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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 @ 679-5576 for directions to the drop off location. We prefer children and baby clothing only. The sale will be held Saturday, August 12 at the Jefferson Elementary School cafeteria on Plum Street. More details of the sale will be posted on our Website in the next few weeks. www.saveakitty.org

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. Save a Kitty FCP, Inc. 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 access our Website. 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 or affiliate in the U.S. and are also good on gasoline purchases.

Education Program update: Our Education Coordinator, Judy Deem, began her feral cat presentation to Jefferson Elementary Center classrooms on April. 19, 2006 reaching a total of 135 students and teachers, thus far. 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 over-population. We hope to encourage today's youth to be more responsible pet owners of tomorrow. If you know an elementary school, church organization or any

type of group that may be interested in our presentation, please contact Judy Deem, Education Coordinator at (304) 679-5576.

Spay/Neuter stamp proposal update: 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. As of April 1, 2006, the US Post Office has decided that the issuance of this stamp is not currently feasible at this particular time. We will continue to advocate for the issuance of this important awareness stamp. You can help by writing to the UNPA. Information is available at www.isar.org

Wal-Mart Community Program Grant approved: Save a Kitty Feral Cat Program, Inc. is the proud recipient of a \$1,000 community program grant from the Wal-Mart Corporation. The funds will be used to continue our education awareness to the community regarding feral cat/kitten care and fund our most important function "spaying/neutering" of feral and homeless cats and kittens. If you would like to support our efforts, donations can be sent to PO Box 1442, Parkersburg, WV 26102. Donations are tax-deductible.

Flea Treatments Explained: Program contains Lufenuron, a chemical that prevents flea eggs from hatching but does not kill adult fleas. It is available as a monthly oral tablet or suspension and as a twice-yearly veterinarian-administered injection. This compound doesn't work against ticks. Frontline is available in a dab-on formula or a spray. It uses fipronil to wipe out fleas and may control ticks. For flea control, it can be used every two months; for tick control, it should be administered once a month. Frontline continues to work even after you give your pet a bath. Advantage does not work against ticks.

Revolution (selamectin) is the latest topical medication among the monthly options for flea and tick prevention. It guards against heartworms, flea eggs and adult fleas, ticks, ear mites, hookworms and roundworms.

Some Truths About Cats:

- Did you know that a cat can be either right pawed or left pawed?
- Cats are real fast. In fact, they can reach 31 miles per hour in a full sprint.
- Cats rarely meow at another cat. Felines use their meow sound for humans.
- The kitty door was actually invented by Sir Isaac Newton.
- Cats were once cherished in Egypt. A family would often shave their eyebrows in mourning for the deceased family cat.

Special thank-you to area Arborist: Save a Kitty FCP would like to thank Sam Habeb, owner and operator of **Limbwalker Tree Preservation in Vienna, WV** for rescuing cats who have climbed trees and are afraid to come down. Sam came to the rescue when the fire department wouldn't. Apparently, the fire department does not do this anymore. Sam has responded each time someone called needing help for their cat. If the tree is safe, then the cat will be saved. Sam's company specializes in **tree preservation (pruning) and removal, landscaping, lawn mowing and snow removal in the winter.** We would appreciate your patronage to this special cat rescuer. **Limbwalker Tree Preservation** can be reached at (304) 483-6860.

Advertising space available: Save a Kitty FCP, Inc. will be offering advertising space in future newsletters. If you would like to reach several people on a quarterly basis, we can help. Block ads will be available along with Website notices for your business. We can also include a flyer or business card in our newsletter mailings. More details to follow....

Mother's Day Raffle Winners announced: The Mother's day raffle was a great success. We raised \$707.00 and gave away some great prizes. The winners were:
Grand Prize - Cheryl Gonzales (Mother's Day Package)
2nd Prize - Art Varner - Personal Pet Portrait
3rd Prize - Stick - Bath/Body Basket
4th Prize - Deb Reynolds - Save a Kitty FCP T-shirt.

How old is Your Cat? Cats live longer than most dogs. An average life span might be 12 to 14 years, with some cats reaching 20 years or more. A cat's longevity depends on whether or not it lives indoors or is allowed outdoors. Outdoor cats live an average of 8 years. Genetics, feeding, environment, veterinary care and other factors play a part. At about 7 a cat is considered middle-aged and at age ten and beyond - old. Use the chart to determine your cat's age in relation to a human's.

<u>Cat's Age:</u>	<u>Human Age:</u>
6 months	10 years
8 months	13 years
10 months	14 years
1 year	15 years
18 months	20 years
2 years	24 years
4 years	32 years
6 years	40 years
8 years	48 years
10 years	56 years
12 years	64 years
14 years	72 years
16 years	80 years
18 years	88 years
20 years	96 years
21 years	100 years

Did You Know? The number of feral cats has declined by 2/3 since the inception of TNR (Trap, Neuter and Return) became popular over 10 years ago. The days of rounding up healthy, beautiful animals and euthanizing them are coming to an end. We as a caring society should advocate for TNR. The unfortunate cats/kittens who become homeless and feral should not have to pay the price for belonging to irresponsible pet owners. A few of the cats become lost but very rarely is this the case. If you know someone who feeds stray/feral cats, please ask them to request information from us. They can access our Website for more information. It is www.saveakitty.org

\$500 Community Grant from Sam's Club: We are the proud recipients of a \$500 community program grant from Sam's Club in Vienna, WV. The funds will be used to continue our Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) program for free roaming cats/kittens and will help many more felines live a little easier. Thanks Sam's Club.