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By appointment

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- **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**

*Venus and Celine are scared of other cats while Silkie and Lucky Clover dislike other cats.
All four would be grateful to have homes of their very own. Story on back page.*



Venus



Celine



Silkie



Lucky Clover

JANUARY 2010

CALENDAR:

1/5: National Bird Day

Adoptions at the shelter on Saturdays from 1PM—4PM or by appointment.

January is Adopt a Rescued Bird Month

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this fund raising event a success. We were able to raise between \$7,000 and \$8,000; (checks are still coming in from people who could not attend) and a big table full of shelter supplies. While this year's donations were less than previous years, we were very pleased with what we raised in a very tough economy. The day of our event is usually long, and by the time evening arrives, we are all very tired. Then comes packing up which takes hours, calling people who were successful in their silent auction bids or raffle. This year we had volunteers who came later in the day and really helped with the packing, along with the volunteers who came early and stayed all day. VIVA is very lucky to have such wonderful supporters and volunteers. ... Shirley Cram

THE FERAL CAT SANCTUARY WORK PARTY IS HELD THE FINAL SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. JANUARY'S WOULD BE THE 31st, CALL SHIRLEY TO LET HER KNOW

ADOPTIONS ADOPTIONS ADOPTIONS

...Shirley Cram

Petsmart and Petco have both asked VIVA to bring cats to their stores to increase adoptions and make people aware of our organization. We have a permanent display table at Petsmart in Santa Maria. The manager has offered to loan us a cage, so we need 1 or 2 people to sit with cats each weekend. It could be a Saturday or Sunday (or both days) if enough people volunteer for one weekend each month. At Petco we don't have a permanent display table, so volunteers can get a tri-fold display at our shelter with the cats.

If enough people volunteer for this project, it will increase our adoption rate and make it possible to help more people who have had to give up their pets because of this tough economy. If you can help, please call me and I will put you on the schedule and answer any questions you may have. 736-3995.

TUESDAY EVENING VOLUNTEER NEEDED: YOU?

Our extremely conscientious couple, who have been volunteering on Tuesday nights, are moving back to Washington. January 6th is their last evening with us. We're looking for a very **reliable** person who can work from 5PM-7:30PM, helping two others. Duties would be checking/filling dry food and water containers, helping hand out the food and medicating, helping wash dishes and food cans that we recycle. Please call the shelter if you can help us and the cats.

WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU WHO HELP VIVA

There are so many people to thank: the volunteer who mows the lawns at the shelter and Sylvester House, the newsletter gang who mails out around 2,222 letters each month, the financial supporters (including Parent Sponsors) who send money faithfully every month, the volunteers who can only spend a couple of hours a week, the volunteers who spend up to 15-20 hours a week working at the shelter, and all the volunteers who do specialized services (the dog program, the newsletter label maker, the builders, the Feral Cat Sanctuary, the bird feeders, the groomers, etc.) We need all of you and more. Without you, VIVA could not survive to help the animals.

THESE GORGEOUS GIRLS NEED A HOME



Katie

These Mastiff-mix sisters will be two years old on Feb10th. Please call Barb at 733-3454 to give them their forever homes.



Leilani

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CATS WANTING TO BE "THE ONE AND ONLY"

When people come into the shelter to adopt, we almost always try to convince them to take two, especially when we're talking about kittens or older cats that are bonded. (We have two beautiful adult tabbies right now that were left on our porch. We'd like them to be adopted together.) Good reasons for having two: no food needs to go into the refrigerator as two cats will divide a can, with kittens: they'll "tear up" each other rather than your drapes, etc., but most importantly, they'll have companionship when you aren't home. Cats are not as independent as we were led to believe. They get lonely, too.

Then there are those cats who absolutely need a "home alone"! Four of them are pictured on our cover this month: **Venus** is in a cage in Room Two; she's afraid to leave it as when she did, two cats jumped her. She loves people and is very beautiful and very sweet. **Silkie** is also sweet and beautiful, but she hates other cats. She lost her home because of that. She wasn't nice to her roommates. **Celine** is one-of-a-kind, a long-haired tabby that craves people's attention. When not being loved by a human, she finds a cubbie where she can be alone. She and Silkie both live in Rooms 2/3 and, of course, have nothing to do with each other. **Lucky Clover** lives mostly in a cage in Room One. She has a real "attitude" where other cats are concerned. Example: recently we opened the cage so she could come out to get some exercise. Within minutes she had the entire room in an uproar. Maybe she's just afraid of the other cats, but she can't be left alone with them. She had to go back into her cage right away.

So, are you looking for one cat? Do you know anyone who is? Come in to see these four "one and only" felines at our shelter.

2010 DESIGNATED *THE YEAR OF THE DENTALS!*

Looking back, 2009 could have been called *The Year of the Parent Sponsors*. We are so very thankful that every month, when we asked for a sponsor, we got one. That monthly support enables us to do so much toward the care of the "old folks" in Room Four.

Recently one of our volunteers lifted the lips of as many of the old guys as would let her. Almost every one of them needs a dental which runs anywhere from \$200 to \$400. The monthly sponsorships can't cover that. We're not asking that you pay for an entire dental; we're starting a fund to which we hope you'll contribute.



Star is January's Dental-of-the-Month. She just got a sponsor in December but has probably the worst mouth of them all!