
Serenity Place Rescue

December 2012

Where the rescued are halfway home!



Happy Holidays



To all of our friends & supporters,

Wishing you all a very happy holiday season and may the new year bring you and your families and pets good health and prosperity!

It is hard to believe this year is almost over I guess Terry and I have been so busy and all of the sudden realized – it's time for another holiday newsletter!

We wish to thank all of you for the wonderful loving help and support that you have given us during this year. Serenity Place Rescue could have not continued to achieve the many rescues that we have successfully accomplished without your help!

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Our goal this year was to save cats, kittens and some dogs who were due to be euthanized by our local city shelters. We also assisted the city shelters with two hoarder cases in which we took in older cats and young kittens that were ill and needed to be nursed back to health. We took in senior cats whose owners either passed away or who went into assisted living facilities or nursing homes, and cats who have lost their homes due to foreclosure. And of course our mothers with kittens and our special needs cats/kittens.

We encourage anyone with any pets, especially an elderly one, to please make provisions for them and include a monetary donation in case something unforeseen happens to you.

Most of these cats, kittens and dogs have found wonderful homes, some of them even got "discovered" while at Petco and have done a BCBG clothing catalog; a Petco Christmas circular, an internet commercial for Purina and a TV segment on "Community". It's fun to think they came from rags to little stars. They got the royal treatment from all the companies. It's hard to believe but we actually placed 60 total animals. They included 40 kittens, 3 special needs (see Peewee's story and Ray & Hope's Bio under letters and success stories); 5 adult cats and 9 senior cats with ages ranging from 7-14 years as well as 3 dogs...Phew! That was a lot for Terry and I and we still have many more that need "forever" homes.

Events & Thank-You's

You can view all of our pets available for adoption on our website at www.serenityplacerescue.org under "Adoptions". You can also go directly to our PetFinder page at www.serenityplace.petfinder.com. We show our adoptable cats and kittens at Petco in Canoga Park as well as Encino, where they stay 24/7 (a week or two there, and then a week or two at our home) in the beautiful cat enclosures that Petco donated to us for being Petco partners for nine years and counting. The managers and staff at both locations were so helpful; they help clean, feed and play with the cats. We make sure to tend to them once or twice a day as well. Petco has really helped us to get the kitties into some great loving homes.



Cat enclosures donated by Petco

During the last year, we did many adoption and educational events in Irvine, Costa Mesa, Pomona, Bel Air .



Lori & Terry at the Irvine Animal Care Center Event

Our event in Bel Air was at the Fresh Paws of Bel Air store where Warren Eckstein, who hosts "The Pet Show", a syndicated radio talk show, attended and was our MC for the day. Warren took some time to visit with our kitties we had there for adoption and got a photo with him. We always enjoy attending these events; we've made new friends, placed many animals in great "forever" homes, and helped educate the public.



Terry & Lori Bel Air Fresh Paws Event 2012



***Lori, Warren & Terry at the
Bel Air Fresh Paws Event***

Our most recent event was a big yard sale we held to help raise money for our on-going veterinary expenses, so please keep us in mind if you want to donate items for our sales.

The next event was our Halloween Bake Sale at Petco Encino where we all got together.



Halloween Event 2012 at Petco, Encino

Our next 2 events will be Hanukkah Pet Photos 12/6, 4-8 pm; 12/9, 12-5 pm at Petco Encino. Santa Pet Photos will be 12/15, 11-4 pm and 12/22 11-4 pm. Terry plays Santa Claus. A portion of the proceeds go to Serenity Place Rescue.

If you would like to help us continue our mission in helping homeless cats, we would very much appreciate donations of any kind. Please take a look at our Holiday Wishlist (see pages 9-10) or it is also on our website, www.serenityplacerescue.org which lists all of the things we need the most to make sure these little guys get the best shelter and care we can provide them until they are adopted. Don't forget - all donations are tax deductible, and we will provide you with a receipt. Monetary donations in particular are essential for us to continue to provide them with necessary veterinary care, especially for the felines with special needs. We also hope that someday we will raise enough funds to be able to have a place for the foster and unadoptable cats (semi-feral, elderly and special needs) (see wish list).

We sincerely appreciate everyone's help and would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Susan Milder, Dr. Kamran Nassi, and all of their wonderful staff at Chatsworth Veterinary Center for their excellent care and kindness and compassion. We would also like to extend a big thank you to Target, Miquel and Xiomara for their generous donations of cat/dog food that we use for our fosters and also deliver to help animals belonging to families in need, the homeless, as well as the churches and food banks that help them. Your kindness is much appreciated! We would also like to thank Paul Jolly, his staff and Susan Rosenberg of the Petco Foundation, who are true heroes that have helped so many rescuers and animals across the nation.

Thank you to our friends and supporters: John Holman and Mary; Dee and Kathryn Baker; Anne Manley; Todd Goodman (for your longtime unconditional friendship, support and legal advice).

Thank you to Sinne Andersen (for the donated air conditioner for the cats and for being a great friend, volunteering your time and all your other wonderful donations); Karin (for being a supportive sister, helping with computer work and feeding the animals); Marty Meyer for all her help; Shirley Blanchard and Jeanne Toma for all the great yard sale items and all of our friends and family who have accepted that a life of a rescuer is always hectic and never easy. Thank you to Christina Ernest, for her wonderful support and friendship and Amber and Frisky for all the love and companionship they gave us. Also Marina Djuric who is amazing and without her we would be lost. She is our technology-savvy volunteer who helps with our computer & office equipment, maintains our website, and does whatever else we need done. Last but certainly not least, Leslie and Jeff from the UPS store in West Hills, who have helped us with too many things to count – we truly appreciate your kindness as well as your amazing staff! And to anyone we may have forgotten to mention, please forgive us and know that we are so grateful to you as well.

Also we would like to thank all of you who adopted felines from us, and gave them loving homes. It does our hearts well to know they are loved and happy. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing pictures you might have of your furry children! Every cat/kitten we adopt out is always in our hearts and never forgotten, and we know that they continue to receive the same love after they find their “forever home”. We at Serenity Place will always be there for you if you can no longer take care of them, need to return them, need help financially when possible, need advice, or if you want a new addition to the family!

Once again, we sincerely appreciate everyone’s help and generosity this year; it has helped us save so many lives. We will definitely keep you updated on what is going on with us and the events that we do. The more people that can get involved can help us to save so many more lives of innocent little kittens and cat-who have done nothing but give us unconditional love and everlasting companionship.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

Best Wishes,

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Letters & Success Stories

Ray & Hope

Meet 18-month-old Ray and his sister Hope. Their names were inspired by the idea that there must be a "Ray of Hope" they could get a good home.

Ray and Hope were born without eyelids, causing a severe infection in their eyes. When Serenity Place Rescue rescued them from an abandoned yard, they were only 6-7 weeks old, without care, and the damage to their eyes had already been set. They were nursed to health for 8 months until they could have surgery. Ray and Hope had surgery early this year in hopes of reconstructing new eyelids. Unfortunately the cost of the surgery by a board certified surgeon was thousands of dollars that we didn't have and based on the referral of a rescue group we went to a different veterinarian whom they use. With a successful surgery, they would be able to close their eyes to prevent them from drying out. Unfortunately, the surgeries were not successful, and Ray and Hope need their eyes cleaned and eye drops every day.

Hope lost her right eye but still has her left and Ray still has both his eyes. Due to several surgeries, they have minimal to no sight. Also, from being put under anesthesia several times, Ray was mildly affected neurologically and will briefly spin if he gets too excited.

They are the sweetest, loving cats; they have been tremendous troopers through it all. Ray and Hope finally found a family with "a heart & 2 legs." Lori & Terry miss them but are so grateful they live with an exceptional, compassionate family.



*Ray Between
Surgeries*



Ray & Hope

Peewee

Peewee was found in a backyard with three calico kittens. He was underdeveloped and was emaciated at 6 ounces. Because he was so much smaller and couldn't keep weight on, and had diarrhea he was tested for many things including possible dwarfism or other congenital abnormalities, a liver shunt, Feline Leukemia, Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) (kitty aids) and suspected megacolon. Peewee tested positive for Giardia and Lori has provided constant care (both feeding and cleaning), numerous vet visits and expensive tests to save this sweet little kitten. It is possible Peewee has some neurological issues as a slight motor coordination problem. We hope Peewee continues to grow.



Peewee

Letter

December 1, 2012

Dear Serenity Place Rescue,
Thank you for your kind, tireless efforts in protecting, saving, caring and nurturing the beautiful precious fuzzy babies and never putting them to sleep!

-Mia

Memorial

We wanted to take a moment to remember some wonderful people and animals that have passed away in the last few years who we truly will miss. This year Terry and I lost our kitty Mr. Ching who was 12; 3 rescue cats: Tidbit, Tigger, and Casey; and 1 rescue dog: Mandy. Some of our dear friends Chad & Ellen lost their precious Socrates and Kris lost her beloved boy Toki and Sara's Jack. We also continue to remember Jerry Benson, a wonderful man who took us under his wings and called us family for 28 years.



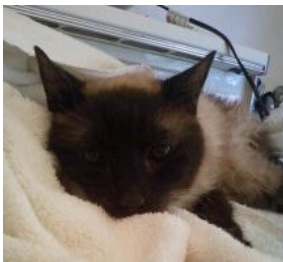
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*Lori & Terry's
Mr. Ching*



Rescue - Mandy



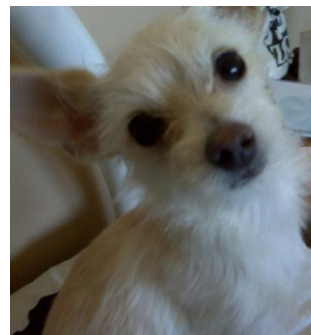
Rescue-Casey



*Chad & Ellen's
Socrates*



Rescue-Tigger



Kris' Toki

Adopted Pets 2012



Nylah & Melee From Connie Litter
adopted by Dave & Lisa



Damon & Daisy from Connie Litter
adopted by David & Angela



Frost from Connie Litter
adopted by David & Tolly



Piper adopted by Lillian



Austin & Martin adopted by
Dolores & Yvonne



Cheetah adopted by Rachel



Snowy adopted by Suzanne



Shyla



Snow White from Cantara Litter
adopted by Gail



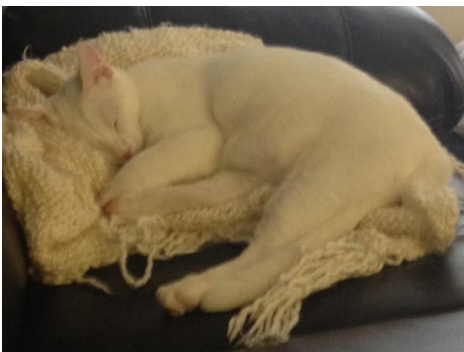
Batman & Robin adopted by
Ryan, Mary & Lukas



Zeke & Powell from Cantara Litter
adopted by Phil & Reiko



Mischief, Dominique, Red & Sylvester
from Castro Litter adopted by Adrienne



Pringle from Cantara Litter
adopted by Gabby



Sam & George adopted by Victor & Corina

Betty Litter



The Kathy Litter adopted by Adam Mostow



BeeBee adopted by Katie & Doug



Gracie from Betty Litter
adopted by Danielle

Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter, the photos and updates on your furry children are much appreciated. Lori (and the fabulous staff at Chatsworth Veterinary Center) see some of the worst things people do to animals and she does her best to save every one. To see them happy and healthy helps restore her spirit. She and Terry do so much especially for the special needs animals in their numerous vet visits and everyday care. She is constantly trying to improve the health and quality of life for all orphaned, dumped and sheltered animals. Lori & Terry have been pet sitting for me for 6 years now and treats all our pets like their own. I was happy to help in the small way by compiling this newsletter for her.

-Ellen

(Turn over)

Wish List

1. Cat food

- a. Iams original adult cat dry (orange bag), any size
- b. Iams kitten dry (purple bag), any size
- c. Nutromax adult cat food, roasted chicken flavor
- d. Nutromax kitten food, dry, any size
- e. Wet (canned) food: Any by Iams, Nutromax, Friskies

2. Food/Water Bowls ceramic or stoneware, 8-9 inches

3. Litter

- a. Prefer Fresh Step Crystals or Swheat Scoop(wheat Litter), but any clay or gravel litter will do (no clumping sand type, please), any size
- b. Litter boxes, any size, with or without covers
- c. Litter scoopers, any type

4. Beds and flat pads for sleeping

5. Scratching posts

6. Cat toys

7. Cat collars with breakaway safety feature, assorted colors for both males & females

8. Advantage or Frontline flea prevention for kittens and adults, 3 or 6 pack

9. Knox Gelatin 3-48 package (for bottle fed kittens)

10. Canned Goat Milk any size (for bottle fed kittens)

11. Gift cards Petco, Petsmart, Home Depot, Walmart, CostCo, Target, Ralphps, Arco & Shell gas cards

A few other ideas and "wishes"...

1. **Monetary donation** – of any amount to help with all of the expenses we incur while taking care of all the orphans at our "halfway home" (can donate via personal check or website via pay pal)
2. **Office equipment** - computer, monitor, keyboard, copy machine, 2-cordless phones
3. **Folding tables** - plastic coated, 4' & 6' foot (for adoption events and yard sales)
4. **Hand held vacuum** - any kind (Dust Buster, etc.)
5. **Donated truck, van, or SUV** (for transporting our animals to veterinary appointments, adoption events, delivering adopted pets to their new homes, picking up donated items for our yard sales, etc.)
6. **Store front for a thrift store** - with partial rent deducted for a tax write off
7. **Land** – donated for a shelter
8. **Mobile home or a 2-3 bedroom home** – donated to be used as a office/shelter for our orphans
9. **Eye medicine** – donated by eye physicians
10. **Printing services** – donated or discounted printing services for mailings
11. **Other services** Any person or company in the following field that can donate services:
Veterinary, grooming, printing, etc.