



# Cat Tales: News from the Farm

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## Thanks To Donations — Work on Quonset Huts Begin Again



Thank you to everyone who responded to our emergency funding appeal. Because of your generous donations, we were able to resume work on the quonset huts. Special thanks goes to one of our supporters, Joanie, and Channel 2 Problem Solvers.

As you can see in the two photographs to your left, the framing for the walls had been constructed and insulation and plywood was ready to be installed. Since that time, the floors have been finished and the electrical, plumbing and HVAC is close to completion. As we go to press, we are nearing the end of the quonset hut rehab project.

We project that the huts will be completed soon and we want to thank all of our supporters who have helped make this dream come true. 🐾



Front view of quonset hut #1 with newly installed windows and doorway.



HVAC ducts, floor covering and a large window has been installed on the first floor of quonset hut #1.



In quonset hut #1, Roger assists the electrician by drilling holes in the framing for the electrical wire.



View of quonset hut #2 with new doorway and windows.



The view to the outside from the second floor of quonset hut #2.

## Dear Friends

The year 2002 has been a challenging one for us. Just the other day, I was asking our canine companion Tavish, "What would we do without our generous donors?" Every time Roger and I get to a point where we think things are hopeless, caring animal lovers like you create a miracle for us and all the cats here at the Sanctuary. Yes, I was talking to Tavish about you! I know I've said it before, but it's TRUE! Without your help, we never would have come this far.



We still wonder how we are going to make it because preparing the quonset huts for the cats has proven to be more expensive than we had originally anticipated. Thankfully, many of you have already come to our rescue to help us with these enormous expenses and we want you to know that we are so very grateful to you for making the Sanctuary part of your charitable giving.

Even as I write this, the expenses of relocating the cats continues to be truly overwhelming! Our facilities must be properly constructed and maintained so that

we are in compliance with state shelter guidelines, local township ordinances and county health department policies too. Whenever I start feeling discouraged, I think about the wonderful friends we have in all of you. In many ways we are very blessed. I have some wonderful stories to share:

After hearing about our struggles, one of our supporters, Joanie, wanted to do something to help. We were having trouble finding an HVAC contractor (no one wanted to travel far from Detroit), the Fowlerville Township Planning Commission was ready to take us to court because we hadn't yet moved, and the water department was taking almost a year and had not yet issued our septic tank permits for the new place.

So unbeknownst to us, Joanie called the Channel 2 Problem Solvers and described our situation. In less than a month, all of our problems were resolved to our satisfaction. Thank you, Joanie, and Channel 2 Problem Solvers!

Another lady who holds a very special place in our hearts is Marjorie. Marjorie knew about the cats and had plans to name our Sanctuary as a beneficiary in her will.

After seeing our story on Channel 2 Problem Solvers, however, Marjorie decided that the cats needed her help right away! So

without hesitation, Marjorie generously donated \$30,000 towards the purchase of HVAC systems that we so desperately needed for the cat's new home. Bless you, Marjorie!

Other blessings from friends include our new copy machine (thanks, Sue) and donated computer (thank you, Keith!). Thank you, Linda, for going to yard and garage sales searching for special deals on used cat-climbers and toys. Shelley has not only showered us with donations whenever she can, but also has spent much time shopping on her computer (see iGive.com article) and as a result, we have wonderful cat beds and toys for all the cats to enjoy. Jean and Samantha saw to it that the cats were fed and the barn was cleaned. Helen also helped us all summer with work until she herself had to go back to work! Colleen has shared with us her knowledge and expertise about nonprofit management which has been extremely valuable. Belinda is working diligently on our website ([www.cattailfarms.org](http://www.cattailfarms.org)) and without Sabrina's desktop publishing skills we wouldn't be able to send this newsletter to you! Last, but certainly not least, many thanks to Sharon Yaskulski, D.V.M. and Karla Houghton, D.V.M., who were both there to help us this past year when we needed expert veterinarian attention for the cats. Bless you all for always being there!

**Speaking of the cats, we hope to have everyone moved to their new home by the end of this year.** Next Summer, we plan to have their outside runs finished in time for our Open House. Remember we will also be unveiling the Move-A-Cat inscription at the Open House too. We hope to see you there! Be sure to wear heavy clothing because our loving cats will climb all over you with their gratitude!

**Note that our new phone number is 517-468-1714.** The Fowlerville phone number will be disconnected very soon. Mary Christine (MC) is our newest volunteer and is also our new receptionist (well, we never had an "old" receptionist!). So if you call our new number, MC will answer. She's also a whiz at giving medications to our feline residents who need them.

Once again, words can not express the gratitude in my heart for all you have done in supporting our efforts to get the cats to a safe and pleasant home.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season! 🐾

Love,

*Sandra*

## ADOPTION CORNER

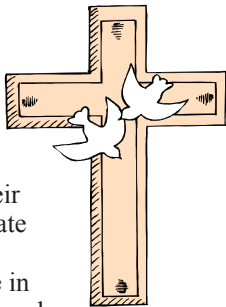


**Top Left (from left to right):** Tiny, Snuffy, Al (Snuffy and Al are in the box). Heidi is on the box. **Top Right:** Benny **Bottom Left (from front to back):** Curious and Chris

Al, Chris, Benny, and Heidi are all siblings that were born in April 2002. Their mom Cosetta (not pictured) was feral and a member of a Hamtramck colony that was being assisted by two Sanctuary volunteers. When it was discovered that Cosetta was pregnant, she was trapped and brought to the Sanctuary where she gave birth to Al, Chris, Benny, and Heidi. Tiny was born at the Sanctuary along with her twin sister Tonya.

## IN MEMORIAM

The following individuals have made generous donations to Cat Tail Farms in memory of their loved ones. We appreciate and acknowledge this wonderful living tribute in memory of their human and four-legged loved ones who have passed.



*Nancy Sullivan & Ruth Kearney,*  
in memory of "Steve Serengy"

*Denise Gonzalez, John & Nancy Ryba,*  
*Wendy Martin, Jean Bruny,*  
in memory of "Mauro Gonzalez"

*Marlene Eggert,*  
in memory of "Tinkerbell, Ginger, and Casey"

*Ralph & Natalie Dell,*  
in memory of "Lisa Dell"

*Wendy Martin,*  
in memory of "Ashley Marie"

*Beth Michel,*  
in memory of "Margaret McLean (Aunt Marg)"

*Carol Campbell,*  
in memory of "Linda Campbell"

*Diane DeMay & Jeff & Scott,*  
in memory of "Cali"

*Mary-Veronica Miszczak & Helen Gondek,*  
in memory of "Mr. Peeps"

*Stanley & Judith Rosen,*  
in memory of "Inky"

*Nancy Richards,*  
in memory of "Dolly" owned by Helen Gondek

*Julie & John Mantyck,*  
in memory of "little black stray"

*Joe Schneider, Robert & Margaret Lincoln,*  
*Lawrence & Margaret Leja, Kathaleen Hansen,*  
in memory of "John Markey"

*Leon & Nancy Ryba, Stan Warzecha, Betty Jane Cook, Gail Jenks, Joe & Marlene Hofmann, David & Shelly Mattaliano, Irene Dunford, Susan Mero & John Monk, Glenn & Janice Baugh, Vicki Skrobot, Jeannette & Terrence Fagen,*  
in memory of "Bernice Warzecha"

If you would like to memorialize a pet or a loved one with a gift that lives on toward furthering our mission here at Cat Tail Farms, send your donation and memoriam to: CAT TAIL TRIBUTES • P.O. Box 647 • Webberville, MI 48892-0647. 🐾



## 6 "Li'l Spartan" Nurseries Are Finished!

During September, the Cat Tail Farms's 6 Li'l Spartan Nurseries were constructed, primed and painted just in time to get all the mama cats and their kittens moved in before cold weather season began. Aptly named Li'l Spartan Nurseries for their green and white MSU colors, each nursery was given one coat of primer and two coats of exterior oil-based enamel paint. Easy to clean and able to withstand lots of claw-sharpening action from their feline residents, the kittens live in the Li'l Spartan Nurseries with their mamas until they are old enough to be adopted into loving homes. Those that outgrow their nursery before they're adopted will be moved to the quonset huts.

Sanctuary volunteers Judi, Chris, Heide, Lisa and Beth painted diligently to make sure that no wood framing was exposed. When the painting was finished, the Department of Agriculture employees inspected the structure. As if on cue, one of the mama cats volunteered to demonstrate the durability of the painted wood surface by using one of the painted wood frames as a scratching post! After noting that no damage was done to the paint or to the post, the Department of Agriculture gave a thumbs up on the structures.

Look for information in our next mailing and on our website ([www.cattailfarms.org](http://www.cattailfarms.org)) on how to sponsor one of our Li'l Spartan Nurseries or adopt a Li'l Spartan kitten. 🐾



## Dear Santa Claws,

My name is Pookie, and until I am adopted, I live at Cat Tail Farms. I am moving very soon to a really nice new home with my pets Roger and Sandy.



I have been a very good kitten this year. I don't hiss, bite or pout. My sisters, brothers and I (about 500 of us) can't wait to see our new home. Roger says we aren't allowed to take some of our playthings with us like cat towers and broken toys with us. Sandy said we should write to you, Santa, with a list of things we really need to make our new house a home. We would like to ask for some thing for Roger and Sandy too, because we love them very much. IF you can't bring us all the things on our list maybe your helpers could bring some of the things we need.

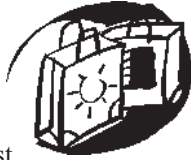
- ♥ Old or new *Little Tikes* play sets
- ♥ A new or used incubator for the kittens with colds and upper respiratory infections
- ♥ Towels and heating pads for when we go nite-nite
- ♥ Canned food for our tummies
- ♥ Clumping/Scoopable multi-cat strength litter
- ♥ Flat-bottomed, 10-quart, stainless steel bowls for our food and water so they don't tip over and get our footies all wet.
- ♥ Some more volunteers or elves to come and play with us and pet us
- ♥ We could always use money so Roger and Sandy can buy additional items to help make our new house a "home."

Love, Pookie

P.S. - Our friend Chris, one of the volunteers, helped me write this letter 'cause I am only 6 months old and can't word process yet! 🐾

# Unique Ways to Help the Cats

## by Shopping Year-Round at iGive.com



### What is iGive.com?

It's the first and largest online shopping network for people who want to shop and support their favorite charity at the same time.

### How Does It Work?

1. Go to [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com) and become a member (it's always free to join).
2. Select Cat Tail Farms Feline Sanctuary as your worthy cause.
3. Shop at your favorite stores online at the [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) website mall.
4. Everytime you shop at the [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) mall, a percentage of your purchases can be donated to Cat Tail Farms.

[iGive.com](http://iGive.com) offers a wide range of quality products from top merchants — CDs to books, office supplies, flowers, toys, and videos. 🐾

## by Commemorating a Special Occasion

Congratulations to Jennifer and Drew on their recent nuptials. We wish you many years of happiness as you begin your new life together!

A generous donation was made to Cat Tail Farms in honor of this special occasion. Thanks to Wendy, Anni and Jean, for introducing us and our readers to this unique way of donating to a worthy cause.

If you'd like to make a donation to the Sanctuary to celebrate a special occasion in your life, then send your donation to: **Cat Tail Commemorations**, P.O. Box 647, Webberville, MI 48892.

Don't forget to include the special occasion along with your donation. We'll be sure to include your commemorative announcement in our next newsletter! 🐾



## by Visiting Our Web Page

For your convenience, we now accept donations by credit card to Cat Tail Farms Feline Sanctuary via PayPal on our website. Just surf the web to [www.cattailfarms.org](http://www.cattailfarms.org) and click on the link "How You Can Help the Cats at CTFs" and select the first option. It's as easy as that. Your donation is instant AND secure! 🐾



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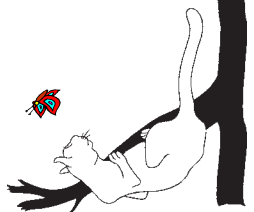
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