



Second Chance Sheridan Cat Rescue

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead



Monthly Giving Saves Lives

SCSCR announces new sponsorship program

What is it?

Our new sponsorship program allows you to make a small donation every month to one of our special-needs cats. By joining this program, you can become a significant donor through the cumulative impact of your gifts.

How does it work?

When you sign up on our website, PayPal will securely take your payment information and automatically charge you \$25 every month. You do not have to sign up for PayPal to give, and can opt out of the program at any time.

Why does my sponsorship help?

Your monthly \$25 contribution will help feed and care for a special-needs cat in our sanctuary. This could include medication, special diet food, or some extra treats for the cat you choose.

Who can I sponsor?

We have several loving cats to choose from on our website, and we are adding more every week. Read their stories (they worked hard to write them for you!) and select your favorite.

Where do I sign up?

Go to our website, sheridancatrescue.org, and click “Become a Sponsor” on the left navigation menu. Scroll through and choose the cat you want to sponsor, and click the picture or name of the cat to be taken to PayPal’s secure website.



Your Benefits for Sponsoring

- ◇ Help SCSCR sustain its live-saving role in protecting and nurturing cats by providing a dependable source of funds
- ◇ Receive a monthly health update and picture of the cat you have chosen to sponsor
- ◇ Receive a free Animal Rescue cause bracelet



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What Your Donations have Accomplished

Your incredible support these past months have done wonderful things for our organization.

Your response to our last newsletter request allowed us the money to apply for our 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. We received this status and can now apply for grants!

In addition to cash donations, you have provided material donations, including 2 office printers, food, and blankets, and you have provided your time in the form of writing grants and spreading

the word about our efforts.

You make everything we do possible. SCSCR is 100% charity funded - you are our investors!

Thanks to your help, special needs and senior animals receive the compassion and care they desperately need. You’ve done more than you probably realize!

Turn the page to read more success stories.

“Why I Chose to Support Second Chance Sheridan Cat Rescue”



Pippin, at SCSCR

I have spent a lot of time getting to know Elaine [SCSCR’s co-executive director] and her animals. She is one of the most compassionate animal advocates I have met during my 10 years as a veterinarian. She provides premium care for all of her animals, whether they have been a part of their family for years or just walked in off the street.

[SCSCR] has also been a resource for our veterinary clinic when we are trying to place animals that would otherwise

be euthanized.

Unfortunately, and possibly more prevalently now, during these difficult economic times, some animals are brought to us for what many in the profession term “convenience euthanasia,” a death sentence for fairly healthy animals that no longer have a willing or able caretaker and/or home.

[SCSCR] has become our savior and resolution for these situations as they have been willing to take these animals

into their rescue and care for them until new, desirable homes can be found.

I have no question that any animal in the care of SCSCR would truly receive their much deserved “second chance.”

-Dr. Jennifer Gage, DVM

Thank you for your kind words, Dr. Gage!

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Frederick Finds his Furr-ever Family

Picture an animal that comes eagerly when called, sleeps on the couch with the dogs, and absolutely loves to have his belly scratched.

Did we mention he purrs?

Yes, Frederick is a cat (and a very handsome one, at that) with a huge personality. He came to us as a stray cat with lots of love to give and receive.

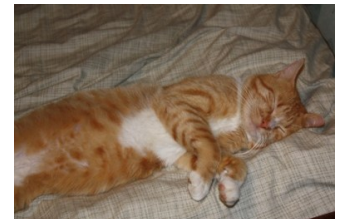
Despite his happiness at getting

snuggled and adored, Frederick was still not completely content. He wanted unlimited land to patrol, and felt a little uncomfortable among all the cats at SCSCR.

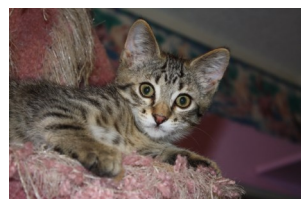
So we set about our task of finding Freddie his ideal home.

It didn’t take long (who wouldn’t want this amazing kitty?) and we found him 40 acres, a heated shop, and a family to love him.

We’re so happy for Frederick and wish him and his new family all the best!



Frederick



The New Kids on the Block

These four boys are guaranteed to steal your heart when you first meet them.

Named after the Norse gods (Oden, Thor, Baldur, and Loki), these kittens are snuggly, playful, and all-around adorable!

A few months ago their mother, still pregnant, was dumped. A caring family cared for her, as well as her newborn kittens, on their front porch.

When the kittens were about 4 weeks old, however, momma cat went hunting and never came back. The kittens were scared and cold without their mom to snuggle with.

The loving family, who was unable to bring cats into their house, brought the kittens to SCSCR. For a couple of days they were pretty timid, but now they are flourishing.

All of them love to be held, eat well, and are healthy. They are litter box trained and are just waiting for the perfect furr-ever home.

They like other cats, but aren’t big fans of dogs.

If you know of a home for our precious darlings, please give us a call!

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Why do cats like to scratch?

In the wild, cats scratch around their immediate environment to signal their presence to other cats and to claim the area in question. The marking takes two forms: visual and olfactory. The olfactory mark is subtler, involving the release of pheromones. These are substances secreted from the body to be picked up by members of the same species, causing them to alter their behavior.

Cats secrete pheromones from superficial glands in the skin of the cat's paws through the

process of kneading. The message is invisible to all creatures and is undetectable unless you have the right equipment (a super sensitive nose) and are close enough. A competitor coming up to the site will see the scratch marks and then smell the message: another cat has already claimed this place. One thing's for sure; the signal is not a friendly one.

Scratching has additional functions, too. You might think your cat scratches to sharpen his claws, but it more likely it

provides your cat with a form of physical therapy for the muscles and tendons of his paws. It also assists in shucking off old nail husks. However healthy and natural to your cat, scratching can become a real problem for the owner.

Faced with this problem, many people consider declawing surgery. Many veterinarians believe declawing is a painful and unnecessary surgery and refuse to do it for humane reasons.

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Declawing: The facts

The surgery. The procedure for declawing involves more than just removal of the nail. It also removes the nail bed and often part or all of the last digit (finger bone).

Intensity of pain. Many cats recovering from this surgery suffer from pain as they wake up. In fact, declawing is considered such a painful surgery that it has been used to investigate methods of pain relief.

Duration of pain. In most cases the pain appears to subside after 24 to 36 hours. How-

ever, during that time your cat will be gingerly walking around the place as if his paws are extremely tender – and they probably are. In other instances the pain lasts considerably longer, especially if there are surgical complications.

Adverse consequences. Some cats are still hobbling around years later, though the majority eventually return to "normal" as far as one can tell.

Litterbox use afterwards. Your cat might find the litter painful on his tender paws. Vets

often recommend putting torn up newspaper in the litterbox to prevent litter particles from adhering to the wounds. This practice sometimes leads to litterbox aversion and subsequently inappropriate elimination of urine and/or feces.

Behavioral change. Some cats may be more likely to bite instead of swat with their paws once they have been declawed.

Declawing is banned in 38 countries and several cities in California, including L.A.

Parts amputated in pink



Alternatives to Declawing

Cardboard scratchers are extremely effective for almost all cats. You can encourage your cat to begin using it by enticing it with some sprinkled catnip or treats. After a couple of these sessions, he will use the scratcher on his own. Other scratchers are also available, made of carpet or rope, which can be hung from doorknobs or placed on a shelf. Scratchers need to be long/high enough for the cat to extend its entire body when stretching. Keep

the scratcher in an attractive area (don't hide it in a corner!)

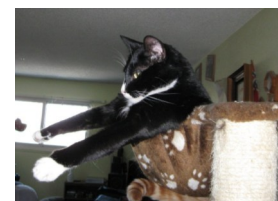
Nail covers are plastic covers placed over each claw, and can be found at most major pet stores—look for “Soft Paws” or “Soft Claws.”

Sticky tape can be placed on the parts of your furniture being clawed. The tape is uncomfortable for the cat to claw, and he will quickly learn to avoid that site.

A **pheromone spray** (such as Feliway) has a calming effect that deters scratching. The spray is odorless to you, but very potent for your cat.

And finally: **trim your cat's claws regularly!** Ask your veterinarian to show you how.

These are all safe and efficient ways to protect your home while keeping your cat's claws where they belong.



Speedy, Wonder Cat

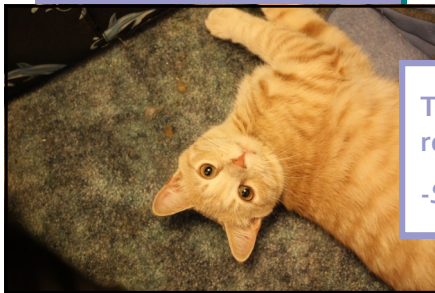


So that none shall have cause to fear.

Second Chance Sheridan Cat Rescue (SCSCR) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed for charitable and educational purposes. We are a private rescue group consisting of two cooperative all-volunteer entities.

SCSCR is a cage-free home sanctuary run by volunteers who live permanently with the cats. We are completely no-kill, and only euthanize animals that are in irremediable pain or suffering from disease. We ensure that all cats are spayed/neutered and vaccinated against rabies.

Our purpose is to welcome in special-needs cats so that they may live their remaining days in dignity and peace. In doing so, we can protect them from cruelty, mistreatment, and premature death, and in the process, educate those around us that a senior or special needs animal makes a great addition to any family.



Thanks for reading!
-Simba

Did you know? We sure didn't!

- ◆ Ailurophilia is the "love of cats"
- ◆ The nose pad of a cat has a unique ridged pattern, just like a fingerprint
- ◆ 25% of cat owners blow-dry their cat's fur after a bath
- ◆ A cat has 5 more vertebrae in her spine than a human does
- ◆ Sir Isaac Newton, who discovered the principles of gravity, also invented the cat door
- ◆ The oldest cat on record was Puss, from England, who died in 1939, one day after her 36th birthday
- ◆ Towser, a tabby in Scotland, killed 28,899 mice in her 21 years
- ◆ Cats need 1/6th the amount of light that humans do to see
- ◆ There are 33 different breeds of cats
- ◆ Kittens begin dreaming at just over one week old
- ◆ Cats spend 30% of their waking hours grooming
- ◆ According to myth, a cat sleeping with all 4 paws tucked under means cold weather is coming
- ◆ Egyptians shaved their eyebrows as a sign of mourning when their cat died
- ◆ 21% of U.S. households have at least one cat and 95% of cat owners talk to their cats
- ◆ A seven-year-old cat has only been awake for two years of its life!
- ◆ There are more than 500 million domestic cats in the world
- ◆ A cat's heart beats twice as fast as a human's heart (about 110-140 beats per minute)
- ◆ During her reproductive life, an unsprayed female cat could give birth to more than 100 kittens

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