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Heavenly Pet Sanctuary News

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The first news to share is we had a very successful **Valentine's Bake Sale** benefit put on by the caring folks at both locations of **MidwestOne Bank** here in Fairfield. There were scrumptious tables of homemade, decorated treats to choose from (below), and the sale raised a whopping \$620 for our shelter pets!

Part of the donation came from the employees themselves who chipped in as an added bonus—we're very grateful and thankful to these generous, community minded people.



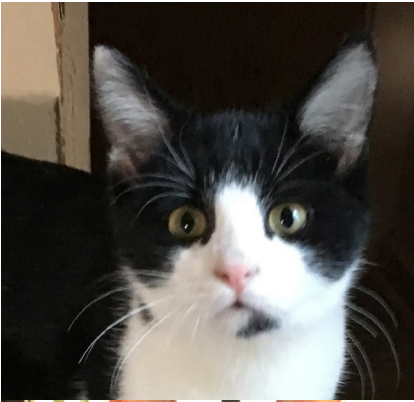
Valentine's
BAKE SALE

Join us for homemade treats!
All donations will support Heavenly Pet Sanctuary animal shelter.

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A photograph of a black and white dog and a grey tabby cat sitting together. The dog is on the left, looking towards the camera, and the cat is on the right, looking slightly to the side.



Next, some of the **highlights of 2017 to share.** Right around the end of the summer last year, several more kittens came to roost at Heavenly. Arthur, Layla, Jack & Sierra (left descending). Everyone knows that kittens are cute and irresistible, but did you know that most stray kittens normally require at least a month or more of rehabilitation?

Typically that's what happens because they are not so healthy, after all they were homeless and it takes a lot of care to get them ready for a new home. We rely on a high quality diet to help the kittens make this transition and when you see their sparkling eyes and soft, shining coats, along with spunky, high energy and a good appetite, you know they're ready.

Also it's important that kittens have time to grow up, play and bond with others their age, so rather than shipping them out at 6 weeks, which is when most people want to adopt them, we keep them here safe and protected, in the Heavenly Pet nursery and give them a solid foundation of health and well being for their life ahead. Kittenhood is a precious time!

The next step — **adoption**, can be fraught with anxiety, but when the right person comes along, it is a joyous celebration of the next step in our kittens' lives. We always encourage adopting a companion, so they have a lifelong friend and playmate, but even if that doesn't happen, as long as it is a forever home, the kitten will thrive.





A very dramatic rescue this year was **Lucy and her 5 kittens**. These photos speak volumes—When these kittens arrived at Heavenly Pet they had a severe upper respiratory illness (above) that required immediate round the clock treatment.



Initially, it was thought they would lose their eyesight, however in time almost all made a full recovery as the photos show (below). And yes, they are the same kittens—honest!



One kitten, Luna remains here because of some lingering symptoms, but she's the absolute **cutest of the bunch!**





Patchie's Story—A Senior Dog Without a Home

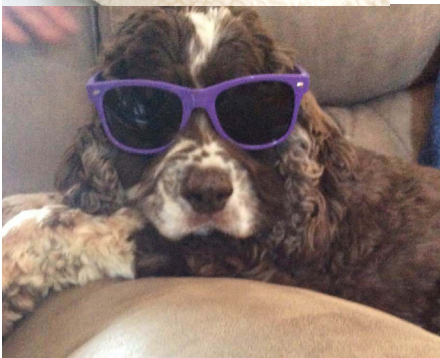
Patchie's owner passed away leaving 7 dogs in varying degrees of poor health. Patchie, a spaniel with long brown and white hair, glaucoma in one eye, various skin infections, allergies and grossly overweight at 8 yrs was admitted to the shelter from that home. He had difficulty adjusting here, he was obviously homesick, but over time became more active and started to shed some pounds; his skin also began to clear up with the help of supplements and a special premium diet.

His eyes however just got worse and after months of failed treatment, he became blind in both eyes. Even before his blindness, no one was very interested in giving Patchie a home, he wasn't an attractive dog and now it seemed his prospects were especially grim. We all just felt so badly for him, but nature is the great organizer and Patchie's lucky star was just on the horizon.



That came one day in an email inquiring about him, and then later a phone call (same people) "We're very interested", the woman said, "we lost a dog that looked like him and my father is blind too, he understands." Another email, "We're very interested in Patchie, can we see him?"

The meeting was arranged, their application approved, and they loved him at first sight. Patchie actually ran up to his future owner while she sat on the couch and licked her face which was sort of amazing because he normally didn't act like that. They were sold on him and wanted to take him home that very day.



One more crucial step remained however, before Patchie could be adopted into his new home. He needed to have both of his eyes removed called "eye enucleation" a surgical procedure to remove both eyes and sew up the cavities because those useless eyes that remained were painful and irritating. The shelter gladly offered to pick up the bill for this operation and after a period of convalescence, Patchie went to his new home to start a new chapter of life with Carol and Steve Posten and their dog Pepper.

Patchie is now **part of the family and is happy** and well loved by all. This is the miracle that shelters can create for animals that are forgotten, unwanted, sick, neglected, lost and otherwise undesirable. It is the most precious gift of all.



Kimberlie's Cat's Meow Opens with In-house Cat Adoptions



After we discontinued our Petco visits because of long distance involved, having an adoption venue in town was a much sought after goal of ours. This year it became a reality when a new boutique specially catering to cat lovers opened on the square.

The Cat's Meow offers clothing, gifts and cat theme accessories along with kitties!

The owner, Kimberlie Stanton approached us about bringing our cats to the store so they could be on display for adoption. Several cats are in the store in spacious cages most days of the week and clientele often come in just to "get their kitty fix." The best part is that the cats really enjoy being there, it's a refined, peaceful environment that the cats feel comfortable in.



We had a very successful annual **Rummage Sale sponsored by True Value** Hardware in their parking lot and they donated gazebos, tables and chairs for the occasion.

Frontline Printing donated signs and banners and we had a number of volunteers who helped with the sale both days, in very hot 90 degree weather. **Many thanks to:** Laura Hilton, Brad Whitney, Theresa Ferdig, Alyssa and Amina, Molly & Katie Orsoco, Frank Conti, Pam Corrick and to Shawna Harwood, Cheryl Stone, Mary Boothby, Ellen Davidson for the delicious baked goods they made for our sale.



We'd like to thank all of our donors, sponsors, adopters and volunteers for their invaluable support over the years that has made our rescue work and shelter possible.

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Thank you so much!

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