

Eileen Hawthorne Fund for Animals

Winter 2017



Helping Animals on the Mendocino Coast for More Than 33 Years

CAT STATS

SPAY-NEUTER
Our Most Important Mission

During the past year, EHF provided assistance for:

145 spays

131 neuters

276 cats TOTAL*

*118 of these were feral.

We pay special attention to feral cats because they are un-owned and vulnerable, and they reproduce indiscriminately.

Emergency Veterinary Help

This year too, EHF helped with veterinary expenses for:

63 cats &

17 dogs (yes, dogs!)

Pets are members of our families; they're therapeutic, relieve stress, and help prevent social isolation in vulnerable populations. Medical expenses increase every year, and we believe that no animal should have to suffer due to their owner's lack of finances. EHF provides funding for office visits and some medical costs for people in financial need.

WORLD SPAY MONTH: FEBRUARY

The Eileen Hawthorne Fund for Animals (EHF) kicked off the year with a celebration of our mission: to reduce the population of homeless and feral cats and improve the lives of companion animals on the Mendocino coast.

Every February, Harvest Market supports this effort by presenting our donation cans at checkout inside its Fort Bragg and Mendocino stores. Additionally, EHF hosts an information table at the Fort Bragg store during this period. Normally, when we issue spay and neuter vouchers, there is a certain amount of co-pay required from the pet owners, depending on where they have the procedure done; this year, EHF started a new tradition of offering FREE spay or neuter vouchers (including any co-pay expenses) to any and all who applied in February.

FRIENDS, FUR, FUN FESTIVAL: APRIL

On April 28 and 29, EHF joined five other local animal organizations for a silent auction, raffle, adoptions, flea market, music, food and fun for two days to benefit animals on the coast. It was a remarkable cooperation among all these worthy groups, largely

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE



Carol Miller at the EHF silent auction table at Friends, Fur, Fun Festival in April.

coordinated by our former president, Valerie Harrison, Leslie Humphreys and Carol Miller.

EHF IN THE SCHOOLS: SPRING



From left: Joselyn Bartlett, president of the EHF board, DeeDee Williamson, our new school visitor, and Riley, one of our new visitor dogs at Dana Gray School in April.

This year EHF visited seven local elementary school classrooms with a volunteer and her well-trained and affectionate service dog to present our Pet Care program. Helping us this year were Lindsay Wansbury and Stella, Teresa Sholars and Lupin, and DeeDee Williamson and Bella or Riley.

We focus on how to care for pets as well as the value of spaying and neutering for pets and the community. It's an interactive learning experience and the dog is always the hit of every presentation.

Plus, EHF provides *KIND NEWS* magazine (from the Humane Society of the United States) to elementary school students throughout the year to inform them about treating animals with kindness and understanding.

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News from the Board



We are delighted to introduce our newest board member: Alex Pierangeli. She is a wonderful addition with a valuable background in graphic design and marketing. Alex is presently also the executive director of Sym-



Year at a Glance (continued)

**CASPAR FLEA MARKET
MEMORIAL DAY
WEEKEND: MAY**

EHF has a table at this fun event every year. This year we offered our new brochures, free magazines including *KIND NEWS*, cat chat with folks who love cats, and sign-ups for spay-neuter vouchers.

EHF Board

Joselyn Bartlett, President
Kacey Kelly, Secretary
Leslie Humphreys,
Treasurer; Spay-Neuter
Coordinator
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Carol Miller, Tabling
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Alex Pierangeli, Marketing-
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Joselyn Bartlett & Alex
Pierangeli

phony of the Redwoods, where she is entering her fifth concert season. Her job encompasses producing the major concerts, maintaining and cultivating donor contacts, managing all of the Symphony's generous volunteers, and dealing with a myriad of tiny everyday details involved in the business of a small, rural, arts nonprofit organization.

Alex has two other regular jobs as well as keeping busy in the arts community, singing and occasionally serving as a stage manager or light operator for local theatrical productions. And she looks forward to putting all the varied skills she's acquired to use on the EHF board.

Valerie Harrison, past President, retired from EHF in May to

devote herself full-time to the Coast Cat Project (CCP). CCP works tirelessly trapping feral cats who need spay and neuter procedures and medical check ups. Also, CCP can assist with the relocation and transition of adoptable cats. Anyone need a barn cat? Call 707-969-7781 or visit Facebook/coastcatproject for more information.

Board member Carol Miller has now been trapping cats for more than 28 years. Trapped feral cats are spayed or neutered and returned to their original location.

Did you know that EHF supplies cat food to the Fort Bragg Food Bank so that local cats can stay with their families and off the streets and out of animal shelters?



FIV — Not as scary as we thought!

By Frankie Kangas, FIV Cat Rescue

For years, testing positive for FIV has been a death sentence for cats and kittens. This protocol needs to change. FIV-positive cats can lead perfectly happy, normal lives.

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is a slow-acting virus that affects felines, including big cats like lions; but FIV is *not* "feline AIDS". Once thought to be deadly and highly contagious, it has since been found to be neither. Research shows what owners and rescuers have known for decades:

1. FIV is no big deal.
2. Having FIV simply means a cat's immune system *may* be compromised somewhere down the road or it *may never affect the cat at all*.
3. The life expectancy for FIV cats is the same as for non-FIV cats, and they die of the same diseases.
4. FIV and non-FIV cats can live together without passing the virus as long as all cats are non-aggressive.
5. Care of an FIV cat is exactly the same as for non-FIV cats.

Killed by air, light, heat, and regular household soaps and disinfectants, FIV is fragile and does not survive long in the environment, so it's actually hard to spread. In fact, the virus is primarily passed on through deep, penetrating bites or blood transfusions. Kittens who may test positive for FIV are rarely infected by their mother; they simply inherit their mother's antibodies to FIV, which then go away by the time they're six months old. FIV is not passed through the sharing of food or water dishes, mutual grooming, litter boxes, mock fighting, scratches or even sneezes; and it cannot be transmitted to humans or other animals.

And finally, any cat that has been *vaccinated against FIV* will test positive for FIV antibodies, since the whole purpose of a vaccination is to create antibodies against a disease.

What it comes down to is this: Keeping or adopting an FIV+ cat will not endanger any of your other cats (unless there is serious aggression amongst them); and people and other pets in your house will be just as safe as they are with non-FIV cats. Help FIV Cat Rescue (fivcatrescue.org) prevent unnecessary cat deaths by spreading the word.

(Text taken almost directly from a presentation to Eileen Hawthorne Fund for Animals, 3/19/17, by Frankie Kangas. Edited lightly by Alex Pierangeli. Errors or omissions are solely the responsibility of the editor.)

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To each and every one of you who has donated this year. Every little bit makes a difference. On this page are listed contributions in honor or in memory of someone since our last newsletter. We thank ALL donors, listed or not.

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Smooth Sailing for Salem

Early this past spring, before she joined our board, Alex Pierangeli discovered her elder cat Salem needed dental work that was going to cost many hundreds of dollars. Alex was going through a financially tight period and had no idea how she was going to finance the work that Salem needed. With sore teeth and gums, he was struggling to eat enough and was obviously in pain all the time; and Alex was tormented that she could not help him. She felt that she was failing her sweet, old man. Her next door neighbor Virginia, who served on the Eileen Hawthorne board for many years, suggested she call EHF. "But I thought they just helped with spay-neuter vouchers," she told the neighbor.

"No," Virginia replied. "They also help a few low-income people every year with emergency funds for veterinary costs."

So, with substantial help from EHF, a very kind cross-species supplement from Second Chance (secondchancefortbragg.org), and some haggling, Salem got the help he needed.

Now he's put on a little weight and is thriving again. In return for the help, she told us, Alex gladly joined our board so that she could "pay it forward" and contribute to helping others who need assistance.



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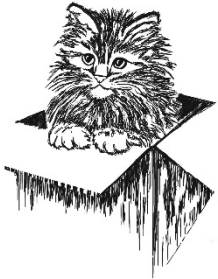
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*Remember! Real pet lovers
spay and neuter their pets.*

Spay-Neuter Assistance

EHF pays to spay & neuter feral cats and also offers spay/neuter vouchers to low income pet owners. Its goal is to decrease the numbers of unwanted cats here on the Mendocino coast. Email eventsEHF@gmail.com or phone us on 707-969-7877 (PURR).

Community Education

EHF board members, friends of EHF and qualified service animals regularly visit area schools to discuss pet care & responsibilities. If you would like to arrange a visit to your children's group or club, email eventsEHF@gmail.com or phone us on 707-969-7877 (PURR).

If you would like an EHF board member to come and speak to your organization about the EHF mission and how you can help, email eventsEHF@gmail.com or phone us on 707-969-7877 (PURR).

Visit us at EileenHawthorneFund.org.

Fun Cat Fact!



A cat's whiskers — or vibrissae — are a well-honed sensory tool that helps a cat see in the dark and steer clear of hungry predators. Whiskers are highly sensitive tactile hairs that grow in patterns on a cat's muzzle, above its eyes and elsewhere on its body, like the ears, jaw and forelegs.

By brushing its whiskers against an object, a cat can detect the precise location, size and texture of the object, even in the dark. This feature proves particularly useful for a cat trying to gauge whether it can fit into a tight space. Whiskers also detect changes in air currents, helping cats detect approaching dangers.

<https://www.livescience.com/44196-why-do-cats-have-whiskers>



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