



Central Coast Humane Society

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Nimbus/Charlie August 2012

Charlie's Preamble

by Nancy Pound

Feral cat, Shy Little Mama, little older than a kitten herself, delivered two beautiful babies. Almost from day one, the kittens stumbled toward us, purring and eager to be picked up! It was so touching—and addicting!!

We told Kathe Stander of these darling kittens and she strategized how to take them from their Shy Little Mama as soon as it was safe.

One day, nearly all the cats disappeared. Something scary must have happened. As we brought them dinner, we were very worried. Over the next few days, the colony of cats returned. But one of Shy's two babies stopped coming to us for snuggles. It was sad that one had been so frightened that its whole course of life was changed.

But, happily, one of the little tykes still trusted us. He came to be called Nimbus—for its cloud of fluffy hair—then Nimby, then Mossy, and now, Charlie. We handed him over to Kathe as soon as he could live without Shy . . . and the rest is wonderful history!

Charlie: Featured Formerly Feral Cat

Charlie's Permanent Home

by Laura Hamilton

We felt content with our cat and dog. Emma, a one-year-old, gorgeous calico cat, was a dignified, old soul who demanded little. Clancy, a black Yorkshire terrier/poodle mix, was soft spoken and easy going. Then we heard that Kathe Stander was fostering a special, noisy, gray kitten, Nimbus, rescued from a feral colony. Unfortunately, the kitten's teasing annoyed Kathe's cat, Princess.

We took in Nimbus for a week-long trial. It was an immediately successful match. We changed the kitten's name to Charlie after a mix-up at the vet's office—another feline patient had the same name! Charlie, charcoal gray with white paws and bib, spent half his time sleeping and half entertaining us with his goofy antics. And he quickly burrowed into our hearts. Emma quickly became intrigued with the kitten and ended up overseeing his every move.

Charlie grew different parts of his body in stages, making him a bit odd looking. His eyes stayed close together and his forehead was short in proportion to the rest of his face. His feet grew and grew and grew, giving us a clue to what was to come. We joked that Charlie's tail must be terribly weighty; it flopped every time he slept on the edge of something. And he did a lot of sleeping. All his napping resulted in a pudgy teenaged kitten. The 12-inch tile squares on our floors measured his astounding growth. Rather than sitting, when Charlie stopped walking, he flopped on his side. First, he covered one square, then two, then THREE tile squares from his nose to the tip of his tail!

At the time that Charlie's growth marathon slowed, we decided to bring another puppy into our lives. Bailey, snowy white and spunky, decided that Charlie was her best playmate and literally leaped at the big gray cat. During her growth spurt, we saw her pawing at Charlie's back and we humorously predicted that she would soon be riding Charlie like a circus monkey. Now, it is no joke.

Bailey and Charlie spend their days wrestling and Charlie patiently tolerates Bailey's attempts to remove his ears, detach his tail, and shorten his legs. Bailey straddles Charlie as he lies on the floor, clutching him tightly with all four legs. Charlie loves the attention, only occasionally mewing for mercy. And Charlie gives her tons of time before moving to a high resting place, seeking some well-earned peace.

Bailey arrived with boundless energy. We are so grateful that Charlie wears her out; I don't think we would have the energy after a day of work to give her the attention and play time she needs.

Charlie, continued

Our older cat, Emma, has made some delightful changes, enjoying her new friendships. Our older dog, Clancy, has lost weight and enjoys watching the wrestling matches. He even makes room on the bed for his “brother” and “sister.”

We are grateful to Kathe and Fritz (and Princess) for the solid start in life they gave our 16-pound, 38”, sleek gray boy. He is the joy of our hearts, the center of our lives, and an indispensable family member.



Charlie's permanent home
September 2012

At 14 months, Charlie still climbs the furniture loves lap naps. The warm growl that comes with this burden, however, is always welcome. It is the anthem of our family.

P.S. Within minutes of finishing this, Emma rolled on her back and mewed as Bailey took Charlie down for the count. Unable to fully believe her luck, Bailey gave Charlie a break to pounce on—and quickly off—Emma! More antics for us all to enjoy seem to be just around the bend.

Give a Unique Gift from Lincoln County

Local artist and cat owner, Bruce Walker, created the cute cartoons on our t-shirts, donated the cartoons, then he signed the copyright over to Central Coast Humane Society.

These wonderful t-shirts are only available from Central Coast Humane Society, they are 100% Lincoln County created and 100% of the profit from t-shirt sales goes to the Central Coast Humane Society.

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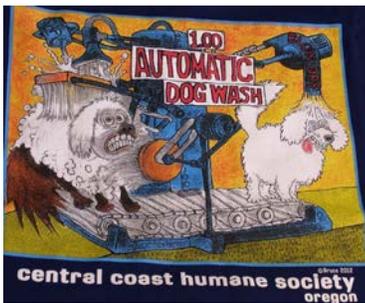
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Bruce sends Christmas greetings to all pet lovers



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Christmas Cottage kitty needs a caring home.

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Vice-President - David Mitchell

Secretary - Mary Lou Starker

Treasurer - Barbara Perry

Past President - Kathe Stander

Members at Large: Linda Wright, Don Elmore, Lana Elmore

President's Letter

Yep, I've been recycled. I last served as President in 2004 or so, and now it seems to be my turn again.

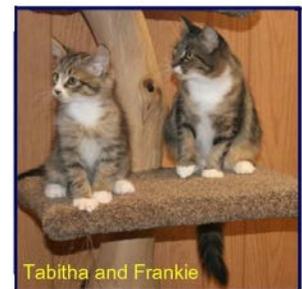
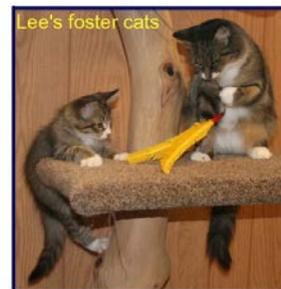
Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift for a person who doesn't need or want more "stuff"? Why not give a donation to CCHS in his or her honor? We'd send a nice card to the recipient announcing your gift. In addition, your gift would provide real help to needy animals. If you feel the need to give something tangible, why not one of our great t-shirts?

Do you care deeply about animals and wish there was a way you could really help? Consider visiting a CCHS Board meeting. We are always looking for people with lots of energy and fresh ideas. As our economy struggles to recover, finding ways to raise badly need funds is becoming a priority. We also feel the need to add some younger people to our aging Board of Directors. We all still have lots of enthusiasm, but not as much stamina as we once had.

Please look at the animals presented in these pages who need good forever homes. If you can adopt one just call us at 541-265-3719.

I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year.

Lee Smith



The latest episode – Big Boy the farmer

By David Mitchell

Last week Big Boy the feral/pet cat had to be involved while I was gathering potatoes with my hands. The soil was very loose and he would pounce on the dirt as it moved over my hands. The next day I found several potatoes in the driveway and thought I had dropped them. Later discovered it was Big Boy helping to continue with the harvest. Not a scratch or bite mark on any of them. Someway he was getting the potatoes out of the raised bed and then rolling them around the driveway. I need to get him a toy for Christmas.



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