



# Meowing Messenger

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## Passione di Gatti -- A Passion for Cats

Most anyone familiar with the staff at Cats Angels knows the dynamo named Rose Slattery. She single handedly moves more product in and out of the Thrift Store and garage storage than anyone else ever has. Her love for our cats and the work that she does is difficult to emulate. The unfortunate part is that she spends half of her time out of the country, and so we do not have her on hand to excel at what she does all year round.

At the same time, we cannot be sad when Rose is not around. This is because she is just as busy in Italy taking care of the cat population in and around the town of Canepina. Passione Gatti di Canepina is the organization founded by Rose in Italy. You might be able to guess that passione di gatti means a passion for cats, and that is certainly what Rose and her friend, Piera, have for the cats in Canepina.



Cats are not held in as high a regard in Italy as they are here in the U.S. Additionally, veterinary care in Italy is outrageously expensive in comparison to the costs here in Florida. Rose and Piera work diligently to feed cats throughout the town and its immediate surroundings. They are working to become registered as a "not for profit" organization and have already established their eligibility for government assistance in the neutering

of members of their local feline population. Aside from the daily feedings, they are constantly on the lookout for stray cats within the community that have not previously fallen under their radar. They trap the cats, have them neutered/spayed, vaccinated as appropriate and dewormed, and then release them back into the community if good homes cannot be found. Over the past year and a half, they have had approximately 45 cats sterilized. Twelve were done, courtesy of the government, and the rest were provided for by Rose and Piera. Typically these procedures run \$45 for male cats and \$55 for female cats, a discounted price given by a local veterinarian. Rose is grateful for the help Cats Angels has given her in the way of years of experience with TNR. Cats Angels is proud to have Passione di Gatti as a "sister organization".

In addition to spay/neuter expenses, Rose has taken it upon herself to erect a building for use by her organization for housing

the cats post trapping and for surgery recovery before they are released back into the community. She was able to have land donated, obtained donations through her Facebook website, Passione di Gatti, to defray some of the cost of purchasing the



building and has been able to convince numerous other tradesmen to assist in the construction of the building, the pouring of the concrete pad, the roofing, the plumbing and the electricity.

Rose tenders a gracious thank-you to our own Meg and Walter Milton and Tony Kozial for carrying product over to Italy when they come to visit, as well as Tony's assistance in engineering the Canepina Cat Building.

Rose departed for Italy at the end of August. We hope that she will succeed in her goals and that she will continue to be a Godsend to the cats of Canepina. If you would like to keep up with Passione di Gatti, Rose has many pictures and stories posted on her Facebook and Go Fund Me sites.



*Abandonata (above left) can be seen at Passione Gatti di Canepina on Facebook. She was found nearly dead with an upper respiratory infection and dehydrated. Her owner died and she was left on the streets. She is eight years old.*



*Carlotta (above right) was left in an old abandoned building. She has a limp on her back leg from being hit by a car. Carlotta is 12 years old. Both cats now live at an olive oil mill.*

# Life Lessons from Lydia



Hello to all my Peeps,

I come to you today from my favorite spot...the easy chair.

I was just reading a wonderful article on my kitty laptop about a dog that was lost for 3 years. But he had a microchip and when he showed up at a shelter he was scanned. Well lo and behold they were able to find his family....after 3 years. It was simply amazing. Then the story went on to say that thousands of pets are lost forever each year because their families do not register the chip. It is very easy to do and only takes a few minutes online.

If your furry kid doesn't have a microchip, you can have one inserted at any vet office and many times local shelters can do it as well. It is a small price to pay for the peace of mind it provides.

Well kids goodbye for now. Everyone be good little kittens

Meoooooooooooooooooow

*Ms. Lydia*

PS - My friends at Cats Angels have these cute "Need Advice? Ask Miss Lydia" T-shirts for sale, and they have a picture of little ole me on them. The money from the shirts goes into a special account to help pay for my thyroid medication, bloodwork and other medical tests. They are available in Small to XL and the cost is \$15. Call us for more information or come by the Thrift Store and check them out.

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## 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 rights and needs of animals through an educational program.

## The 2017 Purrfect Cats of Cats Angels Cover Kitty is ..... COLTER



The winning shot of our very photogenic Adoption Center Kitty Colter was taken by Ludwig Jaquet. The 2017 calendar photo contest judged by Scott Moore and members of the Island Art Association was not an easy task as there were 66 photos to choose from this year. The four runners-up with full page pictures in the calendar are Karen Eason and Bo, Dean Cleaveland and Layla, Penny Reid and Elsa, and Evelyn McDonald and Lucy. Everyone who submitted will have at least one of their photos on our collage pages. The calendar will be on sale late October at the Cats Angels Thrift Store and online through our website [www.catsangels.com](http://www.catsangels.com). The 2017 Purrfect Cats of Cats Angels calendar makes a wonderful holiday gift for anyone. The 2016 calendar was a sellout, so don't delay your purchase.



## Cats Angels Thrift Store has a second location

Visit our display of special items at Trailer Park Collectibles, 702 Centre Street which is open daily. Volunteer Julie Patton who runs estate sales chooses unique and special pieces to offer at this Cats Angels shop. The next time you are taking a stroll on Centre Street, please stop in and visit Cats Angels.

## Comfy Shelter Boxes for Feral Cats



Brad Trotter, as part of his Eagle Scout Service Project, recently presented Cats Angels with six shelter boxes for feral cat colonies. Brad worked with Beth Hackney, Cats Angels Executive Director, before developing his final product to find out the specific needs.

These shelter boxes were very well planned and developed – 30 gallon plastic storage bins were weighted on the bottom, lined with insulation that will withstand Florida humidity and have two cat doors (just in case an escape is needed). With the addition of straw or other bedding, these shelter boxes will be a very cozy spot for our outdoor community cats when the cooler weather comes to Northeast Florida.



### Cat Tips:

#### To Bathe or Not to Bathe Your Cat

Most cats are self-groomers, but here are just a few flexible guidelines. When in doubt, check with your veterinarian.

##### **Bathe:**

*If it's a smelly cat.* A self-grooming cat can only do so much, especially after it gets into something it shouldn't have.

*If it has health issues.* Ask your vet if regular bathing can help with certain skin or coat conditions.

*If it's a kitten*—that hasn't quite developed its grooming skills.

*If it's overweight*—and may need a little help cleaning those hard-to-reach areas on its back.

##### **Not to Bathe:**

*If it's a housecat with a short coat.*

*If it smells and looks just fine.*



## Happy Tails

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



Bo and Ziggy catching some zzzz's. These two are real snuggle buddies. Bo is a one-eyed kitty and both are 'sneezers' who are loved by their mom Karen.



I adopted Binx, formerly Darbee, about two years ago from Cats Angels. She quickly became my little shadow and is definitely a mommy's girl! She has brought so much joy to my life over the last couple years and I'm so thankful for Cats Angels for giving me my baby! Jessica & Binx



Top: Hobo a sweet boy in hospice care  
Below: Mason, a energetic young adult



Top: Kiki a kitty returned to us after 9 years  
Below: Oscar, a vocal boy who was abandoned



Top: Buddy is FIV+ and loves to be brushed  
Below: Dove arrived with her kittens in tow



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- \$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

or visit [www.catsangels.com](http://www.catsangels.com) to learn more about the four levels in our Sponsorship Program and donate through PayPal

- \$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

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!*

## International Homeless Animals Day Walk and Vigil



Cats Angels commemorated International Homeless Animals Day on August 20 with their annual Walk and Vigil. Volunteers, shelter workers and animal advocates from Cats Angels, Nassau Humane Society, Friends of Animals in Nassau, First Coast No More Homeless Pets and Lucky Cat Adoptions in Jacksonville reflected on the plight of homeless animals and the need to spay and neuter to prevent unwanted litters and euthanasia in our shelters.

### Cats Angels at Fernandina Beach PetSupermarket

Meet Cats Angels kittens ready for adoption at PetSupermarket on Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach during store hours and at special adoption events like this one held recently.



### Cats Angels Awarded Petco Foundation Grant

The Petco Foundation has invested in the lifesaving work being done by Cats Angels by awarding a \$5,000 grant for providing spay and neuter services. Cats Angels is a volunteer based organization helping the community since 2001 with low cost spay/neuter services and TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return to Caregiver) for over 15,000 animals. The Petco Foundation investment will benefit Cats Angels and the community by helping 100 cats to be spayed/neutered/vaccinated and released back to caregivers. This will prevent unwanted litters and euthanasia in shelters. For more information about the Petco Foundation, please visit [www.petco-foundation.org](http://www.petco-foundation.org).

### SPAY AND NEUTER THE RESPONSIBLE SOLUTION

#### Removing Tough Pet Odors

Before you buy another expensive bottle of cleaner, try this formula first.

8oz. bottle hydrogen peroxide  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
1 or 2 drops dishwashing liquid  
Mix all ingredients together and pour into a spray bottle (don't shake or you will get a lot of foam)

For carpets and upholstery, if the area is still wet, blot with paper towels, dilute area with water and blot again until almost dry. Spray onto urine stain. No need to rub or scrub. Allow to dry and vacuum. For washables, dilute area with water and blot and then spray with solution. Let it sit for a few minutes and then wash as usual. You may have to repeat for tough or set in odors. Cat Angels volunteers have also tested this formula on tile/grout and washable items and give it a paws-up. **Be sure to check your fabric/carpet for colorfastness before using.**

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## Four Seasons Bistro

Charity Nights are every Thursday now at Four Seasons Bistro and they give 10% of dinner sales to the selected charity group. Visit [www.fourseasonsbistro.biz](http://www.fourseasonsbistro.biz) to find out the next Cats Angels Charity Night at Four Seasons Bistro.

### CATS ANGELS THRIFT STORE

709 S. 8th Street, Fernandina Beach

Open Monday through Friday - 11 AM to 5 PM

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HUGE Selection of Used Books, Furniture, Appliances,  
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at 702 Centre Street - Open Daily

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### 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.

**Our cats can also be seen at Pet Supermarket on Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach - open daily.**

Visit [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com) or our website [catsangels.com](http://catsangels.com) to see their pictures and read about Cats Angels kitties waiting for their forever homes.

### 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.



### 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**