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# The Cats Meow

The newsletter of Room 8 Memorial Cat Foundation



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## Letter from the President by Debbie Marks

This is **Sandy Froggatt**, feeding kittens. This issue is a special edition to honor Sandy, a retired RN, for the work she does, both on her own and for Room 8.

I became aware of Sandy through my church, because I have been well known as an animal lover and rescue person. Someone called and said they had found 2 kittens on their lawn, perhaps several days old, with no mom in sight. I put out calls and emails to my contacts, and Sandy showed up.



Since then, Sandy has raised, fostered and willingly endured feeding every two hours, which means very little sleep during kitten season. She has found homes for many, and suffered through the loss of a few she has not been able to save. Alex, a beautiful tuxedo cat, is one of the two she rescued from my church friend. The second could not be saved, though she gave it her all.

I have to celebrate this wonderful woman, who has and continues to "give her all" in every way.

Thanks to her, we have moved into a very successful endeavor we call Second Chance. And of course, the gratitude has a wide swath! We must thank **Gail**, our manager, her wonderful husband, Pastor **Jack**, **Evaun**, **Margaret**, **Tori** and **Pedley Square Vet Clinic**, several other rescue groups that we are networking with, and many more.

Thanks to the networking of Room 8 and the vision of Gail and Jack, we have found homes for approximately 50 cats and kittens in the last six months or less! All of the kittens have been fixed, tested, and have their shots.

Another great thank you must go to **Petco at Tyler**. They have arranged for us to show there non-stop, by providing cages and they adopt out for us when we are not there. This is being so very successful!

We have more thanks to give. **Actors and Others for Animals** and **Gary K.** for assistance with our spay/neutering efforts!

We are grateful for our entire board of wonderful cat lovers, to our volunteers and donors, and you!

Have a wonderful summer!



**Mission Statement:** to provide care, shelter and successful, loving adoptions of homeless domestic cats; to encourage kindness and responsible care for all animals; to educate the public on the importance of spaying/neutering their pets.

## Another success story for Sandy

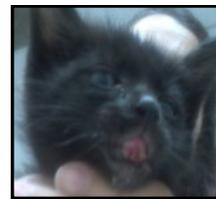
Little Ben was meant to live! He was found in a back yard and brought to us at Room 8 while we were doing adoptions in Petco at Tyler. He apparently had been attacked by a dog or other animal and his lower lip was torn from the gum causing bleeding and food to get caught when he ate.

He was first seen by **Dr. Kenneth Cox** at **Pedley Square Veterinary Clinic**. It was not certain the damage, which would cause him a lifetime of difficulty, could be repaired. However, a second opinion by **Dr. Marshall Scott** was more positive, so he was admitted for surgery. At only 6 weeks of age and barely a pound, surgery can be life threatening, but Dr. Scott performed the surgery and successfully reattach the lip to the gum.

Not long after surgery, Ben was running around, playing and having no trouble eating.

He will be offered for adoption when he is old enough to be neutered and will bring someone a great deal of love and affection.

Photos show Ben before (left) and after surgery.



## Microchips work if information is maintained

by Debbie Marks

A few weeks ago, a beautiful, exotic and obviously spoiled cat showed up at my house.. He is a big boy, neutered, with blue eyes , a creamy beige coat and tiger stripes. I don't know what he is, but he is a beauty.

He wanted to come inside very badly, but I have a houseful already. I was sure he belonged to someone in my neighborhood., but he would not leave and no one came looking for him. I walked around asking if anyone had a missing cat, to no avail.

I thought that he might be "chipped," as it is a city law in Riverside and since he was neutered. I took him to the vet, and got a number for the chip. Home Again called the registered owner, who told me his name is Blue. But she had given Blue and his brother to a rescue group, who had placed him elsewhere.

She tried calling the number she had for the rescue group but the phone was disconnected. We found the group's Facebook page but have not heard from anyone. Doing my due diligence, I listed him as found at the shelter. And to keep him safe, he is staying at Room 8. If no one claims him, this beautiful boy will be put up for adoption by Room 8.

So, here is the moral to this story in case it is not self-evident: Update the chip info on your pet if he goes to a new home, or you move. Blue was lucky he found me and Room 8!



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## Friend Room 8 on Facebook!

<http://facebook.com/pags/Room-8-Memorial-Cat-Foundation-click-on-photos-for-adoptions/12819004574019>

# FEATURED ADOPTION CATS



Tommy

Plan: Step 1: Jump into suitcase. Step 2: Hide under clothes. Step 3: I have no clue.

I can't believe you're leaving me for a thing called a "vacation" to a place I never heard of!



Silly Boy

Really? You have a better idea than a nap on a lazy, summer afternoon? Color me doubtful.

A tall, cool mouse-ade with a sprig of catnip would be perfect. Thank you for asking.



Simba



Callie

Please contact (951) 681-9609 if you wish more information on adoption of any of the kitties at Room 8!



## Wish List

### A van

(old bread truck, postal truck or the like)

To move cats should we need to evacuate the shelter due to fire. There are at least one or two fires every year in the Santa Ana riverbed which is close to the Room 8. We want to have a plan so we could rescue the bulk if not all of our kitties in an emergency.

### A ride-on lawn mower

For the same reason - fire season, also, to help clear our dry acre-plus of land.

### Friskies canned cat food

Kirkland (Costco) dry cat food / Treats

Bedding, i.e. clean cloth towels, blankets, sheets

### Kitty litter

Postage stamps, copier paper

Cleaning supplies,

i.e. dish soap, laundry soap, bleach, paper towels

33-gallon trash bags

Kitty condos/trees, toys, etc.

Monetary donations

Monetary donations are used for vet bills, medications, special dietary needs, insurance, taxes on the undeveloped land we own, repairs to our old property, utilities, postage, printing and a small amount of compensation for management. Remember you can donate using PayPal on our website.

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