

# THE CATNIP NEWS

A newsletter of the Campus Cat Coalition at Bakersfield College

Our **Papasan of the Month** is Frank Razo, a grounds crew member, who spotted and helped rescue our newest litter of 7 kittens from the scrap-yard dumpster designated for metal trash.



All kittens were relocated to a nearby shaded box where Mama can safely continue to care for them.



Our other litter of 3 kittens was found in one of the Fine Arts courtyards thanks to a sharp-eyed security guard who saw their mama, now named Tinker, going in and out through the decorative bricks. Once we started providing food, mama kitty put on enough weight so that

she didn't fit through the small holes any more and proceeded to move her family to one of the auto yards.

Both mothers probably came onto campus from one of our three bordering neighborhoods since all of our long-time campus residents are spayed and neutered. However it's important to let everyone know that abandonment of any animal, on this campus or elsewhere, is **against the law**. It is a crime punishable by a fine (up to \$1000), six months in jail, or both. If you become aware of such activity, please notify us or campus security.

Since our inception in 2004 we have achieved a 100% spay/neuter success rate, thanks to all of our volunteers and donors. Adoptions until this year have been acceptable; however due to a low response this year and our own over-populated homes, we are no longer taking kittens home to foster unless we know ahead of time that we can place them. If you have a request for a kitten, please let us know so we can contact you when we have some available.

## FOR SALE

We have catnip toys, including kitty kickers (those tubes that they love to hold on to and kick with their back feet), and neck bandanas available for \$3.00.

## Cans for Cats

Our recycling program helps fund the support of our campus cats. If your area has a break room where we can place a



container for recyclable cans and bottles (**water and soda only**), we will pick them up on a regular basis. The proceeds will go towards food and vet bills.

## Volunteers Needed

Some of our feeders will be retiring in the next couple of years and we very much need to prepare for that time by increasing the number of volunteers who maintain feeding stations. By developing small groups, the demand on each individual feeder is lessened. If a group of four volunteers is responsible for a station, each person has feeding duty only one week a month. It fits easily into your work schedule, just before or after work, or during your lunch. Please consider becoming a Campus Cat Coalition Allie.

## Special Thanks

- Dr. Utt and the staff of Auburn Animal Hospital
- Kathleen Loomis-Tubbesing, and Tracey Lovelace for regular donations of food
- Our student volunteers: Sara Reynolds and Ande Castenada
- Our Campus Security officers who tolerate our strange comings and goings

## Contact Us

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