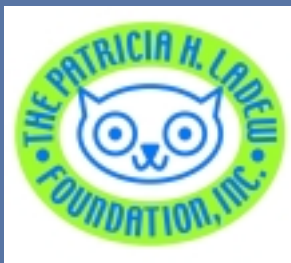


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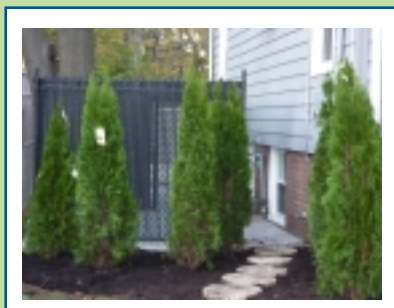
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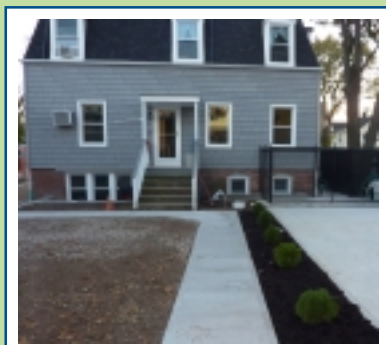
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Side entry to Backyard



View from Spay/Neuter Clinic  
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We all have  
new homes for  
the holidays!!!!



## Happy New Year!

# 2012

The year 2012 begins in new forever homes for six of our Ladew Rescue Kitties who were adopted on Sunday, December 18 at the 2011 Whiskers in Wonderland adoption event. See their stories in Happy Cat Tales on page 2. You can start the new year right by helping us find new homes or giving sponsorships for the kitties left behind (page 4).



## ladew mews

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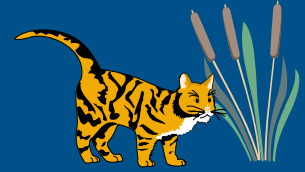
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# Happy Cat Tales



## Ladew rescue kitties adopted at Whiskers in Wonderland!

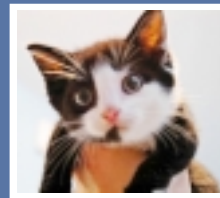
Six cats and kittens found their forever homes at Whiskers in Wonderland, an annual adoption event held in December by the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals.

Ladew Director of Veterinary Medicine, Susan Whittred said, "It was a great day, and we are grateful to those families that opened up their homes and their hearts for our cats. Welcome to all of you to the Ladew family."

After seeing facebook photos from the new adoptive families only hours after bringing their new kitties home, Dr. Whittred, who wears another hat as Executive Editor of the *ladew mews*, added, "Keep those pictures coming in – we love to hear about our cats and kittens as they grow up. Thank you so much for adopting!"



*Elmo & Nemo*



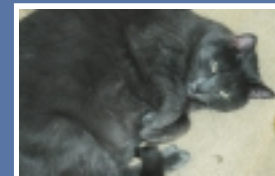
*Spike*



*Willow*



*Bianca*



*Jasmine*

## **ADOPT** the precious rescue kitties, who were left behind.

We still have a few kitties that are looking for forever homes. Ariel, Tinkerbelle and Lenny are three kittens still waiting for their families to come along. All three have been spayed/neutered, tested negative for FELV/FIV, vaccinated appropriately for their ages and microchipped! All they need is you!



*Lenny*



*Tinkerbelle and Arielle*

## Ask Dr. Susan...

“What can we all do to improve cats’ health and well being in 2012?”



### 1) Let cats be cats!

Cats aren't small dogs. They're not small people either! They're cats. So we need to let them be cats. Cats like to scratch. It's part of their marking behavior and it also allows them to remove the outer sheathe of their nails. It is necessary for you to provide something for the cat to scratch on. Some cats like horizontal surfaces and others prefer vertical. You'll have to figure out which is best for your cat.

2011 is a great time to learn how to clip your cat's nails, if you don't already know how. Clipping the nails is also a great time for you to examine the paws and make sure all is well. If you start when they are young, most cats don't mind this.

We all know that cats like to use a litter box, which is fantastic for us because we only have one spot to clean up, and we don't have to walk them in the pouring rain. But, just as you wouldn't use a dirty bathroom (how many times do you go from stall to stall in a public bathroom until you find a clean one) your cat doesn't want to use a dirty litter box. Scoop it out once (or twice) a day and make sure you have enough boxes – one for each cat that you have plus one. Sifting litter liners are a great way to keep the box fresh.

Entertainment – In the December issue of *ladew mews*, we provided lots of toys that cats love – many that involve you. Interactive toys are a great way for you to spend time with your cat.

Snuggle time – Some cats like a little snuggling from time to time – make sure to take some time with your kitty. For those that aren't lap cats, just being nearby is another way you can spend some quality time.

### 2) Take your cat to the veterinarian yearly for checkups.

Cats are masters at hiding disease. They do this because in the wild they might otherwise become prey. I can't tell you how often clients come in with a very sick cat who was “just fine yesterday.” The cat will pretend it's just fine for as long as he/she can. It's important to see your veterinarian once a year for check-ups just to make sure everything is status quo.

### 3) Keep their water fresh.

Cats are prone to bladder and kidney problems, so it's important to find a way to get them to drink more. Many cats like to drink out of the faucet. Since it's not always practical to keep it running, why not try one of the automated water fountains made for cats. Drinkwell has one that has a pretty large reservoir, but there are plenty other ones that are just as good.

### 4) Feed a diet that works for your cat, and don't overfeed.

We're all so busy, it's easy to just plunk down a big bowl of dry food and let your cat chow down. While this can work for some cats, others tend to over-eat and really pack on the pounds. Be careful if you have one of these cats. Obesity can lead to heart disease, diabetes mellitus, joint problems and others. Feed your cat a premium diet (or one that your veterinarian recommends specific to your kitty's needs). I usually recommend feeding dry food (which is good for the teeth) along with some canned food (which helps get moisture into those cats that don't drink much water).

### 5) Keep your home feline friendly.

Make sure you keep your home free of things that can cause harm. String, ribbon, rubberbands are very interesting to kitty and potentially deadly. Be careful of what type of plants and flowers you bring into your home. One ingestion of a lilly leaf is enough to cause kidney failure. Medicines, that we commonly take, such as Tylenol, can cause death in a cat. Use common sense, and when in doubt, call your vet or Ask Dr. Susan at [info@theladewcatsanctuary.org](mailto:info@theladewcatsanctuary.org). If your pet has ingested something that you're not sure of you can call the ASPCA Poison Control Hotline at 888-426-4435. (The ASPCA also has comprehensive list of substances that are potentially harmful – [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org)).

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## Ask Dr. Susan

“What can we all do to improve cats’ health and well being in 2012?”

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### **6) Help us work even harder to reach out to potential adoptive parents to increase our adoption rate and find forever homes for our wonderful cats.**

Sometimes it really takes a village, and we could use your help. Forwarding our emails with kittens and cats for adoption to those who may be looking to add to their family would be a huge help to us to increase our adoption rates. Remember, the more we adopt out allows us to rescue more from kill shelters. You can make a difference!

### **7) We will finish our Spay/Neuter clinic so we can reduce the overpopulation rate.**

So many cats and kittens are abandoned each year or are forced to fend for themselves outside. Our Spay/Neuter clinic will help to keep those numbers down in an effort to find a home for every cat that comes our way. Our clinic should be up and running in the spring and will offer low cost spay/neuter to rescue groups and other shelters.

### **8) We will continue to care for and seek sponsorship for our special needs kitties who are more difficult to adopt because they require medical attention.**

Each newsletter that we send out will feature a kitty that needs sponsorship. You can help by sending it out to fellow cat lovers to help us care for those kitties that need expensive medicine and/or ongoing treatment.

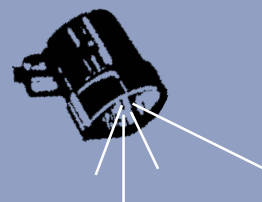
### **9) You can...Volunteer at your local shelter.**

There is no replacement for the feeling that you get volunteering. Even if it is one or two hours a week, you can really make a difference. We're always looking for volunteers – call us at 516-922-CATS. If you can't volunteer with us, call your local shelter. They'll appreciate it, and you'll feel good helping.

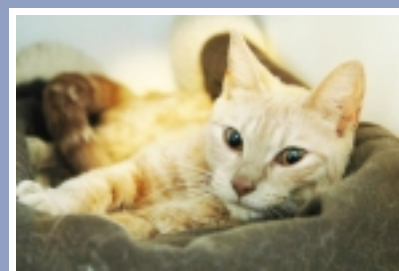
### **10) We all can...educate the public about the importance of spaying and neutering.**

Millions of cats and kittens are euthanized each year due to lack of homes. Spaying and neutering can help reduce those numbers. In 2012 we hope to step up efforts to educate the public that spaying and neutering their cats will help achieve the goal of no cat being euthanized for lack of a home. ■

## SPOTLIGHT ON



## SPONSORSHIP



## Rosie

Rosie's had a tough life for someone who is probably barely 2 years old. She came to us nursing a litter of kittens while suffering from a terrible upper respiratory infection and an eye infection. Rosie only weighed about 5 pounds.

Through the constant nursing care of our staff, including IV fluids, administering eye medications 5 times daily, antibiotics and hand feeding, Rosie is finally gaining some weight and enjoying rest and relaxation.

She's a really sweet cat who has had a hard life. We've made a promise to Rosie to turn that around!

Until she finds that special someone or family, you can help Rosie by sponsoring her (\$25.00 minimum)

# IT TAKES A VILLAGE...



## Linda & Louie Howe

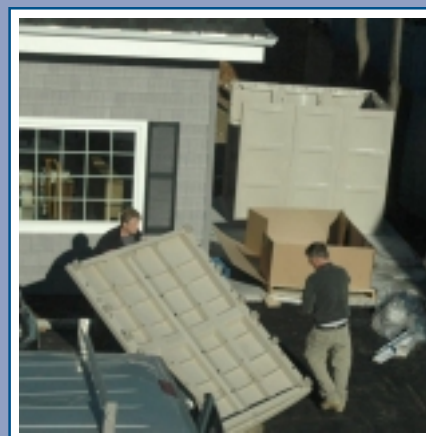
Linda & Louie Howe stopped by on Christmas Eve to bring the kitties scratching posts, toys and food. It never ceases to amaze us just how nice people can be. Taking time out of their own holiday schedules which, if they are like the rest of us, is a game of beat the clock, Linda and Louie stopped by to spend some time with the cats and brought along some presents with them. We really can't do it alone, and depend upon people just like Linda and Louie. Their kindness is not only appreciated by the kitties, but also by those who care for them. It really does take a village.



## Steve Christiansen & Roland Gerwald

These two are no strangers to giving and on the day after Christmas when so many are relaxing if they are lucky enough to have the day off, Steve and Roland were busy putting together our shed! Steve is the husband of long-time volunteer Tatum Christiansen. Apart from putting together our shed, Steve, who is an architect, is responsible for the layout of our cat runs (which are still being built). Roland, as most of you already know, is our contractor who we can't say enough great things about.

It's really nice to see these two working together since they are now related in the feline world. Both Steve and Roland have adopted siblings Dory and Punkin (AKA Elmo). Glad to know these kitties have inlaws that get along!



# IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

## The Village Youth:

### KIDS WHO KNOW THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS...

These days with iPods, iPads, iPhones and Xbox it's a miracle to catch attention of our youth. In this issue of Ladew Mews, we highlight a few special kids who think of others instead of themselves.



## Samantha Hallock

Samantha Hallock is the niece of our own Dr. Susan. Without Dr. Susan's knowledge, Samantha created this presentation board to give a talk to her Girl Scout troop of the importance of giving back to the shelter. Samantha's board highlights the cause of the Foundation with our mission statement as well as things that even kids can do to help.

Samantha has been volunteering at the shelter since she was about 8 years old. Dr. Susan was overwhelmed with pride when Samantha showed her what she had created. Dr. Susan said, "It was the best Christmas gift I have ever received."

## Sidney & Toby Weiss

And in the spirit of the holidays and celebrating nieces and nephews, our own Lynn Manno's nephew and niece, Toby and Sidney also paid the shelter a visit and brought the cats toys.

Dr. Susan said, "In today's society, so many kids are just focused on what they are going to get for Christmas. It's nice to see kids caring about those less fortunate. Every year when Sidney and Toby come for Christmas, they always make sure that they have presents for the kitties, and even more important, they spend precious time with them. It's just amazing and heart-warming to see kids so young think of others. Thank you Sidney and Toby! And with an aunt as special as Lynn, we're really not all that surprised!"

