



# The CATS' CRADLE

*"To help bring about a time when no more abused or abandoned cats will be destroyed"*

Lynda Garibaldi, Founder

[www.thecatscradle.org](http://www.thecatscradle.org)

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## SAM SEZ . . .

Thank you for supporting us. Your financial support has enabled *Cats' Cradle* to rescue and shelter cats and kittens over the years, spay/neuter and vaccinate them, provide nutritious food and medical treatment, and move us forward in our mission.

Beautiful 2010 *Cats' Cradle* Calendars are available for \$10 each at Burke County Chamber of Commerce, the Pines Hair Salon, and Healthy Petz in Morganton; Animal Hospital of East Burke in Valdese; and Carolina Ribbon Crafts in Glen Alpine. Professional photographs of *Cats' Cradle* cats are courtesy of John S. Payne Photography; calendar layout and prepress are courtesy of David Cortner, Highland Creek Design. (BTW thanks to Leila McMichael for newsletter design!)

For the love of cats, this Christmas let your family and friends know that you don't need more clothes or jewelry or food. Instead, ask them to make a donation to *Cats' Cradle* in your name. And consider honoring your family and friends with a donation to *Cats' Cradle* this holiday season. We'll be glad to send cards acknowledging all gifts.

Send all such donations to *Cats' Cradle*, attention Linda Collins, Treasurer, at P.O. Box 2813, Hickory, NC 28603. Thank you and Happy Holidays!!!

 Sam

## Cat Tales!

**Oscar** is a 5-month-old solid black male kitten who wanted desperately to survive. He came out of the woods when he was only 4-5 weeks old, lonely, hungry, cold wet and crying, begging for scraps of food. The family wondered what happened to mama cat and the other kittens, and how this little kitten found his way to them. He just wouldn't leave! They didn't want to take him inside because the little boy has asthma. When the kitten kept coming back day after day, the mother couldn't bear to leave him out in the weather, so she brought him to a *Cats' Cradle* foster home. Hungry and cold no more, Oscar is now a happy little guy looking for his forever home.



kittens have found their forever homes with the McKee family. Boys Shane & Shannon are still looking for their forever homes.

**Mz. Mokie** (right), an older blue-gray female and her older calico female friend named **Callie** (below left), are just two of a million pets who have lost their homes to foreclosures in the past couple of years. These two beauties are among more than



50 cats that *Cats' Cradle* has given refuge to when their persons lost their homes. Because they are older, they have been in foster care for over a year now, and like so many other cats we have taken in this past year, Mz. Mokie and Callie need a home to call their own.

**Shane** (right) and **Shannon** (below right), 2 siblings and mama, a thin, scared little calico, were literally "thrown to the wolves" when they were dumped at the end of a driveway on Flat Gap Mountain in Valdese. Knowing this little family would be devoured by wild animals if left there, the family called a *Cats' Cradle* volunteer. Named Sherry after the mother in the human family that rescued them, mama cat is still a little wary of humans, but has gained weight and is becoming more comfortable with people every day. Her two female calico



## In Memoriam

We have lost several special cats and people during the past year. Among the special people are **Barbara Power** and **Helen Wisener** who loved and cared for cats all their lives. Many of you reading this have made donations in memory of your loved ones, pets and people. We are sad in their passing, but so grateful for the joy they brought us while they were with us.

# Still Waiting For Our Forever Home

Adoptions are down because of the economy, which means we have taken in far more cats than we've found homes for in years past. If you've been thinking about adding a cat to your family, consider one of these furry Angels. For more adoptable cats, go to [www.thecatcradle.org](http://www.thecatcradle.org)



**Vee** and her 4 siblings were born Easter morning 2009, just 4 days after their mother was taken in by **Cats' Cradle**. Sassy Mama was being fed faithfully every day by the employees of Valdese Weavers, but knowing she was about to give birth, they didn't want something bad to happen to mama and babies like some other cats who had been around the plant, so they

called for help. Another cat we named **Weaver**, an adolescent gray-brown tabby male also came from this business. All are still looking for their forever homes.



**Camilla** and 8 -- that's right 8! -- other kittens were orphaned when just a few days old. Like so many cats left outdoors to fend for themselves, "something" happened to mama cat, who disappeared while she was out foraging for food for herself and her babies. Lucky for Camilla and 8 other kittens born into a barn on the Manfredi's property, Pam Manfredi took them all in and bottle fed them. Seven of these babies are still available for adoption.

**Lola** is a black and white female cat who was left behind by a man who had fed a bunch of cats on his property, but did not get any of them fixed. As a result, too many kittens were born and all suffered from neglect and malnutrition. When he lost his home, a kind neighbor took in some of the cats he left behind, including Lola. Lola must have been a mama cat at one time for she now "nurses" kittens even though she has been spayed! While not a lap cat, she loves to be petted.



**Tyco** is one of 20 cats we took in from a homeless man when he could no longer care for them. All of them shy and timid, each will need a home where they will be given lots of TLC and time to adjust to a new environment. **Bonnie** is one of these cats who has found her forever home with Mandy Inabinet. (See Adopted)



## Happy Endings!

Wendy McDaniel had 2 elderly cats and an elderly dog. A few months ago, her old black female cat died. When she was at PetSmart, she saw little black female **Shadow** (the runt of her litter), who put her paw through the bars for Wendy to pet. Wendy promptly fell in love. She renamed her "Shotzy" which is a German term of affection meaning "my little sweetheart." Wendy calls her "Z-cat," for short. She was ecstatic to report that Shotzie slept with her in the bed the very first night! She says Shotzie is the "best cat she's ever had." Wendy's daughter has an 8-week-old black & tan female dachshund puppy (Ms. Snoops) that Wendy often keeps for her daughter during the day. The puppy and Shotzie love to play together and curl up and take naps (right). In fact, both the older animals let Shotzie sleep with them and eat from their bowls! And she still sleeps with Wendy and her husband every night.



I'd like to introduce all of you to **Misty** (female, lighter gray) and **Zephyr** (as in "a mild spring wind"), her brother. About 9 weeks old. Misty is in the blue towel and Zephyr is under the pink one (sorta backwards, but oh well...). They'd just had their baths, nails clipped, and been dried (a little).

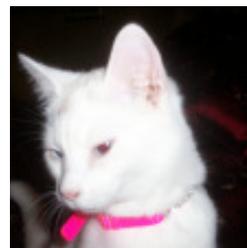


*Reported by Stephanie Moore.*



I really love my baby boy **Twilight**. He is such a sweetheart & he is very loving. He gets along great with our puppy & everyone else too. His favorite toy is a ball of socks he found the other day. He loves them. Here's a picture of him.

Katie & Chris Campbell



Just wanted you to know that **Ivory**, name called Blue Eyes, is doing very well and adapting very well to her new home as you can see in the picture.

Reba Cannon

**Bonnie**

From a homeless life in the woods into the life of luxury, adopted by Mandy Inabinet.

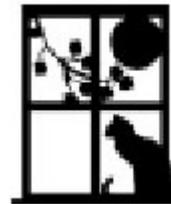


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# Donation Form

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!

Yes! I want to help *Cats' Cradle* care for cats!

Please add me to your MEMBERSHIP (tax-deductible)!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25 Yearly Membership         | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$500 - \$1,000 Yearly Membership       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$50 Yearly Membership             | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$1,000 - \$5,000 Yearly Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$100 - \$250 Yearly Membership   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifesaver \$5,000 - \$10,000 Yearly Membership |
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I am enclosing an EXTRA tax-deductible donation of:

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I ONLY want to donate (tax-deductible) to support the cats!

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I am making a montly tax-deductible PLEDGE to support the cats!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 a month (commitment of \$300 a year) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 a month (commitment of \$6,000 a year) |
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I want to contribute to "JERRY'S FUND" in the amount of:

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I want to contribute to the BUILDING FUND in the amount of:

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I want to learn more about what I can do to help *Cats' Cradle* as a VOLUNTEER!

I want to learn more about what I can do to help *Cats' Cradle* as a FOSTER CAREGIVER!

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**Thank You  
For Your  
Support!**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL TO: *Cats' Cradle*, Attn: Linda Collins, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 2813, Hickory, NC 28603

# We Need Your Support!

Dear Friends of *Cats' Cradle*,

We have not sent out a newsletter in over a year because we have been so busy taking care of cats! And we are not including a list of donors because we want to get this brief newsletter out before Christmas to let you know we're still here, continuing our lifesaving work for cats.

For those of you who give so generously and regularly -- you know who you are -- we thank you. You are like precious gold to us, for you make it possible for us to care for so many cats. For those who have been thinking about making a donation and have not done so this year, *please* do so now. Simply go to [www.thecatcradle.org](http://www.thecatcradle.org) and click on the donation box for Paypal or mail your check or money order to *Cats' Cradle*, Attn: Linda Collins (Treasurer), P.O. Box 2813, Hickory, NC 28603.

Thank you very much and have a blessed and wonderful holiday season!

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## Happy Endings!

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Annie is just wonderful!. She's already showing everyone who's boss, in the nicest way. She talks to us a lot, which is just precious. I noticed right away that when she came in the kitchen, she would plop down and roll over on her back—couldn't figure out what she was saying for a while, but I grabbed a soft cat brush and began to brush her all over and she just loves it. I think that's what she was asking for, because every time I do, she stretches and seems almost to "smile" and then she gets up and walks away. Isn't that cute? Oh, and for the first time, I woke up this morning and she was on my stomach staring at me and purring! Thanks so much for your excellent care of her until we could find her and give her a "forever" home.

Love & gratitude,  
Gail Ketchie



*Seasons Greetings from  
Cats' Cradle*

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