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- Pet Owner Education
- Cat Boarding

Give a kitty a home for the holidays . . .



Zeus



Friday



Amy Ann



Bitsy Boop

Adoption Center
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Hours:
 Saturdays from
 10 to 4 or
 by appointment

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NOVEMBER 2008

CALENDAR:

11/2-8: National Animal Shelter
Appreciation Week
11/28: Fur-Free Friday
11/8: Soroptimist Bazaar
12/7: VIVA's Open House
Adoptions are held every
Saturday 10AM - 4PM
Or by appointment

NOVEMBER IS "ADOPT A SENIOR PET" MONTH

VIVA CONTINUES HAVING
MORE AND MORE KITTENS
AND VERY FEW ADOPTIONS!

THE SOROPTIMIST BAZAAR

Hope it's already on your calendar and in your plans to attend this VIVA fundraiser. Organized by Soroptimist International of Lompoc, the Winter World Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 8th from 9AM until 3PM at Lompoc Boys & Girls Club, 1025 W. Ocean Avenue. VIVA will have six tables full of crafts, baked goods, jam, catnip toys, t-shirts, sweatshirts, holiday items, and collectibles. It's also the Seniors' Angel Tree Project Kick-Off for which you can pick seniors, living in the CCC or other senior facility, who have no family to give them Christmas gifts. YOU can.

CAT-LOVER TURKEY COOKS!

Have you called us yet to tell us you will bake and chop up a Thanksgiving (or X-mas) turkey for the VIVA cats at our shelters?

THE OCTOBER REPORT ON OUR 1,000 CASES FOOD DRIVE

We continue to make progress toward our goal. Some members are both donating money AND bringing in cans/cases of Friskies which we put on the shelves almost as soon as they come in. See the update:

Goal:		1,000 Cases
Donations: \$4,951	=	450 Cases
Food:		<u>120 Cases</u>
		570 Cases
		430 Cases to Go

The following people have recently donated Friskies canned food for our cats: Dianne Howe, Martha Hicks, Carol Shumaker, Mr. Buckley, Gauthier, Julie Simons, Thelma King, Gwen Francis, Lynn Bailey, Marsha East, "unknown", Carolyn & Omer Joly. Sorry if we missed anyone or spelled names incorrectly. It's hard to read handwriting sometimes. Thank you all very much!

VIVA JOINED LOS OLIVOS DAYS

VIVA had a table set up at Los Olivos Days on Saturday, October 18th. Dianne and John spent the afternoon selling items (close to \$200) and talking with people about VIVA, many of whom said they got their cats from us or have enjoyed our shelter, etc.

A SPECTACULAR "GARAGE SALE" BY DAY OF SOLVANG

Bringing in over \$1,100, this was a terrific sale of estate-sale antiques and other items in the Santa Ynez/Solvang area. AND, Day says she'll willing to hold more sales for VIVA. Maybe we'll get all of our storage places empty and more of our coffer's filled!

THE BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE CALENDAR YEAR

It will be here before you know it! Sunday, December 7, 2008, is our Christmas Open House, what we hope will be the fundraiser that brings us the money we need to get 2009 off to a good start. It's also a good time for you to make donations that will help your itemized tax return.

The cats will be on their best behavior, waiting to receive your gifts and your attention. We'll have a raffle, a silent auction, and a "country store" where you can purchase baked goods, collectibles, holiday gifts, and crafts.

Gifts you may bring for the cats include toilet paper (not really for the cats), 2-ply paper towels, fabric sheets for the dryers, liquid bleach, liquid laundry soap, tubs of dry laundry soap, liquid dish soap, cat toys, and FOOD: Friskies canned food, Science Diet dry food, any kind of Purina dry food including Kitten Chow. The cats will love you!

CAT BOARDING: \$8 per day per cat. Very limited space; make your reservations now so you won't be disappointed later.

PART-TIME HELPERS

We are very fortunate to have people who come to us on a temporary basis and do special projects or just the usual work.

Some are high school students who come in to fulfill class assignments or who come just for the love of cats. Some are community service workers who come to us through a program with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department. They have done many jobs that we usual volunteers never have the time to do, and we are very appreciative of their help.

If YOU have a free Saturday and just want to spend a day working for VIVA, call us. We will certainly be able to find a job for you!

PROPOSITION 2

As the YES position in the voters' guide says, "It's simply wrong to confine veal calves, breeding pigs, and egg-laying hens in tiny cages barely larger than their bodies. Calves are tethered by the neck and can barely move, pigs in severe confinement bite the metal bars of their crates, and hens get trapped and even impaled in their wire cages. All animals, including those raised for food, deserve humane treatment"

" California family farmers support Proposition 2 because they believe food quality and safety are enhanced by better farming practices."

Also supporting Proposition 2: VIVA, Humane Society of the U. S., ASPCA, Sierra Club, California Veterinary Medical Assn., California Clean Water Action, AND MANY MORE.

**Learn more at
<http://www.yesonprop2.com>**

If You Don't Know Who Dr. Khuly Is, You Should

Dr. Patty Khuly is a veterinarian in Florida who writes one of the most successful pet blogs on the internet. Her pithy posts are chock-full of information on an astoundingly broad range of pet topics delivered with wit and humor. You may not always agree with her point of view, but she will always make you think. Check out Dr. Khuly's blog at <http://www.dolittler.com>. You can also subscribe to the blog if you'd like to have the posts emailed to you daily. Here is an excerpt from her 8/12/2008 post, Top Tips for Saving Money on Vet Care. Enjoy!

To celebrate this week's bailout fiasco I'm offering these points on how to save money on your vet care. I know some are persnickety points some vets will roll their eyes at but here's my list anyway:

- *Ask for scripts on antibiotics: When many big-box stores will sell antibiotics for \$4 a treatment cycle it seems stupid to pay three to five times as much at your vet's place, right? Sometimes this just isn't doable (for pet-only meds or for certain antibiotic choices) and sometimes it just ain't worth the hassle (or the gas money) but it's well worth a consideration.*
- *Compare prices for online medications to your vet's fees: ...but remember not to buy from fly-by-night bottom-of-the-barrel enterprises. It seems that increasingly, online (and even big box) outlets are willing to sell diverted, counterfeit and/or out-of-date products so stick to buying from companies you know have a reputation to maintain.*
- *Less expensive bloodwork: Ask if your blood tests are less expensive at an off-site lab. Often they'll be cheaper than the in-house variety. They're often more accurate, anyway. The only down-side is that it typically takes longer (24-48 hours) to get results.*
- *Refuse yearly vaccines: Find a vet who accepts the importance of an every-three-year protocol. And for those of you who choose not to vaccinate at all beyond babyhood: "Just say no"...to expensive vaccine titers—unless you need a piece of paper for official business (kennel, flights, etc.).*
- *Be very careful when selecting your pet insurance plan: I tend to recommend the higher deductible insurance with cancer, genetic and orthopedic riders (these are the big ticket items you'll encounter most frequently). Check out www.petinsurnacereview.com for ratings on these companies and their reliability when it comes to payouts. Make sure, also, that you're getting good service when you call to set up your policy. If you don't it's a bad sign. Service quality usually means serious lapses elsewhere in management.*
- *Choose your vaccines wisely, too: If your pet is not at risk for certain diseases, for the love of God don't vaccinate her for them! Lyme in South Florida? Puh-lease! Feline leukemia for an exclusively indoor cat? Bordetella for a closeted dog? THINK before you leap!*
- *Keep your pets indoors: 'Nuff said on this one.*