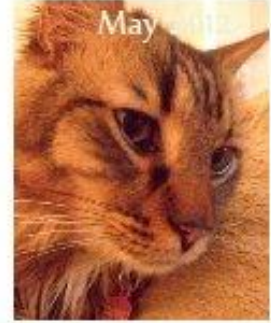


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News and Happenings from Our Cat House to Yours

# Hobo Hotel

For Cats & Kittens

*Mewsletter*

## Our Mews-letter

*Our Mews-letter 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).*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sept TBA **MMM Kickoff Party**  
Oct 8-12 **Kool Kats Cruise**  
Nov 3 **Magnificent Meow Mile Finale**

### ADOPTION HOURS:

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



## How'd You Get Started at Hobo?

*Peggy Ruth asks volunteers how they first got involved at Hobo Hotel.*

It was in 2008 when Arlene Avery first became a volunteer with Hobo Hotel. Now, over 4 years later, she's a Board Member and foster-mom who's fostered dozens of cats and kittens.

"I started fostering cats and kittens on January 18, 2008 and up to now have fostered a total of 96."

Arlene first heard about Hobo Hotel when one of our volunteers working a table at a craft show called her over to her table to sign up to volunteer. After signing up, one of Hobo's

also have plenty of toys, and many, many beds and windows to look outside. I feed them well and they

"...I wanted to help those who couldn't speak for themselves."

are so healthy that they get adopted right away. I spend a lot of TLC time with them. The first were hard to let go but knowing they will go to a good home makes it easier."

co-founders, Carol Cain, called to get her started. At that point "I decided I wanted to make my mark in the community and do something worthwhile. In my 35-year career, I helped people with disabilities and I wanted to help those who couldn't speak for themselves."

Arlene's got her fostering down to an art. "I have a separate building that I use that has A/C and heat." The cats





## Dear Hobo Hotel...

**Thank you, Hobo, for all you do for these darling babies.**

**-Lynda Moss Kinder, LA**

*Hope this donation can help a little. I am taking care of five cats that have been left on my property over the years, the last one three weeks ago. It ain't easy at 88 years old, but I try! Keep up the good work. -Ruth Walker*

*Please find with these supplies a check to use for office or cleaning supplies, kitty litter or food! Thank you for all you do for the kitties of Lake Charles.*

**-Amanda, Adair & Harper Dean**

### A Letter To Our Purrfect Volunteers

*Dear Volunteers: Thank you for your tireless efforts for the cats in your care. What a special gift of compassion all of you possess. We have been rescuers for several years. We are down to five cats. Age and health prohibit a great deal for us. Our love and care for our special needs "fur people" is endless. Please accept this donation for "the voiceless." -Brenda Robinson (remembering best pals, Soona and Shoes)*

**Thanks for all you do for the animals. We love you!**

**-Dr. Jamie Houston**

Dear Hoboers: I am very sad to have lost three of my cats over the past three months—David (a rescue from Dr. Stark), Brother (a feral I had been feeding for 12 years), and Zuki (a precious Maine Coon). So, I am sending this donation in memory of each. **-Nanette Cagney**

*Thank you for all you do- you are wonderful.*

**-Doretta Landry-Ancelet**

### Local Groups Wanted

**Is your volunteer group or school group interested in getting involved with a local non-profit? We are currently looking for several groups to enlist in helping with small jobs around the care center such as minor repairs, painting, etc. Please call 439-2428 and mention this article to get involved.**



*Babycakes*



*Cyril (orange)*



*Sampson*

## Bye Bye, Babycakes, Cyril & Sampson

Babycakes, a life-long resident of Hobo Hotel, went to the Rainbow Bridge in April after recurring incurable bouts of kidney stones. He was rescued as an older kitten/adolescent and was loved by all at Hobo Hotel. He always got his way with the other cats when he wanted it and was first in line for treats. Cyril, a three-year resident of Hobo Hotel, was a very shy but sweet fellow who went to the Rainbow Bridge due to Feline Leukemia. He had a special bro-mance with his friend Sir Philip (pictured above with Cyril). Sampson, who was adopted, was a unique looking FIV kitty because of his kool kat mustache. Sampson went to the Rainbow Bridge from a blood clot.

### World Veterinary Day

April 28 was World Veterinary Day. Volunteers of Hobo Hotel honored the wonderful veterinary staff at Lake Area Animal Hospital by donating pizza, snacks and punch. Next time you stop by LAAH, thank the wonderful staff for all their hard work in caring for our precious pets.



## Paw-ffice Supplies

I'm Peggy Ruth, the cat who runs the hall at Hobo Hotel. I was put in charge of collecting more paw-ffice supplies for our volunteers to use to help adopt more of my fellow cats and kittens. If you see any of

these at a store where you shop or at garage sales, please scoop them up and bring them to me. I will see that they get put in the right drawers. We need scissors, staplers and staples, scotch tape, copy paper, paper clips and envelopes. And slip in a can of cat food why don't ya. Meow.



# Upcoming Events



## MMM Kickoff Party

Watch for news about the **MMM Kickoff Party** which we'll hold in **September!** We're planning a silent auction, yummy sandwiches and a dip bar. Maybe we'll have tuna dip, my favorite.

## Hobo Hotel's Magnificent Meow Mile *by Clovis*

I can't wait for Hobo Hotel's exciting new fundraiser, the **Magnificent Meow Mile!** It'll reach its spectacular conclusion on **November 3** at the Prien Lake Mall. Mark your calendars and start saving your quarters, then come to the mall to see 'Hobo' walk a mile of quarters to keep on helping the kitties.

*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's 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party & Kitten Shower

## Past Events

### Sam's Club Promotion



Many thanks to volunteers Arlene Avery, Jean Smith and Vernice Waggoner who set up an informational table at Sam's Club on March 17. There they collected donations of food, litter and supplies and promoted the many services offered by Hobo Hotel.

### Easter Basket Raffle

The winners of our Easter Basket Raffle, which we ran throughout the month of March and the beginning of April, were drawn on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The winner of the girl's Easter basket was Kyla Stringfield and the winner of the boy's Easter basket was Matthew Chantelin. Meow to all of you who sold or purchased tickets.

Cat Stats!	MAR	APR	2012
Altered for Adoption	15	9	68
Bouree's Outreach (Tame)	9	9	44
Bouree's Outreach (Not Tame)	9	12	60
Total Spayed/Neutered	33	30	172
Adopted at Care Center	12	10	47
Adopted at PetSmart	11	6	34
Adopted at PetCo	3	1	8
Total Adopted	26	17	89
Rainbow Bridge	1	1	5

### 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.**

### Chick-Fil-A Night

Tuesday, April 3 Hobo Hotel volunteers Jim and Robin Anderson, Debbie Watts, Teresa Devillier, Jean Smith and Barbara Graska set up a table at Chick-Fil-A on Nelson Road. They handed out info and a portion of the proceeds of sales was donated back to Hobo Hotel! Thanks to Dan Matthews, Cathy Martin, Alice Manning, Joey Bowers, Verna George, Dana Hauser and all others who went to eat.



# 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:

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

Thank you to the following who have Hobo donation jars at their businesses:  
Luna Bar & Grill, Prien Pines Nursery, Lake Area Animal Hospital, Fat  
Cat Café, PetCo, Harrington Gallery, Downtown Animal Hospital.

## New Sponsorship Leo & Arlene Avery

**Special Memorial:** Barry Humphus & Linda Brannon made a donation in memory of their precious cat who passed away from tainted cat food. They donated half of the settlement from the case against the pet food manufacturer for producing the tainted food to the ongoing rescue efforts of Hobo Hotel.

## Donations

Albertson's Community Partners Program, Michael and Anna Allen, John Andracki, D. C. & Verna Bounds, Linda Brannon, Mrs. John Carte, Nancy Carte, Chick-fil-A, Si Davidson, Amanda, Adair & Harper Dean, Jay Delafield, John Derosier, Domino's Pizza Truck, Betty Dufrene, Harley Dupuis, Patsy Fletcher, Ronald Foster, Judy Guidry, Betty Henry, Barry Humphus, Dr. Jamie Houston, Dr. Susan Kelso, Jackie Lanier,

Lake Area Animal Hospital, Charlotte Lee, Alice Manning, Marsha McCarthy, Carmen Medellin, Barbara Milford, Lynda Moss, Mrs. Ed Myrick, Shelia Ranier, Rodney Rentrop, Carolyn Roberts, Brenda Robinson, Barbara Rose, Collie Rouyer, Shirley Self, Joe Spain, Ken Spears, Bette Talbot, Roger Thomas, Howard Trotter, Lenda Vincent, Vernice Waggoner, Ruth Walker, Sherri Zampielo

## In Memory Of...

Carol Cain -Shirley Self, Carolyn Daniel  
Charles M. "Chuck" Robertson III  
-Kevin & Angie Camel  
Jack Yelverton "a late-blooming cat-lover"  
-Anna & Irene Vandever  
John Duhon -Jim & Robin Anderson  
Faye Bennett Mullin -Friends at OIS;  
"She was a fond supporter of Hobo Hotel  
and had her own share of 'walk-ups' to  
keep in her care" -David Hendry  
Sissie Villaurne -Tara Drost  
William Kushner -Mac & Mabel Sahlmann  
Zoe Barbe Lassman -Collie Rouyer  
Nancy Holcon -Dr. Jamie Houston  
Dorothy Barnes Landry  
-Doretta Landry-Ancelet  
Cassidy Houston -Dr. Jamie Houston  
Miss Kitty Milford & Hobo's Wendell -  
Barbara and J.T. Milford Tiger -Howard  
Trotter Missy, my canine companion -  
Barbara McCombs David, Brother &  
Zuki -Nanette Cagney Pat Fletcher's  
Paddy Mae -Mary Ann Booth Missy,  
Kindel & Dianne McNeill's cat -Linda  
Andrews, Susan Davis, Julie McNeill and  
Chloe & Sophie Dore Sunny -Sherri  
Collins Miss Miss -Jo Clifton Missy  
-Jackie Goodfellow

## In Honor Of...

Hobo's 26th Birthday -Shirley Self,  
Howard Trotter, Dr. Susan Kelso, Barbara  
Rose, Betty Dufrene, Joe Spain, and Lake  
Area Animal Hospital Corene Davidson  
-Si Davidson Collie Rouyer & Bette  
Talbot -Betty Henry Spooky, Henry &  
Lucy -Carmen Medellin Momacat, Prissy  
& Red -D.C. & Verna Bounds



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