



Meowing Messenger

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OUR CATS AND TOXIC PLANTS

By Anthony R. Koziol

Oftentimes we take our cats and the contents of our homes and gardens for granted thinking that all will be well between them because we have cat-proofed our homes. I was one of those who believed that my cats were protected because my home was a safe-haven for them. Unfortunately, I learned otherwise when I had to put to sleep my most wonderful and playful little guy, Plymouth, this past January 2nd.

I had an aloe plant in my home, up on a shelf, and it went unnoticed by my cats for a very long time, almost 22 months. One day, however, I came home to find pieces of chewed up aloe leaves on the floor below the plant. Because of this I threw out the plant not needing to tempt my little guy any further. It was the only plant inside my home, and I did not need to be cleaning up a mess again.

Not knowing that aloe is toxic to cats, I went about my life in my usual manner. It wasn't until two days before I had to say good-bye to Plymouth that I noticed a change in him. He suddenly stopped running and jumping all over the house and wasn't following me around the kitchen constantly. The next day, New Year's day, he was quiet all day, just sitting in one place for long periods of time.

The next day, at the veterinarian's office, I learned that his renal system had shut down and that he was beyond hope. This story tells a sad tale and I desire only to give advance warning to all cat lovers in order to avoid an incident of this type in their lives.



I list below, just a few of the over 200 plants that are toxic to our little fur-babies. I felt that these are some of the most common of plants and might be found in close proximity to your homes, or even inside.

Enjoy your cat(s) and protect them as I am sure you would protect yourself from these dangers.

For a more complete listing, please visit this website:
www.myhealthycat.com/plants-poisonous-to-cats

Aloe Vera, Avocado (fruit and pit), Azalea, Baby's Breath, Bird of Paradise, Chrysanthemum, Clematis, Daffodil, Eggplant, Eucalyptus, Geranium, Golden Pothos, Holly, Kalanchoe, Marigold, Marijuana, Philodendron, Poinsettia (low toxicity), Potato, Schefflera, Sweetpea, Tobacco, Tomato Plant (green fruit, stem and leaves), Tulip, Weeping Fig.

Florida Animal Friend Spay and Neuter License Plate

Florida Animal Friend has a re-designed Spay and Neuter license plate.

Florida Animal Friend receives \$25.00 for each spay/neuter license plate that is purchased (and renewed each year). By purchasing a Florida Animal Friend License plate, you help fund free and low-cost spay and neuter programs across the state. Your individual annual donation adds up to dozens of large grants which are professionally implemented and evaluated.

Go to floridaanimalfriends.org to see a list of grant recipients.

If you already have a Florida Animal Friend plate and want to switch to the new one, you will need to order a new plate or wait until your ten-year renewal time.

Support spay and neuter to help end pet overpopulation and purchase a Florida Animal Friend License Plate today!



Life Lessons from Lydia



Hello Peeps

Did you know that only 5% of lost cats are returned to their families when picked up as a stray. Wow that number is waaaaaaay too low. So Rufus and I did some research, you remember my K9 friend I am sure, and we found Kitty Convict. It is a wonderful idea that ask pet owners to dress their indoor kitties in something orange. This indicates that the kitty is an "escaped convict" and shouldn't be outside.

Many humans assume when they see a feline outside that it must be an outdoor pet or part of a feral colony, but cats in orange will hopefully be reported to the local animal shelter or rescue. This, plus a microchip, will help get the cat reunited with its family. Their website is <http://www.explodingkittens.com/kittyconvict> and you should check it out.

Well, have to run.....Rufus and I are going shopping for my new orange tutu!

Meooooooooow

Miss Lydia

HAPPY TAILS

These former residents of the Cats Angels Adoption Center found forever homes. Email pictures to catsangels@catsangels.com and let us know how your kitty is doing. You may be a "Happy Tail".



Sooty was adopted in 2007 and Grady came along in 2009. They have been best friends ever since. Not a day passes without them entwined for a nap or sharing a meal. Sooty likes to scoop dry food out of the bowl and together they eat off the floor!

Is Your Cat's Microchip Information Current?

Please take time to make sure your cat's microchip registration information is up to date. If you're not sure how to do this, email us at catsangels@catsangels.com and we can help.



CAT TIPS

Surprising Signs of a Cat in Pain

Chronic pain is not uncommon in cats, especially as they age. Cat-lovers miss the signs of a pet in pain because cats are good at hiding it. Any cat observed as being hesitant to jump up or climb, not using the litter box, not able to groom themselves as well, more aggressive or more withdrawn need to see the veterinarian. These are classic signs of discomfort, and need to be addressed.



Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA
Spay/Neuter
The Responsible Solution
(904) 321-2267
www.isaronline.org ISAR

**How Many Kittens
Are Too Many?**

2018 Purrfect Cats of Cats Angels Photo Contest



The 2017 calendar was a sell out thanks to the great pictures we received for the photo contest. The 2018 photo contest entry and deadline dates will be announced in the Summer Issue of the Meowing Messenger newsletter. Horizontal (wide) pictures will be accepted for full page photos, but we will also accept Vertical (tall) pictures for the collage pages.

CATS ANGELS, INC. SPCA MISSION STATEMENT

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) believes that animals, as living creatures, have value beyond economic measurement, and are entitled to legal, moral and ethical consideration and protection.

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA will act as an advocate on behalf of animals and as an enforcer of their rights;

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA will provide for the well-being of animals who are abandoned, injured, subjected to unfair or cruel treatment, or otherwise in need;

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA will continue its work of ending the animal overpopulation crisis by providing a community-wide low-cost sterilization, vaccination, and adoption program;

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA will cultivate respect and awareness for the right and needs of animals through an educational program.

We Always Need ...

FOOD DONATIONS

Purina One Cat or Kitten Dry Food
Fancy Feast or Friskies wet food – Pate style
Any quality “on sale” dry or wet food

CAT SUPPLIES

Cat Litter – clay, clumping or pine
Disposable puppy pads

FABRIC SUPPLIES

Towels - Flat Sheets
Lightweight fabric

LAUNDRY/CLEANING SUPPLIES

Dawn dishwashing soap
Laundry detergent ‘pods’ (HE)
Dryer Sheets
Bleach – liquid and spray bottle
White vinegar (large size plastic container)
Pine Sol - Paper Towels

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES

Cash or Gift Cards – Walmart, Grocery Stores, Pet Stores, Gas
White Copy Paper and Wide Masking Tape

and always Donations for our Thrift Store

These items are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Cats Angels Thrift Store/Adoption Center at 709 S. 8th Street in Fernandina Beach during business hours
Monday thru Friday 11 AM to 5 PM
Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM

www.catsangels.com

“Volunteers are not paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”



If you like to work in retail sales and interact with people OR prefer to work with the kitties on our cleaning crews then Cats Angels is looking for YOU! Thrift Store shifts are from 11 AM to 2 PM and 2 PM to 5 PM Monday through Friday and from 10 AM on Saturday. Kitty caretakers have morning and evening shifts available every day.

Our Volunteer Application is available on our website or just stop in or call 904-321-2267 to sign up.

The kitties thank you!



On behalf of Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA, the Board of Directors would like to thank all of our wonderful dedicated cleaning and Thrift Store

volunteers, supporters, adopters, and donors for a successful 2016.

Our Thrift Store had a great year thanks to all the generous and wonderful donations from our community. Proceeds from our store help support many of our life-saving programs.

Cats Angels helped over 1000 animals again last year, many needing more than just spay/neuter/vaccination but thanks to your generosity they received the care they needed.

A special thank you to Janet Michea Design for our awesome website; Nassau Printing for their donated printing services; Mark Hamby and crew for the beautiful front entrance to our thrift store always covered in an array of flowers and plants; and First Coast No More Homeless Pets for providing low cost surgeries and wellness care for our animals.

We look forward to a successful 2017 and with your help we will continue our mission of helping the many animals of our community.

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA
Board of Directors

COYOTES IN NORTHEAST FLORIDA



Cats Angels often receives calls about pets gone missing. When we receive several calls from the same area, we think of coyotes. They have been reported in our area for several years now and have been seen or heard near downtown Fernandina, areas surrounding and near Fort Clinch, local golf courses, Yulee and Nassauville - they are virtually everywhere.

Coyotes are medium-sized in the same family as dogs, wolves and foxes. Their fur is generally salt-and-pepper gray, with tan or brown patches. They have a thick, bushy tail, long, pointy nose and pointy ears. Coyotes are most active around dusk and dawn and use a combination of howls, yips, barks and scent marking to communicate. They can be carriers of distemper, parvo virus and rabies. Coyotes have an average of 6 pups in each litter and it's a short amount of time before pups reach adulthood breeding age.

Coyotes are opportunistic eaters and prey on rodents, rabbits, cats, dogs, deer (adults and fawns), opossums, armadillos, birds, reptiles, amphibians, hogs, livestock, eggs (birds and turtles).

Coyotes are here to stay and coyotes go where there is food. Don't feed coyotes, intentionally or unintentionally. They can be attracted to pet food left outdoors. **Keep your pets safe from coyotes and keep them indoors.**

MEET THE SENIORS

As Cats Angels cares about the well being, health and quality of life for all of our cats, we are starting to see our 'senior' population increasing. All of the seniors are wonderful cats and each is unique in personality and story. Faith, Owena, Willow and Hope are just four of the senior kitties at Cats Angels.



Faith (top left) and *Hope* (bottom right) are sisters who came to Cats Angels in 2008 as kittens and have called our adoption center home ever since. They are sweet girls and would love to stay together.



Owena (top right) also came to Cats Angels in 2008 along with her kittens. She is a friendly cat who enjoys being petted and will reward you with lots of purrs and a little drool! She had a home for a little while and liked to spend her day in front of the window on her cat tree.



Willow (bottom left) is our oldest resident of the adoption center. Her look is unique as she is a black cat with an undercoat of white fur. Willow can usually be found in a certain spot in the adoption center looking for some quiet time for herself away from the activity. Willow has tested positive for Feline AIDS, but at 12 years old is quite healthy.



These cats have not given up on finding a "forever" home and neither have we. Please stop by and meet them and more of our senior felines. If you cannot adopt, please consider our Sponsorship Program for one or more.

YES, I want to help the Cats at Cats Angels.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

YOUR DONATIONS HELP CATS ANGELS SAVE LIVES

Visit www.catsangels.com to learn more about the four levels in our Sponsorship Program and donate through PayPal or circle your level of sponsorship here on this form and send to us. You will receive a special Thank You from the kitty you sponsor.

\$25 Whisker Licking Good Level - helps to purchase cat food

\$50 Helping Paw Level - to cover yearly vet checks and vaccinations

\$110 Gold Mouse Level - will cover the cost of FIV/Feline Leukemia testing, spay/neuter and vaccines.

\$200 Cheshire Cat Level - will help cover the costs of dental treatment for our cats

If you don't want to sponsor, your tax deductible donations are urgently needed and always greatly appreciated. A donation of:

\$10 purchases a rabies shot

\$25 buys a feline leukemia/FIV combo test

\$30 will neuter one boy kitty

\$60 pays for one spay that will prevent thousands of unwanted births

Please make checks payable to Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA and mail to P.O. Box 16072 Fernandina Beach, FL 32035 in the enclosed envelope. **The kitties Thank You!**



Ninth Annual Nassau County Animal Expo

Hosted by **CATS ANGELS, INC. SPCA**

Saturday, March 25th, 2017

Atlantic Recreation Auditorium • 2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach
10 am to 3 pm

ADMISSION IS FREE

FEATURING...



The purpose of the Expo is to:

- Introduce the public to the various area rescue groups
- Educate the public on the importance of spay/neuter/vaccination
- Promote Adoption of rescued animals
- Promote the respect and nurturing of all creatures that need our intervention

We will feature animals for adoption from all the local rescue groups.
Pet groomers and retailers will also be attending.

For every 5 lbs. of Dry Food Donated, a Ticket will be given to be eligible for Door Prizes.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A BAKE SALE AND A SILENT AUCTION.

Check us out on Facebook

Or call: **904-321-2267**

All Spayed/Neutered & Well behaved pets on leashes are welcome.



CATS ANGELS, INC. SPCA

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Fernandina Beach, Florida 32035

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SATURDAY, MARCH 25

10 AM TO 3 PM

ATLANTIC RECREATIONAL CENTER
ATLANTIC AVENUE, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL
ADMISSION IS FREE

Adopt from Cats Angels

Cats Angels Adoption Center/Thrift Store located at 709 S. 8th Street in Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island is open Monday through Friday 11 AM - 5 PM and Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM.

Visit Petfinder.com or our website catsangels.com to see their pictures and read about Cats Angels kitties waiting for their forever homes.

CATS ANGELS THRIFT STORE

709 S. 8th Street, Fernandina Beach

Open Monday through Friday - 11 AM to 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

HUGE selection of used books, Furniture, Appliances,
Home Decorations & Pet Boutique

Visit our second location in Trailer Park Collectibles
at 702 Centre Street - Open Daily

EVERY DOLLAR YOU DONATE IS VERY IMPORTANT

Cats Angels receives no government funding.

All of our revenue is raised by private donations, grants and fundraising. The Nassau County Animal Expo and our "Rescue Me" Fall Fundraiser help bring in much needed money to carry on our Spay/Neuter, TNR and Adoption Programs. These monies help us give the best care possible to all the cats, especially our Adoption Center kitties.

Halo says...

*"Aluminum cans
help homeless cats!"*

A collection bin is in the parking
lot at our Thrift Store
709 South 8th Street,
Fernandina Beach, FL.



**Every Sip Helps
Save a Stray**



Our Morning Mews Breakfast Blend is a smooth light-bodied coffee freshly roasted and packaged in Florida. Roasts include Breakfast Blend - regular and decaf, Roastmaster's Blend and Frisky Feline French Roast. Purchase a 12oz. bag for \$10 at our Thrift Store. Call (904) 321-2267 or email to catsangels@catsangels.com for shipping details.

Garage Sale leftovers?

We accept clean, working items except clothing, computers or old TV's during business hours at Cats Angels Thrift Store.

Donations always appreciated