



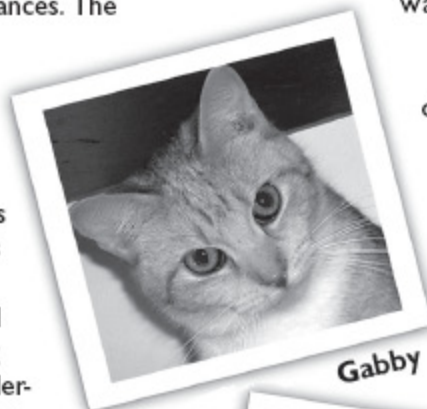
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A Special Place For Special Kittens

The three kittens, all girls, started their lives in very difficult and different circumstances. The little orange tabby was born on a farm in Southern Maryland. Her life wasn't too bad . . . there was some food available, and she had the other kittens to play with. She just had to steer clear of the horses and farm equipment. However, this little kitten was very curious and decided to wander off the farm and onto a Wildlife Sanctuary called Jug Bay Wetlands. Eventually, she wandered so far, she couldn't find her way back. Lost and now very hungry, the little kitten aimlessly meandered around the area. After a long time, she heard voices and smelled human food. Not knowing what else to do, she headed towards the delicious smells. What she didn't realize was that she was inadvertently crashing a wedding reception. While the caterer wasn't pleased that a small, dirty kitten was getting into the food, by following her nose, the kitten saved her own life.

Several guests at the wedding reception noticed the small kitten and feeling sorry for her, decided to take her home. Her story might have ended happily, except the little kitten, now called Gabby (Gabrielle was too big a name for such a tiny thing) tested positive for Feline Leukemia (FELV). Her new home already had another cat, so her future was once again in limbo.

While Gabby was lost in Southern Maryland, another young cat, a pretty Burmese look-alike found herself just as lost in a rural area of Virginia.



Gabby



Anna



Shelly

This shy little girl had a home, but sadly she wasn't wanted. Her family decided to release her into an area where other cats congregated and were fed. Unfortunately, the other cats didn't accept her and chased her away. One of them even bit her on the tail, causing a bad infection. One day a caring person was feeding the cats in that area. The pretty girl was so hungry she worked up the nerve to sneak out for some food. By now the infection in her tail was so

bad that half of her tail was dead tissue, and dragged on the ground behind her. The kindly caregiver noticed the scared little kitty and quickly made arrangements to get her to a veterinarian. The veterinarian did what she was able for the little kitty, but had bad news: the cat tested positive for Feline Leukemia and could not be returned to

live with the other cats. The cat, now named Anna after the character from *The King and I*, was once again without a home. A few weeks later, a little torti kitten was born under a house in one of the most impoverished areas of Maryland's Eastern Shore. Despite her spunky cuteness, the family living in the house couldn't afford "another mouth to feed" and turned her over to an animal rescue group. While preparing the kitten for a new home, she was tested for several diseases, one of which was Feline Leukemia.

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A Note from our Executive Director

Welcome to our Fall Newsletter!

We hope everyone had a happy and relaxing summer with your families and pets. At Rude Ranch the time flies by! It seems like just last week I was writing about our plans for the spring and summer. Between the tornados, flooding, wildfires and other disasters this spring, all National, State, and Local Disaster Responders have been extremely busy. The HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) asked Rude Ranch to deploy to Gainesville, Florida to help care for 700 cats and kittens seized from an animal hoarder. Read more about it on page 3.

On the local animal rescue front, we've spent a lot of time this summer facilitating spay/neuter surgeries, helping private citizens with low cost vet work, and providing TNR (Trap/Neuter/Release) assistance for feral cats and kittens living in colonies in Annapolis, Fort Washington, Bowie, and Crofton.

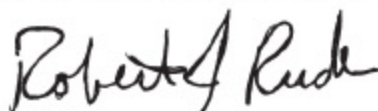
Like most others, we are still worried about the economy and the effect it is having on many of the area's pets and their guardians. Unfortunately, many more former residents have been returned because their families lost jobs and homes. Rude Ranch is still distributing cat and dog food to many others struggling to care for their pets.

Rude Ranch's book, *The Best Little Cat House in Maryland*, is still getting great reviews and is now available in Kindle format. If you haven't read it yet, you can still get it online at Amazon.com. Don't forget: It also makes a great Holiday gift for the animal lover in your life!

Looking ahead, we are getting ready to start our ninth year participating in the Combined Federal Campaign and the Maryland Charity Campaign. We are also participating in the National Capital Area United Way for the first time this year. These programs enable federal and state employees to donate to their favorite charities through payroll deductions - an easy way to get a tax deduction and help Rude Ranch at the same time. If you have a friend or family member who participates in any of these campaigns, let them know about us! Our designation numbers are: CFC 45379, MCC 4650 and United Way 9664.

In addition to the CFC events this fall, we are planning our annual Photos with Santa Claws Event at Crunchies Pet Foods in Crofton. On Saturday, December 17, I will be very happy to recreate my role as Santa Claws for all the furballs!

As always, I want to extend a special thanks to our adoptive families, contributors, supporters and volunteers who are vital to our success in our goal to save abandoned and neglected animals and place them in new loving homes. Without you, we could not help the animals.



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.

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Four Paws At
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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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Rude Ranch Responds to Florida Animal Hoarder Case

Executive Director Bob Rude decided it was time to make a trip to Florida. Most people go to Florida to enjoy the sun, beaches and Mickey Mouse. Bob headed south as part of a deployment by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to help care for nearly 700 cats and kittens in Gainesville. These animals were seized by the Alachua County Animal Services in response to reports of cats and kittens at a local rescue that weren't being cared for properly.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
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Bob was deployed by the National Disaster Animal Response Team (NDART) not knowing exactly what his duties would be once he arrived in Gainesville. He found himself splitting time as chief kitty cook (it takes a lot of kibble to feed 700 cats and kittens) and team leader for animal care. The days were long and very hot, but every day Bob and the other volunteers made sure the animals were well cared for before heading out for the day.

Bob felt honored to serve with so many dedicated volunteers who put their lives on hold to make sure the cats and kittens would have every possible chance for a happy, healthy life.

We would like to go into more detail on the condition of the animals, but for now they are part of a court case and are currently considered evidence. More details can be released once a judge makes a decision on the case or the people voluntarily sign the animals over to Animal Services. Until then, suffice it to say that without the help of organizations like HSUS's NDART their fate would not have been as bright.

Your generous support of groups like Rude Ranch and HSUS is what allows us to provide emergency aid to deserving animals like these and others who need our help.

Bunny to Invade the Government

While most dogs have been taking it easy this summer, snoozing in the sun, playing with their families and plotting to steal hot dogs off the grill, Bunny, Rude Ranch's fund raising miniature pinscher has been busy getting ready for the Fall CFC and MCC season! She even helped make a Rude Ranch CFC video! The Rude Ranch CFC video is available on the Rude Ranch website, www.ruderanch.org/ruderanchcfc2010.mp4 or <http://www.cfcvideospeakersbureau.org>. This year is even more exciting because Rude Ranch was also accepted into the National Capital Area United Way!

If you've never heard of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) or the United Way, here's how it works: If you work for the federal government or Maryland state government, or a Maryland County government, you can pick one (Rude Ranch) or several charities to donate to through payroll deduction.

Once you designate Rude Ranch, your agency will deduct your tax deductible specified amount from your paycheck and send it to Rude Ranch. Your generous donations through CFC, MCC and the United Way help us to provide the day to day care, medicine, food and litter to our residents (and don't forget plenty of Pupparoni's and pig ears for our working dogs!)



Bunny is ready to go to work!

Not a government employee but have a friend or family member who is? Let them know about Rude Ranch: <http://www.cfcvideospeakersbureau.org>. We love to come to the agency events to see everyone, so if your agency is having a charity event, let us human employees know about it at info@ruderanch.org!



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The Best Little Cat House in Maryland: The Purrrfect Gift for The Animal Lover In Your Life!

It's Official! *The Best Little Cat House in Maryland* is one of the funniest, most touching books you will ever read! It is the official story of Rude Ranch Animal Rescue. It is now available in hardcover, softcover, ebook and Kindle editions!

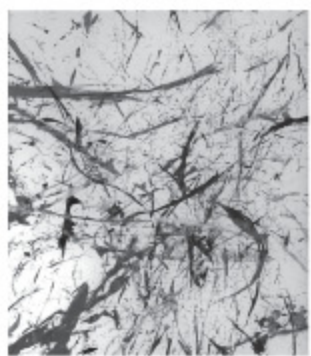
The book explains many little known facts such as how Rude Ranch got its name, what the Rude Ranch building was originally used for and even explains what to do in unusual situations, such as floating down a river in a Chevrolet Suburban or what to do with a runaway goat in a thunderstorm.

Available through the Rude Ranch website (www.RudeRanch.org/polkat/furniture.html – it really is our sales page!) and Amazon.com, it makes a great gift for any animal lover. The proceeds of each purchase go right back to the furry residents of Rude Ranch.



New at Rude Ranch! Animal Artwork – by Animals, for Animals

Several months ago we tried an experiment with several Rude Ranch residents (Tommy, Marilyn, Stewie, Bunny and Beau) to see what they would do if they were given the chance to get really messy with paper, string, toys, and paint. While a few had more fun than others, the paintings were pretty good! Stewie the cat decided on a minimalist approach while Bunny, the miniature pinscher, really got into it by rolling in the paint!



Tommy's Acrylic & String Abstract

You can also purchase limited edition prints of the paintings to decorate your walls. All proceeds from the paintings will go to Rude Ranch's animal care fund.

The completed pictures are all available for viewing on Rude Ranch's website at www.RudeRanch.org/animalart/animalart.html.

Rude Ranch Wins Multiple Awards

The staff and volunteers of Rude Ranch were happy to be honored not once, but twice recently with Animal Service awards from other Animal Advocacy groups!

Maryland Votes for Animals presented Rude Ranch with its ARF Award for "Extraordinary Contribution To the Animals of Maryland". A few weeks later, Rude Ranch was given an IRIS Award, "In Recognition of their Commitment to the Care and Welfare of Animals" by the Thomas E. Quade Foundation.



Bob and Kathy Rude, with Tommy and Thomas and Nancy Quade

The Thomas E. Quade Foundation was established to identify and give recognition to those "no kill" shelters that exhibit management efficiency, cleanliness, well-being of its residents and, equally important, a total devotion to the loving care of the animals. Since the general public doesn't have the time to research animal shelters before making donations, the Foundation does extensive research, including physical visits, to determine which shelters meet the criteria. The bulk of the Foundation's funds comes from Tom Quade.

Maryland Votes For Animals is an organization whose mission is to promote animal advocacy and welfare through humane lobbying in Maryland's legislature.



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Rude Ranch's Beloved Ceasar Retires

Anyone that's stopped by Rude Ranch in the last 11 years was dutifully greeted by Ceasar, Rude Ranch's dignified border collie. Taking his duties seriously, Ceasar would meet visitors in the driveway and escort them to the front door. When he wasn't busy making sure everyone got to the front door, Ceasar helped raise many kittens. However, at the age of 19, Ceasar will retire from his outside greeting duties due to health issues.

Ceasar was sent to Rude Ranch in July of 2000. He kept escaping from his original family by climbing up and over their chain link fence. He and fellow canine, Bruno, became fast friends and did have a few adventures together before settling down to assume the role of a canine representative of Rude Ranch. He soon branched out into kitten care, letting orphan kittens crawl into his fur for warmth and grooming them, whether they needed it or not. To this day there are cats all over the Maryland area that lay down and cross their paws the same way Ceasar does.

While he has turned his greeting duties over to Tommy, Rude Ranch's resident feline trouble maker, he will continue to report Rude Ranch happenings and post pictures on his Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Ceasarrude.



Ceasar shows off his trademark paw cross

Longaberger Basket Bingo A Success!

After a 3 year break, Rude Ranch held a Longaberger Basket Bingo on April 16! Despite severe thunderstorms and a tornado warning at the end, over 125 people came out and "Bingoed" to help Rude Ranch raise over \$3000!

Rude Ranch wants to thank everyone that braved the weather to come out! We also want to thank special sponsors Norma and Charlie Behlke for sponsoring the sandwiches and Yvette Dietrich of Tiffanys Bakery for the wonderful cupcakes, and Chief Bingo organizer Linda Resuta!



Bingo'ers line up their daubers

An Old Dog Learns New Tricks

Big Red looked like a decrepit old unneutered pit bull when he was abandoned at Rude Ranch last fall. Estimated to be around 10 - 12 years old, he was suffering from advanced lyme disease, mange, multiple parasites, dehydration and a severe case of heart worm. We are happy to report that Big Red is continuing to learn to live in a home with other dogs and cats. He has completely recovered from both the lyme disease and heart worm.



Rescue Update: Big Red, the old pit bull

Because of his age and many medical issues, there was concern about sedating him for his neuter surgery. But Dr. Robert Harrison, Rude Ranch's veterinary surgeon performed the surgery with no problems this spring. His only problem afterwards was trying to fit into the car (a Ford Mustang) with the huge cone on his head.

Mark Your Calendars, Santa Claws Is Coming December 17th!



Smile and say "milkbones"!

Even though the first Holiday decorations aren't in the local mall yet, Rude Ranch Executive Director Bob Rude is already letting his beard

and hair grow for his upcoming role as Santa Claws! For the past 10 years, Bob has played Santa to countless dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, ferrets and even a monkey! Why? To raise money for the furry residents here at Rude Ranch!

What will be the most unusual animal to pose this year? (Last year it was an Argentine Tegu Monitor.) Who will set the record for the most animals in one photo? (Still the 10 Greyhounds!) To find out, come to Rude Ranch's Photos with Santa at Crunchies Pet Foods, 2421 Crofton Lane on December 17. Check our online events calendar for more details at www.RudeRanch.org



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Ask Tommy: Advice from our feline to yours

Welcome to the fourth edition of Ask Tommy. This is where your four-

-footed and feathered friends can ask Tommy for advice on how to handle humans. As many know, Tommy led a life of questionable repute before he became a resident here at Rude Ranch. Since then he's had a brief career as a kitty condo model, food taster, and shelter spokescat. At the ripe old age of 13, he's now "writing" this column to pass his wisdom on to the next generation of felines.

Dear Tommy,

The holidays are almost here! That means my humans will soon put up all the special toys and strings and even bring in a special pine scratching post with all kinds of neat smells from the outside! I love the shiny balls and strings that humans put on the scratching post. Last year I pulled them off and batted them all over! But when my humans saw me playing with all these toys, they got mad and yelled at me! What did I do wrong?

Your Pal, Loves the Holidays



Dear Loves the Holidays,

I agree, the holidays, with all the sparkly lights, decorations, and food is exciting! Don't forget all the cool wrapping paper and ribbon just waiting to be shredded! Unfortunately, for your own safety, most of this stuff, even the special holiday food, should be off limits to you.

All those shiny balls and strings and even the big pine scratching post are called decorations. These are special things (sometimes even called family heirlooms) that humans save and admire around this time every year. Its very important that the humans keep these things away from you (even though they are really tempting). The shiny balls are made of glass and can break if knocked down or you hit them too hard. You can cut your paw (or the humans could hurt themselves) on the broken glass. You should also stay away from all the shiny strings (garland and tinsel) and ribbons. If you bite some and accidentally swallow it, you will end up having to swallow the whole thing (the way your tongue is designed you won't

be able to pull the ribbon out by yourself). If you do accidentally eat it, really bad things can happen to your intestines and you could end up at the emergency vet.

You also should stay away from the big pine scratching post, also known as a Christmas tree. Even though it's really fun to sink your claws in and climb up (like our big wild ancestors), if you don't balance perfectly the whole thing can fall with you in it. Not only is it really scary, but there is no way you will be able to make it look like the dog did it! Make sure your humans get a sturdy stand for the tree and tie it to the wall. Ask them to put non breakable stuff on the bottom, so if you do play with it, you won't get hurt.

Lastly, even though the human holiday food is really tempting, don't indulge. Things like chocolate, eggnog, raisins, grapes, onions, and garlic are not only bad for your waistline, but will make you really sick! Enjoy your holiday!

Your Friend, Tommy



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Want to help a homeless animal, but can't take one more in? Sponsor a Rude Ranch long term resident instead! Your tax deductible sponsorship of a Rude Ranch long-term resident for just \$20 a month (67¢ a day) will provide food, kitty litter and toys for one of our special needs cats. The cats in this program include feral and abused cats, FIV positive and FELV positive cats. Right now most of our FIV cats have sponsors, but a lot of the feral and abused cats are in need. When you sponsor a cat, you'll receive an adoption certificate with pictures of your chosen cat and its history. We will proudly display a picture of your cat with your name as the cat's sponsor on our website. You can even make an appointment to come visit your "virtual adoptee" anytime. For more information, visit our website at www.ruderanch.org and click on "Sponsor A Resident". Or email rrar@ruderanch.org.



Cylo would like a sponsor!



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Unfortunately, she tested positive, meaning her chances of being adopted were very small. However, everyone loved the kitten's spunky playful nature and wanted to make sure she got every opportunity available. Hoping that the results of her original blood tests were an anomaly, she was kept in a cage in a separate area for several weeks. Unfortunately, the second test results were the same: she still had the Feline Leukemia virus in her blood. The rescuers now had a difficult decision to make; the kitten, who they named Shelly, had little or no chance of finding a home, she couldn't be with the other cats, and it wasn't fair to Shelly to live in a cage for the rest of her life. Even more disheartening, more kittens were coming in and the group was running out of space. Shelly either had to find a place to go or be euthanized.

All three of these kittens were running out of alternatives when their caretakers contacted Rude Ranch to see if there was a place for them. Fortunately for Gabby, Anna and Shelly we were able to help.

After Gabby's family realized she carried the leukemia virus, they found that their resident cat, Fergus was positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), another feline disease. Wanting a companion for Fergus, they adopted an FIV cat waiting to come into Rude Ranch. In return, Gabby came to Rude Ranch's leukemia area and quickly made friends with Whiskey and Oliver, the leukemia area's welcoming committee.

Shelly arrived a few weeks later after hitching a ride with several other cats and dogs on their way to a low cost spay/neuter clinic. After living most of her life confined to a cage, Shelly loved the freedom and physical activity being in an unconfined area with other cats. Unfortunately, her muscles and coordination skills atrophied

while she was confined to the cage. After several spills and collisions with other cats, she quickly made up for lost time and was soon out-playing and out-running her roommates.

Anna was the last to arrive. Unfortunately, the massive infection in her tail still needed intensive treatment, including removing the dead tissue. Although she wasn't pleased with the treatment, Anna was a good patient and healed quickly. She soon moved in with Shelly, Gabby and the rest of Rude Ranch's FELV cats. While Anna isn't as outgoing, she sincerely appreciates having a nice, dry bed to sleep in, the air conditioning, and plenty of food.

Gabby and Shelly made fast friends with Whiskey and Sugar, two of their older roommates and frequently curl up together for naps. Pewter, who is still the prankster of the area does her best to get them both in trouble. Morris, a Hurricane Katrina evacuee and the oldest in the area watches over them all like a protective father.

Although the leukemia virus may shorten their lives, Gabby, Shelly and Anna are all happy to be alive and enjoy life here at Rude Ranch.



FELV kitties enjoy fun adventure and cozy naps in a room just for them at Rude Ranch

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"I'm looking for a family . . ."

I'm Daffodil! I'm originally from New Orleans. I was born just after Hurricane Katrina and made the trip to Maryland with my mom and littermates. I was adopted by a family with dogs and kids, but eventually they felt they didn't have enough time for me and brought me back to Rude Ranch. I love everyone and would love to come to your family! Contact me at info@RudeRanch.org.



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Immediate Needs/Wish List

- Jumbo size litter boxes
- Canned cat food and dog food
- Toner cartridges for Dell 3115CN printer
- Used Surgical Equipment
- Volunteers

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