



Animal Adoption Center

Friends of Camden Animal Shelter

A No-Kill Shelter for Companion Animals

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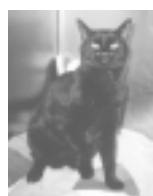
Holidays. Warm fuzzy feelings. Chilly nights, cozy hearths. Homes for people and their best friends. Say a little prayer of thanksgiving for the ones we've saved. They came from bad times. Loneliness, illness, hunger, abuse and brutality... sometimes they were discarded, ignored or just not loved. For the ones who got homes this year, those memories are fading as they happily settle into a whole new life.



Take a look at this guy. It was love at first sight, on both sides. Cowboy is not *owned* by this family, he is part of it, and sometimes, he's the star. This is what keeps us going.

The dollars we ask you for are about Cowboy and happy endings. We want you to know about the animals, their stories, our mission. And because we want you to feel good about the money you send us, we'd like you to read "**In Case You Were Wondering**" so that you'll know how we spend the dollars that you donate.

Ozzie and Bear, Tulip, big fat Ace and the rest of the gang join us in our holiday appeal to you. We get by with a little help from our friends.



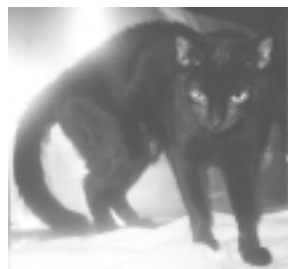
Three's Company. Three cool black cats. Ozzie, Destiny, and the mysterious Mr. X. Who says black cats are aloof? Don't you believe it! Mr. X. is a lay-back kind of a guy with no "catitude" what-so-ever. Just make a lap and watch what happens. He is just waiting for someone to stroke his glossy coat. Just be sure you're in a big, comfy chair because Mr. X. is on

the chunky side, and once he gets comfortable he'll sit with you for hours.

Destiny—a baby who had babies. Destiny was skinny, frightened and "with kitten" when we found her in the parking lot. At about six months old, she was still a kitten herself. She gave birth the next day to four little ones.



Although she was young and ill, it didn't keep her from being a good mom. She was careful and gentle with her babies and now that most of them have been adopted, it is Destiny's turn. Gentle and affectionate, come meet Destiny—if you bring along a feather and you can play together for hours.

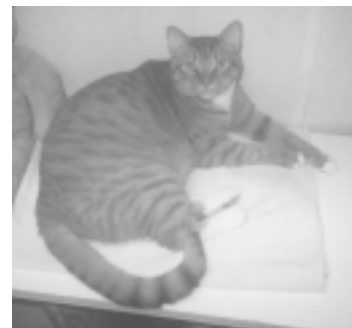


Ozzie is looking for his "Harriet." His shelter friends call him the love bug because Ozzie will snuggle and cuddle and purr like crazy. When he first came in he was thin and shy until he discovered how nice it is to be held and petted. He is a favorite among our volunteers.

Ace the Fat Cat. This picture does not do justice to Ace and you couldn't recognize him by it now—he weighs 28 pounds. If you like fat, smart cats, be ready for Ace because he is one clever guy. We noticed that whenever Ace was near the door, cats got out of the community room. Some detective work discovered that Ace watches door because he's figured out how to get it open when the top latch is left undone. The Community Room volunteer swears that Ace is teaching the other cats how to get out. Relaxed and gentle, this con artist might be just the friend you need to keep you interested.



Another fat cat **Simba**. This survivor somehow managed to fend for himself after his family dumped him and moved away. Simba was dirty, hungry, and skittish when he first got here but now he shows no sign of his days on the streets. He has become sleek, rather sophisticated and very sociable. He is a charmer who gets and gives a lot of attention. Simba is a big guy who could have posed for the Morris the Cat pictures.



Tulip's story is typical of inner city. The family she loved didn't return her feelings. One day they packed up and moved away leaving her on the streets to fend for herself. She had to struggle with other strays to simply stay alive, and fighting for scraps to keep from starving left her skittish about being around other pets. Somehow though, these troubles didn't damage her love of people. Sweet and affectionate, Tulip thinks that car rides are the best thing ever and will gladly go anywhere you care to take her.

She rides well, walks well, and has her inside manners. In the words of our Dog Manager, Tulip is a "great dog to hang with".

Bear. How did a sweet girl like this ever get a name like Bear? Must be because she's like a teddy, loving and dependable. Bear was adopted just before Christmas last year to a family that didn't expect her to get much larger than puppy size. Unfortunately for the family, Bear grew!. Fortunately for Bear, she became beautiful and energetic and loving. In fact, she just loves everyone—adults, kids, and other critters (including cats). This is a perfect girl to add to a growing family as she will love to romp with your youngsters. She loves outdoor play and she'd be an excellent companion for a jogger.



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Mattie. If you think of quiet evenings spent with a gentle loving companion, Mattie is your girl. This Akita mix came to us when her family broke up. They loved her but they had to let her go. Mattie shows that love and good training. Her personality is settled and stable, and she will be great with an older person. She is calm and well-trained, she loves children and is friendly to other pets. Her demands are few—she loves to cuddle, and will interrupt whatever she is doing for a hug.

Patches. Remember Petey in the "Little Rascals." How gentle and smart and fun he was? Come and meet Patches. She'll give you a good reason to take all your misconceptions about Staffordshire/Pit Bull mixed breeds and throw them out the window. This completely non-aggressive happy girl loves a game of "Go fetch" but she has no one to play with. Patches gets along well with kids and other animals and has just learned to shake hands. She is eager and ready to be part of "your gang."



In Case You Were Wondering...

Have you been reading about charity scandals? About folks skimming off the top? About shelters that are not doing their best for their animals or the people who support them with time and money? We want you to know what happens to the dollars you give it to the Animal Adoption Center and how we manage to stay open.

Some Shelter Statistics

Because of our No-Kill policy, we get no assistance from state, county, or city agencies; we are totally self-supporting in that our income comes from adoptions, donations (and some matching funds), and our own fund raising efforts. **90%** of all income goes directly to the care, health, and support of our animals. Another **7%** is used for building upkeep and unavoidable expenses such as maintenance and insurance, and the remaining **3%** goes into our fund raising efforts.

Our contributors (YOU) pay for pet food, utilities, the salaries of our employees, and our annual vet bill—which is over \$38,000.00. (You see, animals in a no-kill facility can require expensive veterinary care. Some animals come to us with wounds or broken bones, some need treatments and special medicines, and the weak and starving ones require special foods and nutrients.) Big vet bills are a fact of life for us.

What about the items that are too expensive for AAC to handle? We have a special group of people who comprise the shelter—Board, employees, volunteers and supporters who privately go "above and beyond" when needs demand. For instance:

- A cat named Amber couldn't eat. Two Board members paid for the tests and X-rays needed to diagnose the growths on her throat and tongue.
- Lizzy kept falling over. A volunteer made three special trips to the U of P, sat with her, brought her back and refused reimbursement for time and travel expense.

- Uno's life-threatening allergies required visits to three different vets and costly medications—undertaken by one family.
- Our Board members provide all postage, the calendars sent to our sponsors, signage, graphic design, office forms and supplies, meeting expenses, special treats, landscaping, outdoor furniture, cameras and photographs, and internet service free of charge to AAC. Individuals have also donated new floors, office furniture, the washer and dryer, and storage sheds.

This year over 1250 cats and dogs, puppies and kittens are now loved and safe at home with their families. Thanks to you, thanks to us.

But the animals keep showing up. At this time of the year (at any time of the year) can we say "There is no room at the Inn?"

**With your help our "inn" stays open.
Without you there is no us.**



How to Give Your Cat a Pill

- 1) Grasp cat firmly in your arms. Cradle it's head on your elbow, just as if you were giving baby a bottle. Coo confidently, "That's a nice kitty". Drop pill into it's mouth.
- 2) Retrieve cat from top of lamp and pill from under sofa.
- 3) Follow same procedure as in 1, but hold cat's front paws down with left hand and back paws down with elbow of right arm. Poke pill into its mouth with right forefinger.
- 4) Retrieve cat from under bed. Get new pill from bottle (Resist impulse to get a new cat)
- 5) Again proceed as in 1, except when you have cat firmly cradled in bottle feeding position, sit down on edge of chair, fold your torso over cat, bring your right hand over your right elbow, open cat's mouth by lifting upper jaw...and pop the pill in - quickly. Since your head is down by your knees, you won't be able to see what you're doing. That's just as well.
- 6) Leave cat hanging on curtains. Leave pill in your hair.
- 7) Now pull yourself together. Who's the boss here anyway? Retrieve cat and pill. Assuming the "who's the boss here anyway" attitude, open cat's mouth, take pill andOoooooops!
- 8) Crawl to the linen cupboard. Drag back a large beach towel. Spread towel on floor.
- 9) Retrieve cat from kitchen counter and pill from plant pot.
- 10) Spread cat on towel near one end...with it's head over long edge.
- 11) Flatten cat's front and back legs over it's stomach (Resist impulse to flatten the cat)
- 12) Roll cat in towel. Work fast; time and tabbies wait for no one.
- 13) Resume position 1. Rotate your left hand to cat's head. Press its mouth at the jaw hinges like opening the petals of a snapdragon.
- 14) Drop pill into cat's mouth and poke gently. Voila!...It's done.
- 15) Vacuum up loose fur (cat's) and apply bandages to wounds (yours)
- 16) Take 2 aspirins. Lie down.
- 17) Cat walks past, gives you "that" look and spits out pill whilst disappearing through catflap.

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- To Feed and Care** for all those waiting to find their homes.
- Sponsor-a-pet.** For only \$15.00/month you can support the pet you can't take home. We'll send you a calendar with envelopes for your monthly contribution. You can even visit the shelter and select the animal you would like to sponsor.

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