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We are a 501c3 and our work is primarily sustained from tax deductible donations. Contact (830) 896-6053 for more information or to become a volunteer. What type of volunteer help do we need? Trappers, telephone counselors, transportation for vet visits, and more. Your help is vitally important to our success and we are grateful for your continued support!

You should never feed dog food to a cat. Cats need a high protein diet and dogs do not. Cats only need 10% of carbohydrates in their diet.

Do you have a friend who would like to receive our newsletters? Have them call & give us their name & address, or go to Pet Supplies Plus (on South Sidney Baker) and ask to register on our list they keep under their cash registers.

Halloween with its fun and *spooky* accoutrements will soon be here.

Please keep your cat(s) safe this Halloween. Flashing lights, candles, dangling cords, decorations, candy & wrappers all present a danger to our cats so please keep all these things out of their reach. Consider putting kitty in another room for the night of noisy door bells and knocks, and the spirited yelling of 'trick or treat', which will no doubt frighten your cat.

Can a Feral Cat be Tamed?

That is a definite yes if you are committed and patient. Getting a kitten at 4-6 weeks old

No cat toys? Cats love to chase ping pong balls, crumpled paper, and cardboard tubes. Yarn, string, or ribbons are dangerous if swallowed and should not be given to cats.

from its wild Mother gives you the best chance of success.

First you must have the time to devote to getting the kitten used to interacting with people. Most feral kittens have never seen a person before so I imagine we are a big, scary monster to them.

It's important to get them used to being held and petted. First you must start by keeping them confined to a cage, large carrier or small room like a seldom used bathroom. Play time is also very important. Be sure to give them toys to play with, but not to keep with them. Toys must be closely supervised. Swallowing bits

and parts of any toy is a very real danger for all kittens.

Even with a lot of time and attention a feral kitten may never turn into a lap cat.

Kittens and cats hiss and spit because they are afraid. Try using a kitty tease type toy to distract the kitten. Some may fight you to the point that you need to handle them with a towel at first until they calm down.

Whether you are taming this kitten to become a valued member of your family, or for someone else, you are giving this cat a new and better life, which makes it well worth your time and effort.

A cat has 20 muscles in each ear making it possible for tiny movements in order to pinpoint the exact location of any sound.

We invite you to browse our website to learn more about our mission, to educate yourself about caring for cats, to make a donation, or to just read our past newsletters which are filled with informative information. Our organization is strictly volunteer and there are no salaries.



Cat café's are very popular in Japan. One cat café is dedicated only to black cats. Imagine sipping on your favorite beverage while snuggling or playing with a striking black cat!

If you are remodeling, be very careful of openings in the floors and walls. Curious cats can hide in very small spaces and become trapped.

Names for Black Cats: Ace, Angus, Asphalt, Black-Pearl, Carbon, Cinders, Coal, Dante, Diablo, Ebony, Espresso, Eclipse, Elvira, Guinness, Gloomy, Inky, Java, Jet, Licorice, Magpie, Midnight, Mojo, Morticia, Mystery, Ninja, Nightmare, Onyx, Panther, Pepper, Pepsi, Phantom, Poe, Raven, Rook, Sabbath, Salem, Satin, Scorch, Shadow, Sharpie, Sheba, Silhouette, Soot, Spooky, Stormy, Vader, Velvet, Zorro.



Is there a Cat Lover on your gift list? A gift to *The Big Fix* is a wonderful way to celebrate your shared love of cats and to make the world a better place for them. We will send a card notifying your honoree of your thoughtful gift in their name. Your tax deductible gift of as little as \$10 will allow us to continue our mission. Your donation goes directly (and only) to humane trapping, neutering, and veterinarian care. Simply fill out the form below and enclose it with your gift donation. Checks should be made out to: *The Big Fix* and mailed to: The Big Fix, P.O. Box 294003, Kerrville, TX 78029.

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Did you know...

Cats purr at the same rate of a diesel engine: 26 cycles per minute. Cats not only purr when they are happy, but also when they are stressed.

We Thank you for your generous support!

