatest joy was to nurture, socialize, and help the extremely needy ones. Nonetheless, Beth shared the distress that most of us doing animal rescue feel: outright abuse of animals; resistance to spay & neuter and how it causes overpopulation; cultural beliefs that serve to perpetuate mistreatment; and the prevalent attitude that animals are disposable, have no feelings, and often are not considered part of the family.

Albuquerque has lost a great person dedicated to bettering the lives of needy animals. But, Beth Petronis’ remarkable life did not go unnoticed by Albuquerque leaders. The city issued a proclamation to her for her contributions. Moreover, the city is donating a tree to be planted in a dog park to honor Beth’s life.

Her daughter, Lexi, really summed up her mom’s life and achievements. “She believed there was a reason for everything; she lived a graceful, giving life, doing the things she wanted to.”

We celebrate Beth’s life, her passion and her achievements, and are truly blessed that she was given the ability and opportunity to achieve so much.

Many thanks to Nancy Alcorn (Beth’s sister) and Lexi Petronis (Beth’s daughter) for taking the time to talk with me about Beth
~Cynthia Richards

Keep Your Cats Safe This Halloween

Don’t let your cat get “spooked” this Halloween. Noisy trick-or-treaters can unintentionally frighten a cat, causing her to panic and run off into the bushes or, worse, dart out into traffic. Little “ghosts” and “goblins” may bring along dogs or play pranks, further endangering outdoor cats. The best way to keep your cat safe this Halloween (and always) is to **KEEP YOUR CATS (AND DOGS) INDOORS.**

Also, be mindful of all the holiday candies--chocolate can be deadly to your cats and dogs. And if you have a party, be sure secure your pets in a room and let your guests know not to enter it.

The Albuquerque Cat Action Team urges all cat owners to keep their cats as strictly indoor pets. Visit our fact sheet on Halloween Safety and “All the Reasons to Keep Your Cat Indoors” on our Website, www.albcat.com.



A.C.A.T. THANKS THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

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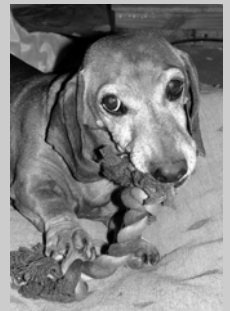
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Cats & Dogs...

We want to hear from you for a future newsletter feature. Please share your stories about your cats and dogs. How did you introduce a new animal into your home? What were the biggest challenges? And your best solutions? Please email us at mail@albcat.com.



November is Adopt A Senior Pet Month

Buffalo Exchange Token Program

We are delighted to be part of Buffalo Exchange's Tokens-Bags for Charities.

Buffalo Exchange, 3005 Central, NE, has chosen A.C.A.T. to be part of the program during July-December. When YOU the customer makes a purchase you can support A.C.A.T. by taking your own tote bag!!,

Please support A.C.A.T. and shop at Buffalo Exchange!

In Memory of those we could not save

Bear	Jeannie
Murphy	Rita
Domino	Faith
Ollie	Cindy

I love cats because I love my home and after a while they become its visible soul. ~Jean Cocteau

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Yes, I would like to become a member of A.C.A.T. in the following category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Angel (\$1000 or more) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor or Family (\$50) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Star (\$500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hero (\$250) | <input type="checkbox"/> Students, Seniors, Low Income (\$10) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend (\$100) | <input type="checkbox"/> Active Volunteers (\$10) |

I have checked the appropriate category above and enclosed payment to A.C.A.T. (check).

Please check here if you would also like information on volunteering or fostering for A.C.A.T.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Date: _____

Cell Phone: _____

- Dues payable annually in advance of or at the annual meeting.
- The Board of Directors shall receive applications for membership made to it in writing.
- The privilege to vote shall be extended to all members in good standing of the organization, over the age of 18 years.
- At any meeting of the general membership the privilege of the floor shall be extended to any member.
- In the conduct of A.C.A.T. business, all members shall abide by the policies and procedures set forth in A.C.A.T.'s corporate records, handbooks, and other policies, programs, regulations, and instructions. The failure of any member to abide by these provisions shall be grounds for termination of membership.

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