

Thanks to the courageous man who saved Lovey from a group of teenagers who were pouring tar on her . . .

Thanks to the foster mom who is nursing her physical wounds and helping heal her heart until a new home can be found . . .

And, thanks TO YOU, who made it possible for King Street Cats to rescue Lovey and more than 350 cats & kittens like her in 2013!





Dear Friend of King Street Cats:

As King Street Cats celebrates our 10-year anniversary (2003-2013) as Alexandria's only all volunteer, cat-exclusive, no-kill rescue facility, we want to thank.you for your continued support. Without you, we could not have saved an estimated 2,500 cats and kittens in the past decade!

Among those cats are some with "special needs" that simply would not have made it without King Street Cats and our dedicated volunteers and supporters. Cats like Heidi, born with a neurological disorder that makes her "wobbly;" cats like Sissy, who is blind and was found wandering the streets; or Cotton, who is deaf and lost her home during Hurricane Sandy. Participating in the "Love Is Special" adoption campaign sponsored by Best Friend's Animal Society, we successfully found homes for a number of our

"special needs" cats, including Sissy, Cotton, Mallory, Gracie May, and Zoe.

Our cats continue to garner their fair share of media attention, with articles in *The Examiner, Alexandria Gazette, Alexandria Times* and *Old Town Crier*. In September, three of our kittens were featured on ABC7's The Pet Show with Dr. Katy. Pictured right is Board Member Alyson Burgess with Cosden and Alba, who subsequently found their forever home.

On July 26, we held our 7th annual Theater Night fundraiser at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. The theater was SOLD OUT and we raised close to \$20,000. Our 8th Annual Theater Night fundraiser is on Tuesday August 5, 2014, and features the smash hit musical *Spamalot--* so mark your calendars now!



Thanks to you we found our forever homes!









Due to another mild winter last year, King Street Cats was inundated with pleas from local residents and area shelters to rescue mother cats and kittens. As some 350 cats and kittens came through our doors, our resources were undoubtedly stretched, and we want to thank our amazing volunteers and donors who help keep our cats happy and healthy as they wait for their forever homes. A big thanks especially to our fabulous foster families, who give our kittens the TLC they need before they are ready for adoption.

Following a very generous donation in 2010, King Street Cats established the "Little Angel Fund" to help pay for emergency vet care for some of the kittens who sadly arrive to us in very bad shape, like little Bacon (pictured right), who is now well on the road to recovery. However,

and "special needs" cats that required emergency vet care, has put great strain on our financial resources.

So far this year, our vet bills have reached a staggering \$150,000, despite the very generous discount from our vets at Fort Hunt Animal Hospital. In addition to the costs for any necessary vet care, we pride ourselves on continuing to provide testing, vaccinations, and spay/neuter for all our kittens and cats prior to their adoption.

the overwhelming number of kittens we rescued in 2013, as well as a number of senior

We understand that times continue to be tough, but we are asking for your help. Because of generous donors like <u>you</u>, we are still able to rescue cats like Heidi and Sissy, and kittens like Lovey and Bacon, and to find them forever homes.



We greatly appreciate any and all donations. Some of the ways your kindness is helping our cats:

- > \$10 is enough for a bag of litter
- > \$25 will buy a case of cat food
- > \$50 is enough to buy cleaning and other supplies
- > \$75 will cover combo testing and shots
- > \$100 is enough for spay/neuters
- > \$500 will buy Revolution flea control for 50 cats
- > \$1,000 is enough to almost cover a month's rent

We would like to invite you to come and see first-hand how your donation is being put to good use at King Street Cats. We are open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:30pm to 4:30pm; our kitties would love to see you!

Or why not check out our upcoming newly designed website: www.kingstreetcats.org. On our Facebook page and Twitter you can always keep up-to-date on what is happening at your local cat orphanage: the latest adoption news, photos of cats in their new homes, and our upcoming events: https://www.facebook.com/kingstreetcats.