



The Scoop



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Summer Time

By Marnie Miszewski

I usually look forward to the summer months for a little down time. Not this year. The past two months have been filled with activity.

It started with the Pig Roast. Thanks to Tony at Anthony's on the Boulevard, we raised \$1600 for the kitties. That came in handy for a few unexpected vet bills!!

From there, we launched right into our Maddie's Fund preparations. We had a respectable 19 adoptions that weekend! Not bad, considering there was a mix-up at the paper and we had to be creative getting the word out. Thanks Nancy for making signs and posting them around the Island!

We may not have had record totals like the other rescues, but we did find homes for several of our special needs kitties! There were also some surprising adoptions. Here are a few:

- Mustard - 7 yr-old, FIV cat with dermatitis @ the shelter 2.5 years
- Cleo - 11 yr-old cat @ the shelter almost 4 years
- Socks - 5 yr-old deaf cat @ the shelter a little over 1 year
- Sky - 4 yr-old, semi-feral kitty with dental issues @ the shelter almost 4 years

Next on the calendar, Yard Dog Charlie hosted our Second Annual Fourth of July BBQ/Supply Drive. Thank you to Charlie,

Deb, Woody's Waterside and everyone who donated and attended. We had such a good time, we are thinking of doing it again on Labor Day!

In between the events, it was business as usual at the shelter. Most recently we helped a 5 month old kitten that was dropped off at the shelter. She had ran into a fan and sustained a broken humerus as well as other cuts and scrapes. With the help of many generous donors, we were able to get her in for surgery. "Batgirl" is expected to make a full recovery and is currently in the custody of a soon to be "Foster Failure." Thank you everyone who helped this sweet kitten!!!

Last but certainly not least, the cats and I want to thank our "Canadian Friend" Ann, for donating and Roger from Roger's Home Repairs for building, a new outdoor enclosure for our kitties! Our old one was in terrible shape and could only hold 3 kitties at a time. The new one is a roomy 4'x8', and the kitties have been taking turns trying it out. Ann also sewed some comfy hammocks for the enclosure and some beautiful cat beds for them to stretch out inside.

I'm not sure what next month will bring, but I will do my best to get back to my monthly newsletter schedule!

Photo Gallery



Cleo with her new mom, Maddie's weekend



Yard Dog Charlie with his Florida Swamp Music



Nancy & Benji helping with the 50/50 raffle



A few cats hanging out in their new enclosure



Mr. Cat relaxing on his hammock



Batgirl after surgery



Tinker Time

I decided to take a crack at this column thing. How hard could it be? You get paid in treats to "discuss what's on your mind." I think that's a fancy way of saying complain and who isn't good at that?

I am kitty hear me roar!

So I decided not to take a sappy "Dear Kitty" approach. I want to scratch into the hard-hitting news and current topics of the day. If you need advice on love stuff, my answer is simple. Get fixed. Everything seems much simpler after that.

I suppose we should clear something up first. Yes I live in the incontinent room. I refuse to be embarrassed about it. I'm not one of those behavioral urinaters. I have a legitimate medical issue and I'm okay with that. I have a compression fracture above my tail, caused by a very mean person. I can not use the box with out help, someone has to express my bladder for me. It's a little embarrassing when Marnie does it in front of the other cats. I prefer a clean box in an empty room, but that's like asking for a miracle around here. Everyone is so nosy!

So now that's out of the way, why don't I "express" my opinions. Pun intended.

Kitten Season. People you need a better name for the time when "a bumper" crop of new cats are born. It's not like we went out and said, "Oh hey there aren't enough stray unwanted cats around, lets grow some more!"

There are only so many people to go around, so if you guys can't get a handle on this spay and neuter thing, you all need to step up and adopt more cats or have a "People Season" to even the odds.

Instead the little rugrats are everywhere, causing trouble and stealing adopters away from the rest of us kitties. Now I've accepted that no one will ever want me, but I have a lot of friends around here that want a home. Sometimes it sucks being "Special."

This place is great and everything, but it can get old after awhile. It's the same thing everyday. Just once it would be nice to crawl in bed and cuddle with a human at night. Who am I kidding? Most of us are nocturnal. Night time is our time to let loose. When the volunteers come in the next day, they can clean the mess. No one ever gets in trouble. We would never "rat" each other out. What happens at night, stays at night...

Tinker

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