

Kitten Shower Open House & Supply Drive, May 15th



Spring 2011

DATE

Sunday, May 15, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION

5619 Orlando Place
Cincinnati, OH 45227

Ohio Alleycat Resource is throwing a kitten shower during its **Spring Open House from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15th**. You're encouraged to bring toys and other items for the fur babies and for OAR's resource center. We will also have a raffle basket filled with lots of fun things. You can buy raffle tickets at the event or use the ones in this newsletter (no basket number needed since there is only one). Please stop by and visit with our cats and kittens and have some refreshments.

Check out our main 2011 OAR Wish List on p. 6 of this newsletter! We'll also be registered at Walmart stores and at Walmart.com (search Wish lists with "Ohio" as first name and "Spay" as last name). Volunteers are needed to bring food for the Kitten Shower, help with set up and work during the event. If you can help, please contact Beth Muccillo at 513-575-1771 or bjohnston@fuse.net.

PROJECT KITTY LITTER SPECIAL AT OAR CLINIC, MAY 10-13



In conjunction with the Kitten Shower on May 15, OAR Spay/Neuter Clinic will be offering **\$10 off for kittens who are under 5 pounds and 5 months of age the week before the shower (May 10-13)**. In addition, we will offer **\$10 off the cost of surgery for the mom too if she is brought in with the kittens**. Kittens can be fixed as early as 8 weeks of age as long as they are at least 2.2 pounds in weight. You can read more about why fixing before 5 months is beneficial at <http://fivesaveslives.org/>. Call 513-871-0185 to schedule an appointment.

Ohio Alleycat Resource & Spay/Neuter Clinic Mission

Ohio Alleycat Resource & Spay/Neuter Clinic is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization. Our mission is to enrich the lives of cats and communities in Greater Cincinnati by providing low-cost, high-quality spay/neuter services for ferals, strays and pets; offering TNR (trap-neuter-return) and other outreach programs; and running a small, no-kill adoption center dedicated to finding loving homes.

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Announces Special Programs for Feral Cat Caretakers

It's officially Spring, and OAR's clinic has fixed a tremendous number of female cats in heat. Now is an especially important time to spay feral cats before more homeless kittens arrive. To help feral cat caretakers, OAR is pleased to announce that we have received grants totaling \$13,000 from the Bernice Barbour Foundation and Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust to provide low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for ferals, and to purchase humane traps. The grants will provide \$15 spay/neuter-rabies vaccination packages for approximately 400 feral cats. There are no income restrictions – everyone (including animal organizations) caring for ferals can take advantage of this program! All cats must be brought in traps, feral, and will be automatically ear-tipped; tame cats brought in traps will be altered at OAR's standard surgery prices.

OAR is delighted to see a growing number of people practicing trap-neuter-return, and has refined our trap lending procedures to best serve them.



- New to trapping? We suggest our short Trap-Neuter-Return/Feral Colony Management class offered at the rescue, the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at noon. Learn trapping techniques and how to best care for your colony. To reserve your space in a workshop, contact tnr@theanimalrescue.com.
- Traps may be borrowed 10 a.m.-noon daily at our facility.
- Each trap can be borrowed free of charge for a two-week period.
- Each piece of equipment requires a cash or check deposit that will be returned to you upon trap check-in before the end of the two-week period: standard humane trap \$50; drop trap \$100; cat carrier \$25. All monies will be deposited four weeks after checkout if equipment is not returned.
- All equipment must be returned cleaned and in working condition, or subject to fee.
- Just a reminder that OAR's clinic accepts feral cats Tuesday-Friday for spay/neuter surgeries. We do not require appointments for ferals, but do need them dropped off by 11:00 a.m. the day of surgery. If you know you are trapping, it helps us if you can give us a call if you plan to be in the next day.

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Happy Hour Fundraiser at Arnie's on the Levee, May 13th

OAR returns to Arnie's on the Levee in Newport for a Cash for Cats Cock-"tail" Happy Hour, 5-9 p.m. May 13. For a \$10 donation, you will get a refillable cup for domestic beer. We'll also sell split-the-pot chances and raffle tickets for two fun gift baskets. Stop by before heading to the ballpark, or stick around to watch the Reds vs. Cards on TV.

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Have the Litterbox Blues?

Dr Zeke Zekoff, Towne Square Animal Clinic, has some advice for those with cats having litterbox issues. See <http://www.ohioalleycat.org/litterbox.html> for the full article.

National, local resources help pet owners in need

In these tough economic times many people are finding it a challenge to afford pet care. They may even be facing foreclosure and the heartbreaking possibility of having to give up a beloved furry family member. There are resources, however, that might be able to help.

The Humane Society of the United States has a comprehensive list of financial aid related resources on its website at http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/trouble_affording_pet.html. The list includes national organizations, as well as listings alphabetically by state, that offer help with vet care, discounted veterinary services, temporary foster care and food banks.

No Paws Left Behind (www.nopawsleftbehind.org/paws) also has a number of resources to help homeowners with pets that are facing foreclosure, including tips to help them relocate with their pets or find other safe placement for them.

For those who must move out of their homes, there are several websites that list pet-friendly apartments and houses for rent: www.pets911.com, www.petswelcome.com and www.peoplewithpets.com.

Local resources include the Cincinnati Pet Food Pantry, organized by Recycled Doggies in 2010 to provide temporary assistance to pet owners who are unable to purchase food for their pets. Food is distributed once a month at the organization's warehouse on Deerfield Road in Blue Ash. The Pet Food Pantry uses the same guidelines as the Freestore Foodbank (FSFB) for its emergency food assistance program, as well as having a category for special consideration of pet owners whose income is over the limit but who have a temporary hardship that limits their ability to feed their pets. On distribution days, food is distributed from 10 a.m. – noon or until food has been provided to 150 pet owners, whichever comes first. Pet owners must bring a photo ID and proof of eligibility with them. The organization relies on the general public for donations of pet food, treats and cat litter and currently has 16 donation sites in the Cincinnati area. For more information, visit www.cincinnati.petfoodpantry.org.

The Pets in Need Program, a partnership between UCAN (United Coalition for Animals) and the FSFB, targets pets from households in the most underserved local neighborhoods to provide basic veterinary care for cats and dogs whose owners can't otherwise afford it. Individuals who qualify for the FSFB services are eligible and proof of income is required. UCAN distributes vouchers for the Pets in Need basic wellness clinics. Pets are examined by veterinarians and given needed vaccinations and other preventative care such as flea treatment and de-worming. The program does not treat sick or injured pets or those with chronic medical conditions. It does include a Continued Care Fund to be used to refer pets in need of more extensive care to local veterinarians who have agreed to accept referrals from the program. The charge is \$8 per pet, and there is a limit of three pets per household per clinic. For more information about the Pets in Need program, call 513-762-0149.

A'cat'emy Awards Event Successful!

This year's first annual A'cat'emy Awards Extravaganza was a huge success! Katy Morgan, FOX19 Meteorologist, acted as Celebrity Host to a sold-out crowd at Maggiano's Little Italy. Throughout the evening, guests wined, dined and walked the red carpet raising more than \$4,000 to support OAR! Thank you to all who worked so hard for this premiere event, especially Lauren Townsend. A committee has already started meeting to plan for next year's event. Location suggestions for next year are needed. Email info@ohioalleycat.org if you would like to help.



Join at Final Friday at the Pendleton Art Center in July

OAR will be at the Pendleton Art Center's Final Friday on July 29, from 6-10 p.m. We typically have volunteers on three floors (lobby, third floor and eight floor), with information about the clinic and the cats, raffle tickets for gift baskets, and cat jewelry, cards and artwork (photos of cats of the world) for sale. Possets perfumes will also be available. Some artists donate a portion of their sales that night to OAR.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Beth Muccillo at bjohnston@fuse.net or 513-575-1771. For more information about Final Friday, visit <http://pendletonartcenter.com/>. The art center is located at 1310 Pendleton St. (Pendleton/OTR area). Free admission. Valet parking (fee) is available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We want to hear about community events where we can spread the word about OAR. Contact Charlotte at oar.outreach@gmail.com with what's coming up in your area.

Events take place at OAR, 5619 Orlando Place, unless noted.
Questions? Contact info@ohioalleycat.org. New volunteers welcome!

April, all month. \$25 Beat the Heat surgeries. Call 513-871-0185 for appointment.

2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month:

- Open Hours for prospective adopters, noon-2 p.m.
- Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) workshop, noon. Contact tnr@theanimalrescue.com.

Last Monday of each month, TNR committee, 6:30 p.m.

If interested in helping with trap-neuter-return, contact director@ohioalleycat.org.

Last Wednesday of each month, Adoption committee, 6:30 p.m. Help promote our cats; contact emily@ohioalleycat.org.

April 30, It's A Pet aFair, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Gil Lynn Park, 201 Green Devil Lane, Dayton, Ky. (rain date May 1). OAR will have a booth. Volunteers needed 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (help set up) and 12:30-4:30 p.m. Contact emily@ohioalleycat.org.

May 4, Fundraising committee, 6:30 pm

May 13, Cash for Cats Cock-"tail" Happy Hour at Arnie's Fundraiser, 5-9 p.m., Arnie's on the Levee, 120 E. Third St., Newport.

May 15, Kitten Shower Open House & Supply Drive, 1-4 p.m. Volunteers needed; contact bjohnston@fuse.net or 513-575-1771.

June 24-26, OAR Garage Sale, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Donations and volunteers needed; contact bjohnston@fuse.net or 513-575-1771.

July 29, Final Friday, Pendleton Art Center, 6-10 pm. Volunteers needed; contact bjohnston@fuse.net or 513-575-1771. 1310 Pendleton St.

Aug. 20, Thunder Alleycat Bowl-a-thon, Stone Lanes, 3746 Montgomery Road, Norwood. Details to come.

Raising healthy, happy kittens

To watch a kitten grow from a newborn to a romping and adventurous adolescent, then eventually a sleek, completely unique adult is one of the many joys of cat ownership. Here are some tips to keep your furry feline in the best of health while undergoing this transformation.

Very young kittens do best when cared for by their mothers. **Nursing from the mama cat helps kittens build a strong immune system. Kittens have some protection from common ailments of cats while nursing and shortly after weaning, even more so if the mother cat had previously been vaccinated.**

It is very important to provide a mother cat with plenty of high quality, high calorie food and of fresh water while pregnant, nursing and then weaning the kittens. Commonly, dry kitten food and canned wet food is fed to mother cats to ensure the higher calories and extra moisture needed. Weaning, the process of switching kittens over to kitten food, should start around five weeks of age. Often kittens will begin to wean themselves provided that they always have access to good fresh foods. **If kittens don't readily start consuming solid foods on their own around five weeks of age, they may need the canned food to be made thinner.** This can be achieved by either adding warm water or KMR(kitten milk replacer) to canned food to make a gruel. If kittens have not stopped nursing completely by the time they are seven weeks of age, the mother cat needs to be separated from the kittens to allow her milk to dry up. Mother cats can suffer from hypocalcemia, (extremely low levels of calcium in the body.) Poor nutrition, large litters and extended time nursing all contribute to hypocalcemia. This condition can cause seizures which may be life threatening without aggressive treatment.

Almost every kitten is born with round worms. This is totally normal and rarely problematic unless left untreated for an extended period of time. Kittens can start internal parasite control with a veterinary approved oral dewormer while still nursing. Mother cats can be dewormed while nursing kittens or shortly there after. **The stress of pregnancy and caring for the kittens contributes to the mother cat needing a deworming even if she had previously been fully dewormed as a kitten.** Many over-the-counter products are not safe or effective. Oral dewormer from your veterinarian will either be given one time every 10-14 days for two or three doses, or one time per day for three to five consecutive days depending on which product is dispensed. Eliminating internal parasites quickly helps the kitten put on true weight. An external sign that a kitten may have a large amount of round worms is an enlarged, firm belly. The kitten may have such a large worm burden that worm weight may falsely be elevating the kitten's true weight.

Ideally, kittens start their vaccine series around six weeks of age. Kittens should receive core vaccines as recommended by the American Association of Feline Practitioners. Several of these are grouped together in one injection and called the FVRCP vaccine. **The FVRCP vaccine provides some protection from Viral Rhinotracheitis, also known as feline herpes, Calici virus and PanLeukopenia.** PanLeuk is typically a disease of unvaccinated young cats and kittens and can be fatal even with aggressive treatment. **Once vaccination has been initiated, kittens will receive a FVRCP vaccine every two to four weeks until reaching the age of 16 weeks.** An additional individual core vaccine is rabies. The rabies vaccine is administered at 12 weeks of age. Following this protocol provides a kitten very good protection from the three upper respiratory viruses and rabies.

A kitten in overall good health weighing 2.2 pounds or more is ready to be spayed or neutered. This is the typical weight of a 9 week old kitten. **Ideally, a kitten would have had their first FVRCP vaccine before their spay or neuter but, if they have not, they can receive the vaccine at the same time as surgery or have the second in the series if it is on schedule to do so the day of surgery.** Kittens less than four months of age undergoing sterilization procedures have amazingly rapid recoveries compared to adult cats. Several hours after surgery the kittens appear completely recovered and are standing at the front of their cages ready for some dinner. They typically eat very well and, by the next morning when they are released back to their owners, they are fully recovered.

The OAR Spay/Neuter clinic can provide spay/neuter services for your kitten as well as any vaccines due at time of surgery. Remember that your family veterinarian is also your partner in raising healthy happy kittens and cats.

Tracy Maimone, RVT

Wish List for the Kitties and the Clinic.....

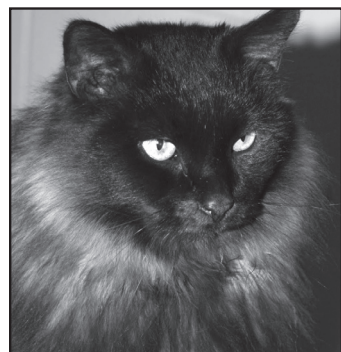
In-kind donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. We are happy to receive donations at our building (5619 Orlando Place, Madisonville) during the Open House on May 15 or on Saturdays from 11 to 2 and also on Sundays from 9 to noon. If these times do not work for you, call 871-7297 to arrange another day.

Cat Supplies:

- Cat Food – any variety of dry & canned for cats and kittens (except weight control)
- Non-scoopable clay litter
- Cans of liquid KMR (formula for kittens)
- New toys suitable for kittens
- Small stainless steel bowls for feeding kittens
- Humane traps (Tomahawk, Hav-a-Hart)
- Snuggle Safe microdiscs
- Giftcards for Petsmart, Complete Petmart

Office Supplies:

- Stamps
- Copy/printer paper
- Staples
- Permanent black markers “Sharpies”
- Pink or blue index cards – 3”X5”
- Giftcards for OfficeMax/Staples



STEWART turned himself in to OAR by sitting at the door and waiting. He started life at OAR as a black cat, but has gradually changed into a black and gray cat!

Building Supplies:

- Heavy-duty trash bags
- Tall kitchen trash bags
- Liquid laundry soap
- Unscented bleach
- Dishwashing liquid
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Tissues
- Yellow & latex gloves
- Ziploc quart-sized bags
- Lint rollers
- Giftcards for Walmart, Meijers, Target

Recycled Items:

- Sheets for covering traps (no holes or tears)
- Newspaper
- Carriers (new or used)
- Used printer cartridges & cell phones (No remanufactured cartridges)



Don't Stop Believin' an Interview with Evie

Evie, a sweet, sensitive little cat currently available for adoption through OAR, is one example of a kitty who lost her home when her owners moved and failed to provide for her care. Evie hasn't known much love in her life, but still has plenty to give. And, thanks to the many caring volunteers at OAR, she is learning to trust again. Here she shares her story on what it was like to be abandoned:

Q: What do you remember about your owners?

A: I remember that I loved them a lot and that I thought they loved me too. One day, though, when I was still a little kitty, they just put me outside and forgot about me. .

Q: That's terrible. How did it make you feel and what did you do?

A: It made me sad because I didn't understand what I did wrong. I stayed by the house hoping they would decide to love me again.

Q: But how did you survive?

A: It was very scary and lonely. I'm a smart little kitty, though, and found a nice neighbor to feed me. She couldn't keep me, but I think she liked me.

Q: What happened to your owners?

A: I still saw them sometimes, but one day I didn't see them anymore and the house where I used to live was empty. I stayed there and sat on the porch a lot hoping I'd see them again. I still loved them and wanted them to come back.

Q: What did you do when they didn't return?

A: I started following people up and down the street thinking maybe I could get a new home that way. Most people just kept going, and some were mean to me, but I kept trying.

Q: How did you end up being rescued?

A: It's because I'm such a smart little kitty! One day I saw a lady feeding the other cats on the street where I lived and decided she looked nice. I ran right over and hopped in the back seat of her car! She was surprised, but happy to see me. When she found out my people had left me, she took me home to "foster" me. I don't know what that means, but it was nice because I know she loved me lots and told me I'd never be by myself again.

Q: What's it like being at OAR?

A: It's great! All the humans are really nice. They pet me and hold me and tell me I'm a pretty girl. They even sing to me, which is my favorite thing. It makes me calm and happy. They also call me "Baby Doll," my nickname that makes me feel special.

Q: Do you like the other kitties at OAR?

A: They're really good kitties too, but they kind of scare me because at my old house there were some cats outside that were mean and chased me a lot.

Q: What do you wish your owners had done instead of neglecting you and leaving you behind?

A: I just wish they would have loved me enough to take me with them. I'm a lucky kitty because I got to come to OAR, but some kitties aren't as lucky when their people leave them behind. They get hurt or lost or other bad things happen to them.

Q: What kind of home are you looking for?

A: A quiet one with somebody who will never leave me, love me always, let me share their chair (or sit on their lap) and give me lots of little toy mice to play with. I'd really like to be the only kitty, so I can have all of that person's love. I hope it's a person who sings to me too. I like any songs, but I really like ones by the Monkees, and my favorite song is "Don't Stop Believin'" (by Journey). I won't stop believing that there's someone out there who will adopt me soon!

It's almost time for the annual Garage Sale

one of the **most important** fund raising events of the year for us. Last year's sale items covered **80 cafeteria-sized tables** and offered as wide a variety as most department stores! Come early, come often, come with your friends!

This is a huge, multi-donor garage sale. So there are thousands of great items available! We will have a record amount of items this year. There is no doubt something for everyone. OAR information booths and volunteers will also be featured so you can find out more about us. As always, there will be plenty of great bake sale items.

Dates

Friday, June 24th 7:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 25th 7:00am-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 26th 9:00 am-2:00 p.m.

Location

O.A.R.

5619 Orlando Place

Cincinnati, OH 45227

We need your help!

Donation of items to sell at the sale

Provide baked goods

Donation of your time to work at the sale

Attending the sale with family and friends

Spread the word!

Many volunteer opportunities are available to help before, after, and during the sale! Baked goods are also needed. If interested, contact Beth Muccillo at 513-575-1771, or e-mail bjohnston@fuse.net.



KATE has a beautiful face and a high-pitched meow. She's one of the few cats at the rescue who answers to her name.



NINA gave birth to 4 kittens in a driveway but she was lucky enough to be rescued shortly afterwards. Her kittens have been adopted, but Nina, a playful and affectionate cat with sparkling golden eyes, is still waiting.



MARK is a highly affectionate cat who doesn't try to compete for attention even though it's clear that he loves people.

TWINKLETOES is a polydactyl dilute calico. She is beautiful, affectionate and playful – the perfect combo.





Please help Asher find a home!

Asher's one of those kitties who has everything going for him — looks, charm and plenty of purrsonality. A loving and playful young lap cat, Asher was rescued in Price Hill on Ash Wednesday (hence the name) with a badly infected tail injury. Asher got the care he needed thanks to OAR and recovered quickly. Unfortunately, he tested positive for feline leukemia (FeLV).

The virus infects the feline immune system and is incurable. It often claims the life of a cat prematurely, but that's not always the case. An infected cat's life can be prolonged and be made comfortable with proper care. People and other animals can't be infected with FeLV, but it's easily transmitted from one cat to another through bodily fluids including saliva, nasal secretions, urine, feces and milk. Cats can get FeLV from others that are infected through casual contact, such as touching noses and grooming each other, shared litter boxes and feeding dishes, and via bite wounds.

Because of the positive test result, Asher will need to be an only cat or live with other felines with FeLV. Asher is now in the care of Save the Animals Foundation (STAF), but we'd love to see this sweet, special guy in a real home. He is in otherwise excellent health. For more information about adopting Asher, visit <http://www.staf.org/adoptions.html>.



BREE was Valentine Queen at our party and she'd love to be queen of your house.

CHARLIE was Valentine King. He likes to talk and is very interactive.



United Pet Fund — “Helping Where Needed”

The United Pet Fund (UPF) was founded in 2010 with the purpose of “Helping Where Needed” and working together to improve the lives of all animals.

During its founding year, UPF offered assistance in a number of different areas, including a Handyman Service for animal care and service organizations, a Pet Health Day in Over-the-Rhine, continuing education scholarships for animal shelter and rescue personnel at the Midwest Veterinary Conference Shelter Animal Track, and in emergency situations such as the Recycled Doggies house fire in early March.

UPF is currently working with a generous grant of in-kind services from the Cleveland and Cincinnati offices of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu to help strengthen the organization for the present and the future. To accomplish this, the decision was made to focus on providing educational opportunities to the animal care and service organizations that service the Greater Cincinnati area and beyond. A partnership with the Executive Service Corps of Cincinnati will allow UPF to conduct leadership seminars, training sessions and coaching opportunities for local non-profit animal care and service groups. The goal is to give these organizations a strong foundation to build on and allow them to continue their work more efficiently with animals in need.

There are plans to continue the Pet Health Day each fall in partnership with St. Francis Seraph Parish. UPF will also host its second annual Golf Classic at the O'Bannon Creek Golf Club on Sept. 14. For more information, visit www.unitedpetfund.org or their Facebook page.



Tips for responsibly rehomeing a cat

For responsible owners, it's incomprehensible to imagine giving up our beloved cat. Granted, there are some unfortunate circumstances when even committed owners are forced to make difficult decisions regarding their pets. If it does become necessary to find a new home for a feline family member or if you have found a stray that needs a home, there are steps you can take to ensure the kitty's future is filled with love, happiness and good health:

***First, be sure the cat is spayed or neutered, up to date on vaccinations and has been tested for FeLV (feline leukemia) and FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus).** This will help increase the chances for adoption, and rescue groups/shelters are more likely to assist with placement or help spread the word about the cat at their adoption events or via online pet listings.

***Look to your family, friends and coworkers.** Would any of them be able to provide the cat a loving home? Also, spread the word about the cat in a company email listserv, in newsletters for your neighborhood or place of worship, at meetings of organizations or clubs, when you visit your veterinarian, and when you go to dinner with friends. Ask those people to do the same thing.

***Take good, clear color picture of the cat in a relaxed pose, highlighting its face and body, and create a flyer (<http://www.petbond.com/flyerentry.php> is a good resource).** Include all the pertinent information about the cat. Creatively describe the cat's coloring, size, approximate age, positive personality traits, habits, and some of the things that make him or her special. Keep the flyer short and only include relevant information about the cat. It should also be positive in tone, even when describing restrictions or potential negatives (health problems, disabilities, age or behavior quirks), which should also be included. Cut the bottom of the page into pull-off strips, so that people can rip off your name, phone number, and email address.

***Post the flyers wherever you can, including vet offices, libraries, community bulletin boards, religious institutions, groceries stores, coffee shops and pet supply stores.** Distribute them to family and friends and ask them to post them in their neighborhoods and offices.

***Place an ad online (www.petfinder.com offers free classified listings) or write a short, creative ad and post it in your local newspaper in print and electronically.** Always charge an adoption fee. Even a nominal adoption fee of \$25 will help reduce the number of less-than-serious inquiries about your cat.

***Carefully interview prospective adopters.** Ask about their home life, work schedule, other pets, children and other factors that will affect the cat's life in his new home. For renters, ask for their landlord's contact information to confirm they are allowed to have pets. For homeowners, ask to see a water bill, tax bill or mortgage bill to prove home ownership. Also ask for vet or character references that you can contact to learn more about what type of pet owner this person will be. Visit the new home to see what kind of environment the cat will be living in. When you finally take your cat to his new home, be sure to take his belongings — his litter box, dishes, toys, scratching post, bedding, food, litter, and a worn article of your clothing to place with his bedding at his new home. The familiar scent of these items will make the transition easier. Don't hesitate to follow up with the adopters to check on the cat.

***Allow as much time as possible for the cat to be adopted. With time, patience (and a little creativity), it is possible to find a loving home where the cat can live for the rest of his/her life.**

PONDER is a bit of a bad boy,
but he loves to play and can
also be quite affectionate



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ASERA – ONE “LUCKY” KITTY

The tiny dilute tortie loves everyone she meets and greets visitors with a cute, chirpy meow and head bumps to get their attention. Her name is Asera (of Hawaiian origin meaning “lucky”) and she is indeed a very fortunate kitty.

She was rescued in early March by a local college student who found her laying helpless at a busy intersection in Pleasant Ridge, where a car had hit her. The student rushed the badly injured cat to the nearest vet, but was unable to afford her care. A series of phone calls led to help for her through OAR, and the young kitty, barely older than a kitten, ended up at the Animal Hospital on Mt. Lookout Square.

When examined it was discovered she was in shock and had bruised lungs, a fractured femur and rib. The caring staff at Mt. Lookout got her through the night and Asera underwent surgery on her leg the next day. Since then she has been recovering at the rescue, charming everyone with her affectionate nature and indomitable spirit.

Asera is healing well and, before long, will be looking for a loving home, but this adorable little girl still needs you. Her vet bills were extensive and in, in order to help other cats like Asera in the future, we are reaching out to our generous supporters with a request for assistance.

If you’d like to make a donation toward Asera’s care, please send a check payable to “Ohio Alleycat Resource, Inc.” to OAR, P.O. Box 9206, Cincinnati, OH 45209.

As always, Asera and the other OAR kitties thank you for your support.



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