

**Adoption Center**  
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**Hours:**  
Saturdays from  
10 to 4 or  
By appointment

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A NON-PROFIT HUMANE ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL ANIMALS

- **No-kill Cage-free Cat Shelter**
- **Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Assistance**
- **Pet Adoption Services**
- **Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) for stray and feral cats**

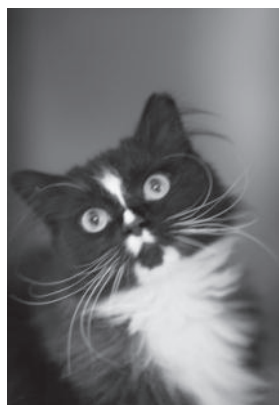


- **Feral Cat Sanctuary**
- **Lost and Found Service**
- **Animal Placement Service**
- **Pet Owner Education**
- **Cat Boarding**
- **Foster Homes**

*"I believe cats to be spirits come to earth." ~Jules Verne*    *Come, your spirit may be waiting for you at VIVA!*



**Smokey Blue**



**Noble**



**Jackie**



**Johnny**

## FEBRUARY 2010

### CALENDAR:

2/14 National Pet Theft  
Awareness Day

2/22-28 National Justice  
for Animals Week

2/27 Polar Bear Day

*February is Unchain  
A Dog Month*

### ANOTHER VIVA ESTATE SALE IS IN THE WORKS!

Out of the blue, a generous donor has offered the contents of a huge downsizing project to VIVA. (Thanks to Treasured Estates for mentioning VIVA to their client). And, we have a donated venue, too! Maily Dreyfuss of D Ranch on Fredensborg Canyon Road in Solvang has generously donated the use of her beautiful 40 acre Peruvian horse ranch. She's a huge fan of VIVA and has VIVA cats! Stay tuned for the date to be announced soon. And if you want to help move, unpack, sort, or tag the goodies, or work the sale itself, call Day Yeager at 705-8197 or 686-9554. Ask the volunteers from the last sale; it's good people and very satisfying work!

### SANCTUARY WORK PARTY

The last Sunday of every month, a work party is scheduled...so much to do always. Food & drink are provided, so Shirley needs to know how many to expect. If you can help on February 28th, please call: 736-3995. Thanks!

### SPONSOR PARENT PROGRAM REVISITED



We began this program to help support the "old folks" and others in our shelter that most likely will never have homes of their own. The cost has always been just \$25 a month with no other obligations. Last month we showed you four cats that want to be the only cat in a home. No one answered the plea, so we're hoping for sponsors. In Room Two, **Venus** is living in a cage she won't vacate. Terrified of other cats, she even gives us a hard time when we clean her cage daily. She's a beautiful little cat that most likely will never be adopted.

### WE DID START THE "YEAR OF THE DENTALS" FUND

Thank you to those who sent money to the fund so that we may get some of the cats to the dentist this year. We almost have enough in the fund to send our first cat. Star did get her dental; now we're hoping for one for **Malcolm**, another "scaredy" in Room 4.



### CATS NEEDING TO BE ADOPTED TOGETHER

Some cats need to go to a home with their life partners. Just recently a man called with a sad story. His wife is very ill, and he has had to move into a single room in someone else's home. He couldn't take his beloved cats with him. The two spayed females **Serina** (nicknamed Little Ser) and **Sarmoti** are three and a half and four years old. Extremely beautiful cats, they have lived together most of their lives and are very bonded. Can you give them a home?



Serina



Sarmoti

### HOW ABOUT A DOG WALK FUND RAISER!

... Shirley Cram

I hope we can have a dog walk this coming year. Right now we are looking for a good location. Most people would prefer to walk with their dogs in a scenic area such as a ranch, rather than a park. It's nice to have a short walk, approximately one mile and another longer walk that would be two to three miles long. We would have a barbecue lunch, a raffle, and some other activities. Does anyone have a suggestion or a property where we could hold this event? Please call our shelter (735-6741) or me (736-3995).



## VIVA IS NOT JUST FOR CATS AND DOGS

... Barb Hayes

About seven months ago while on my VIVA Thursday evening shift, I received a call from a frantic mother whose son had just found a rabbit running loose. The mother insisted that she would not allow the son to keep the bunny for even one night. Knowing that Animal Control no longer has drop boxes for animals found loose after hours, I told her to bring the bunny to me. Fostering a rabbit is a lot like adopting a rabbit. These animals are very difficult to place.

The boy arrived with the bunny, a large white lop ear with brown spots. He was skinny and had a leash around his neck. I think he was probably tied up, chewed his way loose, and escaped.

Meet **Cocoa**! Today he is healthy and very happy but obstinate about using his litter box. He is the most friendly rabbit that I have ever owned. He's not shy about sending his carrot back to the kitchen to have it grated!



## A FERAL CAT NAMED OREO

... Shirley Cram

**Oreo** was born behind a gas station in Kettleman City. If it were not for the efforts of a rescue group, she would probably never have survived her first few weeks of life. Even as a very young kitten, she was active; this caused her some problems as you can see from her picture. She thought she could fly and ended up with a broken leg. She stayed in her foster home until she was full grown and completely healed. The foster mom thought she might be adoptable, but she was always a little skittish. It was decided that the VIVA sanctuary would work out best for her. After her introduction period, she was released into the general population. She is a delightful cat, very small and into everything. When I open cans of food, she has to have a bite from each plate. She's still a high flyer — jumping from one feeding area to the next and then back again. True to her name, she is a very pretty black and white cat.



## THE PRICE OF CAT FOOD IS OUTRAGEOUS!

Have you gone into a grocery store lately to buy canned cat food? The prices are sky high! We really appreciate the members who continue to donate Friskies. Right now PETSMAST is having a sale: \$.40 a can with your Pet Perks card. If you go there to buy for yourself, how about picking some up for our shelter?! Thank you!