

The Cat's Meow



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Humanimal Connection is to save the lives of homeless or neglected cats and kittens, including those with significant medical needs, feral tendencies, or scheduled for euthanasia, by providing them with forever homes.

As a no-kill, not-for-profit, volunteer-run organization, the Humanimal Connection is dedicated to addressing the unmet needs of the cat population by connecting humans and animals together.



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Humanimal Connection News

Over 50 Saved from Euthanasia in Kern County, Bakersfield

On May 17, 2008, Humanimal Connection received an urgent message from the County Shelter in Kern County telling of nine mother cats and their forty nursing kittens that were scheduled for euthanasia. They explained that of that group, there was a family of three kittens nursing with their mother while waiting in the room to be euthanized. The reply, "We'll take them all", came quickly and after a 200 mile trip from Bakersfield to Redwood City, the cats and kittens were a sad sight.

One of the families (seen here) had ringworm. The kitten's fur on their faces,



Connection NEWS:

We're Movie Stars!



Keep an eye on our website to see our new Humanimal Connection video in the next weeks.

ears, tails, and bellies was missing, their mother's ears were bloody and covered in scabs. Ringworm is a nonlife threatening but highly contagious skin fungus.

Due to the overwhelming number of homeless animals that are brought in, the Kern County Shelter cannot help all of cats and kittens that come into their shelter, especially during "kitten season".

Sadly, not all cats that come into County shelters ever make it out. Healthy kittens go up for adoption first, and most of those who are sick or need medical attention are put on "the list". They wait for someone to find them and help them in time. Thankfully, the Humanimal Connection was able to quickly help.

After two months of foster



care, love and skin treatments, all but just a few of the cats and kittens taken have been adopted. Mom cat "Jasmine" and her three baby boys, "Mushu", "Cody" and "Niko" are cured, vibrant, healthy and alive. Their soft fur has grown back, they have been neutered, vaccinated and are ready for their forever homes. After all they've been through, won't you consider adopting them?

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Look at us now! Niko (left) and Mushu

Consider Volunteering!



If you are interested in finding out how you can help, visit the "Get Involved" section of

the website and/or please **donate** to help fund supplies and provide medical care.

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A Day at the
Races
Benefiting Humanimal Connection

Join us to celebrate our 10th year (and our beginning...)

A decade ago, the old barn area at Bay Meadows Racetrack was about to be demolished to make way for shops and condominiums. However, it still had residents. One-hundred mostly feral cats and kittens were unaware that their home was about to be crushed by bulldozers.

Bay Meadows' workers, Elizabeth Barton of San Mateo, and sisters Judy Baker of Los Altos and Susan Brown of Redwood City, plus other Bay Meadows' volunteers, came to the rescue of the feral cats. But this was no easy task. For months, the volunteers lurked around the vast, deserted stable area, trapping, tracking and feeding the cats and kittens until they were all caught. Finally, there was that elusive "last cat left" which took months to catch and made the front page of the newspaper.

After being vaccinated, spayed/neutered, and tested for disease at the Peninsula Humane Society, the cats and kittens were safely moved to helpful foster homes and veterinarian offices and waited until new homes were found, which took up to a year.



To the delight of ranchers, these cats found their calling as Barn Cat "ranch hands" at local ranches, busily taking to their duty of mice-catching.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5th Annual Black Cat Ball
August 10th, San Mateo, CA



But someone else also found her calling. Susan Brown is now the Executive Director of Humanimal Connection and works diligently to repeat the success of the Bay Meadows Project. In addition, her sister Judy contributes as the Secretary and Treasurer.

In 1998, the Humanimal Connection was born as a nonprofit organization to serve feral and needy cats and kittens. Now ten years later, through the work of Susan Brown, their partnering and dedicated staff of volunteers, and a network of caring foster



Founders: Susan Brown (left) and Judy Baker

homes, the Humanimal Connection continues its mission all without a single paid staff member.

Now, Bay Meadows itself will be torn down to make way for more condominiums and office buildings. On August 10th, Humanimal Connection will come full circle when they bid a final farewell to the place where the organization got its start by hosting a Day at the Races. The event is aimed at honoring the beginning of Humanimal Connection at Bay Meadows Racetrack. Please join us!

TICKETS: The event is open to the public but tickets must be purchased in advance via our website

www.humanimalconnection.com or by calling (650) 948-1003 for more information. Tickets are \$45 each and include an elegant buffet luncheon in the Turf Club, entry to the Turf Club, free parking, a racing program, a chance to be photographed in the winner's circle and tours of the racetrack.



ADOPTION Centers:

PETCO

520 Woodside Road, Redwood City
Hours: M-Sat 9A - 9P, Sun 10A - 7P

We have at least 8 cats and kittens at our PetCo adoption center. They are available for visiting during regular hours..

San Mateo Pet Supply

346 El Camino Real, Redwood City
Hours: Everyday 9A - 7P

Visit the "Cat Connection" adoption room to meet with more than 10 of our friends during regular hours.

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View **ALL** of our adoptable friends on our website.