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# Hobo Hotel

For Cats

## Mewsletter

### Our Mewsletter

Our Mewsletter is published every other month 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](mailto:hobohotelnews@yahoo.com).

### UPCOMING EVENT:

Sept 23 Kool Kats'  
Lazy Luau LIVE &  
Silent Auction

### ADOPTION HOURS:

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



[www.HoboHotelForCats.com](http://www.HoboHotelForCats.com)

## ANNOUNCING OUR BIG FALL FUN-RAISER

# Kool Kats' Lazy Luau

Mark your calendars: Tuesday, September 23 Hobo Hotel will hold its annual fall fun-raiser at Burton Coliseum. Kool Kats are baaaacckkk and this year, along with our silent auction, we are bringing back the excitement of a LIVE auction! That's right, we'll have an official live auctioneer. So get your Hawaiian shirts and your flip flops ready for some fun with all your Kool Kat friends.

Tickets are \$20 and order forms will be mailed soon. Your ticket includes a full delicious dinner catered by BBQ West with brisket, ham, rice dressing, green beans, peach cobbler and iced tea!

## Sponsorships!

### KoKo-Nut Kool Kitty \$50-99

Includes listing in program and 2 auction tickets w/ reserved seating

### Tiki Hut Kool Kat \$100-249

Includes listing in program and 4 auction tickets w/ reserved seating

### Surfin' Kool Kat \$250-499

Includes listing in program and reserved prime location table for 8 and t-shirts for 8

### Hula Dancer Kool Kat \$500-999

Includes listing in program, reserved prime location table for 8, hors d'oeuvres, gift basket centerpiece and t-shirts for 8

### Big Kahuna Kool Kat \$1000 and above

Includes listing in program, reserved prime location table for 10, hors d'oeuvres, champagne, gift basket centerpiece, t-shirts for 10 and special recognition at auction



The Callaba family stopped by to visit the kitties and bring them a present.

Adam Wagster, member of BSA Troop Quesqueshoe Lodge 166, completed his Eagle Scout project for the benefit of Hobo Hotel. He designed, built and installed a shelving unit for our storage room. Meow, meow.



Souriya Lanavanh takes time out of his busy schedule to refurbish some of our cat trees.

Meows to Iberia Bank employees and customers for their donation of supplies to Hobo Hotel.

**Volunteer Spotlight**  
by Peaches  
**This month we spotlight volunteer Jean Smith. Here's her story in her own words.**



"In September 2008 my niece had three kittens left out of a litter that she could not adopt. She called me for help and I looked up shelters in the phone book. The first one I came across was Hobo Hotel. I called and Carol Cain answered. She listened to my problem and told me that she would take them. I brought them to Dr. Stark's office and they were checked out then put up for adoption. Carol asked me if I would be interested in volunteering every now and then. One of the first functions I attended as a Hobo volunteer was In March 2009, a cat show in Vinton. A few months after the cat show Carol asked me if I could help with adoptions at PetSmart on Saturdays. I did this for a few months and Carol asked me if I would help her do adoptions at the shelter a couple of days a week so she could catch up on paperwork. I was hooked. Anytime Carol needed information about a cat Hobo had adopted she would have to thumb through a mountain of adoption forms. Another volunteer donated a used computer to the shelter and I added a few things to it to make it a little faster and easier to use. I started a database of all the cats that Hobo had adopted out so that we could easily get the information she needed. I promised her that she would be a computer whiz in no time. She doubted this. She didn't like computers much. Carol passed away March 2010. I have been doing adoptions since then. In 2010 I was elected to the Board of Directors. I am on the Event Planning committee and I clean at PetCo on Thursdays. I maintain the mailing list and print labels for all of our mail outs. Because of the great volunteers at Hobo and their dedication we can carry on for Carol and find forever homes for the cats and kittens in our care." (pictured left)

Lil' Peaches and Nike want to send purrfect thank yous to Miss Jeannie, Amanda Wilhite and Rob Clifton for their extra special, super duper love and attention. They faced mud, fleas, searing heat and other deadly obstacles to bring us home safely!

**Meows to Milton Taylor for his recent repairs around the shelter.**

**PetSmart National Adoption Weekend  
September 12-14**

**PetCo National Adoption Weekend  
August 23-24**

Cat Stats!	MAY	JUN	2014
Altered for Adoption	17	28	109
Bouree's Outreach (Tame)	3	10	39
Bouree's Outreach (Not Tame)	6	9	51
Total Spayed/Neutered	26	47	199
Adopted at Care Center	7	17	73
Adopted at PetSmart	6	7	36
Adopted at PetCo	3	4	13
Total Adopted	16	28	122
Rainbow Bridge	21	0	23

# 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.*

## ASPCA VISIT

Laura Lanza and Gina Manke, with the national office of the ASPCA, dropped by for a tour and to tell us about grant opportunities and innovative programs around the country. Hobo Hotel was a recent recipient of a grant from the ASPCA & Lil BUB's Big Fund to provide special needs medical care. Two kitties are on their way to normal, healthy lives thanks to this grant. Mission had a broken leg repaired and Buggy had a severely damaged eye removed. They are no longer at risk for becoming disabled or ill from their injuries. Visit the ASPCA at [aspc.org](http://aspc.org) and learn all about Lil BUB at [lilbub.com](http://lilbub.com). →



## Hobo Hotel To Get Cat Tunes

The music you like might not be what your cat likes. Music produced for shelter animals and pets uses mid-range frequencies, mellow tones, slow tempos, simple arrangements and gentle instruments. Music vibrations can promote healing and lessen stress according to Pamela Fisher, DVM and founder of The Rescue Animal MP3 Project. This special music can lower an animal's heart rate and respiration and mask the high and low frequencies of machinery and equipment. This promotes health and well-being by lowering stress and anxiety. The Rescue Animal MP3 Project provides shelters with MP3 players loaded with music composed or edited specifically for shelter animals. Soon, Hobo Hotel will be full of these soothing, relaxing and healing sounds. Thanks to The Rescue Animal MP3 Project and Sylvan Special Systems for enriching our environment and making Hobo Hotel and even better place.

## Sassy Awaiting Furr-ever Home

Hi everyone, my name is Sassy and I have lived at the Hobo Hotel for Cats for a couple of years now. At one time I got to roam all over and visit with other cats but now I am called "special needs." I am not sure what that means but I have heard the words "fat" and "obese" particularly when I went to the vet recently. Anyway, I now live in the office at the back of the shelter. I don't get to eat from ALL the cat food bowls anymore as I'm now fed a special so-called "diet food" twice a day. I am considering starting a contest— the biggest loser: a cat reality show. I've been told I am a beautiful brown tabby and that my fur looks like a mink coat. I would rather not think about using fur for coats but that's another story. I am writing this so you will consider fostering, or better yet, adopting me. I am very nice, pretty, ~2 years old, in good health except for being "big boned," and would need to be fed twice a day (well, maybe three but don't tell Dr. Stark). Please call 439-2428 if you can help me or you can come visit me at 650 E. School.

## It's Baaack— a chance for Hobo Hotel to win \$1000!

Go to [www.shelterchallenge.com](http://www.shelterchallenge.com). If you already have an account, sign in. If you have voted for Hobo Hotel in past contests, the next screen will say "Hobo Hotel Inc." next to "Shelter." Click on that. The next screen will have a square that says "Vote." Click on that, and you've voted! If you don't have an account, type "Hobo Hotel" in the "shelter name" box and click on "search." The next screen will show "Hobo Hotel Inc." under "shelter name." Click on that, then on "Vote." Every vote counts— one per email address. The kitties say MEOW!





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**In Memory Of...**  
**Momma Cat**  
*Who went to the Rainbow Bridge in April after a battle with lymphoma.*  
**Carol Cain**  
-Jeanne Billodeaux  
**In Honor Of...**  
**Volunteers of Hobo Hotel**  
-"For your hard work every day." Brenda Kelley  
**Marriage of Nancy Wisdom & Mark Elderkin** -James & Brigitte Booth

**Sponsorships are only \$120 for one cat per year!**  
and  
**Meowships are only \$60 for one cat for 6 months!**

Thank you to the following who have Hobo donation jars at their businesses: **Prien Pines Nursery, Lake Area Animal Hospital, PetCo, Harrington Gallery, Downtown Animal Hospital, Bayou South Animal Hospital, Betsy's Frames by Design, A Daisy A Day Flowers & Gifts, Southside Animal Hospital**

**Hope**, Adopted two years ago  
-Vasilious Agapios  
**Snowcone**, -Bambi Ellis

**Give the Gift of Care** *We are all connected.*

*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:

In Memory of **OR**  In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please send notification of my gift to: *Acknowledge the gift from:*

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

**Kitty Wish List**  
Donate items any day during adoption hours!

**Iam's Adult & Kitten Food**  
**Fancy Feast Canned Food**  
**Fresh Step Litter**  
**Laundry Detergent**  
**Cleaner & Paper Towels**  
**Bleach & Wipes**  
**Hand Soap & Sanitizer**  
**Disposable Gloves**  
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