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News from November & December 2011

“Mews”-letter



**Special Points of Interest:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sweet Art Silent Auction



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*Sweet Art Auction*  
 By Hobo

Mark your calendars—Hobo Hotel will hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sweet Art Silent Auction Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Imperial Calcasieu Museum! This “fun-raiser” will be held 11am-2pm and will feature items for bid from local artists as well as sweets and treats from local bakeries and bakers to help raise money for the cats and kittens of Hobo Hotel. Keep an eye out in your e-mail and on Facebook for more details.



**ART**  
 Donations  
 Wanted

Hobo Hotel is now accepting donations to sell at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sweet Art Silent Auction. We are looking for locally made art items such as paintings, drawings, sculptures, jewelry, hand-sewn items or baked goods. If you are a crafter, artist or baker, we would love to showcase your special designs. Call Robin at 477-3757 or email her at [randerson822@att.net](mailto:randerson822@att.net) or call the care center at 439-2428 if you would like to donate or volunteer to help at the event.

*LSU Championship  
 Basket Raffle*

Raffle tickets are now on sale for our exclusive LSU Championship Basket! Get yours today so you can party in style for the National Championship game in NOLA! Basket includes a ton of LSU items including an ice chest, napkins, two mugs, Zapp’s chips, a license plate holder, drinking cups, a baseball cap, candy bars, soda and a chip bowl. Drawing will be held January 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the adoption center.

*2012 Hobo Hotel  
 Calendars On Sale!*

Purchase your very own Hobo Hotel wall calendar featuring cats and kittens from the shelter! Photos were taken by award-winning photographer, Karen Wink. Each calendar is only a minimum \$15 donation. These make purrfect gifts for all your friends, family and coworkers!

**KWIK KAT  
 KALENDAR**

January 5<sup>th</sup>  
**LSU Raffle  
 Drawing**

February 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Sweet Art  
 Auction**

## TRYING TO HELP THEM ALL *by Diana Andersen*

"I have 3 kittens to surrender," "A stray cat showed up at my house and I started feeding her and she had 5 kittens," "A stray cat had 11 kittens in the laundry room at my apartments," "I'm moving and can't take my 4 cats," "My neighbor moved and left his 2 cats." These are all messages that Hobo Hotel receives weekly on our voicemail. As you can imagine, it is hard to call these people back and tell them "No, we cannot help." As a rescue group, we would like to be able to help everyone that calls, but financially, mentally and physically, we cannot do this. Our capacity at our shelter is full.-Way too full. For us to be able to provide the care needed for the cats/kittens we do have, we have to maintain reasonable numbers. Financially, it does take a toll on our efforts. We have to be able to fundraise, obtain grants and have ample donations from the public to support our efforts. Even if we had millions of dollars to support our group, we still do not have a big enough support staff to care for our cats/kittens properly if our numbers go over the limit.

Understand that we do not enjoy telling people "No", but at many times, we have no other choice. If people would spay/neuter their animals, we would not be faced with the problems of stray and abandoned cats/kittens in our area. Education plays a key role in the effort to control this problem. There are many low-cost programs in our area that can help with the cost of having your pet altered. It is also healthier for your pet to be altered. They do not have the tendency to roam in search of a mate to breed with, spraying and/or fighting to mark territory is often eliminated, and chances of cancer are greatly reduced. Our group was formed to help take the stray cats/kittens off the street and to provide a service to the community and we do try to achieve that every day. Also, remember to **SPAY or NEUTER YOUR PET!!**

- *Diana Andersen, Operations Coordinator*



### *Past Events* *by Paillasse*



### **EMMA'S GARAGE SALE**

Emma Burk (left), a fabulous 7-year-old, held a garage sale Nov. 12 to benefit Hobo Hotel. Not only did she donate \$113 (half her sales) to Hobo, she also collected an additional \$100 in donations!



### **OPEN HOUSE**

The Annual Open House and Christmas Boutique was held Sunday, November 13 from 2-4 at the adoption center. We did tours of the shelter, had lots of goodies to eat and sell, and opened our boutique for holiday gift shopping.



### **Santa Claws at PetSmart**

Lots of animal lovers came out to have their pet's pictures taken with Santa Claws at PetSmart on December 17. Volunteers Howard Trotter, Angie Quienalty, Arlene Avery, Leo Avery and Diana Andersen helped with the photos.



### *National Adoption Weekend*

The PetSmart National Adoption Weekend was held November 12 and 13. Volunteers Debbie Smith, Arlene Avery and Diana Andersen set up tables and handed out information on services provided by Hobo Hotel.

### **Hobo Mall Promotion**

We had some wonderful volunteers that worked our table at the mall on December 17<sup>th</sup>! Big meows to volunteers Barbara Rose, Evelyn Prejean, Janis Granger, Tangier Lafleur, Trudy Lejeune, Diana Andersen and Arlene Avery. We sold raffle tickets for our LSU Championship basket, Christmas and LSU cards, Shanna Garofolo's coasters and trivets, calendars and received donations! Meows to you all!

## A NEW YEAR'S MEOW-SOLUTION



We will all miss Mr. Ben Mount. He was our Auctioneer Extraordinaire and a dear friend to Hobo Hotel.

Call the kitties at 439-2428 to sign up for any of these spots!

Ring in the new year with a resolution to volunteer at Hobo Hotel! We need a few purrfect volunteers who would be willing to do one of three easy jobs at the Adoption Center:

1. Clean windows in the care center
2. Wash a load or two of laundry
3. Organize shelves & dust the lobby
4. Wash out litter boxes
5. Shred newspapers

### Welcome New Board Members

Debbie Watts, Brian Johnson and Vernice Waggoner are the newest members of the Hobo Hotel Board of Directors! We are so happy they said "yes!" Other members of the Board include: Lauren Granger (President), Howard Trotter (Treasurer), Robin Anderson, Jean Smith, Arlene Avery and Dave Brown.

### Shelter Challenge Winners!

You did it-- fellow kitties were spotted dashing through the shelter! Hobo Hotel was announced as the state Fall/Winter winner of a \$1,000 grant from *The Animal Rescue Site* and *Petfinder.com* Shelter Challenge which ended December 19th! All thanks to your faithful daily clicking-- Hobo received the most votes in Louisiana. This cat-cash will help with food, litter and medical care. Purr, purrrrr....

### C-MAIL BAG BY CLOVIS

Dear Hobo Hotel—I adopted Blizzard yesterday at PetSmart. I was looking for Tom, but he was adopted earlier in October. I am so well pleased with Blizzard. I live alone and I think he will make the ideal pet. On our first night together, he kneaded me several times, so I knew he was happy and pleased. Thanks for making us both happy!  
--Ken Cormief

Dear Hobo Hotel— This donation is in memory of Paddi Mae, my beautiful feline companion, listener and friend for 15 years. Paddi was my very first pet. In 1996, at age 46, I adopted this abandoned feline from Ouachita Parish. The lessons I learned from my best friend could fill a book. From Paddi I began to understand unconditional love and to quickly treat cat-made wounds inflicted on humans! I miss my faithful and loyal friend. She is my heart.  
-Patsy Fletcher



Dear Hobo Hotel, Thank you very much for helping spay Abigail and Tigerita. Such a very big help.

—Helen Santos

Dear Folks at Hobo Hotel-- We spoke with Diana Andersen at your auction event on Sept. 13th and told her that my step-mom and I were going to donate the profits from the sale of our handmade jewelry at the Lake Charles Country Club's Fall Bazaar to Hobo Hotel. We also want to donate some jewelry to your Christmas boutique. Enclosed is a check to use as you most need it. On our table at the bazaar we had a sign that said all proceeds went to the Hobo Hotel, a no-kill cat shelter, and many ladies commented on being cat lovers and what a great organization you are. Keep up the good work!  
-Sandra Garrett Williams & Liane Garrett (Sandra is pictured above on right)

### Cat Stats BY CLOVIS

Cat Stats!	Nov	Dec	2011
Altered for adoption	19	TBA	190
Bouree's Outreach: Tamed	8	TBA	99
Bouree's Outreach: Untamed	6	TBA	138
Total Spay/Neuter	33	TBA	427
Adopted at Care Center	9	TBA	99
Adopted at PetSmart	7	TBA	65
Adopted at PetCo	3	TBA	40
Total Adopted	19	TBA	203
Rainbow Bridge: Care	1	TBA	16
Rainbow Bridge: Foster Care	0	TBA	3

The kitty who went to the Rainbow Bridge was Cody due to FIP.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

### ITEMS YOU CAN PURR-CHASE

- ▣ Surface Cleaner
- ▣ Paper Towels
  - ▣ Bleach
  - ▣ Trash Bags
- ▣ Laundry Detergent

At Hobo Hotel, the kitties go through tons of supplies during their day to day living. Peggy Ruth is always cleaning something (like the top of the fridge) so she uses a lot of surface spray cleaner and paper towels. And of course the kitties like to sleep on fresh towels so Scarlett always runs out of laundry detergent and bleach. Help us replenish these every day supplies by purr-chasing one item and dropping it off at the Adoption Center on any day during adoption hours.

Do you clip coupons? Help out Hobo Hotel by mailing us all the Iam's cat food coupons!

### Financial Cat-A-Lyst by Peggy Ruth

#### MEOW SHOUT OUTS TO...

- ... SHIRLEY & MARVIN SELF for their generous donation!
  - ... EMMA BURK, the 7-year-old who raised \$100 in donations at her garage sale and donated \$113 representing half her sales!
  - ... SANDRA WILLIAMS for donating pretty jewelry for us to sell!
  - ... LANA BEL for posting adoptable cat photographs at Starbucks!
- The following businesses have donation jars at their businesses and their customers support Hobo: *The Harrington Gallery, Downtown Animal Hospital, Prien Pines Nursery, PetCo, Lake Area Animal Hospital, Bayou South Animal Hospital, PetSmart, Luna Bar and Grill, & Fat Cat Café!* If you'd like a donation jar for your business, call Collie at 439-8930—she'll deliver!



#### MEMORIALS:

In memory of  
**Bill Thompson:** Mr. & Mrs. David Lestage; Thomas Turner; Turner Industries, Howard Trotter

In memory of  
**Ben Mount:** Collie Rouyer; Bette Talbot

In memory of  
 Paddi Mae (her feline companion) Patsy Fletcher

**NEW Bucket & Bag Brigade Member: Marilyn Hays!**

**Donations:** Shirley & Marvin Self, Janis Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Spears, Andrew Beers & Christina Talbot in honor of Collie Rouyer's birthday, Shelia Ranier, Virginia Pruitt, PetSmart Charities, Charlotte Langston, D. C. Bounds, Barbara Rose, Toby Scott, Mike & Jennifer Greene, Dana Hauser, Cathy & Steven Arabie, Howard Trotter and Jim & Robin Anderson, Emma Burk, Cathy & Steven Arabie, Patsy Fletcher, D.X.B., Robert Radomski, Sherri Zampiello, Sue Walkner, customers at Lake Area Animal Hospital, Albertsons Community Partners Program, Jane Alcock, Prien Pines Nursery customers, Coco Marek, Sandra Williams and Liane Garrett

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