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Hobo Hotel

For Cats & Kittens

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sept 28 2nd Annual Magnificent Meow Mile Kickoff Party at Central School

Nov 2 MMM Grand Finale @ Prien Lake Mall

ADOPTION HOURS:

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



Kroger Neighbor To Neighbor Program Re-Enrollment

Big thanks to Kroger for their donation from the Neighbor to Neighbor Community Rewards program for their donation of \$1571. This donation was made possible by all of you Hobo Hotel supporters for scanning your Hobo Hotel barcodes to your Kroger card during the last year. This year, the program will be set up a little differently and we need your help in getting everyone re-enrolled. Unfortunately, Kroger will no longer be distributing the barcodes to take with you to the store. Beginning August 1, participants can begin connecting their Kroger cards to Hobo Hotel online. Purchases will not count until after your cards are registered.

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

Register online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com • Customers must have a registered Kroger Plus card account to link to your organization. • If a member does not have a Kroger Plus Card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger. • New online customers must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box. • Sign up for a Kroger Community Rewards Account by entering your zip code, clicking on favorite store, enter their email address, create a password. • You will get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email. • Then click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step. • Next click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number. • Update or confirm your info. • Enter Hobo Hote's NPO #80645 and click on confirm. • To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see Hobo Hotel's name on the right side of your info page. • If you use your phone number at the register call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Plus Card number. • Members must then swipe their registered Kroger Plus Card when shopping for each purchase to count for Hobo Hotel.

Upcoming & Past Events

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.

Hobo Hotel Wins 3rd Prize at Building for Bucks

Our Hobo Hotel sand sculpture builders won third prize in L'Auberge's sand castle building contest last Saturday! They raised \$1,100 for us -- \$350 for participating and \$750 for 3rd prize! Check out our Hobo Hotel Facebook page for more pictures. Many meows to our building team: Lonnie Beene, Kristen Thibodeaux, Amy Magee, Michelle Duplantis, Gavin Duplantis, Betsy Doucet, Kim Lapoint, and Lauren and Dustin Granger.



Meows to Suddenlink for forming a partnership with Hobo Hotel!

Ask The Editor >>>

Q: How much money does it really take to run the Hobo Hotel care center each year?

A: Each year, it costs over \$100,000 for cat food, litter, medicine, cleaning supplies, veterinary bills, and other expenses.

Every little bit helps. If you donate just one a bucket of cat litter every month, you will save Hobo Hotel \$144 per year.

Gulf Coast Roller Derby

On June 22 volunteers Jacob Miller and Lonnie Beene (pictured below) manned a table for Hobo Hotel at Gulf Coast Roller Derby's Lafitte's Ladies roller derby bout! We raised just over \$300 from a portion of ticket sales along with donations.



**Mark Your Calendars
2nd Annual**

**Magnificent Meow Mile
September 28**

Kickoff Party at Central School

November 2

Grand Finale at Prien Lake Mall

MMM Kickoff Party

Watch for news about the **Magnificent Meow Mile Kickoff Party** which will be held **September 28 at Central School!** We're planning a **silent auction, sandwiches from local eateries and a dip bar.** **Maybe we'll have tuna dip, my favorite.**

A Little Bit Serious by Claire

Although we like our MEWSletter to be light and happy, I'm a rather serious-type girl, and I'd like to take just a minute to MEW about something a little bit serious. But it's very nice too because of the thoughtfulness of our Hobo people. We don't like to think about leaving this world because we get such good TLC and treats at Hobo Hotel, but we kitties understand it'll happen to all of us, including our humans, someday. Recently, two very nice people remembered us Hobo kitties in their wills. We kitties don't generally write wills. A very nice lady left us some money from her estate (they tell me that's called a "bequest"), and she also named Hobo Hotel as one of the beneficiaries of a trust. Not only did she leave us something now, she made sure we would have something later too. Then, Father Jim Doyle willed us his super-cute car, which we were able to sell and use the money to help secure the future for Hobo Hotel. And we'll ALWAYS be grateful for the "inter vivos" donation from our Honorary Board Member, Shirley Self! (Isn't "inter vivos" a funny term – they tell me it just means "living!") A few years ago, Shirley gave us a HOUSE! MEOW! One of our board members told me a secret one day, but I can't keep it to myself. She has named Hobo Hotel as one of the beneficiaries of her retirement account because she wants to make sure we continue to help kitties after she's gone.

I'm so grateful for all these "bequests" and "inter vivos" and "retirement" things, even if I don't understand all the words! I've also heard of some humans who leave money to those who take care of their pets when the humans die. This makes it easier on the new person and insures those beloved friends will continue to receive plenty of food and medical care. Won't you consider a "bequest" to make sure your furry friends are cared for after you're gone? And if you'd like to make a "bequest" or "inter vivos" thing to Hobo Hotel, please know it will be used to make a happy, safe place for me and the Hotel's future kitties. MEOWS to you!

We ♥ Our Donors

Thank you to Johnathan Clausen, Vice President, Regan Courville and Jordy Brooks, members of the Sam Houston Jones High School Beta Club, who dropped by Hobo Hotel with armloads of canned cat food! The food was collected by Beta Club members. Sponsor of the club is Brenda DeFelice. The kitties say "yum!"



"I love this newsletter... thank you. Obviously whomever writes this stuff is very funny and an excellent writer...plus the photos are hysterical!"
– Judy Keffer

Grant Received

Hobo Hotel recently received a product support grant from the PetCo Foundation. Each month we receive food & litter to help take care of our kitties at the adoption center at the PetCo store.

Book Sale Donation

Meows to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church who gave us a donation from the proceeds of their annual book sale. Presenting the check were Polly Cole, Amy Allen, Fr. Jack Myers and Annette Ballard.

**PetSmart
National
Adoption Weekend
September 13-15**

**PetCo
National
Adoption Weekends
July 13-14 & Aug 10-11**

Cat Stats!	MAY	JUN	2013
Altered for Adoption	8	28	85
Bouree's Outreach (Tame)	9	12	36
Bouree's Outreach (Not Tame)	13	4	66
Total Spayed/Neutered	30	44	186
Adopted at Care Center	4	10	47
Adopted at PetSmart	2	2	17
Adopted at PetCo	1	3	11
Total Adopted	7	15	75
Rainbow Bridge	0	10	10



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Kroger N2N Community Rewards Program, L'Auberge Du Lac, Melony LeMay, Lori Lognion, Gina Lowry, Coco Marek, Deltra Meyers, Lynette Morgan, Dayna Mowbray, Maurice Murrell, Mount Newby, Kay Nichols, Vicky Primeaux, Shelia Ranier, Carolyn Roberts, Shirley Self, Missy Shaddock, Judith Smith, Maryetta Smith, Ken Spears, Debbie Stephens, Bette Talbot, Vernice Waggoner, Susan Ward, Mike Williams

Sponsorships are only \$120 for one cat per year!

New Sponsorships: • Vanessa Voros
• Bill & Linda Berchev in honor of Mustache

Thank you to the following who have Hobo donation jars at their businesses: **Luna Bar & Grill, 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**

In Memory Of...

Sassy -Cindy Louviere

Prissy, Liz Perello's kitty
-Dr. Jamie Houston

Sparkle, who passed away after 15 years of being a great feline friend
-Ruth Walker

In Honor Of...

Betty Bergeron & in memory of her husband, Jim Bergeron -Bette Talbot

Barbara Culpepper & Greg Davies' marriage -Doug & Carol Williamson

Ali & Grace, former guests of Hobo Hotel -Jeanne Billodeaux

Bette Talbot's birthday -Collie Rouyer

Webster, my very special gray tabby
-Patsy Fletcher

Dr. Joe Stark -Lois Lueg and Lily

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:

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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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 Food
Iam's Kitten Food
Fresh Step Litter
Laundry Detergent
Surface Cleaner
Canned Cat Food
Paper Towels
Bleach
Trash Bags