

# Alley Cat Advocates



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## Message from our President

*Happy Fall Season, everyone! And I really do mean happy! I love to tell stories like the one below—stories of the cooperation of neighbors and groups and the lucky cats we help. It is a true story about the impact our work can have, not only on the cats we help but on the people in the neighborhoods where the cats live. ENJOY! Karen Little*

Hi, my name is Orange Crush and, boy, do I have a story to tell!! It is about Nice Lady, New Person, and my friends at Alley Cat Advocates and Metro Animal Services.

Last summer, I was a big, strong, boy cat, fighting my way to the girls, yelling and screaming at all the other boy cats, and spraying my territory really, really well. One could certainly tell I was around—by the smell! It was my territory and no one else's! There was Nice Lady who put out food and water for me. I cared about that every once in awhile. But mostly I was interested in the girls.

Then along came this metal cage thing and me, like a fool, going in it. Then the cage thing and I went to this "BIG FIX clinic" (whatever that is—something about spaying and neutering by this group called Alley Cat Advocates who seemed nice but not as nice as Nice Lady . . .). And then I came home a little sore on my back end. Nice Lady still fed me which was great because now I was no longer interested in the girls. That was weird but ok as I also didn't feel very interested in fighting or spraying. I think Nice Lady liked me lots. She talked to me and all that.

Then New Person moved in across the street. I watched and he seemed nice. Then one day New Person put a cage out like Nice Lady had done. I was curious, and with no girls to interest me, decided to check it out. Ooppps. I was trapped. Then the cage thing and I went to this "shelter" place. (Someone mentioned the name Metro Animal Services but I don't know what that is.) Boy, that was different. Lots of smells. And noise. And I was terrified. Nice people were there but I felt this sense of dread—was this the end for me??—UNTIL . . .

One of the nice people at this Metro Animal Services place noticed I had an "ear-tip." I don't know what that is and, since I can't see my ear . . . Well, apparently those Alley Cat Advocates people who made my back end sore, also trimmed off the point on one of my ears—a "badge of honor", I'm told. The Metro Animal Services people then called the Alley Cat Advocates people who had trimmed my ear (and made my back end sore). They were able to contact Nice Lady who was SO happy to hear I was ok. Then Nice Lady and New Person living across the street talked. Apparently New Person didn't know that I was a nice kitty who didn't bother the girls, didn't fight the boys, didn't spray, didn't make more kittens for the neighborhood, AND have a person (Nice Lady) who feeds me. Now that New Person knows that that is what my "badge of honor" ear tip means, he's very happy to have me back home, keeping watch over the neighborhood.

Thank you, Alley Cat Advocates, for making me the good citizen cat I am today and for working with the people at Metro Animal Services to get me home. I'm happy to have Nice Lady and New Person to watch over me. And, without my nice new manners and my ear tip, I wouldn't be here to tell this story!

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Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.**

**TIP'S TIP**

It's getting cold! It is time to make sure there is water available — that's not frozen. And good shelters. Check out our website for shelter ideas or call! We're happy to talk with you about how to make the cats comfortable.



**Thanks!**

The staffs at Crestwood Animal Hospital, Downtown Animal Hospital, Fairleigh Pet Center on Bardstown Road, Jefferson Animal Hospital and Mt. Washington Animal Clinic  
Drs. Chris Albert, Denise Bevins, Derf Bridges, Leslie Brown, Marie Gagnon, Kerry Garrity, Teresa Gregory, Megan Hoelter, Pat Kennedy, Karen Lanz, Karen Lazas, Krista LeGrand, Stephanie Pollett, Consuela Reinhart, Laurelee Rubsch, Kristin Voehl, Alexis Wallace, and Pam Williams for donating their veterinary services for our BIG FIXes and beyond  
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**Gifts in Honor of**

*Carson Bobzien*, on his first birthday, by Joy Bobzien

The wedding of *Bob Fairchild & Jan Pearce*, by Ann Rosen

*Heather Falmen*, on her birthday, by Kelly Wesley

*Tim Hogan*, by Joan Todd

*Tippy*, by Jane Hope

*Crystal Weddington and Brian* Gingerich by Janis Moseley

**Gifts in Memory of**

*Buster*, a true gentleman and with thanks to Dr. Joe Deck, by Sam and Debbie Thomas

*Casper*, so glad we trapped you that 2nd time!, by Karen and Hoyt Little

*Donna Sue Galbraith* who loved animals, by Wellington Elementary Comrades, Barbara Wooden, Harriett Blankenship, Ruth Teeple, Verna Cahoon, Martha Skaggs, Sandy Harris, Janice Creech, Linda Kelley, Carol Jackson Craig, and Cheri May

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We are always looking for assistance in a variety of different ways. If you are interested in supporting our cause at Alley Cat Advocates, please be sure to mark one of the adjacent boxes, include your name, phone number and address, then return it to us at:

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**I would like to support Alley Cat Advocates . . .**

- I would like to serve ACA as a volunteer. Please contact me so that I may learn more about the ways I can help.
- I would like to support the Billie Emergency Fund, helping cats who, in addition to their spay or neuter, need further live-saving medical care, with the tax deductible donation noted below.
- I believe in your cause and would like to make the following tax deductible donation.

\$10       \$25       \$50       Other

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***Gifts in Memory of***

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*Jessie, the cat with wound on his face who LOVED Jimmy the dog, by Karen and Hoyt Little*

*Sudabell Marshall, by Stephanie & Chuck Sarasohn*

*Lloyd Mitchell, caretaker of several stray farm cats, by Toni Borders*

*Otis, by Jan Stevens*

*Irma Gertrude Snyder, by Jackie Pierce*

*Ms. Natalie Bright Taylor who loved cats and children, by Greg Moore*

*Father William Theobald Volz, Jr., by Ruth Devine*

**BIG FIX SCHEDULE**

Typically held one weekend per month by appointment. Call 502-634-8777 for schedule and details.

**Money for the Kitties!**

Thanks, once again, to the Two Mauds Foundation for a grant of \$6000 to help subsidize our Quick Fix Program. Their support means all that much more when it follows a visit by their staff to Louisville to meet with our board and to see the results of our work.

Thanks also to Modern Woodmen of America for their \$2,500 support of our work.

**THANKS!**

To Matt and Molly Mershon  
for hosting the  
First Annual Cat's Meow  
at Bistro 301  
on September 12, 2008

And thanks to all the donors of  
and bidders on silent auction  
items.

Over \$5,000 was raised.

And fun was had by all!

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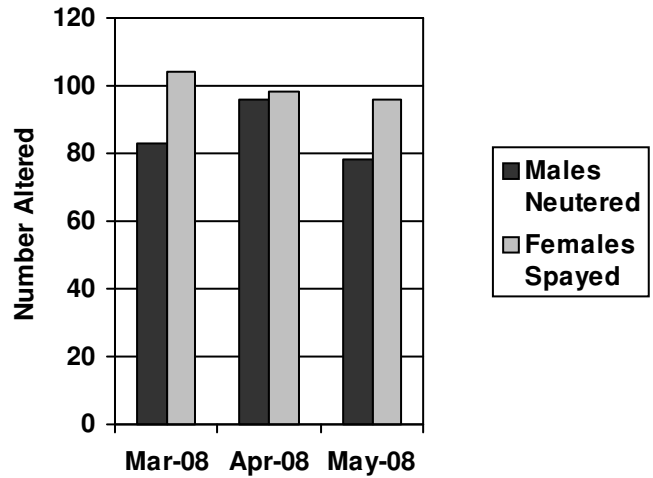
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### Charting Our Progress



Yeah! We're making steady progress. Keep helping by volunteering (call 502-634-8777 to start) and sending in those donations. We can't do it without you!

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