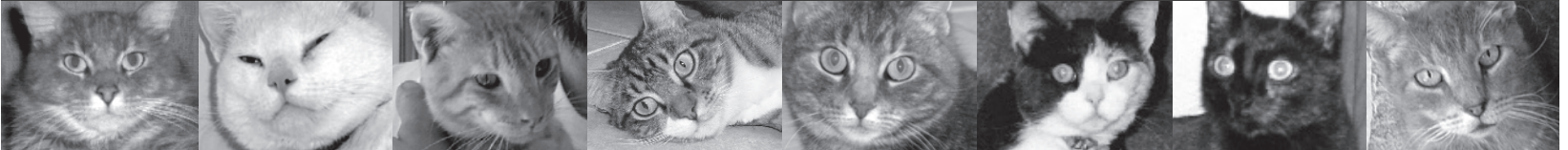




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A Shot at a Home



Where did the little tortie come from? She showed up in the neighborhood, very hungry, one morning. Her front leg hung limply as she moved from house to house in search of food. Although many people in the neighborhood tried to feed and

pet the bedraggled cat, she was very shy. She would quickly grab the offered food and take off.

The neighbors, led by Rude Ranch volunteer Barbara Anderson, concerned about the little cat, formed a plan to catch her and bring her to Rude Ranch. A humane trap was set outside Barbara's house. The first couple of attempts were not entirely successful. (However, a possum enjoyed the bait.) The next day, a very unhappy cat was waiting in the trap. Barbara rushed the cat to Rude Ranch. With the exception of her front leg which showed no outward signs of injury, the cat seemed in good shape. We named her Stella based on her diminutive feminine mannerisms.

A few days later, Stella visited Dr. Theresa Roller of Belair Vet. An x-ray revealed a bullet that had shattered Stella's upper leg and shoulder into hundreds of tiny fragments. The injury was several weeks old and unfortunately, the bone structure could not be repaired. We were given two options: either amputate the leg at the shoulder, or try to retrain Stella's body to use the damaged leg. The muscles and tissue in the leg were still healthy and had a good blood supply, so we opted to try physical therapy.

The first few days were rough on Stella who had grown accustomed to not using the leg. Then one night

we noticed Stella cautiously following a bug crawling across the floor. She would gingerly tap her injured paw on the bug to stop it! A few days later, we watched as Stella once again used her injured paw to create a "rolling wave" in her water dish. While we normally don't encourage this type of behavior, we were ecstatic to see her using her hurt leg.

Barbara and her husband Danny kept close tabs on Stella's progress. Once Stella was able to put weight on her leg, Danny and Barbara offered to foster Stella.

It didn't take long before Stella completely worked her way into Barbara and Danny's hearts. They quickly decided that Stella's name would be changed to Ziva and that she had found her forever home...with them. Ziva has continued to make excellent progress. Her limp is barely noticeable. Although she will require periodic x-rays to monitor the bone chips in her leg, we predict Ziva will have a "shot" at a great life!

The care and concern of a group of neighbors made all the difference in the world for Ziva!



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Rude Ranch Animal Rescue is a volunteer based, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the rescue, care and adoption of homeless animals in the Maryland and DC area. Our goals are to find permanent loving homes for adoptable animals placed in our care; to provide a safe haven and rehabilitation to feral and neglected cats rescued from abusive situations; and to put an end to needless euthanasia because of pet overpopulation.

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A Note from Our Executive Director

Welcome to the Fall 2006 edition of the Rude Ranch newsletter!

All of us at Rude Ranch hope everyone had a safe and happy summer with lots of great activities. We've had a lot going on at the sanctuary this spring.

We are continuing to care for some of Hurricane Katrina's four legged victims, and are using many of our experiences from Hurricane Katrina to help develop animal friendly emergency and evacuation procedures for Anne Arundel county and the surrounding areas.

We've been busy developing our initial plans to increase our resources to provide low cost spay/neuter assistance to the community. Although a lot of progress has been made to reduce the pet overpopulation crises, there are still many more animals than available homes.

I am proud to announce that Rude Ranch is now entering our fourth year of participation in the Combined Federal Campaign and the Maryland Charity campaigns. These programs allow federal and state employees to donate to local charities through payroll deductions, thereby getting a tax-deduction and helping Rude Ranch at the same time.

We are planning a lot of exciting events this fall—we will be at the Homestead Gardens Fall Festival for several weekends, and will "Gift Wrap for Donations" at Borders in December. Lastly, pets all over Annapolis and Crofton can look forward to a visit from Santa Claws in December.

As always, a special thanks to all our adoptive families, contributors, supporters and volunteers who are critical to our success in meeting our goals to save abandoned and neglected animals and place them in new loving homes. Without you, we could not help the animals.

Sincerely yours,



Moving?

Planning on moving across the street/state or country soon? Don't forget to let us know so we can update our mailing list. Just send an email to rrar@ruderanch.org with your new address and we will take care of the rest.

Planning for the Next "Big One"

After Hurricane Katrina, most states found that their emergency evacuation plans for pets and farm animals were inadequate. Agencies—from local counties through Congress—are now working to remedy this problem.

On the national level, the House of Representatives and the Senate recently introduced and passed the Pets Evacuation Transportation Standards Act (PETS). The PETS act requires state and local planning agencies to include plans to accommodate pets and livestock in future emergency plans.

Locally, SART (State Animal Response Team) and CART (County Animal Response Team) are developing and updating plans for Maryland and its counties. The Anne Arundel CART includes representatives from the Office of Emergency Management, the fire department, animal control, FEMA, Department of Health, the AASPCA, and Rude Ranch.

Over the next few months, a comprehensive, animal friendly plan for a mass evacuation in the Anne Arundel County area will be developed. Although we hope we will never need these plans, it is good to be prepared in the event of a disaster.

**Calling all Government Employees!
Don't forget Rude Ranch during CFC and MCC season!**

Special report by Boomer, the CFC Miniature Pinscher

Boomer, Rude Ranch's CFC min pin reporting, here! While everyone else has been busy having fun this summer, I've been busy getting in shape for CFC and MCC season this fall!

Never heard of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) or the Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC)? Well, here's how it works: If you work for the federal government or Maryland state government, you can pick one (Rude Ranch) or several charities to donate to through payroll deductions. Once you designate a charity (Rude Ranch), your agency will deduct your tax-deductible specified amount from your paycheck and send it to Rude Ranch. Your generous donations help provide day-to-day medical care, food and litter to our residents (and don't forget plenty of Pupperoni's and pig ears for me!) Not a government employee but have a friend or family member who is? Please tell them about Rude Ranch!

By the way, I love to come to the agency events to visit with everyone, so if your agency is hosting a charity event, please let my human 'employees' know about it by emailing info@ruderanch.org! Rude Ranch's numbers are:



National Capital Area 7652
Central Maryland 8135



MCC 4650



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Control Overpopulation! Sponsor a Spay or Neuter

Rude Ranch receives daily requests from people who cannot afford to have their pets spayed or neutered; want to help strays in their neighborhood; or need help caring for a colony of feral cats. Now you can help Rude Ranch reach out to these animals through our Sponsor a Spay/Neuter Program.

This program is designed to help defray the costs of spaying and neutering animals in any of these situations. Sponsor a Spay with a one-time donation of \$35 or Sponsor a Neuter with a one-time donation of \$25.

The benefits of spaying and neutering are far-reaching when you consider that over a period of several years two cats and their kittens can produce 420,000 offspring! To participate in this program, please log onto our website www.ruderanch.org/shelter/donate.html.

Hurricane Katrina Survivor Updates

When Hurricane Katrina devastated the gulf coast last fall, Rude Ranch Animal Rescue was one of many rescues who stepped in to help animals in the region. We made three trips and brought back a total of 59 cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies to the sanctuary. Some of these animals had severe illnesses and emotional scars from their ordeal, while others came back relatively unscathed. We wanted to share a few happy updates on some of the animals.



Orange Boy/Itsy Bitsy: Miracle Cat!

Orange Boy arrived at the Tylertown staging area in critical condition. He was severely malnourished and dehydrated and could barely stand up on his own. Orange Boy made the trip back to Rude Ranch and was diagnosed as severely diabetic. He started insulin therapy and was adopted by Betsy Wagner and family in Mansfield, Mass.

Betsy reports that in addition to being an absolute lover, Orange Boy has become the ultimate "toy master" happily chasing and playing with anything and everything he can get his paws on. Despite his bubbly personality, it was still a struggle to get his diabetes under control. At one point he was up to a total of 16 units of insulin a day! Then it happened: his blood sugar readings started coming down and his vet started reducing his insulin. Eventually Orange Boy's insulin therapy was *stopped completely*. Orange Boy is now up to a whopping 17 pounds and has not needed an insulin shot since June!



Jackie, Buster and Sheila, Border Collie Puppies!

Jackie, Buster and Sheila, three 8 week old border collie pups who Rude Ranch Executive Director Bob Rude brought back in January. Although the puppies appeared healthy, they had parvo, four kinds of intestinal parasites, and a rare herpes virus that almost killed them.

All three puppies are doing well and have moved into homes. Buster and Sheila, now Jack and Katie, live with John and Linda in Lothian, Maryland. Jackie, now Creole, moved in with the Jaber family in Gaithersburg. All three puppies are doing well and are growing into handsome dogs.



Katrina: The Survivor!

The little oriental short hair, known as Katrina, was one of the first animals brought to the staging area. Attacked by dogs, she had severe herpes ulcers in her mouth and throat and double pneumonia. The first few days of her rehabilitation were touch and go, but today Katrina is completely recovered. (She does still have "issues" with a stuffed Tasmanian devil toy that was donated several months ago.) Katrina spends her days welcoming visitors to the sanctuary. She has developed a reputation for climbing your leg if you ignore her!

Susie the Pig: Happy at Last!

Susie was a 400 pound pot bellied pig that Rude Ranch Executive Director Bob Rude (the "Pig Whisperer") rode through the staging area after she got loose one night. Susie now lives on a farm sanctuary in Racine, Wisconsin, where she is thriving.

Can My Pet Get Heat Stroke?

by Kathy Tansey

You've experienced the symptoms when you've been in the sun too long: dizziness, heart palpitations, increase in body temperature, and you feel cold. These are signs of impending heat exhaustion.

Consider the way your pet may react... panting, anxiety (pacing), increased heartbeat, hyperventilation, dark red gums, lethargy and increased body temperature. Cats and dogs can become dehydrated easily and quickly on a hot, humid day. Normal body temperature for a cat is 101.5–102.5 degrees. A dog's normal body temperature is 101–102 degrees. A body temperature of 104 or higher is a definite warning sign.

To help your pet survive extremely hot weather keep him/her indoors. Make sure there are plenty of bowls of cool water available. Don't encourage dogs to run and play till later in the day. If you think your pet is suffering from heat exhaustion, cool him or her down as quickly as possible by immersing in cool water and wrapping in towels. Try to get him/her to drink a little water. Get your pet to a vet immediately, this can be a fatal condition.

Never leave a pet in a car, even on a moderately warm day. Even with the car windows open, the temperature inside the car can still soar to over 100 degrees in a few minutes, placing your pet in perilous danger.

Stay Cool with a Rude Ranch T-Shirt

Stay cool in our really cool T-shirt! When you purchase a Rude Ranch T-shirt the proceeds go right back to the care of our residents! It is a great way to show your support.

T-shirts: S–XL \$15
XXL–XXXL \$17

Polos: S–XL \$20
XXL–4XL \$22

Email rrar@ruderanch.org or call 410.798.9559 for more information.



Get 'Em Snipped! Rude Ranch's Next Project!

Over the years, Rude Ranch Animal Rescue has transformed from a bunch of cats and kittens in a few dog crates to a complete sanctuary with multiple rooms, ample play areas, and plenty of space for special needs cats.

Now we are ready to embark on our next big project: a low cost, high volume spay/neuter clinic. The clinic we envision will be located centrally to Annapolis, Washington DC, and Baltimore, and will employ up to five veterinarians. It will have the capacity to do at least 100 spay/neuter surgeries a day, for a total of 20,000–25,000 surgeries a year.

Our goal in building this clinic is to significantly reduce the number of unwanted animals born and turned into shelters every year.

We hope to raise close to \$500,000 to get the clinic equipped, stocked and fully staffed. We are planning fundraising activities in the near future to strategize how to raise money to attain our goal. Email info@ruderanch.org to find out how you can help.

A Basketful of Fun!

Rude Ranch hosted our second Longaberger Basket Bingo on May 7 to a packed house! We had to add extra tables to accommodate all our players!

We played 24 rounds of bingo with great prizes. In addition to meeting many great people, we raised over \$4900 to help pay for veterinary care for our residents!



Sponsor a Special Needs Rude Ranch Cat!



Loki, one of our FeLV+ residents, is sponsored by Patrick and Maria!

Would you like to help a rescued animal, but can't take any more in? Consider a Rude Ranch long-term resident! Your tax-deductible sponsorship for only \$20 a month (67 cents a day) provides food, kitty litter, and toys

for one of our special needs cats.

Consider a feral, FIV or FeLV positive cat. Currently our feral and FeLV cats are *most* in need of sponsorship.

We will send you an adoption certificate with pictures and a history of your new cat. Your name will be displayed next to a picture of your cat on our website. Visit your virtual adoptee anytime For more information, go to www.ruderanch.org and click on "Sponsor a Resident." Or email rrar@ruderanch.org.



Tobias (left), a Katrina evacuee, adopted in January, snuggles with his best buddy Freddie, formerly Francis Ferdinand (abandoned by the home of Rude Ranch's newsletter designer), adopted in April by Nancy Breisch and Al Greene.

RUDE RANCH EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Cesar, Surrogate Mom

As part of our series spotlighting one of our four-legged employees, we would like to introduce Cesar, Rude Ranch's surrogate mom. Yes, we realize that Cesar is a border collie/husky mix, but he has distinguished himself as the best kitten sitter/mom in the history of Rude Ranch.

Cesar was quite the wanderer before he signed on as the third dog at Rude Ranch in July 2000. Frequently, he scaled a chain link fence at his previous home and would take off to explore the neighborhood. After a few years (and a couple of chicken incidents) Cesar's people gave up on trying to contain him and turned him over to us.

At first Cesar wasn't sure what to make of Rude Ranch...there were all these cats and kittens running around and Cesar somehow felt it was his responsibility to groom them. (Most of the adult cats were not too keen on this idea.) And there were Bruno and Boomer, the original Rude Ranch dogs, to deal with. Boomer saw Cesar as a threat to his food supply while Bruno was glad to have a wrestling buddy. After Bruno knocked him over a few times, Cesar caught on to the game and learned a lot of spin moves to avoid the brunt of a Bruno take down.

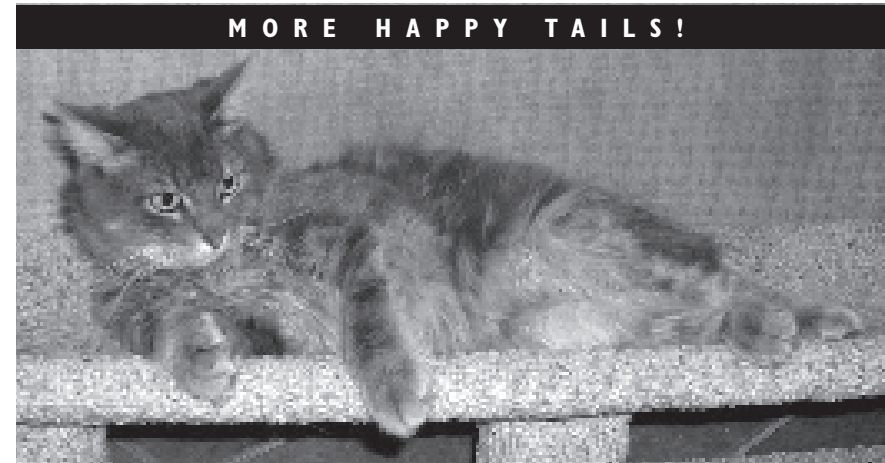
Eventually, Cesar stopped trying to groom adult cats and turned his attention to any new kitten or litter of kittens. Now, he is always ready to check them in upon arrival. Before long, the litter will be sopping wet and bouncing all over Cesar, their new mommy. Cesar usually cares for his litter of kittens until they are about 8 weeks old then he feels his job is finished and he is ready to take on the next litter of kittens.

Many people have asked: why does Cesar do this? Did his mother ignore him as a puppy? Is he just naturally very paternal? Is it his way of herding the kittens? Or, does he just like licking the kitten food off the kitten's faces? We may never know—Cesar's not telling—but we do know there are a lot of Rude Ranch kittens that have benefitted from his care!



Join Food Lion's Shop & Share to help Rude Ranch!

Every time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP savings card, a portion of your bill will be donated to Rude Ranch. All you have to do is sign up for an MVP bonus card and register with the "Lion Shop and Share" program. Call 800.210.9569 or go to www.foodlion.com, click "Lion Shop and Share," choose Maryland for your state, and pick "Harwood" for the city. Rude Ranch Animal Rescue will pop up as an available charity. If you signed up more than 12 months ago, please don't forget to "re-up" your card for Rude Ranch to remain your designated charity.



Willie's New Life

Willie, aka Car Boy was featured in our last newsletter. He had suffered a crushed pelvis, severe internal bruising, and a severed tail after he was hit by a car in Dandridge, Tennessee and driven to Maryland by Rude Ranch volunteers Hope and Phil Sibert.

Adopted by the Beard family this past Christmas, we recently heard that Willie, now Jack Daniels, is doing great! He nestles under the covers every night and runs full speed throughout the house playing with his new feline sibling. Its hard to tell he has ever had an injury! Mr. Daniels has lots more snuggling and toy chasing in his future!

Shop from Home and Help Rude Ranch!

Like to shop online? Trying to knock out a bunch of shopping and beat the upcoming holiday crush at the mall? Use Igive.com and help Rude Ranch at the same time!

If you enjoy shopping online, launch your shopping through IGIVE and a portion of the proceeds of your purchases will be donated to Rude Ranch. Go to www.igive.com/rrar for more details.



YES, I want to help Rude Ranch Animal Rescue!

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue relies on donations and volunteers to carry out our mission to save the animals. We receive no federal funding. Your donation of a few dollars* or a few hours of your time can go a long way to helping our cause.

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- I want to find out about volunteer opportunities!
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* Rude Ranch Animal Rescue, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization and all contributions are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Thanks for caring!

- 🐾 Denise Arnot for her contribution to our newsletters
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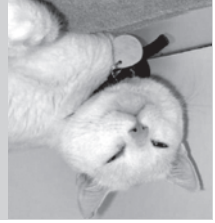


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Playmate Wanted!
 I'm Sam. I arrived from New Orleans when my home was washed away during Hurricane Katrina. I'm looking for a new home. I love to run and wrestle, so a home with lots of room would be ideal. I preferably without cats since I play too rough for cats. I love dogs and people. Do you have room for me? I promise to keep you entertained!



- 🐾 Volunteers
- 🐾 Clumping cat litter
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