

CAT CORNER

The Merced SPCA Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Florence Lambert

For those of us that are old enough to remember the cartoons in the theaters during the 50ties, Mighty Mouse was always a favorite. The theme song "Here I Come To Save the Day" stuck in your mind for hours after watching this small super hero.



The Merced SPCA reminds me of Mighty Mouse. We are small, but we remain "Mighty" and the volunteers are certainly super heroes. We have Saved the Day, this year, for hundreds of animals with our TNR Program by providing life saving medical care and taking them out of environments that surely would have cost them their lives.

By vaccinating feral cats, The Merced SPCA has Saved the Day for our colonies--- they don't suffer from illness and preventable feline diseases. For the the many dumped pregnant mothers and kittens we have fostered and socialized, we've certainly Saved the Day.

As the President of the Small but Mighty Merced SPCA, I am so very proud and honored to work with our small group of volunteers from our TNR'ers, our wonderful and dedicated fosters ,and our colony caregivers. To them, I give my sincere thanks.



Our TNR Program

Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) is a catch, spay and release program for feral community cats. The cats are humanely trapped (with box traps), brought to a veterinarian to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, eartipped (the universal sign that a community cat has been neutered and vaccinated), and then returned to their outdoor home. TNR improves the lives of cats, addresses community concerns, reduces complaints about cats, and stops the breeding cycle. TNR improves the coexistence between outdoor cats and humans in our shared environment. Trap-Neuter-Release quickly stabilizes feral cat populations by instantly ending reproduction and by removing socialized cats from the colony. To date this year, the Merced SPCA has TNR'd over 600 homeless cats. We continue to be committed to improving the life for the cats in our colonies and the communities they live in. Our TNR program is directly responsible for preventing thousands of kittens being born into the world of feral cats.

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The Success of Our Trap, Neuter and Release Program in Merced

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

All of our cats and kittens available for adoption are socialized and have been spayed or neutered, microchipped and vaccinated. Adoption is \$40 and includes a "New Owner" kitten basket.

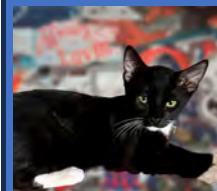
Contact us at merced.spca@yahoo.com to adopt any of our sweet furbabies today.



FURRARI

Furrarri is a 6 month-old, long-haired female. Like her name, she's sleek, lots of fun and her sound is so smooth, she will purr you to sleep. Even though she takes a bit to warm up, once she does, she's ready to go! Feathers, stuffed mice and springs get her motor revving every time.

Furrarri is socialized with other cats, but not dogs. She will do best in a home with older children and other cats.



AL CATPONE

Al Catpone is a 5 month-old, short-haired male. As his name suggests, he's large and in charge. Catpone always looks debonair in his tuxedo, but don't be fooled by a well-dressed boy. He's the original gangster when it comes to playing and will demand that you join in the fun.

Catpone is socialized with other cats, but not dogs. He will do best in a home with older children and other cats.

Cat Fostering 101

LET'S TALK FOSTERING

What does fostering a cat involve?

When you foster, you agree to take a homeless cat into your home and give him or her love, care and attention for a period of time or until the cat is sent to a rescue or adopted.

Why do cats need foster care?

There are many reasons a cat might need foster care. Some of the most common include:

- A rescue group doesn't have a physical shelter and depends on foster homes to care for cats until suitable homes are found.
- A kitten is too young to be adopted and needs a safe place to stay until he or she is old enough to go to a forever home.
- A cat or kitten is recovering from surgery, illness or injury and needs a safe place to recuperate.
- A cat or kitten has not lived in a home before or has not had much contact with people and needs to be socialized.

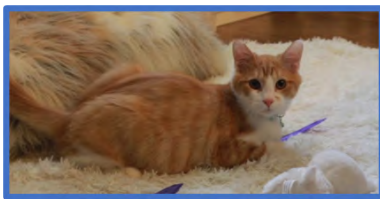
Why should I foster a cat?

Fostering a cat is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have (other than adopting, of course). By taking an animal in need temporarily into your home you're:

- giving your foster cat the time he needs to be ready for adoption.
- helping the rescue learn more about the cat so he can end up in the best home possible.
- socializing the cat to a home environment and possibly getting him used to being around other pets and different types of people.

Not sure you can foster a cat?

The Merced SPCA hopes to increase our fostering program but we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested, please email merced.spca@yahoo.com.



In Memoriam

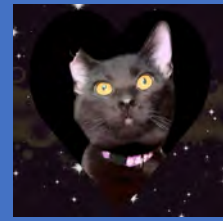


It's with a sad heart that the Merced SPCA announces the passing of long-time member Marilyn Ann Branco-Scott on September 29, 2023. Marilyn was a devoted and avid animal lover and longtime supporter of animal rescues. She will be greatly missed by all of us at Merced SPCA. Our deepest condolences go out to her family at this time.

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MERVE

Merve is a 6 month-old, short-haired female. She's called "Merve the Nerve" because she's fearless and loves to explore. Merve will be your shadow; she wants to be wherever you are and will make sure you're never alone. Belly rubs, pets and kisses are all part of this girl's charms.

Merve is socialized with other cats, but not dogs. She will do best in a home with older children and other cats.



THE GREAT CATSBY

The Great Catsby is a 5 month-old, short-haired male. Like his brother Catpone, he's always dressed to impress in his stylish tuxedo, except Catsby sports a very dashing mustache. Catsby is shy at first and will take a little while to warm up to you. When he does, he's always a gentleman. He'll never make a mess and eats with the best manners. Since he's so thoughtful, he even puts his toys away in their bin, so you don't have to.

Catsby is socialized with other cats, but not dogs. He will do best in a home with older children and other cats.



PURRCASSO

Purrcasso is a 5 month-old, short-haired female. She's a petite, creative thinker and will find a way to turn her toys into a work of art. When Purrcasso gets inspired, she will gift you with a masterpiece of affection and kisses.

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We are dedicated to helping the abandoned & abused animals of Merced



The Merced Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is a 501(c)(3) focusing on the TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) Program. This is a local chapter and not affiliated with any national programs. We are an organization of volunteers that believes that we can build a community where people value animals and treat them with respect and kindness. To become a member of Merced SPCA, please contact us. Donations can be made online or mailed to: Merced SPCA P.O. Box 929, Merced, CA 95341

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