

## Learn More About The Cat Shack!

Happy Holidays Everyone! After a brief hiatus, the newsletter is back... and better than ever!! The last few months have been fantastic for The Cat Shack. Not only have we adopted out over 40 cats (over 100 so far this year!) and gained a bunch of awesome new volunteers, but we also opened up a brand new adoption center!! The Cat Shack is proud to announce that we have partnered with Dog Town, a doggy daycare (and now doggy rescue!) to help pull dogs and cats from the ACCT Shelter in Philadelphia.

Our second adoption center is located on Route 309 in Colmer, PA. This new location, which features both cats AND dogs, will be able to house as many as 12 cats at once! One component that we are especially proud to unveil is the interactive "Cat Room." This room will enable potential adopters to play with and get to know the cats in a safe open space.

We recently celebrated the grand opening of the new adoption center and it went great! We would like to thank Jennifer Joseph and Jaime Connahan for making this a reality and we look forward to continuing our partnership with this wonderful organization!

Read our article below to learn more about our new location and the fantastic organization that we've paired with to make this new center possible.

As always, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer (or someone you know is), contact [Theresa](#) and let her know how you'd like to help! There are so many opportunities for new volunteers: Caring for cats at the adoption center, staffing adoption events, helping with the phone lines, attending craft nights, fundraising... The possibilities are endless! Check out some of the stories below for more details on some ways to help.



### Upcoming Events

December 27th  
Adoption Event at PetSmart  
In Whitehall PA  
11am-2pm

January 3rd  
Adoption Event at PetSmart  
In Whitehall PA  
11am-2pm

January 10th  
Adoption Event at PetSmart  
In Whitehall PA  
11am-2pm

January 17th  
Adoption Event at PetSmart  
In Whitehall PA  
11am-2pm

January 24th  
Adoption Event at PetSmart  
In Whitehall PA  
11am-2pm

## Cat Shack Calendars



They're here! The Cat Shack rescue 2015 wall Calendar, full of pictures of cats and kittens rescued by the Cat Shack! This year's calendar contains 13 beautiful photos produced by AMAZING photographer Don Schiele!

These 28 page wall calendars are glossy, FULL COLOR, and contain bios about the cats as well as inspiring quotes. And the best part... they are just

\$15! These calendars can be mailed right to your door for \$3 shipping/handling and make wonderful Christmas presents! 100% of the profits from the sale of these Calendars go to support next year's rescued



The Cat Shack needs more help from Volunteers comfortable returning calls to our hot-line!

This is the first step to saving cat's lives and helping them find their forever homes! The volunteer takes and routes messages, responds to calls

cats and kittens.

You may purchase on-line from our [website](#) using the paypal button on the bottom left toolbar, email [Theresa](#) directly to request one, or purchase from your friendly local volunteer. Calendars will only be on sale for a short time so get yours now while they are still available!

## Successful Adoptions!

If you've adopted from us and want to share your story, send us an email (with pictures!) to [catshack@ptd.net](mailto:catshack@ptd.net) and we'll put your furry family member in our next newsletter!! We look forward to hearing from you :)

### June Adoptions

Maci - Jason & Kayla H.  
Shyla - Donna P.  
Harvey - Jessica R.  
Paris - Liz F  
Riley & Emerson - Joseph D.  
Zoe - Michaleen R.  
Waliss - Michelle M.  
Rex & Theo - Richard & Constance B.

### August Adoptions

Sammie - John L.  
Tucker - Karen F.  
Cloud - Andrew G.  
Serena - Beth S.  
Aggie, Arby, &  
Vera - John L.

### October Adoptions

Max - Richard & Cindy S.  
Lynx & Luna - Alison N.  
Willow - Jenn S.  
Dylan - Jolynn H.

### July Adoptions

Macrina - Craig W.  
Tiger & MaryJoe - Lydiann S.  
Mittens - John P.  
Lily - Martha B.  
Perseus, Mo,  
Easter, Bruiser,  
& Andromeda - Bill W.

### September Adoptions

Hollywood - Katy H.  
Phantom - Nancy A.  
Simon & Bindi - Jennifer D.  
Valarie - Michelle M.  
June Bug, Bella,  
& Greta - Sue P.  
Butterscotch - Briana W.  
Gaia - Jennie N.  
Mathilda & Akin - James &  
Kristen G.

### November Adoptions

Clint, Lily, &  
Bugsy - Elaine B.  
Cleo - Jamie C.

## Success Stories!

### Maine Coon Kittens

Three long haired "Maine Coon" kittens, MC-3, MC-4 and MC-5 were born on the streets of Allentown PA to an equally fluffy mother cat. Raising a family on the streets wasn't ideal, and this lucky family

to the Cat Shack help line and adoption line, and helps people with their cat problems. Volunteers can work from home, and the times are flexible.

You must love to help people and animals, and should be well-spoken and polite. Volunteers will receive instruction and there are written suggested responses to be used for callers. There are often unique and urgent situations that must be addressed so we ask that the phone line volunteers remain flexible and also communicate regularly with the other phone volunteers when questions arise. If you are interested in helping please contact [Theresa](#)!!

### Cuddles



This adorable 6 year old girl is Cuddles. Cuddles story is one that might initially be seen as a sad one, but we are confident that with your help we can write a much happier next chapter in her book of life! Earlier this year, Cuddles was dropped off at a New York shelter, and although her owners said all nice things about her (things like "Loves to Play!", "Well Behaved!", "Very Friendly!") she was quickly put on the euthanasia list due to the shelter's overcrowding.

Luckily, her sweet personality caught the attention of rescue volunteers, and through the efforts of several different rescues, Cuddles was snatched to safety with just hours to go.

landed in a Cat Shack foster home. Mom and the 7-week-old babies came to their foster home skinny, COVERED in fleas, ticks and worse of all, they tested faintly positive for Feline Leukemia (FeLV). Their foster-mom was heartbroken. If the kittens and mom were unable to fight off this virus, their chances of adoption were much lower and they would be at risk of contracting life threatening diseases that could shorten their lives. All we could do was provide love, care and wait to see what happened.

So the Cat Shack provided the little family with their own room where they could safely stay away from other cats as they waited for the time to be retested. Meanwhile, the kittens were promoted for adoption with a full disclosure of their precarious situation.

Many people expressed interest in these beautiful kittens, but virtually every applicant had other FeLV negative cats at home and they could only adopt one of these kittens if the babies tested negative for FeLV.

Then Michael, April and their 2 children spotted the kittens' website posts and they quickly fell in love! They had no other cats so they applied to adopt 2 kittens, asking many good questions about FeLV. After researching the pros and cons, Mike and April decided to move forward and adopt 2 of the kittens no matter what their FeLV status turned out to be! The family came to pick out their 2 new family members, but how could they leave one super fluffy sibling behind? They decided to adopt all 3 of these fluffy babies!

As an added bonus, 2 of the 3 kittens are now testing FeLV Negative! It looks like these kittens are beating the odds in more ways than one.

## Louie, Everest, and Bentley



Louie, Everest, and Bentley are 3 shy young cats that went to their forever home on December 21, 2014! Adopters Don and Brenda came to meet brothers Everest and Bentley because they just wanted to adopt 2 kittens. However, after

seeing how Louie and Everest took to their fellow foster Louie, and how he was like their big brother, they started thinking...maybe they had room in their hearts and home for 3 cats! Their ride home was all that was needed to decide to adopt all 3 lucky boys! We are so thrilled that they all got their Christmas wish!

## Pretty Kitty (Nicknamed PK) Needs Our Help!

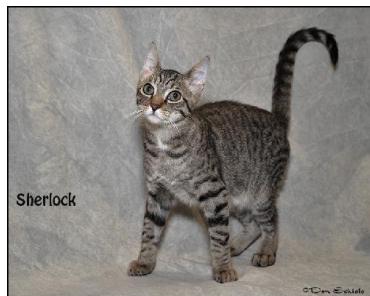
This friendly adult cat showed up in a local backyard last year. She had



MC-3 and one of her new human siblings

Cuddles is now safe in foster care and we've promised her that the next time she goes home with an adopter, she will always be considered a permanent family member. Are you the right person to start writing Cuddles new book of life? Cuddles is spayed, vaccinated, dewormed, and microchipped. Click on her name above if you'd like learn more about her or are interested in adopting her!

Sherlock



My name is Sherlock, I was abandoned with my sister, Kira, when we were very little. When some nice people caught us under a hedge, we were frightened, but we soon saw we now had food, water, and a warm bed. We went to a Vet for shots, worm medicine, and medicine for our colds and goopy eyes. With lots of love and good food we got better! We both tested negative for Feline Leukemia/FIV, got our rabies shots, and then got "fixed."

My foster mom calls me a "clown." I really like being petted and I purr a lot. I love to play and am dog friendly if they are not too rough. I think toys are the best things, next to food.

Now it is time for our final adventure, a forever home. Could that be you?

## Conundrum

apparently been turned away by her owner after she developed a mouth issue that caused drooling and a foul smell. Thankfully, PK was found by a kind neighbor that neuters and feeds the neighborhood strays.

In March of 2014 the kind people feeding PK noticed that she was drooling and that her tongue hung out at times. They took her to their own vet who diagnosed PK with a tumor in her mouth. The vet's prediction was dire - he felt that this mass was likely cancer and recommended either a costly surgery/diagnosis of \$5000+ or euthanasia. This surgery cost was outside of the means of their rescuer, but PK was still seemingly happy and they couldn't bring themselves to euthanize this sweet cat. They continued to care for her with the thought that when her quality of life declined they would make the call to euthanize her.

But PK didn't decline rapidly as predicted by the first vet! When it became clear that PK still had some of her 9-lives left to live, PK's rescuer contacted the Cat Shack and our vets at Perkiomen Animal Hospital, in Palm, PA, were quick to offer assistance with an exam and a 2nd opinion.

Perkiomen Animal Hospital agreed to perform the surgery and biopsy for PK with an estimated range of \$705-\$928. That is already so much more affordable than the \$5000 originally quoted!

Through social media postings, and generous donations, we have already raised \$247 towards our goal! We KNOW we can do this with your help! This gorgeous, sweet cat has endured enough pain and suffering and deserves proper care now! Check out PK's full story [here](#) (along with a wonderful update on her progress!) and please help us to help PK by making your Tax Deductible Donation today!

### Silver Award



The Cat Shack salutes and celebrates an admirably civic-minded, highly resourceful and remarkably generous teenager named Meghan Kirk. She and her mother, Melissa, volunteered with The Cat Shack last year to learn more about us, and from that experience, an idea was born. An idea which the enterprising teen turned into a project in order to qualify



Conundrum is a HANSDOME currently 3 month old Male kitten with a striking SILVER gray tabby coat. He is very affectionate and has an outgoing personality. He loves to run around with his sister Mystery. He's a active player and really will need to go to a home with his sister or otehr cats to keep him busy!

Because Conundrum was rescued from an Allentown location as part of an outside colony, he was tested for FeLv/fiv twice with a 4 week interval. Conundrum is FeLV/FIV negative!

### Kira



Kira and her brother Sherlock (also featured here) are doing SO well in foster care and show themselves to be very lovable, friendly and playful kittens! These beautiful 7-month-old kittens are FeLV/FIV tested neg, altered, vaccinated and ready for a home. They do not have to be adopted together, but they do get along great so if you want a pair that would be an option as well. They were also raised around dogs.

### Lou Lou

for a Girl Scouts silver award. After the project was approved, Meghan worked tirelessly throughout the summer, handcrafting 100 toys in varying shapes and sizes for our many adoptable cats. Then she turned her attention to constructing and painting an insulated wooden shelter with a hinged lid (2' x 3' and 18" high) to hold up to five feral cats. Meghan and Melissa presented the toys and the shelter to us at a National Adoption event held at PetSmart in Allentown, on Saturday, September 13th. While we are more than grateful to the Kirks, our Cat Shack kitties are itching to get their paws on all of their bright new toys.

## Exciting News!

There's a new way to help out the Cat Shack! It's so simple, all you have to do is download an app for your phone. Even better, the app is totally free!! The app is called ResQwalk. The app tracks your steps and then calculates a donation from the amount of steps.

The link to download for Android is:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.resqwalk>

The link to download for iPhone is:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/resqwalk/id889050235?mt=8>

## Dog Town / Cat Shack Adoption Center



Dog Town owner Jennifer Joseph (left) and Cat Shack Volunteer Wendi Miller (right) in front of the New Dogtown adoption center building.

Dog Town. Cat Shack. Two rescue groups: one helping dogs from ACCT, Philly's open intake shelter; the other helping cats in the Lehigh Valley area. What do these two wonderful rescues have in common? They are NOW sharing space at a new Adoption Center! Dog Town's owners, Jennifer Joseph and Jaime Connahan, have decided to add on to their business venture, Dog Town Dog Daycare, with a new space for their adoption effort, Dog Town Adoptions. Located on Rt 309 in Colmar, PA, the new adoption center houses Dog Town's foster dogs, a retail space for dog and cat items, and



Lou Lou is finally ready for adoption! This SUPER sweet and VERY active young 1-year-old boy has been through so much - from near death due to starvation, dehydration, intestinal blockage and injuries - to his current active, playful peak of health! His broken Pelvis continues to heal and he can run at full speed (and often does). His weight is now perfect and he has reduced his habit of trying to eat everything, including non-food items.

Lou Lou MUST go to a home with another young cat or two who are as playful and active as Lou Lou. His foster mom can tell you that Lou Lou is a lover, but also a relentlessly playful cat and he will quickly wear out his welcome with an older, less playful feline companion.

Due to his past starvation situation, Lou Lou does sometimes try to eat non-food items. This is generally not an issue (he will walk around with balls in his mouth and even play fetch) but small items could be a problem if he can swallow them. His future adopter will have to keep this in mind and be sure to avoid leaving small rubbery or plastic toys or other items around the house where Lou Lou could eat them.

Lou Lou is FelV/FIV neg, neutered, vaccinated and has received all of his vet care to get him healthy and ready for adoption!

Lou Lou has been through a simply amazing journey. For

now, a cat adoption area to showcase adoptable cats from The Cat Shack! Cat Shack cats have a dedicated adoption area which may be able to house up to 10-12 cats at one time, including an interactive "Cat Room", where potential adopters can play with, pet, and get to know the cats in an open, yet safe space. The center is now open and filled with dogs AND cats waiting to meet you. The Cat Shack cats are very excited to have a presence at the Dog Town Adoptions Center, and are looking forward to exposure to a new group of adopters. Stay tuned for more information, pictures, and volunteer opportunities.

## Looking for a painless way to help the Cats at the Cat Shack?

Here a few quick and easy ways!!

Consider using <http://smile.amazon.com/> when shopping on Amazon. Designate The Cat Shack as your charity and amazon will donate a percentage of your sale to us! It's free for you and its a great way to help us out!

Searching the web? Use <http://www.goodsearch.com/> and designate the Cat Shack rescue to receive donations every time you search. It's free and easy!

Another easy way to donate to the Cats at the Cat Shack is to use our Amazon or Target wish lists. Check out this page for more information:

<http://thecatshack.rescuegroups.org/info/donate>

Thank you again to all our amazing volunteers, foster homes, and adopters for the support that you give us. You have no idea how much we appreciate all your help.

Sincerely,  
Erin Leeds  
Cat Shack volunteer

Support  
the Cat  
Shack  
Today!

### ***WISH LIST***

Did you ever wish you could just point, click and donate something to The Cat Shack? Now you can by going to TCS's online Target and Amazon wish lists. Click [HERE](#) to read more about it

his full story, check out his adoption page (by clicking his name above).

## How We Can Help Each Other

The Cat Shack continues to offer low cost spay/neuter clinics where stray and feral cats can be altered to help curb the serious cat overpopulation problem.

Please spay and neuter your pets and, if you are feeding stray or feral cats, please be responsible and have them spayed and neutered also. It is up to us, the animals lovers that care about these cats, to assure that there is a GOOD home available for every kitten born. We all need to do our part to prevent the birth of new cats that will never be adopted.

We have so many wonderful pets who would love to have a home with you. Check them out!

Interested in filling out an adoption form for one of our cats? [Click here!](#)