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Happy Tails Grand Opening – October 17!

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**"Helping Those
Who Can't Help Themselves."**

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abandoned and abused animals.**

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- ♥ All Volunteer
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**Happy Tails extends a very special
thank you to Fruitridge Printing.**

Happy Tails Called in to Help Persians

Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary was called in to rescue 15 Persian cats from a woman who passed away unexpectedly in her home May 2. The elderly breeder left the cats to Happy Tails in her will.



We will dearly miss Tremaine, who passed away in August.



Vivian found a new loving home with Caroline.

When the emergency team entered the home, they discovered the cats with dirty food and water dishes. Most were living in cages with newspaper lining the bottom (no beds, blankets or towels), and filthy litter boxes. Most of the cats were extremely matted, and some had bare skin where the matted fur had pulled away. The cats were not spayed or neutered, and there were no clear records of their medical history, ages or even names. Our veterinarians estimate the cats ranged in age from approximately 1 to 13 years.

Even though the woman left \$7,500 in her will to Happy Tails, grooming and vet care has added up to more than \$16,000. All the cats required shaving, full exams, spays/neuters, vaccinations and dentals. Five of the cats required treatment by a cardiologist and three were referred to an eye specialist. Sadly, five of the older cats have died — two from cardiac arrest, one from cancer, one from renal failure and one due to neurological issues probably due to a blood clot.

An outpouring of interest from the public has resulted in a list of potential adopters. To date, seven of the cats have found new homes and three remain. If you are interested in adopting one of these wonderful cats, please contact Happy Tails at (916) 556-1155 or e-mail purrball@happytails.org.

If you would like to support our "Persian Rescue Project," please send in your donations to Happy Tails at P.O. Box 161994, Sacramento, CA 95816-1994.

Cover Girl

Caroline is one of the Persian cats that Happy Tails rescued in May. We think she is about 10 years old and has a very sweet personality — she is friendly and loving. She is one of the cutest of the Persians we inherited! Due to some dental work, she doesn't have teeth to hold in her tongue, so the tip of her little pink tongue peeks out all the time giving her kind of a mischievous look. We were very concerned when she was diagnosed with cancer, but the vets were able to remove it all during her spay, and she received a clean bill of health.



Photo by Katie Johnson – www.kjcreates.com

Happy Tails to Hold Grand Opening of the New Happy Tails 'Patricia L. Holmes Adoption Center'

For the past 16 years, Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary has rescued more than 10,000 homeless and abandoned cats and many dogs in the Sacramento area, and provides food, shelter, nurturing and medical care until safe, loving, permanent homes can be found. We are honored to have had your support and trust over the years — especially now as we prepare to open our new adoption center made possible by those who share our vision to make this a better world for our animal friends.

We would like to give special recognition to one person who made the purchase of our new adoption center possible. Patricia Holmes was a resident of Woodside, Calif. She owned approximately 70 acres of land with a farm where she kept show horses. She also had a deep love for cats and supported animal rescue efforts. Before passing away in 2006, she named Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary among the beneficiaries from the sale of her estate. Happy Tails realized the generous financial bequest at the end of 2007, and used the bulk of the funds to purchase a building in 2008.

The new Happy Tails "Patricia L. Holmes Adoption Center" is located at 6001 Folsom Blvd. in East Sacramento — a little over a mile from our current 800-square-foot adoption center, which we lease at 721 56th Street. A former real estate office, the new building is approximately 3,400 square feet and will

have seven cage-free cat enclosures, an intake room, isolation room, meeting room, laundry area, storage room and office.

Now, almost one year after the purchase of the new facility, we are ready to officially open our doors — and invite the whole community to celebrate with us on Saturday, Oct. 17!

We hope you can join us!

Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary Grand Opening of New Adoption Center!

Saturday, October 17

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

6001 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento 95819

(Corner of 60th and Folsom Blvd.)

- Cat Adoptions!
- Tours of the New Facility
- Entertainment for the Whole Family
- Complimentary Food & Beverages

Patricia L. Holmes June 20, 1946 – June 28, 2006

Patricia Holmes of Woodside, Calif., was an accomplished horsewoman. Over the course of her long and successful career, she became a force in the world of Welsh Cobs, winning countless breed awards, judging at horse shows and even riding in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games Parade of Breeds.

A champion of both horses and humans, Pat Holmes showed her bravery until she succumbed to cancer and died peacefully on June 28, 2006, with her beloved cats and kittens by her side.

When Ms. Holmes died, memorials in her name were directed to any animal charity of choice, especially those dedicated to the needs of cats. Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary is forever grateful for Patricia Holmes' generosity to our organization — and honored to dedicate our new adoption center in her name.



Patricia Holmes & Fig

New Wish List for New Adoption Center!

Now that renovations are almost complete on our new adoption center at 6001 Folsom Blvd., the fun of filling the space begins! We will be:

- Installing glass and aluminum cat enclosures.
- Ordering new furniture & toys for the cat enclosures.
- Replacing old, plastic litter boxes with easy-to-clean, odor-free, lifetime-guaranteed stainless steel litter boxes.
- Purchasing new stainless steel food and water dishes.
- Putting up fresh new window coverings.
- Setting up new tables and chairs in the meeting room.
- Installing storage cabinets in the intake and isolation rooms.
- Ordering exterior and interior signage.

Please help us reach our final goal by sending in your donations to the "Help Build Our Purrfect Home" campaign, c/o Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary, P.O. Box 161994, Sacramento, CA 95816-1994.

Love Comes in Small Packages

By Carol Lunn



Sinni

After rescuing a kitty from Capitol Park (Marley), Katherine Agard loved having a cat around so much that she decided it was time for another feline friend. This time, she wanted to share her love with a “special needs” cat. Katherine saw Sinni on the Happy Tails website and knew she was the one for her. As an old-timer at the Happy Tails Adopt-A-Pet Center, it was time Sinni had a permanent place and someone special to care for her.

At Happy Tails, Katherine spotted Sinni perched high on a scratching post, observing everything below. She appeared to be more the size of a kitten, rather than her actual age of 8 years. Poor Sinni had bald patches and skin sores due to food allergies, and she was blind in one eye. She allowed Katherine to pick her up, but did not want to cuddle. But Katherine couldn’t resist when she saw those white mitts — Sinni was off to her new home.

Sinni made herself comfortable in her new surroundings — she has claimed ownership of Katherine’s favorite recliner. When she lies on top of the washer or dryer, the steady, calming hum puts her into a slumber like a baby. Due to her blindness, Sinni’s perception is off, so playing games like “follow the string” or “chase the ball” are not for her. But she loves to lie on the window sill and watch the backyard birds and squirrels. She also likes to rummage through dresser drawers and may even be found asleep in one. She also likes watching old black and white classic movies on television!

Sinni is 9 years old now, and has a beautiful, healthy coat that is dermatitis free. It’s been a long road for Katherine and Sinni, but hearing that loud purr has made it all worthwhile. If you would like to adopt a homeless cat — maybe even a special needs cat — please visit the Happy Tails Adopt-A-Pet Center!

Carol Lunn, a Happy Tails supporter, is mom to one cat and a Pomeranian.

Share Your Success Stories!

Do you have a Happy Tails pet? Would you like to share your “success story”? Send your stories and photos to purrball@happytails.org — and we may use your story in an upcoming issue of *Happy Tales*!

In Honor Of ...

Recent donations have been made to Happy Tails in honor of the following people: **Rich Lewis**, **Dorothy Beebe** and **Bob Graf**. Happy Tails extends a heartfelt thank you to the friends and family for their generous support.

Think of Happy Tails in Your Planned Giving

Including Happy Tails in your estate planning provides financial benefits to you and your family, while supporting Happy Tails. Federal and state tax authorities recognize Happy Tails as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit benefit corporation. For more information, please call (916) 556-1155 or e-mail purrball@happytails.org.

Happy Tails Donation Boxes!

Have you noticed Happy Tails donation boxes in the community? We are stepping up the program — so if you have a business or know of a business that would be willing to put out a Happy Tails donation box, please contact purrball@happytails.org or call (916) 556-1155.

Happy Tails Participates in Macy’s ‘Shop For A Cause’

Happy Tails is participating in Macy’s “Shop For A Cause” event on Saturday, Oct. 17, specifically for nonprofit organizations. Happy Tails is now selling “Macy’s Shopping Passes” for \$5 each — and will keep 100 percent of the proceeds! On Oct. 17, you will receive exclusive all-day savings at *any* Macy’s store on a wide assortment of merchandise. To purchase your “Shopping Pass,” call Cathryn at (916) 320-4254 or happytailsevents@surewest.net. Attend the Happy Tails “Grand Opening” — and then go shopping!

Happy Tails and Extra Space Storage Team Up!

Kitten Adopt-A-Thon

The Sacramento community turned out in numbers for our Kitten Adopt-A-Thon on June 20, held in conjunction with Extra Space Storage at 30th & B Street in East Sacramento. Adoptions were brisk throughout the event — and at the end of the day 48 kittens found new loving homes!

A big thank you goes to Extra Space Storage for the generous use of their facility, wonderful raffle prizes, and complimentary donuts, lemonade and pizza! Also, for every storage unit rented that day, Happy Tails received a \$50 Visa card. In addition, Happy Tails will continue to receive \$50 Visa cards every time someone rents a unit at any Extra Space Storage and mentions Happy Tails!



Ryan Nowling and Courtney Stutts adopt Kacy and Klancy at June's Kitten Adopt-A-Thon.



Thomas Meyer takes home Tomi Two Tone, whose new name is Bliss!

Senior Cat Adopt-A-Thon

The Adopt-A-Thon was such a success we will be holding another one just for our senior cats ages 10 and older. Please join Happy Tails and Extra Space Storage for “Oldies But Goodies” Senior Cat Adopt-A-Thon on **Saturday, Sept. 19** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be complimentary food and

beverages, giveaways and raffles — and senior kitties looking for new homes. The adoption fee is \$40 for one or two for the price of one, and includes testing, vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip. The fee is waived for seniors 60 years and older who adopt a senior cat!

Summer Capitol Bake Sale Held May 26!

Happy Tails sends a big thank you to the hardworking state Capitol crowd who supported our Summer Bake Sale on May 26! Thanks to your donations, Happy Tails raised more than \$1,300!



Pictured (from left) are Happy Tails volunteers Charlotte Cosulich, Zohreh Whitaker, Diane Campion, Carol Stirnaman, Barbara Price, Linda Junewood and Marian Dreyer.

Happy Tails Holds Another Successful Painting For Paws!

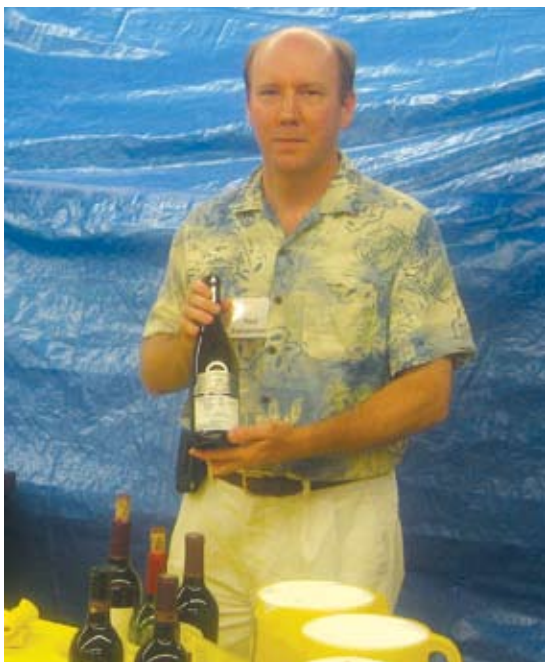
Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary held its fourth annual Second Saturday Art Show & Reception, *Painting for Paws*, on July 11, raising more than \$9,000 in donations from the community. This year's art show featured 51 paintings by the homeless cats and dogs of Happy Tails, as well as an extensive silent auction of human artwork and many other wonderful items donated by area businesses and individuals.

A big thank you goes out to **Sacramento magazine** for its generous sponsorship of *Painting for Paws* — and to **Pavilions Shopping Center** on Fair Oaks Blvd. for hosting the event.

Guests indulged in complimentary nibbles and wine tasting. **Tyler Ragle** provided the perfect **Painting for Paws** Continued on Page 7



Attending this year's Painting for Paws are (from left) Reilly Elwell, Tracy Elwell, Jessica Golly and Naomi Amaha.



Paul Concannon offers complimentary wine tasting to attendees.



Charlie Watters and Heidi Gaynor came early enough to snag one of the sought-after paintings!

More Thank You's!

Happy Tails is grateful for the support of the following businesses!

CATS – The Musical!

Sacramento Musical Theater and the Music Circus donated \$5 for every adult ticket purchased for the musical CATS for performances during Aug. 25-30 for everyone who mentioned "Happy Tails" when ordering tickets.

Big Spoon Yogurt

Big Spoon Yogurt at 3644 J Street, 4001 Freeport Blvd. and Market Square donated 30 percent of its proceeds from sales on July 22 to Happy Tails for everyone who mentioned "Happy Tails."

Thank you!!!

Painting for Paws *Continued from Page 6*

background music. And **Paula Orr of Orr'iginals Jewelry** showcased her wonderful kitty- and dog-themed jewelry. We would also like to thank **Evie Turner** for assisting with obtaining "human" artwork for the silent auction.

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's *Painting for Paws!* Look for information on next year's art show in an upcoming issue of *Happy Tales!*



Cathryn Rakich compliments Tyler Ragle who provided background music.



Carol Jaworowski (left) and Jamie Miller oversee the drawing prizes.

Thank You to All the Local Businesses and Individuals Who Donated to the Silent Auction & Drawing!

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| Amy Lawrence,
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Sew Graceful Stitches
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Thank You to All the Wonderful Human Artists Who Donated to the Silent Auction!

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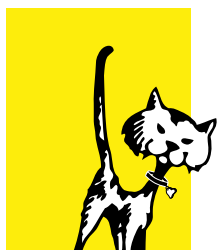
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