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Ringo has had his share of hard day's nights

by Sandy Robelia

Overseeing the treatment of cats with chronic medical conditions is one of my responsibilities at the Independent Cat Society. It's interesting and demanding, and I love doing it. Unfortunately, I'm often fighting a battle I can't win.

Many times, the condition is terminal, and the best I can do is slow its progression, make the cat comfortable and monitor his or her quality of life.

Ringo is positive for feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV). He has feline AIDS.

A weakening immune system, weight loss, fatigue, gum disease, and recurring infections of the skin, bladder and upper respiratory tract are symptoms of this disease. Bacteria, viruses, protozoa and fungi in the environment that may not affect healthy cats can make Ringo seriously ill and could kill him.

This sweet little black and white cat weighed almost 11 pounds in April 2001. By November, Ringo weighed 8.5 pounds. He was dehydrated, his coat became dry and brittle, and oozing sores appeared all over his body.

Ringo is lucky. With the help of his veterinarian, we are giving him supportive treatment. She has prescribed vitamins and herbs as well as drugs. An antibiotic is healing his skin infection. Interferon, an anti-viral drug, helps him resist the FIV virus. A Chinese herbal blend, digestive enzymes, various antioxidants and immune-supporting vitamins and herbs play a vital part in Ringo's treatment.

For now, the supplements and drugs are working. We've discovered Ringo loves kitten food, both canned and dry. It's very nutritious and helps him gain weight. The skin sores are healing, and his coat is regaining some of its thickness and luster. His little face shows a returning zest for life.

FIV can be transmitted to other cats, so Ringo lives in a room with another FIV+ cat. We regularly hold, pet and play with him. Ringo loves the attention and purrs his delight.

Through it all, Ringo remains one of the sweetest cats at the shelter. He's shy and has never asserted himself enough to be noticed by a potential adopter. With his FIV+ status, he would have to be an only cat. His chances of being adopted were never good. Now that he is symptomatic, he probably never will. Unless someone is willing to foster Ringo, we will continue to give him the only home he will ever have.



Handsome Ringo could sure use a foster home!

Our commitment to Ringo, and all our cats, is for life. This means life with quality. When Ringo's disease claims him, we will make the decision to help him pass on. I hope that day is far off. We still have options to try, and I pray we can give him a good and happy life for a very long time. I believe he'll let us know when the time comes to end it.

With his vet's help, we intend to take good care of this little guy for as long as it's in his best interest. I may lose the battle to save Ringo's life, but I believe I can win the battle to make his remaining days good.

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The Independent Cat Society, Inc., founded in 1977, is a nonprofit, cageless, no-kill cat shelter. We are on the northeast corner of U.S. Rt. 6 and the Porter/La Porte County Line Rd. in Westville, Indiana.

The Independent Cat Society mission is to promote the welfare of all animals, especially cats, through the reduction of pet overpopulation, the education of the public, the prevention of cruelties to animals, promotion of responsible pet ownership and by working for more humane legislation.

Adoption hours:

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Sundays, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 All others by appointment,
 call (219) 785-4936.

Adoption fee: \$65

Includes: Spay/neuter; vet exam; feline leukemia test and vaccination; FIV test; FVRCP vaccination; worm, flea & ear mite treatment; ID tattoo and temporary cat carrier.



2001 Board of Directors

- President** Susan O'Leary
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The Board of Directors meets the fourth Monday of every month. Please call the shelter for meeting location.

Calendar of Events

April - Prevention of Cruelty Month

Annual Membership Meeting -- Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Be Kind to Animals Week -- May 5-11

Spaghetti Supper -- Saturday, May 11, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Featuring Gramma Wili's Gourmet Meat Sauce, spaghetti, salad, bread and beverage. Pop and desserts available for a small fee. Adults \$6, seniors and children under 12, \$4. Ogden Dunes Community Firehouse, Hillcrest Road, Ogden Dunes, Indiana. Call 785-4936 for tickets. See page 6 for details.

June -- Adopt-A-Cat Month

Summer Open House

Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Sunday, June 23, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Adoptions, plant sale, bake sale, craft sale, raffles, refreshments. At the shelter.

**5th Annual My Favorite Feline Photo Contest
 Sunday, June 30**

Entries are \$5 each and must be postmarked by Friday, June 14. Details on page 5.

**Harley-Davidson Raffle Drawing
 Sunday, August 18, 2002, 4 p.m.**

Raffle drawing of a 2002 Harley-Davidson XL 1200C Sportster Custom. Proceeds directly benefit the shelter cats. See page 5 for details.

**INDEPENDENT CAT SOCIETY, INC.
 INCOME STATEMENT
 JANUARY 2001 - DECEMBER 2001**

INCOME		EXPENSES	
ADOPTIONS	19,999.00	ADVERTISING	3,809.09
BUILDING FUND	661.64	BLDG. & PROPERTY	1,896.61
DONATIONS	33,422.37	BLDG. INSURANCE	999.00
DONATIONS WITH CATS	1,989.00	EMER MED/SURG	6,950.21
EMER MED/SURG	7,283.00	FINANCIAL FEES	219.70
FUNDRAISERS	11,268.71	FOOD	10,281.03
GRANTS, CORP. GIFTS	4,300.00	TELEPHONE	1,018.97
INTEREST	381.09	GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,357.51
MEMBERSHIPS	7,945.00	MISC. EXPENSE	950.19
NON-TAXABLE SALES	6,116.91	MORTGAGE	3,208.80
OTHER INCOME	74.39	NIPSCO	2,997.97
PLEDGES	470.00	PAYROLL	32,312.50
SPONSOR-A -CAT	5,430.00	PAYROLL TAXES	3,833.90
RESALE	7,230.22	POSTAGE	2,944.88
WILLED BENEVOLENCE	6,307.86	PRINTING	3,086.90
TOTAL INCOME	112,879.19	RESALE SUPPLIES	5,225.18
		SALES TAX	215.19
		VET/MEDICAL	44,670.83
		TOTAL EXPENSES	125,978.46
		NET INCOME	(13,099.27)

President's Message

Do you have diabetes? Or, do you know someone who does? People who have diabetes, or other special medical conditions, still need love. So do our cats with special needs.

On page 4, you'll see photos and stories of some of our special needs cats. Many of you look specifically for cats who need special help -- like Nicoli, who has diabetes. But many of these cats will never get a chance for a home — unless you give them one.

We appeal to you to consider adopting or fostering one of these sweethearts. Please call us immediately, at (219) 785-4936, if you want more information on fostering or adopting one of these very special cats.

As we predicted, our donations declined in 2001, yet our expenses have increased. One example: in the past, we were able to find truckloads of "rejected" litter in the past. We've paid only for the shipping, which saved us money. This year, we have not been so lucky, and we now have to purchase litter. This will be a \$2,000 expense we didn't have in 2001.

Also, we had to replace the furnace in our isolation building, and we'll have to repair our lawn mower before this next growing season.

The weak economy has created a ripple effect. A foundation to which we have applied for grant funds is not awarding money this year because their donations have declined, too.

We continue to try to cut expenses and raise revenue. We reduce costs by performing many medical services in-house, and our only paid staff are our cleaners and medicators.

Our fundraisers are important sources of revenue, and we hope you'll participate in all of them this year.

Please buy your tickets for our 3rd



I need your love. April is a little sweet brown tabby who was left out in the cold one bitter night. She had a bad cold, and her ears were full of polyps, which we had removed. Now, good as new, she's waiting for you to take her home.

annual Harley-Davidson raffle (see page 5). We're not raising funds for a new roof, a new building or new cages. Those are luxuries. We're raising this money simply to keep the doors open. The proceeds from this raffle -- about \$10,000 after we purchase the bike -- go directly to our veterinarians for their services throughout the year. So please, be generous, and buy your tickets now!

Those who have attended our Spaghetti Supper in the past have had a great time, so please join us May 11 this year (page 6).

We're also collecting recipes for an Independent Cat Society cookbook (p. 10). Don't forget to send us your recipes for your favorite entree or treat.

How about Sponsor-A-Cat (p. 7)? It's a fun program, especially if you can't adopt or have plenty of critters already. You get a photo and a biography of your sponsor cat when you sign up and the satisfaction of helping your own "little buddy" at the shelter.

We hope the economy begins to improve soon, for everyone's sake. As always, our cats depend on your generosity. Thank you for your continued support -- we can't do it without you!

Kitties' Wish List

Our "Wish List" always changes. See our latest needed items!



Special needs:

- Heavy duty lawn mower/tractor
- Gas weed & hedge trimmers
- Concrete work
- Yard cart
- Large cages in good condition
- Small fire extinguishers
- Copying services

Supplies:

- Cat litter
- Absorbent paper towels
- 6" & 9" paper plates
- Bleach
- Dish and laundry detergent
- Large and x-large trash bags

Food:

- Fancy Feast, any ground variety, not chunks or sliced

Office:

- Postage stamps
- 35mm color film
- "AA" and "D" batteries
- 3-hole, clear report covers

Services: Legal, landscaping, carpentry.

. . . and loving, responsible homes for our cats!

All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

If you would like a receipt, please ask the volunteer on duty.

Thank you for your generosity!

We need a hero!

Do you want to be a hero? All it takes is love.

Each of these cats is special -- they may be older, need daily medication or need a special home. They have all been spayed or neutered, and their shots are current. Please call us at (219) 785-4936 if you want more information on adopting or fostering any of these beautiful cats.



He's an angel. Michael is a very old boy. He is truly tattered and torn -- but a sweeter cat you will never know. Michael has been exposed to the feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), so he has to be an "only" cat, or live with other FIV+ cats. He craves attention, because for so long, he had none. Please consider giving brave Michael a loving home for his remaining years.



Please cheer me up. Nicoli was left out in the woods in Furnessville this winter. A kind woman found him and nursed him back to health. We recently learned he has diabetes. Maybe that's why someone abandoned him, leaving him to die. He receives two daily insulin shots, which are very easy to give. Nicoli is very depressed at the shelter, but he would thrive on the attention and love a special person could give. He certainly deserves a chance. Can you give him one?

Second time's a charm!

Wesley, a sweet, affectionate three-year-old, was on the cover of our last *Mewsletter*. Wes was overjoyed when he found a foster home last fall. Sadly, his foster mom had to return him



to the shelter because she had severe asthma attacks. Wes has been exposed to the FIV and the feline leukemia viruses, so he must be an "only" cat or live with other FIV+ and FeLV+ cats. He is sweet and gentle and good with children. He could live a very long and healthy life, just like any other cat. And he has so much love to give!

5th Annual
My Favorite Feline
Photo Contest

Sunday, June 30, 2002

Categories: "Cutest," "Most original," "Funniest."



Write your name, address and phone and cat's name on the back of your 3" x 5" or 4" x 6" photograph(s).

Each entry is \$5. Make check or money order payable to the "Independent Cat Society."

Entries must be postmarked by Friday, June 14.

Send photos and entrance fees to:
Paulette Gonzalez, Independent Cat Society,
P.O. Box 735, Westville, IN 46391.

Please note: If you would like your photos returned, include a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage affixed!



Please don't leave, what did I do?
Remember when I was little?
How I purred for you?
You took me for a ride somewhere
I've never been, only to toss me out,
never to see me again.
Tears came to my eyes,
as I watched you drive away.
I remembered as a kitten, how we
used to romp and play.
If only I could tell you how much
you mean to me!
How happy my life had been when I

was a part of your family.
Where is there to go? How shall I eat?
Who'll keep me from the cold?
Protect me from the heat?
I loved you so much, and I thought you knew.
Often I had hoped that you loved me, too.
Please don't leave me, I wish I could say.
Everything is so confusing, how do I find my way?
Things will be different, now that I'm alone.
No one to curl up to, no place to call home.
What was it that I did? I guess I'll never know.
What could I have done for you to hurt me so?

Author unknown

**YOU CAN WIN this
2002 Harley-Davidson
XL 1200C
SPORTSTER® CUSTOM**



2001 Harley-Davidson Sportster winner Dan Varella (in white sweater) and his son, Danny.

**. . . and HELP the
Independent Cat Society!**

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
Only \$20 each!**

Raffle: August 18, 2002, 4:00 p.m.

Tickets also available at Michigan City and Valparaiso Harley-Davidson, Ark of the Dunes Animal Hospital, Porter VFW, Chesterton Travel, Nature's Door, Portage Pets and the Independent Cat Society shelter. (IGC #96956)

Yes, I want to help the ICS cats . . . and I hope I win a Harley, too!

Please send me _____ tickets. I have enclosed a check or money order for \$ _____ to the Independent Cat Society.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Doesn't your cat deserve the best food available?

by Sandy Robelia

Cats are carnivores. They must eat protein, in the form of meat, to live. Unfortunately, many pet food manufacturers use grains as their primary protein source. Cats' bodies cannot effectively use grain protein.

To make matters worse, the meat protein used is often from by-products, which do not include muscle meat. By-products are made from lungs, spleens, kidneys, brains, livers, blood, bone, fatty tissue, stomachs, intestines and, in the case of poultry by-products, heads and feet. Over time, cats fed such poor quality foods may develop many health problems.

Our shelter cats used to eat one of these foods. It was an affordable, well-known grocery store brand labeled "nutritionally complete." In 2000, we were able to buy Eagle Pack dry food at a discount, so we began feeding it at the shelter.

Rated as a "Top Pick" by the *Whole Cat Journal*, Eagle Pack is an all-natural, high meat protein food that contains no by-products or artificial preservatives. It contains:

- organic, human-grade chicken
- cranberry powder for a healthy urinary tract



- flax seed oil for healthy skin and coat,
- yogurt to aid digestion
- alfalfa to aid in nutrient absorption,
- pesticide-free grains
- more vitamins and minerals than grocery store brands
- yucca extract to reduce gas and waste odor
- Aqua C to help joints and immune systems.

Eagle Pack is also naturally preserved with Vitamin E.

We've noticed remarkable changes in our cats since they've been eating this food. They eat less and use the litter box less because Eagle Pack is high in meat content and doesn't contain unnecessary

grain fillers. They don't have diarrhea because it's highly digestible. Their coats are shiny and lustrous and their immune systems are stronger. In the two winters since feeding Eagle Pack, we have not had an outbreak of upper respiratory infections. In the past, this was an annual event.

We send a free bag of Eagle Pack dry food home with every adopted cat. We hope our adopters will continue to feed their new family member this high quality food. A modest profit from Eagle Pack sales helps support the Independent Cat Society.

Whether you feed your cat Eagle Pack or another brand, please check the list of ingredients. Avoid foods whose first ingredient is a grain or that includes by-products or chemical preservatives. A better brand might cost a little more, but you'll save money because your cat won't need to eat as much, will use less litter and may need fewer trips to the vet.

NOTE: Many veterinarians believe it is beneficial to feed canned cat food for one of the daily meals as an aid in preventing urinary tract diseases.

Whisker-lickin' good

Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, May 11, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adults \$6 Children under 12 \$4

Featuring Gramma Wili's Gourmet Meat Sauce!

Spaghetti, salad, bread and beverage. Pop and desserts available for a small fee.

Ogden Dunes Firehouse, Ogden Dunes, Indiana. (Rt. 12 & Hillcrest Road)

Tickets available at the door or at the Independent Cat Society.

Send check or money order to: P.O. Box 735, Westville, IN 46391

All proceeds to benefit shelter cats!



Hi! I'm Nikki . . .



. . . . and I've been asked to be "spokescat" for the Independent Cat Society's Sponsor-A-Cat program, probably because I'm lucky enough to have a sponsor. But, many of my friends here at the shelter don't.

Of course, we all hope to find a home of our own someday. Until then, the shelter is our home.

Many of us are shy cats who are overlooked on adoption days. While we wait for a home, a sponsor can love us, bring us toys and treats and play with and groom us. We sure enjoy the attention! Our sponsor's care can also help us to overcome our shyness. Then, we might be able to "step forward" on adoption day and find a home!

Many of you would like to give us a home, but can't, for many reasons. So this is your chance to give a lucky cat some love and attention. Oh, and your monthly donation of \$10 or more goes a long way for our food and medical care.

All you have to do is fill out the coupon on this page. You'll receive a picture of your sponsor cat in a folder that can sit on a shelf or your desk, where you can admire your cat often! You'll also receive a biography telling you all about your sponsor cat's life and how he or she came to live at the shelter. Envelopes are also included, for your convenience in sending in your monthly donation.

So, what are you waiting for? We'll love you as much as you'll love one of us. Right Ruffy, Marion, Nevada, Parsley, Preston, Holli . . . ?

**Can't have pets?
Have a full house?**



**Would you like to
SPONSOR-A-CAT?**

**YES! I want to sponsor a cat from
the Independent Cat Society.**

I pledge to send \$10 or more each month to the Independent Cat Society for my personal sponsor cat. I will receive a photo and biography of my special cat. If I cannot continue to sponsor, I will promptly contact the shelter.

**I have enclosed my check or money order
for the first month.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Month of your birthday _____

email address _____

Thank you!

One man's trash . . .

by Sue O'Leary

For more than a year, they had been feeding him. Frankie Blue Eyes was a striking, chocolate and white Siamese mix with eyes the color of the spring sky.

I first learned about Frankie and his caretakers, Janet and Sam, through the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary Internet network. When someone in the network needs to find a home for a cat, he or she sends an email to the group.

Janet's email was a desperate plea. She and Sam were moving. They didn't want to leave Frankie outside, but he wouldn't come into the house. He was feral, and they couldn't touch him. But they were as dedicated to him as they were to their other five feline children. They had to find him another outdoor home.

Relocating feral cats is risky. The cat's instinct is to return to his home territory. But Janet and Sam had no choice. They didn't want to leave Frankie without a caretaker. He loved the heated pad in his dog house, his heated water bowl and his daily feedings.

I emailed Janet and told her we could try to rehome Frankie where he would have outdoor shelter and a constant supply of food and water.

Janet jumped at the chance. She and Sam set a trap for Frankie, and after a couple of nerve-wracking days, they caught him. He was surprisingly easy to transfer to the cage at the vet's office, even though he was very frightened. We thought the upper respiratory infection he had caught made him less willing to fight. Yet, we also wondered if he had *wanted* us to catch him.

Once he was neutered and healthy, Janet and Sam were again surprised at how easy it was to put Frankie in a carrier. When they placed him in a temporary cage at the Independent Cat Society, they were convinced — Frankie was not feral.

The next email I received from Janet came a short time after they had left the shelter. The news was what we had hoped for: Janet and Sam wanted to take Frankie home and make him a part of their family!

The cat whom everyone thought was a ferocious feral has turned out to be a playful pussycat. Janet and Sam now send emails about Frankie's



Frankie Blue Eyes snoozes peacefully in his easy chair.

quick acclimation to their home and their other cats. Their photos show a relaxed Frankie, snoozing on the bed, the chair and the cat tree. Janet reports that he is frequently caught doing "fairy leaps," and he sleeps between Sam's legs every night. Janet and Sam are delighted.

And so are we. Frankie is happy to have found a warm home. As a stray, he was someone's "trash" who was really a treasure. He'll never have to spend another cold night in his heated dog house again.

If you're the caretaker of a "back-yard stray" you think you could never tame, think again. Take a chance on taking that stray into your home. You could find yourself with a real treasure -- just like Frankie.

Good books we've read . . .

"Animal shelters are the kind of facilities that most people imagine with dread. They conjure up an image of a dingy prison with hundreds of animals pacing in circles or hurling themselves against the doors of their tiny cages, desperate for a friendly pat on the head.

"I just can't go inside those places," one friend said to me. "I'd want to take them all home." Instead, people go to breeders or malls to get their pets, buying into the assumption that purebreds are better animals. But this is an illusion. The majority of pet-store dogs start off life in puppy mills, squalid kennels where dogs are inbred, undernourished and sold for whatever price the market will bear.

"Most of the people I know have had the courage to go to a shelter in search of a best friend. And they always go back for more. Saving a dog or cat is one of life's greatest pleasures."

Elizabeth Hess,

Lost and Found: Dogs, Cats and Everyday Heroes at a Country Animal Shelter

How NOT to choose a cat for adoption

“Judging a book by its cover” may result in a quick return trip to the library.

Choosing a cat by the color of its coat can cause long-term consequences for both cat and adopter.

You’ll find all kinds of cats at the Independent Cat Society – energetic, shy, affectionate, scared, quiet and friendly. These are a few of the personality traits to consider before adopting a cat.

Remember, you’re getting to know your prospective pet in a less-than-ideal setting. The cats are competing with each other for your time and attention. Sometimes, in an effort to be your “one-and-only,” they may act in ways that work against them. They may be more aggressive or fearful because of the increased activity in the room.

If you’re in doubt about a cat’s true character, ask the shelter volunteers about the cat. A patient, caring person can overcome most of a cat’s undesirable behavior. But this can take time, and you must be willing to wait for the desired change.

Like humans, cats’ personalities blend in-born characteristics and life experiences. Many external factors influence their behavior. As kittens, they either bonded with humans or not. The cat may have been abused by humans or other animals or lacked life’s basic necessities – such as food – for a time.

Adopters’ reasons for returning some of our cats show why our adoption volunteers encourage people to fall in love

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By Becky Zurawski



with the cat’s personality and not its “look.” “He hid under the bed,” “She’s too friendly,” “I didn’t have enough time to spend with the cat,” and “He wants to sleep on my pillow” are some of the reasons adopters return cats to the shelter.

Getting acquainted with a new home and the people living there takes time. If your behavior is either too eager or too neglectful, it can have long-term effects on the cat’s bonding with you and his new environment. Our shelter volunteers can offer tips for making an easy transition for the cat from shelter life to a home of his own.

Please consider that a cat, as a living creature, has a unique and special personality. But, isn’t that why we love cats to

begin with?

Think carefully about the type of companion you’d like to share your home with. In the long run, both you and the cat will be glad you did.

Need behavior advice?

Some of a cat’s behaviors are undesirable. Many cat food and litter companies have web sites and toll-free telephone numbers that can help to answer your questions:

ASPCA: www.aspc.org

Purina: www.catchow.com, 1-800-778-7462;

www.kittenchow.com, 1-800-228-2273

Iams: www.iams.com, 1-800-525-4267

Friskies: www.friskies.com, 1-800-551-7392

Fresh Step: www.freshstep.com

Independent Cat Society Summer Open House



Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, June 23, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Adoptions, bake sale, plant sale, raffles, cat-themed crafts and gifts, Harley raffle tickets, free refreshments.



Cookin' for the kitties!

In the never ending quest to raise funds, we are discussing selling a cookbook of recipes from our members and friends.

We are evaluating several companies that specialize in printing cookbooks for nonprofit groups. Cookbooks are priced depending on the number of recipes they contain. More recipes usually means more profit for the group.

Before committing to printing the cookbook, we want to make sure we can collect enough recipes to make the project cost effective.

We have a mailing list of several thousand names. If each of you would send in at least one recipe, we could easily meet our goal.

We want to have the cookbooks ready for the fairs and

craft shows we participate in during the summer and early fall. We need to start collecting recipes now, so they can be submitted to the printer as soon as possible.

Will you help? Please submit your favorite recipes for the Independent Cat Society cookbook! Complete the form below, or provide a photocopy of your recipe. Include your name and telephone number. **Mail the recipe form to: Linda Moore, Independent Cat Society, P.O. Box 735, Westville, IN 46391.** Your recipe mailing should be **postmarked by June 1, 2002.** You can also **email your recipe to us at icsrecipes@hotmail.com**

Please take a few moments to help us with this important fundraising event!

Circle the category in which your recipe belongs:

Appetizers & Beverages

Vegetables

Dessert & Candy

Salads, Dressings, Soups, Sauces

Main Dishes

Canning

Extra special

Independent Cat Society

Recipe #

Please print clearly or type all the following. You may also staple this form to a photocopy of your original recipe. (Copies from a copyrighted cookbook are not permitted.)

Recipe Title:

Your Name:

(Print your name exactly as you want it to appear with your recipe in the cookbook.)

Recipe Ingredients -- List your ingredients in order of use:

- | | |
|----|-----|
| 1. | 7. |
| 2. | 8. |
| 3. | 9. |
| 4. | 10. |
| 5. | 11. |
| 6. | 12. |

Recipe Directions

Please tell us how to reach you if we have a question about your recipe:

Telephone:

Address:

email:

Thank you . . .

Thank you all for your donations, letters, visits and volunteer time. Each of you is special to us, and we are grateful for your loyal support of the Independent Cat Society.

Our local veterinarians, who spay and neuter and patch up our kitties, at discounted fees. We could not rescue and find homes for our cats and help to reduce companion animal overpopulation without your generous help.

A.D.S., of Michigan City, for the ICS web site.

Alan and Pierrette Rutz, for their generous contribution towards a new furnace in the Isolation Building, the pebble border for our cat run and grading the parking lot.

An anonymous donor who contributed a generous sum toward the payment of our veterinary bills this winter.

Mary Wagner for the generous donation of cash and two wrought iron garden benches for our garden.

Mary Kay Steele and the **Brownie troop** at **Handley Elementary School** in La Porte.

Lake Station schools 5th and 6th grade Gifted and Talented

Willowcreek Middle School Warriors

Bobby Ponda, for the donation of his birthday gifts.

Jean Schloemer's class at **Myer's Elementary School** in Portage.

Nate Gonzalez, for repairing our lawn mower.

Memorials

Grace Bauer -- Karen Appleby

Imogene Barger -- Patricia Massette

Julie Grott -- Laura Mellon, Gerald Grott

Raymond Hammer -- Linda DeFavero

Teresa Fouts -- Jean Gerometta

Richard Hilton -- Sue Ogg and Marti Rukavina

Mary McManus -- Erin Tomaszewski

Michael Minard -- Mattie Minard

M. Oprish -- Diana Black

Carolyn P. -- Desa Pierce

Karen Piceseki -- Melissa Radigan and Kai, CoCo, Rex, Marsha, Sam, Little Spike

Millie Richardson -- A great animal lover and humanitarian and our long time friend. We will miss you. Independent Cat Society

Melvin Tracht -- Mildred Trach

Art Utroske -- Kathy Heath

Baby Brother, Mattie and Buster -- John and Marge Simmerling

Company Girl -- June and Dave Tomkins

Ember -- Don and Maryjean Reid

Honey -- Nathalie Pennington

JoJo -- Nancy Bunnell, John Simmerling

Kevin and Libby -- Greg Cooper

Lucy-bell -- Radine Green, Chuck and Prissy

Mignon -- Alyce Fabrici

Moses -- Nancy Somers

Neiko -- Jennifer Gerickie

Percy -- Sally Chamberlain

Rainey -- Kim Neuberg

Sabrina -- Marilyn Muniz

Scooter -- Cynthia Murray

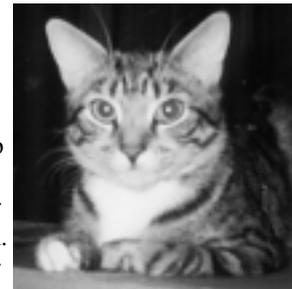
Spike -- Bonnie Houy

Tinker -- Iris Dearing

"April" bunny -- a very, very special little bunny rabbit -- Joannie Sommer and family.



Loveable Sommer -- You always lived up to your name of "Loveable." I'll miss your beautiful, big round green eyes. Loveable went to Kitty Heaven February 27, 2002. Deeply and sadly missed by all your brothers and sister kitties and your mommie, Joannie Sommer and family.



Tiger Sommer -- In 1983, as a kitten, you became my friend, companion, "my girl," Tig. You were always "top kitty" of all the kitties here at home.

Tiger went to kitty heaven November 12, 2001. We all miss you very much. Joannie, Frank and Jonathan Sommer and all your brother and sister kitties.

In Honor of . . .

Leah Balsham -- Jean Rudd

Jean Gerometta -- Francesca Veltri

All items were received 10/1/01 - 2/28/02. If we have inadvertently omitted your thank you, memorial or honorary, please call us, (219) 785-4936, so that we may correct our error.

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We are pleased to add Maple City Animal Clinic, in La Porte, to our list of area veterinarians who offer low-cost spay and neuter and medical services to our shelter cats.

Our other dedicated veterinarians are: Arbor View Animal Hospital, Ark of the Dunes, Chesterton Animal Hospital, McAfee Animal Hospital, Vale Park Animal Hospital and Westchester Animal Clinic.

Won't you help the Independent Cat Society cats?



Become a Member!

Annual Dues:

- _____ \$500 Sustaining
- _____ \$100 Life
- _____ \$ 50 Gold Star
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- _____ I am donating \$_____ for the care of the cats and kittens.
- _____ I am donating \$_____ to the Building Fund.
- _____ I will help groom cats at the shelter.
- _____ I will help give cats their medications.
- _____ I will help at fundraising events.
- _____ I will be a foster parent.
- _____ I will donate my cat-themed artwork or crafts for fundraising events.
- _____ I will bake for fundraising events.
- _____ I will make adoption follow-up telephone calls
- _____ I will help cats get good homes by becoming an adoption counselor.
- _____ I will help take care of the grounds and maintain the shelter.
- _____ I will distribute flyers for fundraisers.

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

_____ This is a new address. _____ Do not send a "thank you" note. Telephone _____ email _____

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Saturday, June 22*

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Saturday, May 11*

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