



CRU MEWS

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Cat Shows

Saturday and Sunday, December 4-5, 2010: Baltimore, MD: Tall Cedars Hall. Greater Baltimore Cat Club (CFA); Hours: 9:00 – 5:00 Saturday and Sunday
<http://www.catshows.us/crabandmallet/10index.html>

Saturday and Sunday, March 12-13, 2011: Baltimore, MD: Pikesville Armory. Crab and Mallet Cat Club (CFA); Hours: 10:00 – 4:00 Saturday and Sunday
<http://www.catshows.us/crabandmallet/10index.html>



Finding Missing Pets

Vencka has advised everyone to use the following website for assistance whenever a pet is missing:

www.missingpetpartnership.com

There is a section that allows you to find a pet detective nationally so this site is helpful for every enquiry. Vencka says there is an excellent pet detective named Laura Totis in Hampstead MD who can be found under that link. The site also has a wealth of information on it and is well worth checking

out. Please pass this site along to anyone who is searching for a pet. This notice will be included in every future Mewsletter in an effort to make it readily accessible to everyone with minimal searching.

Additionally, you can view lost pets as well as found pets on the Anne Arundel County Animal Control website. The links are listed in the Quick Links Column. The website is: <http://www.aacounty.org/AnimalControl>

Cocoa Mulch Dangers

With gardening season upon us there are now quite a variety of mulches from which to choose for landscaping needs. Use caution with the Cocoa Mulch, as it can be toxic to animals since Hershey's manufactures it and contains "cocoa", a substance that is highly toxic to dogs and cats if ingested.
<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoomulch.asp>

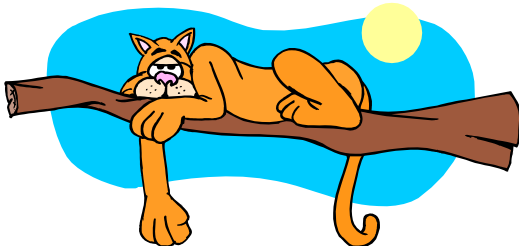


"An ordinary kitten will ask more questions than any five-year-old."

Carl van Vechten

The Royal Treatment

The popularity of cats around the globe can be traced to admiration in high places. In seventh-century Japan, for example, cats were the companions of Buddhist monks but became an integral part of Japanese society after A.D. 1000, when 13-year-old Emperor Ichijo introduced a litter of kittens at his palace in Tokyo and indulged them with the finest of food and luxuries.



Dreamland Trips

Cats are the sleepest of all mammals. They spend 16 hours of each day in dreamland. This means a seven-year old cat has only been awake for two years of its life!

CFA Car Decals

When it comes to enthusiastic devotees, cat lovers rate right up there with sports and music fans. Well aware of the number of people who admire cats, the Cat Fanciers' Association offers a set of decals featuring its logo and a pair of reflective cat eyes for display on the back windows of cars. An added benefit is that the eyes will allow drivers to spot an auto on the side of the road, motivating one cat person to aid another in distress.

[Editor's Note: To view the Awareness Decals visit the CFA site. The link to order the decals (\$10.50):
<http://www.cfa.org/catalog/supplies.html#decals>

Shelter Challenge

The Animal Rescue Site and Petfinder.com are very excited to announce that the next *Animal Rescue Site Shelter⁺ Challenge - together with Petfinder.com* will begin on Monday, September 20th!

Looking for highlights? The Holiday Shelter⁺ Challenge will run all the way through Sunday, December 19th, and winners will be announced on Wednesday, December 22nd. The **Grand Prize** will be a \$10,000 grant to help animals, but we're also adding some exciting new prizes for shelters to try for. There will be **Dark Horse Prizewinners** — rescue organizations that have never won a grant in ANY of our Challenges — and we will also offer a unique opportunity for voters to share their beloved rescue pets in the **Shelter Fan Photo Contest** to win a grant for their favorite rescue group!

[Note: Reprinted from *The Animal Rescue Site*]

http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive/shelterchallenge.faces;jsessionid=5A995751D1797434817D49B23EF9B179.ctg-a?siteId=3&link=ctg_ars_shelterchallenge_from_home_sidetabs

Please vote daily from 9/20 through 12/19!

Good Search

Hello all. Many of you may recall that I registered CRU with GOODSEARCH. I use goodsearch as my search engine. Each time someone simply looks something up using good search and dedicate your searches to CRU, we get 1cent. We're all searching the Internet anyway; why not earn a penny for CRU each time we do it?

Below, I've listed the instructions for making Goodsearch your home page. You can also simply look it up every once in awhile and use it in the name of CRU to earn us some cash. It adds up. The reason I'm sending this reminder out again is because recently, nobody is using good search for CRU. I think that's largely due to the new additions to CRU who aren't aware of our good search fundraiser. We haven't earned anywhere near what we did last year. Please review the information I'm pasting below and consider surfing the net while raising us some dimes each day.

Last year, we searched up a bit over \$23. This year, we've only raised \$3. You can also use the GOOD SHOP option and raise WAY more! I just ordered a bouquet of flowers for my friend's birthday from 1-800-flowers. 7% of my order went to CRU because of GOOD SHOP. The holidays are coming up and you're all shopping online anyway. RIGHT? All your favorite retailers are on GOOD SHOP. Really, every single one! So if you're already shopping online and paying your hard earned cash, why not have some of it come back to CRU to benefit our kitties?

Rachel

SEND AN EMAIL TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The more people use GoodSearch on behalf of your cause, the more money it will raise! A simple email to spread the word can go a long way! Please feel free to customize the following message:

Subject: Cats R Us Feral Cat Rescue Needs Your Help!

As you know, I'm a supporter of Cats R Us Feral Cat Rescue and I want to share with you a simple way for you to help support this

organization or any other cause that you care about.

Just download the GoodSearch – Cats R Us Feral Cat Rescue toolbar:
<http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/cats-r-us-feral-cat-rescue>

Each time you search the web with GoodSearch's Yahoo-powered search engine, about a penny will go your charity or school.

Also, every time you shop online at 1,000 participating stores including Amazon, eBay, Target, Apple, Staples, Expedia, etc., a percentage of your purchase will be donated for free! The site also has thousands of money-saving coupons!

To give you a sense of how the money can add up, the ASPCA has already earned more than \$30,000!

Please tell 10 friends about the GoodSearch toolbar today. They've been featured in the NY Times, the Wall Street Journal, CNN, Oprah Magazine, Good Morning America and more.

[Editor's Note: It is easy to do, the results are the same ones you'd get doing a "regular" Google search with one difference: with Good Search you will be earning money for Cats R Us! Good Search sends out the checks in December based on their fiscal year ending October 31st. That's the time of year that we need donations so it is very helpful to get "unexpected" money!]

"Cats do not think they are little people. They think that we are big cats. This influences their behavior in many ways."

Anonymous

Financial Assistance

From the About Cats website: a link for a listing of groups/organizations that can offer financial assistance for medical/veterinary emergency care:

<http://cats.about.com/od/criseswithcats/tp/financialaidcatemergencies.htm>



Emergency Vets

Barb Zucco has compiled a list of local Emergency vets and initial fees.

1. AAEC (Anne Arundel Emergency Vet Clinic) Bestgate Rd, Annapolis, MD 410-224-0331
\$160 fee before any services are added on. This is the most expensive emergency room.
2. Beltway Emergency Veterinary Hospital Annapolis Rd, Glenn Dale, MD 301-464-3737
\$80-85 initial fee. This is the emergency room that I use. They also have a referral service like the one on Bestgate.
3. Emergency Animal Hospital Rt 40; Ellicott City, MD 410-750-1177
\$75 (I think) this is the least expensive emergency vet but also the smallest as to facilities.

4. Emergency Vet Clinic Mellor Ave; Catonsville, MD 410-788-7040

\$90. I have not been to this one for a while so I am not sure the fee is the same. They were very good and also have a referral service like the one on Bestgate.

5. Greater Annapolis Vet Hospital Gen. Hwy, Annapolis, MD 410-224-3800

\$95-110. They have Sunday hours for emergencies with an increased fee as shown. They also are opened later during the week than most other vets. They are not an emergency room per se but function as such on Sunday. There other services on Sunday are at the regular price.

6. Dogs and Cats Veterinary Laurel-Bowie Rd, Bowie, MD 301-809-8800

This is a new one that I know very little about. Do not know the fees only that they advertise 24-hour emergency service.



Plant Food?

More than 100 plants, from azaleas and aloe vera to tulips and tomato vines, can be toxic for cats. A full list is available on the ASPCA's website (www.asPCA.org). (Poinsettia plants are still on its list even though recent writings have questioned their toxicity.) If your cat likes to chew on greenery, grow a containerful of dill, pet grass or catnip.

"People who hate cats will come back as mice in their next life."

Faith Resnick

“Confront a child, a puppy, and a kitten with a sudden danger; the child will turn instinctively for assistance, the puppy will grovel in abject submission, the kitten will brace its tiny body for a frantic resistance.”

Saki

Southern MD Rescue

Animal Relief Fund (ARF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to finding homes for abandoned animals in the southern Maryland area with Saturday adoption shows at the Well Pet Clinic in Patuxent, Maryland. They are not a shelter; all pets are fostered in private homes.

<http://www.animalrelieffund.org/>



Feral Cat Corner

Baltimore Feral Cat Colonies Map:
<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=111574597000854083018.00046242414d38ff81559&t=h&ll=39.319425,-76.728516&spn=0.487643,0.884399&z=10>

Although the care and feeding of feral cat colonies is not officially a part of Cats R Us, there are so many of our volunteers who are involved in one way or another with feral colonies that the Feral Cat Corner column was added to the Mewsletter as a way to share information and allow those who are unfamiliar with all that is involved in feral cat care to learn more about it. Caring for feral cat colonies and Trap Neuter Return (TNR) work are not “required” for Cats R Us members. Likewise, participation at the low-cost spay/neuter clinics does not require membership in Cats R Us. We welcome everyone who cares about cats and wishes to volunteer with Cats R Us in any capacity they can. Ray and all the other feral colony caretakers also welcome anyone wanting to help or become additional feeders/caretakers. If you are interested in managing feral cat colonies please contact Ray Wills.

For winter weather tips on how to keep food and water from freezing when feeding ferals visit the Alley Cat Allies web site:

<http://www.alleycat.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=701>

For more information on feral cats visit the FAQ page of the ASPCA web site where you can learn what the difference between a stray and a feral cat is as well as how to help feral kittens and how TNR works:

<http://www.aspca.org/adoption/feral-cats-faq.html>

Alley Cat Allies TIP: Add a pinch of sugar to the water in winter to keep it from freezing as quickly. It also provides an energy boost for the cats.



"If human, cats might play solitaire, but they would never sit around with the gang and a few six-packs watching Monday Night Football."

Time magazine, 7 December 1981

Delta Society

Do you have a cat (or dog) that is calm and companionable with people? If you are interested in volunteering *with* your pet please look into the Delta Society's Pet Partners, which trains volunteers and their pets for visiting-animal programs. Their motto is "Improving human health through service and therapy animals." Visit their site for more information on this important community service as well as a wealth of information and resources, including Pet Loss and Bereavement:

www.deltasociety.org/

Food Lion and CRU

We are now listed on Food Lion's charity campaign. Sign your rewards card up for Cats R Us and with each qualifying purchase (see web site for more info) Cats R Us will earn \$\$\$\$\$ quarterly.

Go to www.Foodlion.com to enter your rewards card number to Cats R Us.

Go to rewards, search for Cats R Us in Maryland.

Donna Schneider

[Editor's Note: If you experience problems please use the phone number provided below by Maggie Jaye.]

Maggie Jaye had problems finding/navigating the site (and thought maybe it was her recent computer burnout) in order to link my MVP card. She contacted them by email and they just *phoned* her back.

They 'linked' my card while on the phone. Just asked for my 12 digit card #, my phone # and name of organization i.e., Cats R Us, Gambrills, MD.

She did say it can be done on-line, but on the phone was sure easy: (1-877-614-6877). She also reminded me that once the MVP card is linked, any/all Food Lion locations are included, **BUT only products of the Food Lion brand are qualified purchases.**

Sponsor a CRU Cat

Inge is now currently sponsoring Peaches at the Arnold Shelter for the remainder of the one-year sponsorship she began for Todd since Todd has a new home now. She has made a donation to CRU in his name for his "room and board". Her solution is one that many of us can also adopt, especially if we are unable to adopt another cat! You can sponsor a cat for any length of time you choose. If you can "sponsor" a cat then please send in the name and location of the cat with your donation. Sponsors will be listed in each issue of the Mewsletter.

In 2003, archaeologists in southern Germany uncovered a lion-headed ivory figure dating back 30,000 years. The foot-tall "Lion-Man" is the oldest statue ever found, and speculation has it that it might have been carved by Neanderthals, who used it to invoke the hunting power of the domestic cat's mighty cousin.

Matching Donations

Many employers now offer matching donations when one of their employees makes a monetary donation to a non-profit organization. If you are not sure whether your employer offers this benefit check with your Human Resources department. More and more employers recognize that volunteering and donations are important aspects of their employees' lives and are willing to match donations (sometimes up to a specified amount) made by their employees. Cats R Us has received matching donations in the past and we encourage everyone to ask about it. It is a great way to double the impact your donation makes on our cats.

According to Cat Fancy magazine, a cat will purr an average of 10,950 hours during its lifetime.

Volunteers Needed

Both the Riva and Arnold shelters are in need of volunteers to help feed and clean at least one shift per week. If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer please give them either Ray's or Dick's phone number. Fosters for both kittens and cats are always needed. If you or anyone you know may be interested in being a foster please contact Barb Zucco for information.

A cat has 517 muscles in its body, with 32 muscles in its ears.

Needed: Clinic Volunteers!

I know many of you read about the Monday sp/n clinics in Linthicum & think, "Gee that sounds like fun." Umm, perhaps not. However, it's one of the most important aspects of CRU. We've been doing them for about 10 years & have processed thousands of cats. We need people to help out. Sometimes it's just me & 1 other person. I am no longer going to be doing every clinic. Duties include paperwork, treating the cats after they come off the table, & performing the occasional surgery. *(Well, perhaps not the surgery part.)* If you have any interest in helping, or have any questions, please contact me. Thank you,
Ray

[Editor's Note: If you can assist once a month that would be a big help, particularly if several people are able to help out on a rotating basis.]

"Last year a team of scientists published the results of an extensive study of cat language. They determined that although cats may demonstrate a wide variety of vocalizations, they actually only have two phrases that are translatable into human terms: 1. Hurry up with that food. 2. Everything here is mine."

Anonymous

Cats have more than 200 million scent receptors in their nasal folds compared to only 5 million in humans.

CRU on Facebook

As some of you may already know, CRU is now on Facebook (sorry if you've already received a message like this!). If you are on Facebook, you can add CRU to your "likes" by going here:

<http://www.facebook.com/catsrusrescue>. If you're not on Facebook and would like to join, you can go to www.facebook.com and sign up for free!

The page is set up with Ray as the owner and Melissa and I serving as administrators. So, Melissa and I are the ones adding the posts as CRU.

Deb Geary

Melissa Van der Kaay

Where to Find CRU

**Cats R Us
P.O. Box 160
Gambrills, MD 21054**

<http://www.catsrusrescue.com/>

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/catsrus.html>

Cat Line Phone No: 410-263-1719

Email address:

cats.r.us.2000@hotmail.com

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/catsrusrescue>