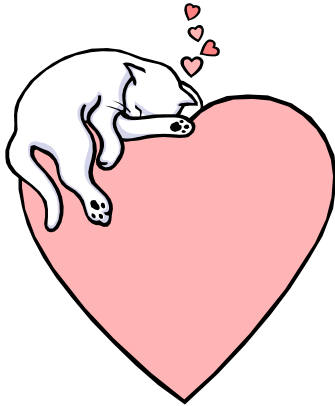


SBCACF Critter Chronicles

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Kitty Love



Low Adoption fee
includes spay or neuter

Cat Jokes

- **What do cats like on a hot day?**
A mice cream cone.
- **What do cats like to eat for breakfast?**
Mice Krispies.
- **What has more lives than a cat?**
A frog. It croaks every night.
- **What kind of cats like to go bowling?**
Alley cats. .
- **What do you get when you cross a black cat with a lemon?**
A sour-puss.
- **How to cats greet each other at Christmas?**
"A furry merry Christmas & Happy mew year!"

Excerpts from www.i-pets.com

President's Corner

Each year scores of homeless kittens flood our local animal shelters. Some come with their mama's and others come in alone. Some come in weaned and ready for kitten food, but not quite old enough to be put up for adoption. Others are very tiny and need to be bottle fed kitten formula. Our local animal shelters depend on volunteers to act as the heroes to care for these little babies until they are old enough for adoption. A foster volunteer family provides a safe environment for these little creatures, feeds them according to the level of their need and age, and help them to learn to play and socialize with people. Each shelter, listed below, offers Foster Family orientations. For as little as a few weeks each year you could make a huge difference in the lives of a litter of kittens, and put them on the right track to finding a wonderful new home.

Many Happy Meows,

Linda Greco

News-worthy: Save Lives Adopt a Shelter Animal

Shelter locations and hours:

Santa Maria Animal Center
548 W. Foster Road
Santa Maria Phone: 934-6119
Mon - Fri 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lompoc Animal Shelter
1501 West Central Avenue
Lompoc Phone: 737-7755
Mon - Fri 9 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.,
Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

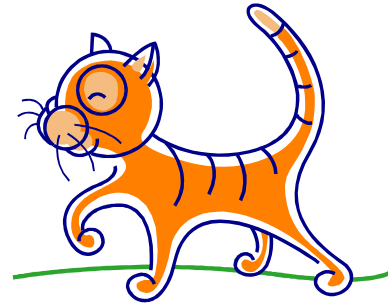
Santa Barbara Animal Shelter
5473 Overpass Road
Goleta Phone: 681-5285
Mon - Fri 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



What is SBCACF ?

The Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation was established in 2002, to secure philanthropic support for the Santa Barbara County Animal Services. We are a separate organization and donations to our organization are not donations to the county of Santa Barbara. Our Foundation is one of those rare all-volunteer 501 (c) 3 organizations, whose volunteer board of directors roll up their sleeves and do the work along side our committee members, so we can conserve every penny possible to benefit our county's local animals. Our Foundation assists with the spay and neuter of feral cats, provides expensive medical funding for homeless animals needing treatment or surgery, provides funding for medical equipment and durable goods to directly benefit these animals, provide outreach to our community and adoption support, and we reach out to make a difference by providing educational programs to school age children through our HOPE Project (Humane Outreach through Progressive Education) teaching Pet Responsibility, Safety, Spay/Neuter, and how our community's youth can make a difference. We believe that children are the hope to end ignorance in our community and act as pro-active advocates for animals. An investment to foster this relationship further through education and awareness can add the seeds of knowledge to the fertile foundation of these eager, civic minded young people. We are a busy group of dedicated people making a positive impact.

For more information, please visit our website at www.sbcanimalcare.org.



Cat's Eyes- snack

Note: This simple and healthy snack is designed especially for kids to make.

Ingredients:

- bananas
- round snack crackers
- peanut butter
- raisins

Utensils:

- 1-butter knife

Adult assistance:

- slice bananas into oval shape

Directions:

1. Slice your bananas at an angle so that they are ovals not round shaped.
2. Spread the snack crackers with peanut butter. Place a banana slice on top.
3. Put a dab of peanut butter on a raisin and put the raisin in the center of the banana. Yumm-yumm!

Cat Trivia Facts

A cat cannot see directly under its nose. This is why the cat cannot seem to find tidbits on the floor.

A cat has four rows of whiskers. It uses its whiskers to determine if a space is too small to squeeze through.

A cat sees about six times better than a human at night because of the tapetum lucidum, a layer of extra reflecting cells which absorb light.

A cat will almost never meow at another cat. Cats use this sound for humans.

A cat will spend nearly 30% of its life grooming itself.

A cat's hearing rates as one of the top in the animal kingdom.

A cat's tongue is scratchy because it's lined with papillae—tiny elevated backwards hooks that help to hold prey in place.

A group of adult cats is called a clowder. A group of kittens is called a kindle.

A large majority of white cats with blue eyes are deaf. White cats with only one blue eye are deaf only in the ear closest to the blue eye.

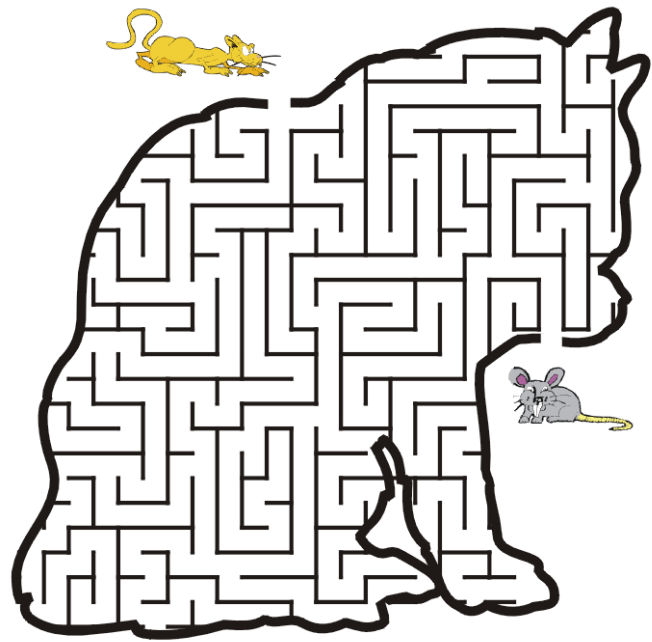
Almost 10% of a cat's bones are in its tail, and the tail is used to maintain balance.

Black cat superstitions originated in America. In Asia and England, a black cat is considered lucky.

Both humans and cats have identical regions in the brain responsible for emotion.

Cats are the only domestic animals that walk directly on their claws, not on their paws. This method of walking is called "digitigrade." When cats scratch furniture, it isn't an act of malice. They are tearing off the ragged edges of the sheaths of their talons to expose the sharp ones beneath.

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Cat first aid kit

If you have an emergency, the proper supplies may save your cat's life. Many of the following items are available in local drugstores. You can expand a human first-aid kit to serve both you and your cat or make a separate one for your cat. Remember to replace any of the items you use.

- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Claw clippers
- Penlight flashlight
- Magnifying glass (with light recommended)
- Examination gloves
- Rectal thermometer and lubricant
- Isopropyl rubbing alcohol (70%)
- Hydrogen peroxide (3%)
- Povidone-iodine
- Antibiotic ointment (neomycin, polymixin B, bacitracin)
- Assorted sizes of sterile non-stick pads
- Gauze squares
- Cotton balls and roll
- Adhesive tape
- Roller gauze (self-adhering)
- Elastic bandage
- Eyedropper
- Syringe (needle removed)
- Syrup of ipecac (Caution: Only give on the instruction of a vet or poison control center and only in dosage specified.)
- Eye wash
- Styptic powder or pencil
- Elizabethan collar (available at pet supply stores and many vet clinics)

Getting to know your cat

Self grooming

When a cat not sleeping, hunting or eating, you can find them primping meticulously; one third of their life is spend grooming. It is not because of vanity, rather a natural, reflexive behavior that is vital to their hygiene, health and comfort. Kittens begin to groom themselves at 2-3 weeks of age.

Due to their suppleness they can groom everywhere except their head. To groom their head they lick their paws and wipe their face and head. Grooming regulates body temperature.

When it is warm out, the saliva acts to reduce a cat's body heat by as much as one-third. When it is cold out, the rake-like tongue straightens the hairs of the coat so they retain heat and keep out the cold. Also, when cats scent themselves with their saliva, it can relieve anxiety as a source of reassurance following tense moments. Cats seem to dismiss fear, nervousness and pain by seemingly inappropriate or frantic grooming, similar to a humans nervous habit of nail biting.

Reading your cat

A cat's posture, tail, ears, eyes and hair tell us a lot. A cat's tail is its signal flag.

Held high = confidence.

Curling around another feline's tail or a person's legs = friendly greeting.

In motion = excitement (either in predator mode or is feeling playful).

Whipping of a cat's tail = agitation, perturbed or upset. Caution do not startle a cat with a whipping tail you may get a claw swipe or a bite.

Cats are affectionate animals and love to be touched, but on their own terms. They may greet you fondly with cheek rubs, but they prefer to initiate the contact.

A cat that huddles with its tail wrapped around its body = cold. A similar body position with a relaxed posture = contentment.

A sick cat often doesn't curl up, but will lie in a position that requires the least energy. Time to investigate and a possible visit to the vet.

An alert, attentive cat will scan wide-eyed, ears pricked and rotating, tuned to threats, prey, and other felines. If the cat spots something of interest, it will stare intently, pitching its ears and its whiskers forward.

Intelligence

The solitary cat answers to no one and is motivated by the need to survive. They are clever and adaptable, resourceful and self-reliant. The species has survived thousands of years in radically different environments and living conditions. Cats learn, but in a different way than do humans or dogs; they have a special kind of intelligence. Once attained, even if by accident or trial and error, most knowledge is retained for life, thanks to the cat's excellent memory.

Cat proofing your home

Like small children, cats will put anything in their mouth and may eat it. They will play with anything that moves. Beware of: string, yarn, dental floss, elastics and needles and thread if swallowed these can do serious or fatal damage. In the garbage, beware of bones, plastic bags, broken glass and sharp tins. Electrical cords and the cords on blinds can be electrocution and strangulation hazards. Gasoline, oil and brake fluid are all very poisonous, and the sweet smell of anti-freeze will kill your cat.

Missing cat?

Proper identification is number one to getting your cat back. He should always wear a conventional cat collar and identification tag. Choose a sturdy collar made of elastic or with an elastic insert, or one with a "breakaway" feature (a clasp that opens when pulled hard so he won't be strangled if it catches on something like a branch). The collar needs be tight enough so it will not slip over your cat's ears unless it's stretched, but loose enough to fit two fingers underneath. If your cat balks at the collar, allow him used to wearing it by wearing it longer and longer periods of time. Once he is used to it, never take it off, even when he is safely ensconced indoors.

As a second, more permanent form of ID consider a microchip. It can be implanted at the Santa Maria shelter's clinic on Wednesday afternoons or by a vet. The microchip can be scanned by an animal shelter or vet to give the name of the registry where your number is on file. Caution: always update the registry every time you change you move.

Make sure you have a recent body photo of your cat including close-up full face photo and full body photo.

Unique Pet Names

Here Kitty, Kitty - Babie Cat, Buttons, Garfield, Heathcliff, Katie, Magic, Mama, Marmalade, Midnight, Mouser, Paige, Phoebe, Piper, Roxy, Salem, Sassy, TC (That Cat!), Trixie, Zoe

Worldly Names - Aurora, Autumn, Breeze, Brook, Brooke, Dawn, Heather, Pebbles, Rainbow, Rock, Sandy, Stone, Summer, Sunset

It's Magic! - Abracadabra, Blackstone, Card Trick, Charm, Charmed, David Copperfield, Houdini, Illusion, Magic, Magician, Miracle, Mirrors, Mystery, Mystify, Perform/Performer, Presto, Puzzle, Sleight-of-Hand, Smoke, Top Hat, Trick, Trickster, Wand

Lion King - Kiara, Kovoo, Kovu, Mufassa, Nala, Pumba, Rafiki, Simba, Sirabi, Timone, Vitani

Cats! - Bombalurina, Bustopher Jones, Comfort, Coricopat, Demeter, Deuteronomy, Electra, Etcetera, Grizabella, Growltiger, Jelico, Jellylorum, Jennyanydots, Macavity, Ming, Mr. Mistoffellees, Mungo Jerrie, Munkustrap, Pouncival, Rum Tum Tugger, Rumpelteazer, Skimbleshanks, Tantomile, Tumblebrutus, Victoria

Royalty - Baron, Baronet, Caesar, Count, Countess, Czar, Dame, Dauphin, Dauphine, Duchess, Duke, Earl, Emperor, Empress, King, Knight, Lady, Laird, Lord, Marchesa, Marchese, Marchioness, Marquis, Monarch, Prince, Princess, Queen, Regent, Sheik, Tsar, Tsarina, Tzar, Viscount, Viscountess

Endearments - Angel, Babe, Baby, Buddy, Bunnikins, Bunnykins, Chum, Darling Dear, Dearie, Extrordinaire, Fluffy, Honey, Honey Bun, Kiddo, Little Long Ears, Pal, Precious, Pumpkin, Squirt, Sunshine, Sweetheart, Sweetie, Sweetie Pie, Sweetpea, Sweetums

Black - Blackbeard, Blackie, Blackjack, Charcoal, Cinder, Coal, Ebony, Eclipse, Inky, Jet, Licorice, Midnight, Mystery, Mystify, (Black) Olive, Onyx, Panther, Pepper, Phantom, Pirate, Shade, Shadow, Sooty, Spade, Tuxedo

White - Alaska, Artic, Blanca, Blanche, Blanco, Casper, Chalk, Coconut, Cotton, Elmer, Frosty, Glacier, Ice, Icy, Ivory, Snow, Snow White, Snowball, Snowy, Sugar, Vanilla, Winter, Yukon

www.pet-rabbit-care-information.com

Cat Wordsearch

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