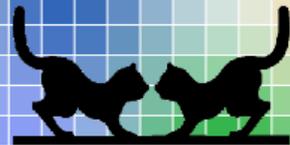


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A Starbucks Vente or Feed an Animal? \$5 Makes a Difference!

Did you know that the cost of just one Starbucks Vente coffee can feed a cat or dog for a week?!! All of the wonderful, humane services performed at S.C.C.A.T. are funded by generous people like you.

August is always a tough month for us. We are low on funding for food and high on vet bills. Please go to www.catadoptiontails.org to donate NOW... as little as \$5 makes a huge difference to so many.

You are a Godsend to us and these animals.

THANK YOU! From Darling Darla

Hello, I'm Darling Darla. Julie found me alone in a local dump for animals and junk. Hungry and searching for something to eat despite the huge abscess hanging from my throat, I jumped into Julia's van fast—this was too good to be true!



She took me to Palm Plaza Pet Hospital where my infection was drained and hundreds of ticks on my face and body were removed after several hours.

Maybe my owners dumped me because I have a cloudy eye. But Julia and the S.C.C.A.T. crew call me "darling" and love me anyway. Now I'm finally safe and eating everything in sight!

THANK YOU for your donations* to keep me eating and my vet bills paid. I still need some care and fattening up but maybe soon, I will be adopted by somebody wonderful... maybe even your family?

* Go to www.catadoptiontails.org and click on "Donate NOW for Darling Darla."

J.E.M.s

Julia's Extraordinary Measures: *Dolly the Miniature Horse*

It sounds like the heartbreaking opening to an old Disney movie... beautiful pony far away is being abused when the hero swoops in and saves the day. But this story is true, and it happened right here in Los Angeles.

It all began with our S.C.C.A.T. founder Julia getting a phone call from the neighbor of a family that had been mistreating a miniature horse.



The caller said that the owner of the horse was keeping it in a tiny round pen in their back yard and she saw this man beating the horse when she stepped in.

Julia and her rescue partner drove to the location and were met by a very large man. Julia immediately asked, "We heard you might have a horse you want to sell. May we see her?" He led them to the dark and muddy backyard where Dolly was kept. Standing in a tiny round pen made of wood fencing and pallets, Dolly's hooves were so long they had curled over her ankles.

Julia asked the man what he wanted to do with Dolly and he replied "Take her... I'm sick of dealing with her." He grabbed Dolly roughly by her mane and tail and dragged her to Julia's van. Only 9 months old, she weighed 100 lbs. (the size of a large dog), and was obviously traumatized.

When Dolly first walked into her S.C.C.A.T. corral, she took off! She ran and ran as if she had been set free into the wild!! Dolly immediately bonded with our other horse. And after hundreds of dollars on much needed vet and farrier care, Dolly has found a place in all of our hearts at S.C.C.A.T. and is loved by all.

To help pay for Dolly's ongoing vet and food costs, please go to www.catadoptiontails.org and click on "Donate NOW for Dolly the Miniature Horse."

Adorable Adoptables: READY NOW!

This new mom and her pups need loving homes NOW! These furry friends can be a member of your family! Find out how at www.catadoptiontails.org.





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HOME ALONE: The Story of Jeremy, the Abandoned Dog



Our weekend Petsmart adoption events are full of surprises—some good, some not. Two weeks ago, a lady came into the store and **begged us to help a little cocker mix that her neighbors abandoned** when they moved.

She wasn't sure how many days the little dog had been locked in the house but she knew **he was in big trouble**. Lucky for Jeremy, he had clean toilet water to drink, but **boy was he hungry**. She already had a dog of her own and knew a shelter would euthanize him because of his poor condition. So she found a friend to take him in for a few days and came into PetSmart and asked us for help.

Jeremy is just a baby—about 8 to 10 months old—is still traumatized, and needs lots of TLC. But with **lots of love and a great haircut**, he will be the hit of our weekend adoptions.

Can you help Jeremy find a great home? Go to www.catadoptiontails.org and click on "**Donate NOW for Grooming Jeremy**" and **help us turn a forgotten pup into a soon-to-be beloved pet**.

Help Us Keep Our Wonderful Vet!!

We love **Palm Plaza Pet Hospital** (2501 Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale). They are so good at what they do and wonderful to all of S.C.C.A.T.'s animals!

Please help us pay our mounting vet bills by donating directly to Palm Plaza Pet Hospital. Just call (661) 272-4551 and tell them you want to make a donation for S.C.C.A.T. and Julia. **Every dollar helps. THANKS!!**

Confessions of an Adoption Mom ...the litter that almost wasn't

It's April 11th in Hollywood and **Mama Gray, a 1 ½ year old very pregnant feline, is at Fixnation waiting to be spayed** when she surprises us and gives birth to 6 kittens on the table.



One kitten died at birth, but 5 remaining kittens were healthy: a black male, and 2 gray tabbies and 2 tabby torties (all female). This was so out of the norm that **Fixnation** did not release them into the wild. Instead, they **called Southern California Cat Adoption Tails**.

I'm Nina and that's how I came to foster Mama Gray and her kits. She was so sweet and loved the attention of us mere humans. **But was she also a great mom?** We were about to find out...

... on Day 6, we received a phone call that **a feral mom cat moved her litter and left a 2-day old kitten behind**. That kitten was crying like crazy when we received her. But as we opened the fleece the kitten was wrapped in and its loud meow vibrated throughout the room, **Mama Gray perked up. We gently rubbed one of Mama Gray's kittens against the new feral and placed the newbie on Mama's belly.** Then we held our breath.

Mama put her paw on the tiny black-and-white kitten and began licking her all over. **The new baby settled in, nursing and fighting the others for a nipple.**

It was touch and go for a time. **Both Mama Gray and I watched the new little girl very closely.** If she sneezed, we worried. If she slept, we worried. I was so worried I weighed her every day on a little diet scale. She started at 4 ounces and soon outgrew the scale!

From the very beginning, our feral kitten Emma was scrappy and served as the social director of the entire litter. All six kitties immediately bonded under Mama Gray's loving attention.



As I write this note, **Emma and another kitten have found terrific homes.** Mama Gray and her four kits are sleeping in the sun, oblivious that they are going to adoptions this weekend. **Hopefully they will also find their forever home, especially Mama Gray—she deserves to be the Princess from now on.**

I'm proud to be an Adoption Mom and if you want to join me, email us at www.catadoptiontails.org and find out more.