



Kittens, kittens, and more kittens!

Kitten season is here, aka the time of year when every box, barn, and backyard seems to be hiding a litter of tiny, squeaky meows. Did you know one unspayed female cat can produce up to 3 litters a year, and her kittens can start reproducing at just 4 months old? That's how thousands of unwanted kittens end up in shelters (or worse) every year.

At CAC we are taking in orphaned neonates who need round-the-clock care, helping sick kittens fight against the odds, supporting overwhelmed community members who just want to do right by the cats in their lives.

This newsletter is where we'll share it all. The joy, the struggle, and the animals and humans who make it worth it.

Thank you for being part of our story. We hope you enjoy!



Sidekick

Featured Cat: Sidekick

Sidekick is the chameleon of cats who's ready to become your perfect companion! This adaptable girl has a unique superpower, she can fit into almost any home environment, though she takes her time warming up to new situations. Sidekick is a delightful mix of silly and cautious. She's the kind of cat who will make you laugh with her playful antics, but also appreciates taking things slow when it comes to new relationships. Think of her as the cool, slightly reserved friend who eventually becomes your absolute best buddy. She loves other cats and always takes new friends under her wing to show them the ropes.

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Erie Gives Day: The Countdown Begins!


17	01	20	35
Days	Hours	Minutes	Seconds

We love Erie Gives Day. It is a day of love and support for our community. By supporting Companion Animal Coalition, you are contributing to a compassionate community where every pet has the opportunity to live a safe and fulfilling life. Join us in our mission to create a better future for companion animals in Erie!

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Scratch Ticket Raffle

We're giving away \$250 in PA scratch-off tickets to one lucky winner. Tickets are just \$10 each. Use the button below to buy!

 Winner will be drawn August 9th at 8PM.

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Interested in Fostering?

What does it mean to foster a cat or kitten? +

Fostering means temporarily opening your home to a cat or kittens until they're adopted. You provide love, care, and socialization, while we cover the medical bills.

How long is the typical foster commitment? +

It depends! It could be a couple of weeks for kittens ready to be adopted soon, or a few months for adult cats, special needs pets, or litters too young to be adopted.

What if I have pets at home already? +

That's totally fine! We help guide introductions and can match you with fosters who do well with other animals. We require foster animals to live in a spare room or bathroom to keep animals separated for a minimum of 2 weeks.

Do I need experience? +

Not at all. We provide training and ongoing support. If you're new to fostering, we'll start you with a cat or kittens that match your comfort level.

Is it hard to say goodbye? +

Yes, but also no. It's emotional, but seeing them go to loving forever homes is incredibly rewarding. And the goodbye means you can say hello to the next one in need.

How do I sign up to foster? +

Sign up here:
<https://new.shelterluv.com/matchme/foster/CAPA/Cat>

Meet the Team: Brianna

Meet Brianna! Brianna is a Head Teller by day and black cat lover by night! One of her favorite memories is fostering Autumn, who was a very sick elderly cat, and adopting out Dip & Dot, some feral kitties that needed lots of socialization.

"I have always loved animals, but it wasn't until I was around cats and became familiar with local shelters/organizations that I knew I could help. All animals deserve a loving home and becoming a foster is a privilege to let those animals who need you into your heart! Volunteering is also very rewarding and I love being able to connect with others while always helping a great cause."

All of our kitties were strays or rescues When I adopted my Hershey that's when I knew I was turning to the dark side! And by dark side I mean house of black cats! I love it when someone asks, "how can you tell them apart?!"

Newsletter Exclusive...Meet New Intakes!



New Merch!

This sweatshirt features four cats adopted from Companion Animal Coalition.

\$27 - \$35

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Newsletter Knowledge: Stray vs. Feral – What's the Difference?

Not all outdoor cats are the same, and understanding the difference between a stray and a feral cat can help you know how (and whether) to help.

Stray Cats:

- Were once pets or had human interaction
- May approach people, meow, or seek food and attention
- Often adaptable to indoor life again
- Might look a little disheveled or lost
- Can usually be rehomed with time and care

Feral Cats:

- Born and raised without human contact
- Fearful of people and typically unapproachable
- Prefer to live outdoors in stable colonies
- May hiss, hide, or flee if approached
- Thrive best with TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return), not adoption

Quick Tip: If a cat approaches you, talks to you, or makes eye

contact, it's probably a stray. If it avoids you at all costs, it's likely feral.

Knowing the difference saves lives and helps us respond with the right tools.

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