



November 1, 2009

Dear Friends:

Meet Tahoe, a sweet kitten that took a very unfortunate ride in the engine of a car, resulting in a compound fracture to her hind leg. Sadly, the damage to her leg was extensive, and it was necessary to amputate. She is now happy and healthy, jumping and playing with 3 legs. As you can imagine, the surgery was expensive. And this is just one of the many animals Cat Matchers has helped in 2009.



This year, Cat Matchers' volunteers helped rescue cats and kittens from a "hoarder's" house, volunteered to help the survivors of a "puppy mill" raid and assisted several people by providing medical care for their beloved cats that might otherwise have gone untreated or been euthanized. We even pitched in to help 19 dogs that were in need of a home and extensive medical care. There are so many stories we would love to share with you, but there's not enough room here! So we have included a few highlights in the enclosed newsletter. Join us on Facebook and Twitter to see these and other stories as they develop.

As we look back over this last year, we're so thankful for the things we have been able to accomplish, because of our generous supporters. In spite of the economy, extra effort by our dedicated volunteers resulted in 267 adoptions this year (10/1/08-9/30/09). That's 51 more than last year. We also spayed/neutered 258 cats and rescued 358 cats from local animal shelters and the cold, cruel streets. And this year we've helped more pet owners financially than ever before.

Nothing good comes easy; everyone knows that. We've tried to help where we can, but our costs are great. That's why we need your help. It's heartbreaking when we run out of resources to help the animals, but we still have to look them in the eyes.

We know that times are tough as our economy struggles and you may have demands on your already stretched dollar. Donations of any size will make a huge difference in the number of animals we are able to save and place in loving homes. Please place your check in the enclosed envelope, put a stamp on it and drop it in the mail. Or, if you have access, we also accept donations securely online at www.catmatchers.org/donate/.

Cat Matchers recently celebrated its two year anniversary as a 501c3 rescue group. We have no paid employees, so you can feel assured that your donations go straight to the animals. We are an all-volunteer organization focused on saving and improving the lives of these precious animals. Please join us in our endeavor. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Kidwell".

Tammy Kidwell
President

Cat Matchers-Tails from the Inside!



You ought to be in pictures!

Bring your adorable pet to visit Santa and bring home a keepsake photo.

A large portion of the fee goes directly to Cat Matchers.

Dec 5th/6th PetSmart Greenville/Lovers

Dec 12th/13th PetSmart Beltline/Marsh

Dec 19th/20th PetSmart Inwood/Forest

Yarn is not cat's best play toy!

Blightey had a bit too much fun with some yarn, and ended up getting it wrapped around his intestines. He needed immediate surgery or he would die. His owners loved him very much, but both mom and dad were just laid off and they were trying to make ends meet and care for their family. Cat Matchers was called by the veterinarian to assist. We did, and Blightey and his family are so grateful!



Irritable Bowel, not just a human problem.



Meet Egor. He is so sweet and lovable, but he has a problem and it has been going on for a while. He just can't hold his bowels, and it is quite uncomfortable.

He has been through so

many regimens of medication and treatments, and finally something is working. With a special diet and some TLC for a very sore bottom, he is getting back to normal kittenhood.

Babies having babies can be deadly.



Monique - This sweet cat had 7 kittens when she was still a kitten herself. The number of kittens on her small frame caused her intestines to collapse on themselves and put her in a life threatening situation. She had to have immediate surgery. She is now fully recovered, happy and healthy.

Help! It hurts when I run.

Ladybug - This sweet Chihuahua needs surgery to be able to run without pain, she has a luxating



patella. Her knee won't stay in the joint. We are trying to raise funds to help her: the vet bill will be over \$1000 to fix her problem.

A very good reason to keep your cat inside:

Cassidy (Hop-a-long) was hit by a car and unable to walk. He was rushed to the vet, who determined that Cassidy had a broken pelvis and a broken hip ball joint. After weeks of cage rest, the pelvis is mending nicely, but the broken ball joint will have to be removed.



Sad beginning, happy ending:

A cardboard box filled with 8 kittens was set inside a pet store by a little girl. As she ran from the store, her dad was yelling from the car "Hurry up, don't let anyone see you!" Now all of these kittens have new homes.



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