



# CATS CRADLE RESCUE REPORT

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## Winter 2015

### Cats Cradle Rescue



Please stop by our thrift store located at 1954 East Main Street in Ventura, corner of Santa Cruz and Main Streets! Discover neat stuff and help our cats!

**Open Tuesday through Sunday**

**Tues. – Fri. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Sat. - Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**We have lots of PEER-fect items for PURRchase!**

**Get a FREE Cats Cradle logo tote bag with your \$25 minimum purchase!**

**We have a wide variety of nearly new collectables, books, vintage gift items, housewares, and seasonal décor to enhance your home. As always, you will find a generous assortment of classic and contemporary clothing, accessories, (and purr-ses) too! Nice!**

**Advantage II Flea treatment available for sale. \$12-14 for cat. \$15-16.75 for dog.**

**Pawdicures available! \$5 manicures for kitty claws - (sorry, we don't do dogs). We can also show you how to trim kitty claws yourself.**

This has been an especially touch year for all the rescue groups. Adoptions have been slower than usual. The only thing we have lots of right now are cats and kittens needing foster care and forever homes! You can help in many ways and spread the holiday cheer!

- **Adopt**, don't shop.
- If you can't adopt, **foster**.
- If you can't foster, **donate**.
- If you can't donate, **volunteer**.
- If you can't volunteer, **educate**.

*(quote from valleyvetnonprofit.com)*

**ADOPT!** Please visit our website for a listing of our available cats and kitties who are in need of a forever home.

**FOSTER!** We have a small group of dedicated volunteers who foster from newborn kitties that need 24/7 attention to adult cats. If you have room to foster even one easy care adult cat or a few lively loving kitties, you can help us save lives! We supply food, vet care, and litter—you supply the love.

**DONATE!** If you are thinking about doing a yard sale, we can save you lots of work and time. Donate your items to Cats Cradle Rescue, and get a tax deduction. You can also donate any amount of money— anything helps.

**VOLUNTEER!** If you can spare a few hours per week, give us a call. You can help us with staff adoptions or at our thrift.

Help us buy cat and kitten food by saving the Purina Weight Circles on the sides of bags of Purina Cat Chows. Mail them or drop them off at our adoption centers or thrift store.



## CCR 2015 Adoptions Statistics:

- Since January 2015, **over 180** Cats Cradle Rescue foster cats and kittens were adopted into loving homes!
- More than **150** kittens and cats are currently being fostered in CCR volunteers' homes.
- Over **1000** spayed/neuter feral cats are being cared for by volunteers at various feral cat colonies in Ventura County

## New Year's Resolution... EDUCATE!



Did you know that in 7 years, 1 cat and her young can produce **420,000** kittens?

In the US alone, more than **50,000** kittens are born **EACH DAY**. Millions of these animals enter America's animal shelters and 30 to 60 percent of them have to be euthanized each year because no one wants them - that is 4 to 6 million animals (Foster & Smith).

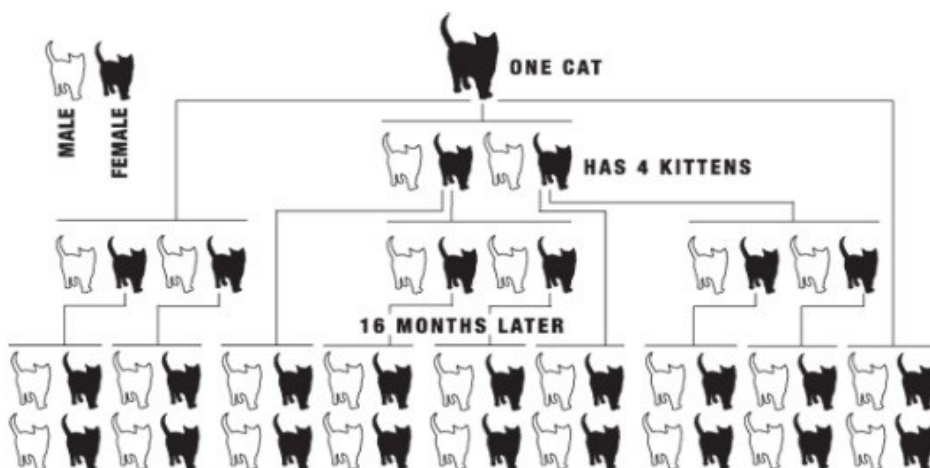
Make one of your New Year's Resolutions a promise to tell one person per month about the need for spay and neuter in our county. Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to **spay and neuter their pets and to adopt a rescue!**

You CAN make a difference! This could be one of your BEST New Year's resolution in 2016.

What can you do?

- Spay and neuter your kitten(s) and cat(s).
- Educate others about this pet overpopulation problem. People who know the facts can make the right decisions.
- Work with others in your community to humanely trap feral cats and have them neutered or spayed.
- Express your thanks to veterinarians who reduce their spay/neuter fees and work with their local shelters to assure only neutered or spayed animals are placed.

**References and further reading:** Foster & Smith (n.d.). Cat Population Control. Retrieved November 7, 2015, from <http://www.peteducation.com/>





# Happy Endings...

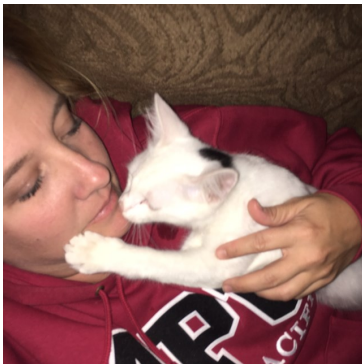
## CHUEY

We had no idea we were missing a part of our family until we walked in to the pet store that day. We made our way back to the cats and there in the cage was a



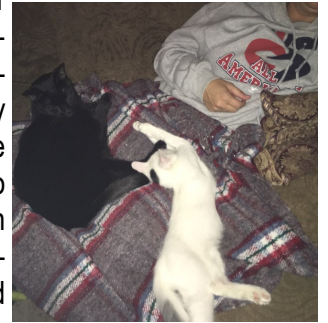
little white fluffy sleeping ball of fur. My daughter Alicia and I were petting him through the cage and he opened his eyes.... One blue, one green/yellow. He gave us a little meow and stretched his paw out to Alicia. She looked at me and said we have to!! So we asked to hold him and were in love as he nuzzled under our chins and purred. We suckered my hus-

band into saying yes and took him home to try to convince the rest of our zoo.... 1 cat Dewey (black American shorthair), 2 dogs Max (German Shepard) and Morgan (cattle dog/pointer mix) and our snake Scarlett (ball python). It took Dewey only a few days to warm



up to Chuey- mainly because he would not leave Dewey alone. I guess he has no choice but to love him, so he does! They snuggle and share a scratch post. They often can be found playing in the floor together or sleeping together in someone's LAP. Max and Morgan both love to help guide Chuey around the house and give him big puppy tongue kisses. He is often wet from their slobbery kisses. Chuey was never afraid of Max and they love to play and hang out together. They often

play chase the rope or play with the tennis balls or Chuey will share his toys with Max. Chuey can sometimes be found perched in the room with Scarlett, watching her move around her terrarium. He can appreciate her strength from a distance :). He loves to snuggle into the cushions of our couch and nap or find one of us and snuggle under us to sleep. Chuey has completely won over my husband and now they usually watch TV together in the evenings and Chuey loves to play with him in his lap on the couch. He is simply adorable and a joy to love and adopt into our family. He has really won over all our family with his playful attitude and sweet disposition. He truly picked us out that day!! Thanks cats cradle for all you do and for the way you love them to a forever home.

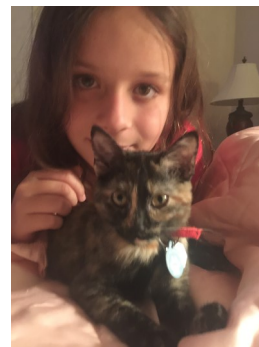


Have a blessed day!

**Stacey Gutierrez**

## FLORA

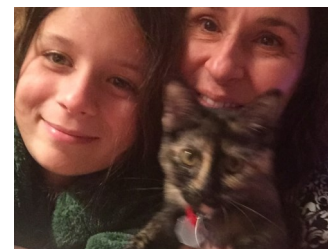
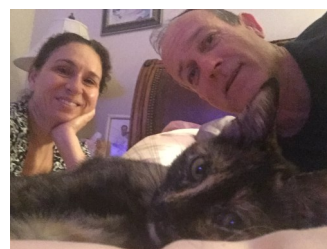
When we got the kitten I was so happy. For the first hour she was here I was petting her and she immediately liked me. Later on I named her Flora because all of the colors she has makes her look like nature. Everyday when I come home from school flora runs to me. She never gets lonely since we have two other cats. We're all a big happy



family now.

**Sabrina**

(Sabine and Flora in the picture above)



## RAINBOW AND COLUMBUS

I don't know if my friends would actually call me "that crazy cat lady" – at least to my face - :) - but, I will admit that ever since a little black month old kitty named Precious found her way into my heart, I've been hooked on cats. In fact, a friend of a friend recently asked me how many cats we have and I immediately answered, "Well, we only have two now...."

Last year, we lost two kitties, Penelope and Little Bit and our lives were devastated. It doesn't matter how many times you go through it, it is always awful. We lost Little Bit just a few days after Christmas from a heart attack and I was dreading the holiday this year, as I knew it would be a bitter reminder of our loss. But, as it turned out, that wasn't going to be the case.

It seemed to me sometime during the summer, that we all (including my old guys, Friday and Hershey) needed some new light in our lives and some new love in our house. I had a mission.

I'm basically like a kid in a candy shop, whenever I go to pet stores like Pet Smart. I always have to check out the latest and greatest additions and then, move on to do my business. But, a few months ago, there was a different scenario with me. I found myself attracted to a couple of short hair Tuxedo brothers at Pet Smart in Newbury Park and every time I went into the store, I just found myself walking back to see Sawyer and Columbus. I only had eyes for them. I could have pulled up a bench and watched their antics all day. I did this for weeks. My boyfriend, Mike, was having a particularly hard time letting go of Little Bit; as they were very close and he was not interested in adding to our brood. But, I was. And, it seemed that the brothers became aware of their stalker and agreed with me, because they started to respond to me, when I came up to see them.

A plan began forming in my head, but, I didn't want to just show up with kitties one day and say to Mike, "Look, what I got today!" (Well, okay, part of me did.) About a month or so into my Pet Smart exclusions, one of my old guys, Hershey, who is 13, started having issues and I was, for the first time, hesitant to bring in new kitties to our house. I had started an application for Sawyer and Columbus on-line, but did not send it in, because I wasn't sure what was going to happen with Hershey. The same week-end that Hershey improved and overcame his issues, I noticed that Sawyer was gone and poor Columbus was all alone in his area. I waited two days

before confirming with Cats Cradle that he had indeed been adopted. I was broken-hearted. I went home that night and started crying to Mike that poor Columbus didn't have anyone to play with any more and how confused he must be. Well, Mike, who had remained stoic up to this point, apparently had been bothered by this situation the entire night too, because he said to me in the morning, "Well, I guess we could look at him."

Well, I grabbed onto this statement like a dog to a big beef bone (taking this as a "Yes", even if it might have been more a "maybe") and decided immediately that Columbus would need a playmate as well. I saw our



beautiful Rainbow on the website and was immediately transfixed. She was a Maine Coon mix just like Little Bit! I now had my hook with Mike. I knew he couldn't

say no to another Maine Coon. And, so there you have it. An early Christmas story to the Taylor-Hall household! Truly a happy ending! And, instead of dreading this Christmas, I now can't wait to buy new ornaments with Rainbow and Columbus' names on them! What a difference two little kitties can make!

I have to think that Rainbow and Columbus agree with me. Even though they weren't housemates at PetSmart, they loved each other to bits from the start and I often bore people with videos of their playtime – which mainly includes wrestling antics and high-flying acrobatics. Columbus (and yes, he was appropriately named) has such a funny (and Loud!) purr, that he sounds like a kitty from the planet Mars and Rainbow loves to chat with me, as we are lying on the bed together watching TV. The old guys even play with their toys again. Did I mention that it's kind of a math problem fitting three kitties (Friday has his own bed) and two adults on a Queen size bed? They love the time that we are all home and together – Columbus starts making biscuits with his little paws and Rainbow plops herself on top of any of the cats or Mike or me (whoever is available) - everyone clearly happy and content. Yes, we are a family – a cat family – and we wouldn't have it any other way. Thank you, Cats Cradle, for giving us new fur kids to love!!



## MINI



Here is the update on Dilan, who we named Minnie. She is a real sweetheart. She wants to be a part of whatever is going on and

follows us around the house from room to room. Our 7 1/2 year old orange tabby, Sabrina, that we rescued 6 years ago is a little shy and usually hides when we have visitors, so it is fun having her be so friendly and nice to everyone. Minnie was very patient with Sabrina as she adjusted to the new kitten in the house. After about a week of hisses and growls from Sabrina, they are now playing together and hanging out.

She is such a good girl using the scratching post, litter box and not waking us up at night! She has a squeak of a meow and sometimes no noise comes out at all! But she can purr! Loudly! And she drools while she is purring and kneading on your lap.

Thank you Cats Cradle for our new family member!!

**Elena and family**

## GATSBY



Gatsby has been with us for just over a month. We lost our beloved Ollie, a tuxedo cat, in August. After two months we decided it was time to get another kitten. I went to a shelter and adopted a grey male kitten. I thought Ollie was so special, we should honor his memory and not get another tuxedo. When my husband

went to the shelter to pick up the new kitten after his neuter - surprise! It was not a boy, after all. We brought her home and named her Olivia, after Ollie. But I was missing having a little boy kitten; and I couldn't stop

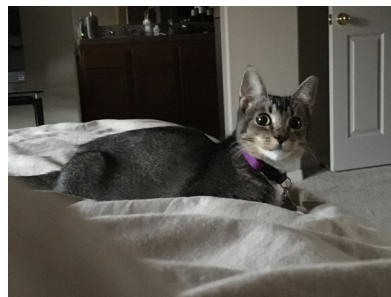


thinking about a tuxedo kitten. I found Cats Cradle (and Whiskers, now Gatsby) through Petfinder.

Gatsby came home the next day and he and Olivia are the best of friends. We had never had two kittens at once before - now we wouldn't do it any other way. They are both a true joy and a wonderful addition to our family.

**Daphne and family**

## DODO



"Dodo" is doing amazingly well, if I could only stop her from licking my nose at 5 in the morning. I guess she wants to get fed. I of course take charge and make her wait until

5:30. She is absolutely amazing, super well behaved with a few exceptions... Like she likes to play with my towels and pull them off the racks, hides her little mouse toys but then brings them all out at once. I came home from work the other day and there were 3 balls, 8 mice and a few other doodads all in a circle in my dining room. Oh and my socks, she LOVES my socks, I find them all over the house and seems to have a problem with matched pairs now.. Silly Dodo! Very strange.. She is a great kitty, my kids and grand-kiddos love her to death and friends are crazy about her as well. SUPER affectionate and friendly. Here is a pic from this morning where she has decided to wake me up again.. Thanks so much for rescuing her for me!

**David and family**

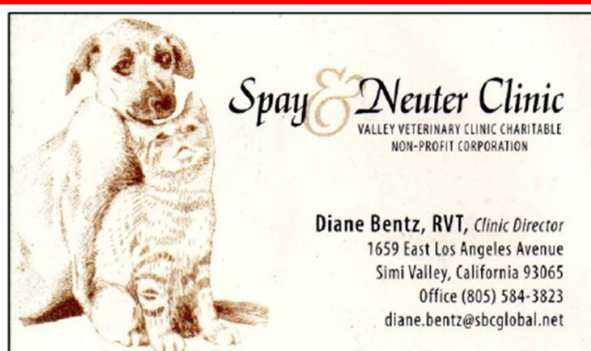
**Be a part of another happy ending!**

Want your story to be included in our newsletters? Feel free to share a happy ending, heartwarming story, or even a sad one by emailing our newsletter editor (editor@catscradlerescue.org)

## THANK YOU!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the organizations that helped us immediately in our rescue efforts again this year:

- The **Petco Store in Camarillo** and the **Petsmart Store in Newbury Park** who generously provide space for our weekend adoptions.
- The caring staff of the **Mercy Crusade Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinic** at the corner of Vineyard and Oxnard Blvd. in Oxnard where most of our adoptable cats & kittens receive their spay and neuter operations. <http://www/dogcatfix.com>
- **The Valley Veterinary Clinic Charitable Non-Profit Corporation**, Diane Bentz, R.V.T. and Clinic Director, Dr. Debbie Bitterly D.V.M. and their highly skilled team who support us in our TNR work in Ventura County. 1659 E. Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley, CA, 93065, 805-584-3823 [www.valleyvetnonprofit.com](http://www.valleyvetnonprofit.com)
- **Dr. Chong, DVM, Camarillo Veterinary Hospital** and her friendly assistants in Camarillo who work tirelessly to heal the sick and injured cats and kittens we encounter in rescue. 805-482-9865
- Lastly, **a big thank you to YOU** for adopting a cat or kitten, helping with fostering or adoptions, donating items or money, and by spreading the word.



### Your business card could be here!

Please call (805) 485-8811 for more information on advertising your business or service in this newsletter. (It doesn't even have to be cat-related!)

**Buying Online?** Please start shopping at [AmazonSmile.com](http://AmazonSmile.com) for your Amazon.com purchases. You can choose **Cats Cradle Rescue** to receive a portion of the selling price of the items you purchase. Best of all – it's **FREE** to use!

## Come look at our cats and kittens available for adoption:

- **CCR Adoption Center**, 1954 East Main Street in Ventura,  
Hours: Saturday & Sunday 11-5 (No adoptions on holiday weekends at all locations)
- **Camarillo PETCO**, 77 W. Ventura Blvd, Camarillo, (805) 384-5435  
Hours: Most Saturday & Selected Sunday 11-4 pm
- **Newbury Park PetSmart**, 2685 W Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks, (805) 499-3767



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### YOU CAN HELP

Any donation, large or small, helps the volunteers of our non-profit group provide food, veterinary care, spay and neuter programs, vaccinations, and emergency care for **Cats Cradle** cats and kittens. All donations are tax deductible, and will be acknowledged.

At the <http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com> you can donate a bowl of food to an animal rescue with a click – it's free and easy to do. **Please click on "Vote - Shelter Challenge" and vote for Cats Cradle Rescue, Oxnard, CA.**

## Our Holiday Wish List:

**Cat & Kitten Food** – always needed!

**Purina brand cat food weight circles** cut from the bags

**Cat care items** (scratchers, carriers, beds, towels, blankets, etc.)

**Recycle** your old cell phones, and digital cameras here

**Financial \$upport** (every dollar and cent helps!)

**Safe sites** for feral cats to call home and people to feed and monitor colonies

**Foster homes** for cats/kittens until "forever" homes are found

**Volunteers** to help with:

**Adoptions & Thrift Store** (staffing, sorting, paperwork, etc.)

**Transportation** (to and from vet clinics) & **Temporary care** for rescued cats and kittens

Please call to arrange a drop-off if you have gently used items to donate to our Thrift Store or cat-related items. Please mail your financial support to

Cats Cradle Rescue, P.O. Box 5774, Oxnard, CA 93031

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