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NEWSLETTER

Rummage Sale Items needed: If you currently have items for our 2006 rummage sale, we can collect them from you now and place them in storage. Please call Kandi @ 482-8987 or Judy @ 679-3376 for directions to drop them off. We prefer a limited amount of clothing. The sale will most likely be held in the latter part of August. More details of the sale will be in future newsletters and posted on our Website. www.saveakitty.org

Education tables continue: Our education table was in place at Wal-Mart in Vienna, WV on February 25, 2006. Approximately 20 education packets were distributed and many raffle tickets were sold. The raffle drawing will be held May 1, 2006 just in time for Mother's Day. The prizes are as follows:

Grand Prize - Mother's Day Out, includes a hotel stay, dinner at Ruby Tuesdays, massage, manicure, hairstyle, bouquet of flowers, hair products (compliment of Lee's Studio) and more.

2nd prize - Personal Pet Portrait

3rd prize - Bath/Body Basket

4th prize - Save a Kitty FCP, Inc. T-shirt

If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets or selling them for us, please contact a Board Member listed on our Website.



Kroger Cares Program: Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc. is now participating in the Kroger Cares Program. The program offers fundraising opportunities for non-profit organizations by paying them a percentage of sales when grocery and fuel purchases are made with a re-loadable gift card. The non-profit program is tracked through an assigned serial number and will receive funds from the sales on a monthly basis. If you shop at Kroger and are interested in helping, please contact Kandi @ kandicozad@charter.net or (304) 482-8987. The gift cards are easily re-loaded while checking out and will raise much-needed funds to continue our sterilization program. The cards are good at any Kroger store in the U.S. and also good on gasoline purchases.

Cash for Critters Fundraiser: Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc. participates in the Cash for Critters fundraiser. This is a recycling company that pays us for empty ink cartridges, (excluding Epson), empty toner cartridges and un-used cell phones. If you can help us with any of these items, please call Kandi at (304) 482-8987. We can provide pre-paid mailers for you to send your cartridges as they become empty. We would really appreciate your help. The money collected is used for our spay/neuter program, which to date has altered 170+ cats and kittens.

Wonderful Toys for Stay at Home Cats:

Following are some of the most popular cat toys that are sure to keep your cat/kitten occupied.

- 1) Mewvie Birdland Bonanza (DVD)-twittering birds in an outdoor setting.
- 2) Peek-a-Prize Toy Box-hiding cat toys inside the box.
- 3) Cat Dancer-a 30-inch piece of flexible piano wire with tightly rolled cylinders of paper on the "play end".
- 4) Catnip Cigar-tightly rolled catnip cigars. Refresh by putting in the dryer for a few

minutes.

- 5) Babble Ball by Pet Querks-electronically activates kitty-friendly sounds.
- 6) Mews Ments Mylar Balls-shiny play ball.
- 7) Play-N-Treat Balls-colorful balls that you can fill with cat treats.
- 8) Paper Shopping Bags-they love the crinkle but be sure to cut off the handles to prevent strangling.
- 9) Cardboard Boxes-leave one on the floor and let the fun begin. You can also cut holes and duct tape them together for tunnels.

Education Program to begin: Our Education Coordinator, Judy Deem, will begin her presentation to area classrooms at the end of March. The program will allow children, kindergarten through sixth grade the opportunity to learn about humanely caring for cats and kittens. It will also explain how a kitten or cat can become a feral animal and the benefit and importance of sterilization to control the overpopulation. We hope to encourage today's youth to be more responsible pet owners of tomorrow.

Poisons and other pet hazards: Following are some potential hazards for pets. For their safety, please keep these items out of reach.

- 1) Alcoholic beverages
- 2) Avocados
- 3) Chocolate
- 4) Coffee (grounds, beans, etc.)
- 5) Fatty foods
- 6) Garlic and garlic powder
- 7) Grapes and raisins
- 8) Hops (used in home brewing)
- 9) Macadamia nuts
- 10) Moldy or spoiled foods
- 11) Onions and onion powder
- 12) Salt
- 13) Yeast dough
- 14) Ice Melts
- 15) Liquid Potpourris
- 16) Medications
- 17) Antifreeze
- 18) Rodenticides
- 19) Batteries
- 20) Plants

Need a Pet-sitter? If you should happen to need a pet-sitter, please make sure the individual is licensed and a member of Pet Sitters

International. PSI was founded in 1994 with just a few members and has since grown to over 5,800 members today. If you do not have a family member or good friend to watch over your pets, you should thoroughly check out the advertised agency. It is suggested that you check their references also. Members of PSI carry General Liability Insurance. If you would like more information on this facility and their requirements for membership, please visit their Website at www.petsit.com

Flea Product Warning: Use extreme caution with products that contain permethrin, an insecticide commonly found in low concentrations in several canine and feline flea sprays and shampoos. In low concentrations cats tolerate these products with minimal adverse effects. However, products that contain concentrated permethrin (45 to 65 %) as the active ingredient, such as those labeled for use in dogs only may cause severe and often fatal toxicosis if applied to cats. If you use this product on your dog, keep him/her separated from your cat(s) for several days and make sure the product is completely dry before the cats return. Can you guess the top city for fleas and ticks? West Palm Beach/Boca Raton, Florida
Following are flea-related illnesses in cats:

- 1) Bartonella (the causative organism of cat-scratch disease in humans)
- 2) Flea allergic dermatitis (FAD)
- 3) Anemia
- 4) Tapeworms

Did You Know? Cats tend to be left-pawed, according to Professor J. Cole of Oxford University. He discovered that cats lead more frequently with their left paws than their right ones.

There are over 1 million cats/kittens killed per year on our nation's highways because they are permitted to run loose. Check out www.playscapesforpussycats.com for ideas to keep your feline safe and happy.

Spay/Neuter stamp proposal submitted: The ISAR (International Society for Animal Rights) has submitted a proposal to the UNPA Stamp Advisory Committee for consideration of a 2007 Spay/Neuter Stamp to raise funds and bring awareness to the pet overpopulation. You can help by writing to the UNPA. Information is available at www.isar.org