



THE A.C.A.T. TALE

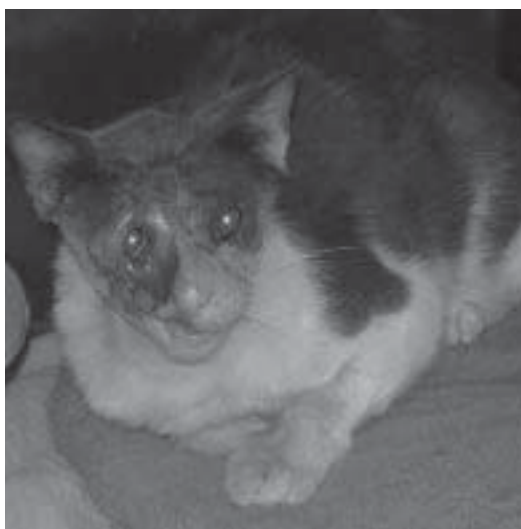
Karma Beats Fate

In the animal rescue business we hear many stories that make us sad, angry and frustrated that animal cruelty and abuse are so widespread. Often, the many helpless, innocent animals put on this earth who depend on us for care and love and who enrich our lives immeasurably are abused, or killed by the humans whom they depend, or by strangers. Karma's is one such story of intentional abuse, but one that has a happy ending.

While on a routine visit to Canyon Crossroads Animal Hospital my attention instinctively honed in on one hospital cage. I went over and saw a horribly burned cat, who had lots of tubes and other paraphernalia attached to him, in an attempt to save his life.

His face looked non-existent. His eyes were closed and thought to be gone, or if there, blind. The skin where the eyes would be couldn't be opened and debridement of his skin was a daily procedure to allow new skin cells to form and healthy tissue to be exposed to heal his horribly damaged head, face, and neck.

At first, all thought that he was burned by fire. However, after a band disintegrated while being used to hold a tube being placed down his throat, and after seeing his throat and

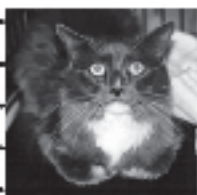
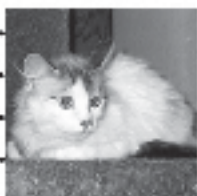


esophagus, the doctors concluded that he was burned with a chemical such as battery acid, and that it had been inhaled down his throat as well. Karma was one sick kitty, and his prognosis was guarded.

A.C.A.T. immediately stepped in that day to help secure lower rates to cover the cost of the many tests, surgeries and care that Karma needed during his lengthy and expensive recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstructive surgery.

After the initial removal of dead tissue, intensive nutritional and hydration support were given for longer than a month. More extensive surgery was needed to enable him to see at least out of one eye.

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A.C.A.T. will hold its next annual meeting in March 2008. Details will appear in our Spring 2008 issue of *The A.C.A.T. Tale* and will be posted on our Website after February 10, 2008.

Tinker's Triumph

An A.C.A.T. Rescue Story in Three Parts, by Ryan DeMares, Marilyn Heyward & Cindy Richards

Part 1: Ryan Rescues Teca

The decision to rescue a cat, though motivated by compassion, puts in motion a series of responsibilities and decisions. There may also be some wild cards, since bringing a rescued cat into one's life is likely to create a series of other considerations. My rescue of the cat I named Teca is an example of how this can occur.

Though she was a bit too thin, Teca seemed otherwise to be in good condition. Her long white fur was badly matted with burrs and tangles, but I saw that a little food and brushing would quickly transform her back into the beauty she really was. I checked with the groundskeepers who confirmed she did not have an owner. With her consent I tucked her under my arm, returned to my car, and made the three-hour drive back to Albuquerque. Teca quickly showed herself to indeed be a wonderful addition to my household. But this country girl brought with her to the big city an as-yet unshared secret.

I received my first inkling of what the future held during her initial health assessment. Teca was thin, but the vet's practiced eye picked out the telltale signs that she was pregnant. In that moment, I was a little taken aback with thoughts of the potential birth of, say, six (or even more) kittens. Concerned about how I would deal with the impending responsibilities, I immediately



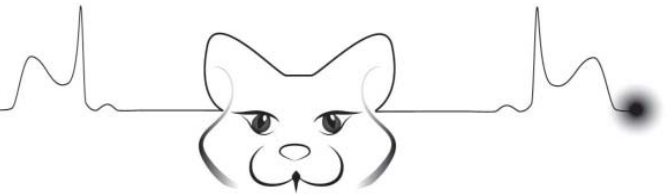
After being rescued in a national park in northern New Mexico in May, Teca gave birth to a litter in Albuquerque just a month and a half later, as an A.C.A.T. cat.

contacted a friend who volunteers for A.C.A.T. and signed legal custody of her over to A.C.A.T., which included her future kittens. Then I took her home under my foster care. What a relief! I could relax at least somewhat as I enjoyed the process.

Teca is a polydactyl, which some call a "Hemingway cat" because she has more than the normal number of digits on her paws--in her case, 26 digits rather than the normal 16. When the kittens were born, one of them (a calico Marilyn and I named "Tinker") inherited her mom's polydactyl traits. However, unlike Teca, Tinker has a leg deformity that may be associated with her polydactyl genetics. The curvature in the bone was obvious on the day she was born, and at two weeks when Tinker began to walk, it was clear that immediate medical intervention was necessary if she was to live a normal, pain-free life.

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The Heartbeat of A.C.A.T.



We are pleased to present this first installment of "The Heartbeat of A.C.A.T.," a column written by the Chairman of our Board. He chose this title as a tribute to all of A.C.A.T.'s volunteers because you are truly the heartbeat of A.C.A.T. and without you, A.C.A.T. would not be able to take care of thousands of our feline friends in Albuquerque. This column will have updates on events and anything else of interest that represents the spirit of A.C.A.T. So here goes!

Much has happened since your new Board of Directors came together. Over the past few months A.C.A.T. has raised over \$14,000 and seen over 25 new volunteers join our family! Word is out about A.C.A.T. which is why so many new faces are showing up to become volunteers. Because of our ability to raise much-needed revenues and increase the number of volunteers, A.C.A.T. has never been healthier! Combined with the enhanced communication process we promised you, we are able to coordinate our activities with more deliberation and confidence. As you can imagine, all this enables us to help what seems like an endless supply of homeless cats.



You may be interested to know that out of the 25 new volunteers, 15 of you are foster parents. With these new volunteers on board A.C.A.T. now has nearly 60 volunteers in all – an all time high for us! It's a good thing we have you on board because in the same period of time we have brought in 80 cats and kittens that we provided a variety of medical care.

One direction A.C.A.T. will be taking in 2008 is an effort to help the general public understand what can be done to prevent many of the

hardships bestowed on our feline population. So what can A.C.A.T. do to help reduce the number of homeless cats in Albuquerque? It seems like a hopeless question but we can begin by dedicating resources to educate the public about cats and their needs. To this end, we will start planning seminars to help educate people on how to be conscience of the many adverse effects cats and

kittens suffer at the hands of the uninformed.

We will be soliciting the help of professionals who have experience, knowledge and/or expertise in the plight of cats and kittens in need. We know it will take time to measure any tangible results but you will likely agree that we must start somewhere.

So for now, we will continue with our adoption clinics to find safe homes for our furry friends as well as our life-saving efforts to bottle feed our babies so they will have a fighting chance to live the good life as they deserve.

Caring hands and caring people – that describes our tireless and loving volunteers – you make the difference. Thank you for caring!

--Ben Heyward, Chairman

MEOUY THANK YOU AND PURRS GALORE TO THE UPTOWN CAT HOSPITAL

On November 11th, the Uptown Cat Hospital hosted an open house to welcome Dr. Nicole Vigil to the Hospital staff.

Dr. Vigil dedicates her time to the kitty clients. A.C.A.T. was invited to participate in the open house by

showing a number of our foster cats for adoption. This gave us an opportunity to meet countless numbers of cat owners and lovers in the Albuquerque area, and educate them about what A.C.A.T. does and how they can help. All of us had a great time at the open

house, and our kitties seemed to enjoy it too!

We thank Uptown Cat Hospital for this wonderful opportunity to participate in the festivities and for the spotlight it gave A.C.A.T.

Tinker Triumphs,

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This orthopaedic deformity is much more common in horses and dogs than in cats.

According to the two vets who evaluated her, Tinker would need to “triumph” over a rare and serious deformity. Both vets concurred that the course of action should be splinting her legs so that they would both grow straight (the other leg also had a slight bend in it). Although the outcome and efficacy of the treatment was uncertain, this was really the only course of action to take. So, at that tender age, with her eyes just opening, Tinker had both



Below: Two-week-old Tinker abruptly finds her legs tightly bound and is unable to get close enough to her mother to nurse.



Each issue of *The A.C.A.T. Tale* features at least one rescue story. To have your story considered for use, please email it along with photos to mail@albcats.com. Be sure to include your full name, address & phone number. We try to use every story we get, subject to editorial prerogatives.

her front legs bound snugly in hopes of straightening them as the bone continued to develop.

The splints held her legs out so stiffly in front of her that Tinker was not able to get close enough to Teca to nurse. She needed to be bottle-fed, and my schedule and lifestyle wouldn't accommodate this. It was evident that I could not be the one to continue with her care.

Fortunately, one of A.C.A.T.'s volunteers, Marilyn, was able to take Tinker full time. So from the age of two to six weeks she moved to Marilyn's house.

Part 2: Marilyn Chronicles Tinker's Tribulations

Her tiny features collided angrily with the handicap mother-nature had given her. But, as cats often do, her tenacity and strong will made the best of it. This allowed her eventually to prevail in her

quest to become the delicate kitten she aspired to be. At 2 weeks of age with front legs splinted she made her way into my life. A senior board member asked me if I could bottle feed her until she could eat totally on her own. As luck would have it, I agreed. Her current foster, Ryan,

and I met to transfer Tinker to my care. We all agreed that she would return to her mom, Teca, and her litter mates, Trekker and Tummer, as soon as possible.

The very first weekend, we noticed one splint was on too tight as she was in pain with a swollen paw.

We cut through the coban tape and gauze to remove the wrappings and wooden splints that bound her leg. She immediately purred as if to say “thank you.” Removing the splint meant I had to take her back to the vet for a re-splint as soon as possible. The original vet couldn't see her until Thursday, way too long to wait for the splint. Luckily, I was able to get an appointment sooner at Uptown Cat Hospital. (*See our story about Uptown on Page 3.*) Both legs were re-splinted and Tink was scheduled for splint changes every 2 weeks. Different widths, configurations, and numbers of splints were tried over the month she resided with us.

Bottle feeding, no problem. I had bottle fed several months prior a litter of 3 who are now thriving at 7 months on their own. However, Tinker never latched on to the nipple to suckle. Now what?!? I had to start out with a syringe and gently dribble the formula into the side of her mouth making sure she swallowed without choking. It's a scary thing to use the syringe as the plunger could accidentally push out the formula too fast and risk it going into the lungs. I kept trying the bottle and we finally developed a workable system. She had to be wrapped completely in a towel with only her head sticking out. Then she was held upright to minimize the choking risk. She began to teeth and bite the nipple as I coaxed the formula from the bottle into her mouth. Of course, that had to be done every 3 to 4 hours, so I had to set my alarm to do the middle of the night feeding.

She received much love as I would hold her with her blanket after each feeding till she fell back to sleep. Tink and I were face to face during her feedings and became very well

acquainted. She never once fussed to be fed or objected too much to her wrappings. She ate well, gained weight, and had no potty problems. Even with her splints on, she made rapid progress.

Amazingly, at 3 weeks she was using the litter box and at 4 weeks she was starting to eat canned kitten food mixed with her formula. It took my coaxing her with a small spoon but she easily got the hang of bending down to lap it up. We were making real progress! She had her own little saucer and demitasse spoon that went with her where ever I took her. We would go to work at ACAT headquarters and she traveled very contentedly in a small bed in one of my carriers that was also equipped with a small litter box which she was already using. Several times as the occasion arose, I had to leave her with my backup, Cindy, when I was going to be gone too long to be able to feed her on schedule. That worked out well, as Cindy had also been my back up for a previous litter of 3 bottle babies.

At 5 weeks, Tinker begins navigating Marilyn's house on her props. Can a kitten on stilts find adventure as well as



love? You'll find out when Marilyn's chronicle is continued in the next issue of *The A.C.A.T. Tale*.

CATS HELPING DOGS HELP CATS

The dog days of summer are behind us, but we haven't forgotten the support that Bow Wow Blues proprietor Crissi Letherer gave us during the summer. Crissi invited A.C.A.T. to do two new fundraisers: washing pooches at two dog washes, and picnicking one July evening at Bow Wow Blues with our canine counterparts and their owners.

Our dog washes in June and July were not only successful, they were lots of fun, too!! Crissi and Bow Wow Blues provided all the needed supplies and donated a portion of her income for the day. She also provided the band for the evening picnic (officially called a "Howl") and allowed us to obtain lots of donations for our kitties.

We are truly thankful to have had this opportunity to mingle with the canine crowd. We met many wonderful dog owners and introduced them to our cat-only rescue organization-- we think of it as "cats helping dogs help cats," or something like that!!!

P.S.: If you or your friends own a dog, or even if you don't, please take the time to stop in at Bow Wow Blues (3845 Rio Grande—the corner of Rio Grande at Griegos). We'd sure appreciate it if you told them thanks from an A.C.A.T. friend...you'll also undoubtedly see several great items impossible to pass up!!

Karma Beats Fate, continued from Page 1

Karma will continue to get the best help he can get. After Channel 4 did a story on him, donations poured in to cover the cost of reconstructive surgery by an eye specialist, eliminating scar tissue and creating upper eyelids where none existed anymore. **Donations can still be made to A.C.A.T. with Karma designated on the donation. All Karma donations will go directly to pay for his lengthy and costly recovery.**

The gentle man who brought him in had been feeding this little stray for some time, and wanted desperately to get him well and take him home regardless of his special needs. Karma is now home with his new dad, and we all send him love and good wishes for a second life---one where he knows no pain or abuse--one where love surrounds him forever.

--Cindy Richards

Coronado Mall's Barnes & Noble Has It All for the Holidays

Take Your Big Hearts to Barnes & Noble

Once again, A.C.A.T. is thrilled to provide giftwrapping services at Barnes & Noble in Coronado Mall. This is our most important fundraiser, and you can help!!!! Stop by and shop--purchase books, music, calendars, gifts, and lots of other things for folks on your list. Then, Have your purchases wrapped by A.C.A.T. volunteers at the B&N gift wrap table.

We also need more volunteers to help us gift wrap. If you can help, please call us at 323-2228 and leave your information. Even a few hours of your time will mean a lot to the cats!!!

CALLING ALL FORMER AND WANNA-BE MEMBERS: YOU ARE NEEDED NOW!

Membership dues help us defray the costs of producing this newsletter and supplement our general medical fund. Please consider becoming a member of A.C.A.T. or renewing your membership if it has lapsed. Membership dues are tax deductible.

You will find a membership application form on the back page of this newsletter.

From your furry friends at
A.C.A.T.—thank you!



**A.C.A.T. will
be wrapping
gifts at
Barnes
& Noble
(Coronado
Mall, 6600
Menaul Blvd.
NE) Saturday
and Sunday,
December
15th and 16th,
from 8 A.M.
to 8 P.M.**

**A.C.A.T. says,
"Come one, come
all! Visit B&N
at the Coronado
Mall."**

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
AND MEOWY
CHRISTMAS
TO YOU ALL!!!**

Shop and Help at the Same Time

Do your Holiday shopping and help cats at the same time. Use this Barnes and Noble voucher, or make copies for yourself and for your friends and family, because the more that people spend along with the vouchers, the greater the benefit for A.C.A.T. and our wonderful kitties.

Please visit Barnes & Noble in the Coronado Mall anytime from Friday, December 14th through Sunday December 16th between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Bring your vouchers and your wallet and spend, spend, spend!!! We are sure you will find lots of items that will be *purrfect* for people on your Holiday list.

And, while you are there, stop by A.C.A.T.'s gift wrapping table and ask our friendly volunteers to wrap your purchases. All donations from the gift wrapping will go directly to helping care for our foster cats' veterinary and surgical needs.



Driving Miss Maisy

“What’s driving Miss Maisy?”

An incredible drive to survive-- that’s what’s driving Miss Maisy. Maisy has been in A.C.A.T.’s care for six weeks and will be with us another two weeks if all goes according to plan....Maybe we should start at the beginning:

“Help, I have just become homeless. My life is in crisis: I don’t know where I am going to live, have no job, and need to get my daughter’s cat back from a relative in Farmington who has been taking care of her but wants her out of there. What am I going to do with her? Can A.C.A.T. help in any way?”

Unfortunately, this is an all too familiar plea for assistance that A.C.A.T. gets. As we spoke with Claudia (the alias we are using for this domestic abuse victim), we just knew we had to help. Read on and you’ll understand why.

When Maisy arrived back in Albuquerque, it was clear she was in intense pain. A visit to Uptown Cat Hospital that very day revealed a large abscess on her back. The wound was flushed and pain meds and antibiotics were prescribed. But, Maisy was still a “vagabond” and was in the car for another ride to Canyon Crossroads Animal Hospital for two weeks of boarding. Well those two weeks turned into four and then we found out that “Claudia” would not be able to take her back at all. Now what?!!! Fortunately, Claudia’s daughter, “Kim”, moved back to Albuquerque to help her Mom and



Miss Maisy...homeless but driven.

Daisy, but like her Mom, Kim is not able to house Maisy for several more weeks.

Maisy is a real trooper, and a very special kitty. Many cats would not have survived the upheaval and chaos Maisy has lived the past year. Why? Let me tell you a little secret: Miss Maisy is 18 years old and has been stone deaf for the past four years!!! It is truly a wonder that

she survived her ordeal, but that is a testament to the special inner strength that our feline friends have.

She is very thin; probably not more than 5 pounds, but she is holding her own!!! Wanting the best for her, I just couldn’t see her having to be boarded for two more weeks and luckily my hubby agreed to let us take her in for this period of her life. She is now lounging in our master bath with her own big fluffy bed, heated floors, special food, and KMR (kitten milk replacer) to help nourish her back to a better weight. We have cared for bottle babies before but it is also nice to help cats at the other end of the spectrum: seniors. Maisy enjoys being held and doesn’t want us to let go and put her to bed when it’s time for us to leave. My brood are kept away so she can rest and gain strength without being bothered. Soon Maisy will be off to her new home and I hope that A.C.A.T. and I have had a part in her life that has added to her comfort and rehabilitation.

--Marilyn Heyward

There is ONLY ONE A.C.A.T.!!!!

And we show our kitties

ONLY AT PETSMART

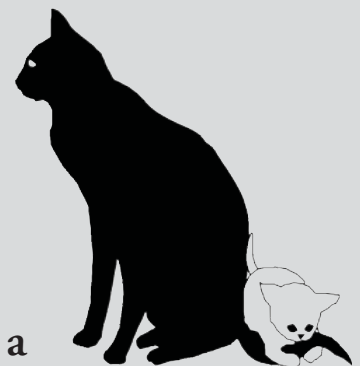
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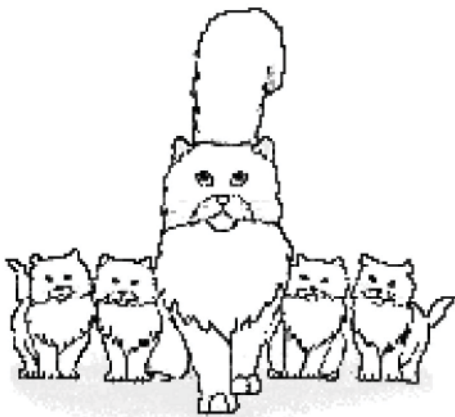
Kitty-Paws Applause to TICA & The Enchanted Cat Club!!!

A very special thank you is in order for the Enchanted Cat Club and The International Cat Association.

They have graciously welcomed A.C.A.T. at their shows for more than seven years, helping us raise funds and find homes for our very special kitties.

A.C.A.T. sends oodles of kitty kisses and bear-cat hugs for the **exceptionally generous** donation they gave A.C.A.T. out of the proceeds from the TICA International Cat Show held this past September. Their donation enables A.C.A.T. to help numerous cats needing medical care, surgery and rehabilitation.

To everyone at TICA and at the Enchanted Cat Club, thank you for all you do to help so many cats!!!!



Keep Your Cat Safe This Holiday Season

As you are planning your house decorating and goody baking for the holiday season be mindful of your cat's safety. Some holiday decorations are hazardous to your cat's health. And make sure kitty gifts are safe.

Catproof Your House

This year when you deck the halls, if you have children you may remember to baby proof your house to keep your little one safe. But did you stop to consider that if you have a cat you have to cat proof your house just as you would a child to keep your little kitty safe?

Christmas time can prove to be very dangerous to cats. There are also many fun toys play with and chew and the majority of those cool new toys around the house can be very deadly to cats. When you decorate your house for the holiday season, keep in mind that the following to ensure your house your house is cat proofed.

☛ **Poinsettias are beautiful but poisonous to cats.** Keep poinsettia high enough or really out of the way to where your little ball of fur can't eat them.

☛ **Glass ornaments are tempting to little paws.** They can also cut little paws if they are broken. Try to use plastic ornaments when ever possible.

☛ **Tinsel can be a catastrophe in the making.** Many playful pusses enjoy swatting and biting the decorative icicles, but trouble starts if they swallow a strand. Instead of smoothly passing through your cat's gastrointestinal tract, the string may tangle and cut through the helpless cats intestines. The same goes for ribbons and bows.

☛ **Cords are potentially deadly.** Bored or inquisitive animals could be electrocuted from chewing on exposed power cords or string or lights.

☛ **Trees have hazards, too.** Fallen pine needles can puncture a cat's intestines if swallowed. Keep cats from drinking water from the tree stand.

☛ **Candles are beautiful but can cause problems for you and your cats.**

☛ **Be wary of holiday treats.** Holiday foods and special treats can cause your cat to develop an upset stomach--or worse. But you needn't be a total scrooge with the treats. A small piece of lean meat is okay. Just keep in mind that if you give your cat a lot of different food, you run the risk of gastrointestinal upset. Don't forget to advise guests to refrain from feeding your cat treats. Guests may overfed your cat or worse unintentionally offer your cat chocolate which is dangerous to your cat's health.

Kitty Gifts

There are many toys designed specifically for cats. First and foremost chose toys that your pet can't swallow or choke on. Cats may appreciate scratching posts and catnip. Catnip gardens are popular and provide fresh catnip all year. Pet beds are great gifts for your cats-they love to snuggle. If you notice your cat acting uncharacteristically quickly take an inventory of substance it could have eaten. if you notice something suspicious immediately call your vet or the Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals national animal poison control center at 800-548-2423. Be prepared to describe the signs your cat is showing, the substance it may have gotten into, and have your cat's weight handy.

HIP HIP HOORAY!!! YOU MADE OUR RAFFLE PAY!!!

Congratulations to the top four winners of our 2007 annual raffle. The lucky winner of the Southwest Airline tickets was Jeanne Young. Rounding out the lucky top prize winners were Roberta Border (Bo Flex Selectech hand weights), Judy Breedlove (Hot air balloon ride for 2 people) and Helen Fogleman (Handmade quilt). Congratulations again to these winners, and to all our other lucky winners--45 in all. Many thanks also to everyone who generously bought and sold tickets. Our kitties thank you because the proceeds from this fantastically successful raffle will help A.C.A.T. provide care to many homeless and needy cats!!!

Special thanks go out to each and every one of our **generous donors** who helped to make this the most successful raffle on record for A.C.A.T. If you can, please patronize their establishments and thank them for their generosity to A.C.A.T.

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Calendar of Events

Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Adoption clinics held at **Petsmart, Academy & Wyoming**. Fridays 4-8, Saturdays 11-5 & Sundays 12-5. Call 323-2228 for more information.

November 24 thru December 23: Gift wrapping at **Barnes & Noble, Coronado Mall**, to benefit A.C.A.T. Saturdays & Sundays, 8-8.

December 1-24: Visit the **Flower Company**, 11030 Menaul Blvd. and purchase cat lover's gift items to benefit A.C.A.T. Call 293-7677 for more information.

December 1-2: Santa Claus Pictures with your pet to benefit A.C.A.T. **PetSmart at Academy & Wyoming**, 11-4 daily.

December 1-2 & 8-9: The **Flower Company** open house to benefit A.C.A.T., 11030 Menaul Blvd. Call 293-7677 for more information.

December 14, 15 & 16: Bookfair at **Barnes & Noble, Coronado Mall**, to benefit A.C.A.T. Bring the voucher inserted in this newsletter to save on purchases.

ANOTHER MEOOWY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOWLIDAYS!

A VISIT TO THE FLOWER COMPANY, 11030 MENAUL BLVD., IS A NECESSARY STOP ON YOUR HOLIDAY TO-DO LIST.

At the Flower Company, you will delight in the unique and beautiful cat and dog Christmas trees.

During the month of December, purchase any cat or dog ornament, treat, plush animal or giftware, and The Flower Company will donate a portion of the proceeds to A.C.A.T. and to GREYHOUND COMPANIONS OF NEW MEXICO.

So, give cat and dog lovers on your list a gift they will love, and know that your purchase will benefit two rescue organizations that do so much for animals.

ALSO, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, STOP BY THE FLOWER COMPANY AND GET FREE REFRESHMENTS (CAT AND DOG COOKIES!!) AND A TREAT FOR YOUR PET!!

THE FLOWER COMPANY IS LOCATED ON MENAUL JUST WEST OF JUAN TABO

PHONE 293-7677

DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

With heartfelt thanks to our loyal donors and members whose generosity helps us provide quality care to the many homeless cats we care for. Friends (donors or members) gave between \$100-\$249; Heroes gave between \$250-\$499; Stars gave \$500-999; and Guardian Angels gave \$1,000 or more.

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Enormous thanks the following businesses for their donations and support. We encourage you to support these enterprises.

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**Help a cat this
season of giving.
Please remember
your donations and
memberships are
100% tax deductible.**

**The kitties are
counting on you to
help them.**

KUDOS TO

OUR TREASURED VOLUNTEERS

Happy Holidays to our wonderful volunteers & fosters. YOU are the ones the kitties depend on. Without you we couldn't help cats, so please know that your support is worth more than gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the cats and to A.C.A.T.!!!

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Happy Holidays and Kitty Kisses to our terrific sponsors & veterinarians. Each of you is the "cat's meow"!! Without you we couldn't help the kitties, so please know that we treasure your support and loyalty to A.C.A.T.

YOU!!

**EACH OF YOU
HAS SAVED A CAT**

Heartfelt thanks to all our donors, members, and supporters. You have made it possible for A.C.A.T. to help thousands of cats, each of whom owes its life to your generosity. Happy Holidays and Meowy Christmas!

Santa Claws-- Lend a Hand to Save a Paw

The first weekend in December, on December 1st and 2nd, A.C.A.T. will be participating in the Santa Claws program. Customers at PetSmart at Academy and Wyoming and their pets can pose for a holiday photo with "Santa Claws."

For \$8.95 with a PetPerks Savings Card, pet parents will receive one 4" by 6" digital photograph and a holiday collector frame. Five dollars from each purchased photo package will be donated to A.C.A.T. for providing the santa and camera staff for the weekend. So tell all of your friends with adorable pets to come in and get photographed, and help the A.C.A.T. kitties at the same time!

Put your best paw forward and we'll see you there!!

Happy Holidays from A.C.A.T. and PetSmart at Academy and Wyoming.



Albuquerque
Cat Action Team



Helping Cats and Their People

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. Mission Statement

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

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

☛ To relocate cats and kittens into permanent, loving homes through our adoption program.

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

☛ To welcome all volunteers into A.C.A.T., where respect and support are extended to all.

☛ To limit cat over-population by engaging in the trap-neuter-return of feral cats in our community.

☛ To provide low-cost spay and neuter.

A.C.A.T. (Albuquerque Cat Action Team - P.O. Box 51683 - Albuquerque, NM 87181-1683

505-323-2228 (323-ACAT)

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

- Guardian Angel (\$1000 or more) Sponsor or Family (\$50)
- Star (\$500) Individual (\$30)
- Hero (\$250) Students, Seniors, Low Income (\$10)
- Friend (\$100) 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: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

☛ 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.

☛ At any meeting of the general membership the privilege of the floor shall be extended to any member in good standing.

☛ In the conduct of A.C.A.T. business, all members shall abide by A.C.A.T. policies and standards.

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