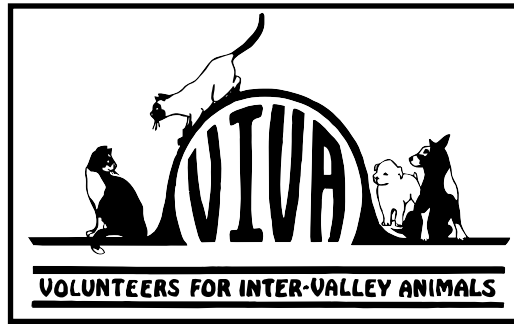


♡ If you love your pets, have them spayed or neutered. ♡

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- *Adoptions: Saturdays 10AM thru 4PM or by appointment
- *June 3rd - 9th: Pet Appreciation Week
- *June 10th: World Pet Memorial Day
- *June 22nd: Take Your Dog To Work Day
- *June 24th - 30th: Animal Rights Awareness Week

ADOPT-A-SHELTER-CAT

That's what the entire month of June celebrates. And just in time! At our shelter we have at least 150 cats that need homes, and that isn't counting the new arrivals. The kittens are on the way. In fact, as this newsletter arrives, there may be kittens ready to go.



Adopt Campbell

We have so many adults needing a better environment. Even though our shelter may be "cat heaven", it's no substitute for the real thing. It's

amazing to see the changes a cat goes through when it finally is in a home of its own, with people who are there to pet and love it 24/7. Cats that are depressed living with 30 or 40 others, come alive and show their joy in a home of their own.

So how about it? Don't you have room for one more?

VIVA COLLECTIBLES SALE

Friday and Saturday, June 29th and 30th, there will be a sale at 1036 North Jasmine. Cookbooks, cat plates, and some household goods will be sold. Remember that all money made goes to our animals.

WE NEED FOSTER HOMES!

We haven't received any response to our plea for foster homes that will take a mom and her babies or a litter of kittens with no mom. We need to have people in place so that at a moment's notice we can call when the emergency arises. It is much better for very young kittens to be raised in a home environment before they are ready to be spayed or neutered and come to the cattery only when they're ready for adoption. Please help!

LET'S START A FUND FOR NEW CUDDLE SACKS

Some of them are looking pretty raggedy, and some of them have sides that don't want to stand up straight. The better ones are, of course, the more expensive ones. They are larger, thicker, and longer-lasting. We have some of those in the old folks' room along with some that are even losing their "fur". We use those in the cubbies and the good ones on the top shelves.

We think it's time for replacements. That means buying about 50 new cuddle sacks. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated. On your check's memo line, write: Cuddle sack fund. Thank you!

HERE'S A WAY TO ENSURE YOUR CAT'S FUTURE

We hear so many stories of cats that lose their lives or are thrown out on the streets after their caretakers die or go to a nursing home. Very often relatives make the decisions to "get rid" of the cats, even disregarding the caretakers' wishes or instructions in their wills. It's more heartbreaking for us because we know how easy it would be to plan for those cats' future.

Sylvester House was conceived just for that reason. This large home is watched over by a loving caretaker. The cats have plenty of food, water, litter boxes, individual beds, and indoor/outdoor areas where they can get fresh air and sunshine.

A simple way to ensure your cats' survival is to take out a small life insurance policy, naming VIVA as beneficiary and leaving instructions, not only in your will, but also in writing to us. Your cats can live out their days in a safe home: Sylvester House.

To arrange a visit to Sylvester House, call us at 805-735-6741.

Meet Geico—the Thousand Dollar Cat



No, no, no. He's not *worth* a thousand dollars; he's priceless. He is, however, *costing* us well over a thousand dollars. Geico, who was

named for the unfortunate fact that he used to like to eat geckos (or lizards at least) has FLUTD—feline lower urinary tract disease. He has such a severe case that he needs surgery to correct the problem; he may die without it. The surgery will cost about \$1100.

Unfortunately, Geico showed up at the cattery penniless, so we will have to foot the bill. If you would like to make a special donation to help Geico get the life-saving surgery he needs, please consider making a special donation by writing "Geico" on the memo line of your check. If we get more than we need to cover Geico's medical bills, we'll apply the excess donations toward our many other medical bills. He is a very sweet cat and *worth every penny!*

To learn more about FLUTD, visit the Mar Vista Animal Medical Center website at: <http://marvistavet.com>

Another Happy Tail . . .

Well, in August it will have been two years that we have had the unwavering pleasure of having Sylvester (known as Grayson at your facility) in our family! I cannot adequately convey to you just how happy we are with him in our lives! He has taken our female cat under his wings and loves her to death (grooms her so much, she looks wet!) and has easily befriended our two large dogs. He's just so easy-going and gregarious, not to mention his comedian-extraordinaire quality as well!

Since he was diagnosed with FIV, we have taken special care to attend to his dentition (as he has had a few teeth extracted), not to mention his diet. No other health issues have surfaced. He's just as active as ever.



I think he is exceedingly happy. He gets to gallivant outside when we are around and he always comes find me when I call him. He likes to snuggle with us at night and he still has those adorable habits of cuddling in your lap and kneading your shoulders/chest AND jumping on your shoulders.

He is quite the conversation piece at our house! Thanks for taking such good care of him before we entered his life!

Lisa Northrup, Sylvester's Mom

From the editor: Lisa has emailed us occasionally since she adopted Sylvester, and we really appreciate it. We love to know how our kitties are doing. Thank you, Lisa, for giving a special needs kitty a special home!



A very special cat who would love to have a home. . .

Baby is one of the kitties who has been at the cattery for years; she's one of our special seniors. She was recently treated for a condition that is very rare in cats—a peripheral nerve sheath tumor near the eye. The veterinary ophthalmologist in Arroyo Grande, Dr. Kristiane Schmidt, removed Baby's right eye and as much of the tumor as possible. Unfortunately, the tumor had grown so aggressively, it may grow back again; we just don't know for sure. What we do know is that when Baby was in foster care for a couple of weeks after surgery, it became apparent that she LOVES to have a lap to sit on. Baby thrived in foster care, putting on a whole pound in one week! While we don't know whether or not Baby's tumor will grow back, we do know that, whatever the future holds for her, she would love to have a home of her own and a person to love.