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Fuzzbucket Farm Cat Rescue & Sanctuary

A Year of Rescue Resolutions for You

Have you thought of adding some new and different resolutions to your traditional New Year's list? Have you ever thought of getting involved in the world of rescue, but didn't quite know how? Here then are twelve different ways – one for each month of the year – for you to resolve to make a difference in the lives of rescue animals this year. Even if you choose only one, that choice will make all the difference in the world.

1. Contact your local humane society or animal shelter and volunteer your services to them: from office work, to cleaning cages and kennels, to being a cat companion once a week.
2. Donate a basket or bag containing such items as food and treats, toys and games, bowls and litter to that same humane society or shelter.
3. Contact a local rescue organization and ask to volunteer for them. Volunteers form the backbone of every non-profit group, and no group can function

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How you can help!

Word Up!

Fuzzbucket Farm in the News

The Columbus Dispatch ran a terrific editorial, written by Melanie Wellman, about supporting rescue organizations, most notably Fuzzbucket Farm! When you have an opportunity, please read the article posted online on December 12, 2014.

To locate this article online, please go to:

1. www.dispatch.com
2. Enter "Fuzzbucket Farm" in the Search box
3. Scroll down to article entitled "Remember to help out rescue operations"

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Valentine's Day!
Fuzzbucket Farm has
numerous gifts for both
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wte.rescuegroups.org
or shop our store on eBay,
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without them. Areas always in need of extra hands include web site assistance, updating email lists, attending adoption events, planning and attending fundraisers, distributing flyers, pamphlets and brochures, and transporting animals to and from vet appointments.

4. Select one particular rescue online that “speaks to you” and make a monetary contribution to them – either as a one time payment or as recurring monthly payments.

5. Read about the other ways you can donate to them – from wishlists to links to various online stores’ websites – and purchase items both for yourself and them that way.

6. Follow that particular rescue’s Facebook page, and both “like” them and “share” their postings on social media on an ongoing basis.

7. Instead of accepting birthday gifts this year, ask your friends and family to make contributions to that rescue in your name

8. Host a small fundraiser (bake sales, garage sales and yard sales are among the most popular) and donate the proceeds to that rescue. You will receive not only their gratitude, but a tax receipt as well.

9. At your place of work, keep a container on your desk with the name of that rescue on it, and encourage your co-workers to deposit their spare change in it. Once the container is full, bring the change to the bank (already rolled, please), mail a check to the rescue, and begin again.



10. Sign petitions, both online and in person, calling on pet stores to stop selling cats and dogs.

11. Foster a cat or dog from a shelter or rescue. Learn precisely what’s required of you, then welcome one very needy and deserving animal into your home temporarily, until he or she can be placed in a permanent home.

12. Adopt a rescue cat or dog and save two lives – the life of the one you are adopting, and the life of the one who will immediately take his or her place.

As for next year? Either continue working your way down this list, or resolve to draw up one of your own.

Article written by Nomi Berger. Nomi is the best selling author of seven novels, one work of non-fiction, two volumes of poetry and hundreds of articles. She lives in Toronto, Ontario, Canada with her adopted Maltese, Mini, and now devotes all of her time volunteering her writing skills to animal rescue organizations throughout Canada and the USA.



Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone’s face today? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and in the life to come.

~Henri Nouwen~



Feral Cats Deserve Warmth This Winter

ARTICLE BY NOMI BERGER

As the thermometer plunges and the days grow darker earlier and stay colder longer, there are entire colonies of cats that could not survive without the compassion and warmth of humans.

With North American winters becoming increasingly more severe, feral cats are faced daily with the terrible reality of either starving or freezing to death. But there are solutions, if members of the human community act humanely to provide the homeless cats in their neighborhoods with the shelter, food and water they lack and need.

As snow rises, blocking their usual safe places to live during the warmer months, these homeless cats' "homes" virtually disappear. Offering them alternative places to live is both affordable and easy.

New or used dog houses provide the best protection as long as the opening is narrowed (6 to 8 inches is best) or covered with a flap to both keep out the elements and other roaming animals. Rubbermaid and Tupperware storage bins are two excellent alternatives, as are heavily insulated meat packing cartons – all with small openings carved into one side.

For added warmth, insulation and comfort, place fresh straw (no clothing, which can stick to the cat's body and freeze and no hay, which can mildew) on the floor. Straw helps to retain heat and repel moisture. Because cats will huddle together for warmth, provide a colony of cats with several shelters that can accommodate from three to five cats each. If caring for fewer cats, use a smaller shelter that requires less body heat to keep it warm.

Make certain to raise the shelters off the ground and situate them far from foot or street traffic in as quiet an area as possible, with the shelter's opening pointed away from normal wind/blowing snow patterns. And after a snowfall, ensure that you shovel out the entrances to these shelters to prevent them from clogging up with snow and trapping the cats inside.

Food and water are the next in this trio of necessities. And because most feral cats are terrified of people, leaving some food near the entrances to the shelters will, by their scent alone, entice them close, closer, closest. Then, only a few paw prints away are their new winter homes.

Establish a "feeding station" near each shelter to provide easy access for both you and the cats, then try to establish a regular schedule for feeding and water changing. The cats will quickly become accustomed to this routine while also growing accustomed to and less fearful of your approach.

Feed them larger than usual portions of easily digestible wet food, and on the coldest days, provide them with dry food as well, since the wet food can quickly freeze. But spraying insulation foam onto the underside of plastic dishes will help to keep the wet food from freezing at all. For water, use deep rather than shallow bowls and warm or hot rather than cold water. If possible, change the water twice a day, adding a pinch of sugar each time, to both keep it from freezing as quickly and to provide the cats with an extra energy boost. You may also pick up an outdoor dog water bowl that keeps water from freezing when the temperatures dip too low.

And so, simply by acting humanely, we as caring communities can help those most helpless and vulnerable in our neighborhoods stay safe and stay alive this winter.



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The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new and different sun.

~Christopher McCandless~



WINTER WORD FIND

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 Egg Nog
 Firewood
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 Gloves
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 Hockey
 Ice Fishing
 Knit Cap
 Olympics
 Scarf
 Skates
 Ski Pants
 Sled
 Slippery
 Snow Tires
 Snowboard
 Snowman
 Solstice
 Stew
 Sweatshirt
 Vacation
 Blizzard
 Carnival
 Cold
 Fireplace
 Fog
 Hail
 Hibernation
 Holidays
 Icicles
 Mittens
 Parka
 Season
 Ski Doo
 Skiing
 Sleet
 Snow Plow
 Snowball
 Snowflake
 Snowshoes
 Soup
 Storm
 Toboggan
 Wind Chill
 Snow Castle
 Snow Shovel
 Wool Socks
 Long Underwear

Adoptable Cat of the Month

Cybil, along with her daddy and two brothers, were found behind an apartment complex living off garbage. All were rescued and have been receiving loving treatments here over the past year.

Cybil is a shy kitty, but loves to play with her brothers and other cats as long as there aren't too many. She has not blossomed out of her shell yet, but we know it may take a bit more time for her.

One thing about **Cybil**, she has the biggest, roundest eyes for such a small face we have ever seen... it is simply adorable!

Cybil is a lovebug and enjoys good belly rubs and a warm lap. It may take a bit of TLC to get her there, but she will be yours forever.

About **Cybil**: • Available for adoption • Mostly black/solid • Short coat • Moderately active • Good with cats



Costs to Keep Fuzzbucket Farm Working Throughout the Year

- Straw bales \$4
- Covered litter pans \$15
- Pine pellet litter \$6/bag
- Food and water bowls \$6/each
- Large dog kennels \$65
- Blankets/throws \$4
- Quilt batting for cushion making \$14
- Duck and Guinea Hen feed \$22/bag
- Kitten tower \$200
- Purina indoor cat food \$12/bag
- Special diet cat food \$35/bag

Donations of the above are always welcome!

IN MEMORIAM

Fuzzbuckets who crossed over the Rainbow Bridge in 2014

Boss Hogg

Penny

Elvis

Baby (Sonya)

Lil' Minnie & Miss Innies (BFFs)

Kirby

Ace

♥Sicily♥

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always there. Still loved, still missed, and very dear. - Unknown



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A No-kill Cat Rescue & Sanctuary
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wte.rescuegroups.org

If you can't adopt, you can still help!

Non-profits survive by gracious donations, supportive sponsor, and loving volunteers. We have a daily wish list on our webpage as well as an Amazon Wishlist under *Fuzzbucket Cat Rescue & Sanctuary*. And check our website for cats you can sponsor with a monthly donation which will pay for food, litter and supplies, any vet care needed, etc. We also welcome volunteers who can offer any amount of time, either in person or virtually. It's flexible! We'll work with your schedule. We'd love to have some help, so please join our team of volunteers.

Spread the word and tell your friends and family about us!