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News and Happenings from Our Cat House to Yours

Hobo Hotel

For Cats *Mewsletter*

Our Mewsletter

Our Mewsletter is published quarterly by volunteers of Hobo Hotel. If you'd like to volunteer to help at Hobo Hotel, please call our message service at 439-2428 or email us at hobohotelnews@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 30 Kitten Bowl @ Prien Lake Mall
- May 15 Kitten Shower @ Hobo Hotel

ADOPTION HOURS:

Monday	10am-5pm
Tuesday	10am-5pm
Wednesday	10am-5pm
Thursday	10am-5pm
Friday	10am-5pm
Saturday	2pm-5pm
Sunday	Closed



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KITTEN SHOWER TO BE HELD MAY 15

Our annual kitten shower will be held on Sunday, May 15 from 2pm-4pm at the care center. All supporters are invited to stop in and enjoy yummy refreshments, tours of the shelter and visits with our adoptable kitties. The kitten shower is our way of preparing for all of the little bundles of joy to come during this spring's "kitten season." The kittens hope to receive some supplies to help care for them until they can be spayed/neutered then prepared for adoption to their fur-ever homes.

KITTEN SHOWER REGISTRY:

- Iam's Kitten Food
- Fresh Step Litter
- Laundry Detergent
- Disinfectant Cleaner Spray
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Hand Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disposable Gloves
- Scratchers from

www.stretchhandscratch.com

GARAGE SALE HELD

On April 2nd, treasures were uncovered at our garage sale at 1801 Common Street. We sold many items of all sorts and raised funds to help ongoing care of the rescued kitties at Hobo Hotel. Meows to all of the volunteers who worked before and the day of the sale. →

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Check out our purrfect website for latest event photos, upcoming events and information about Hobo Hotel. Thanks to our awesome website administrator, volunteer Jean Smith for all her hard work in managing the website.



Happenings at Hobo Hotel

These are some of the activities the purr-fect volunteers at Hobo Hotel have been helping with to raise moola and/or promote Hobo in the community.

LEBLANC MIDDLE BETA DONATION

Pictured is Laurie Worsham, faculty sponsor for the Leblanc Middle School BETA Club. The members held a supply drive for the shelter! →



Tom

6TH ANNUAL SWEET ART AUCTION HELD

On February 13, we held our annual silent auction with many items for bid including sweets from local bakers and a variety of art and hand-made items. Meows to all who donated, volunteered for or attended!

Special thanks to the Sam Houston High School BETA Club Members who volunteered to help with the Sweet Art!



TOM'S STORY: HE SEES WITH HIS HEART by Cookie Roberts

Hobo Hotel became a part of Tom Cat's life on January 14, 2016 when a gentleman walked into our no-kill shelter with tears in his eyes! He had found a young male kitten about 12 weeks old. He had fully intended on keeping him, so he named him Tom, and immediately took him to his vet because the kitten's eyes appeared to be infected. His thoughts were that a round of antibiotics would surely clear up this problem. The news he received instead was devastating. Either due to a birth defect or a severe upper respiratory and eye infection, this kitten would never see his world! The man's work schedule was such that he was not home for long periods and he knew he would not be able to care for a blind kitten. He was told about Hobo Hotel and this was the day my life was changed forever. Tom Cat had to be isolated because his upper respiratory infection was contagious. This meant that he was never able to have another kitten to cuddle and play with. No mama to teach him social skills and to make matters worse, to prevent more eye infections, he would need to have his eyes removed and lids sewn shut. One would think that the weeks that followed would be filled with sympathy, tears, sadness, and a very depressed kitten with no will to live. Well, Tom Cat would have no part of that. When I would hold him close to comfort him, he would rub his handsome face against mine, as if to say "I may not see you with my eyes, but I surely see you with my heart!" When he was no longer contagious, I introduced him to the lobby where cats are free to roam and greet the people who come to visit Hobo. It took Tom Cat all of one day to learn where the food, water, and litter boxes were located. I set up an area with toys and tunnels that made noise, and he took it from there. Our visitors stay for hours sitting and watching Tom play. They laugh at his antics and enthusiasm and many still ask me, "Are you sure he can't see?" His favorite toy is a little mouse which he tracks with great precision. This brings shouts of joy, but also disbelief, because of his ability to locate it at all times. One of my favorite memories finds little Tom's paws patting my chest to get my attention. I was standing behind the black chair I always sit in to watch him play and was talking to another volunteer. Tom had become so secure in his surroundings, I was not worried about him. Well, like he knew I was not watching him, he made his way to the top of the chair following the sound of my voice and was giving me love pats to get my attention. This time instead of me checking on him, he was checking on me. He let me pet him for about a minute and then he was off again to see what life had to offer. His zest for living has been so contagious that we all wonder, "What did we do before Tom Cat came through our doors"? The purrfect family has come forth to give our beloved Tom Cat a forever home. As I write this, there are tears in my eyes because knowing that he will no longer be at Hobo Hotel leaves me with a big, empty place in my heart! However, I know this proud, fearless, handsome kitten will continue to spread his courage, uplifting spirit, and his love for life for many years to come.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: NEW MEMBERS

CORPORATE MEMBERS (\$1,500):

No New Members

GOLD MEMBERS (\$500):

Donna & Rick Richard

SILVER MEMBERS (\$250):

Cathy Chapman & Dave Brown

PATRON MEMBERS (\$100):

Jerri Boullion, Sally Fenet, Shana Garofolo, Denise & Fred Rau, Lin Rettig, Lori Gutierrez & Ron Richard

FAMILY MEMBERS (\$50):

Bob & Lori Brewer, Elaine U. Cameron, Anne Hoffpauir, Troy & Deborah Ledet, Laney O'Blanc, Denise Talbot Arnold, Bruce Toth (in memory of Anna Lee Leger Vandever)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS (\$25):

Laura Allured, Anne Dorgant, Elaine Cameron, Andrew Garofolo, Josh Green with Rawganic, Nancy Herington, Tammy Hunt, Joe Norman, Leslie Roach, Barbara Rose, Mary Tipton

Dear Hobo Hotel Friends,
 Under a beautiful tree, overlooking the lake, is where our precious Bayou (formerly Big Boy) is forever at rest. Planted beside him are Hank and Allie, his 2 favorite plants which he enjoyed licking. We are indescribably grateful for all of you and for trusting that we were the ones for him. He was the perfect fit for our family—living life in a motor home, traveling, seeing the country. My daughter—Bayou's mommy—has a serious illness and Bayou was exactly the companion she needed. Loving, playful and always excited to see us—even while we showered! He cuddled, licked and generally softened our hearts daily with his faithful love. Our lives are forever changed by the love we received from our beloved Bayou. We remain in your debt for the precious time we had with him. He remains in our hearts forever.
 —May God continue to bless you with love and gratitude, Andria and Michelle Zoepfel



Note from Hobo Hotel: Big Boy was nine years old and FIV+ when he was adopted. He had been at the shelter for five years. We are so happy that the last two years of his life were spent with a loving family.

Dear Hobo Hotel,
 I am writing to send a donation honoring the memory of beloved Rebecca Lynn Hooper, my life partner of many years. We adopted two kittens from you all some years ago and loved them and our other cats. I hope this donation helps. God bless you all for all that you do for our furry friends.
 -Thank you so much, Donna Constance

2016 UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 30: Sam's Club Table
- April 30: Kitten Bowl
Prien Lake Mall
- May 14: Building for Bucks
Sandcastle Contest @ L'Auberge
- May 15: Kitten Shower
Hobo Hotel for Cats
- Jul/Aug (TBA): Paw Stars
Prien Lake Mall
- Aug 1: Blue Dog raffle begins
- Sept 27: Hobo's Tailgate Party
(fall auction) Civic Center
- Nov 8: Blue Dog raffle drawing
- Dec. 3-4: Holiday Open House
Hobo Hotel for Cats

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 HoboHotelNews@yahoo.com.
 It's that easy to help the kitties!

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Dear Hobo Hotel,

Our family would like to make a donation in the name of our sweet kitty, Delilah. We adopted her from Hobo Hotel in 2007 and from that point have continued to support this wonderful group! Her name was Louise when we adopted her. Sadly, she passed away recently and though our hearts are sad, we are so grateful for her time with us and for our introduction to Hobo Hotel. We now live in Houston but will always support the work you do!

Thank you,
 Amanda, Adam and Harper Dean

Special thanks to Mahogany Body Massage at 639 E. School Street for helping us with our parking by allowing us to use their side parking lot on week days! Meow.

PetSmart National
 Adoption Weekend
 May 13-15

Petco Local
 Adoption Saturdays
 April 2, May 7

PETCO FOUNDATION DONATION

Hobo Hotel received a check for \$1,685.48 from the Petco Foundation. These funds were raised during a national "Tree of Hope" campaign. Thanks to the generosity of Petco partners and customers, the campaign was a huge success. The funds are awarded to Petco partners who are working toward every pet in every community having the chance to find a loving home.

KROGER REWARDS DONATION

Meows to all of our supporters (the 65 households) who shopped at Kroger the first quarter of this year. Because you linked your shopping card to Hobo Hotel, you earned us a donation of \$328.28! If you have not yet linked your card, visit KrogerCommunityRewards.com.

Cat Stats!	JAN	FEB	MAR	2016
Altered for Adoption	27	22	17	66
Bouree's Outreach (Tame)	1	0	3	4
Bouree's Outreach (Not Tame)	41	7	23	71
Total Spayed/Neutered	69	29	43	141
Adopted at Care Center	17	23	16	56
Adopted at PetSmart	4	7	2	13
Adopted at PetCo	3	3	2	8
Total Adopted	24	33	20	77
Rainbow Bridge	0	1	0	1



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Teri Blocker, Eleanor Boldt, Holly Buteau, Claudia Dyle, Roni & Dean Fontenot, Brett Geymann, Fredericka Gorum, Lakelyn Hartman (donation from her piggy bank), Pat Johnson, Emily Joyner (donation from her birthday money), Kroger Rewards Program, Lake Area Plumbing,

Debbie & David Morales, Dana Mowbray, Allison O'Quain, Petco Foundation, Tammy Pitre, Shelia Ranier, Darlene Seamons, Brian Smith, Hannah Sober, Ken Spears, Nadine Thibodeaux, Quan Tran, University Animal Hospital, Vincent Settlement Elementary 4-H Club, Janice Wagster, WCCH Medical Staff, James Weisen, Michelle White, Lauren & Sherman Young

New Sponsorship: Barbara Rose to sponsor Annabelle

Thank you to the following who have Hobo donation jars at their businesses:
A Cut Above Pet Spa, Cotten's Downtown, Prien Pines Nursery, PetCo, Harrington Gallery, Downtown Animal Hospital, Bayou South Animal Hospital, Betsy's Frames by Design, Southside Animal Hospital, Stellar Beans

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In Memory Of...

Linda Gayle Kelley, my sister, 1/27/55-1/7/16, a truly "certified" cat lady who loved her 20-pound feline, Max -Patsy Fletcher

Dr. Sallye J. Toniette, who was committed to community healthcare and an advocate in helping animals -WCCH Medical Staff

Barbara Reiser -Larry & Leslie Roach

Cindy, my sweet kitty -Linda Windham

Rebecca Lynn Hooper -Donna

Constance

Delilah -Amanda, Adam & Harper Dean

Kelly Clark -Terry & Carol Welke

In Honor Of...

Bette Talbot -Wade & Missy Shaddock

Kitty Wish List

Donate items any day during adoption hours!

Iam's Adult & Kitten Food, Fresh Step Litter, Laundry Detergent, Cleaner & Paper Towels, Bleach & Wipes, Hand Soap & Sanitizer, Disposable Gloves, Scratchers found at: www.stretchandscratch.com

Give the Gift of Care

If you are fortunate enough to have a healthy, happy cat, consider helping a rescued kitty at Hobo Hotel.

Please select one and print clearly:

Sponsorship \$120 MeowShip (6-month sponsorship) \$60 General Donation

In Memory of _____ **OR** In Honor of _____

Please send notification of my gift to:

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Mail your tax-deductible gift to: Hobo Hotel, Inc., P.O. Box 810, Lake Charles, LA 70602

We are all connected.

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- Corporate Membership \$1,500
- Gold Membership \$500
- Silver Membership \$250
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