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Three Orinda Persian Cats Hope to Find New Homes

Submitted by Bobbie Cummings



Orinda Persian, little Hattie, is beautiful once again after her ordeal. She weighs a mere 6 pounds, and has all the true Persian features including a smashed-type nose. She is loving and enjoys being petted. She would thrive as the only pet in the household.

Photo provided

Three Orinda cats, Hattie, Tori and Chika, are looking forward to being adopted during the Community Concern for Cats free cat and kitten adoption weekend as part of Maddie's Pet Adoption Days May 31 to June 1 in Lafayette. The three felines are a part of "The Sweet Sixteen" which once had a good life but lost it all when their elderly owner was moved into a care facility. Unfortunately, he made no provisions for his 16 Persian cats and so they were put outside to survive as best they could. CC4C was asked to help and contacted Dr. Laurie Langford of Theater View Veterinary Clinic in Orinda, whose care made it possible for 11 out of the 16 to be adopted quickly.

Normally CC4C charges from \$100 to \$125 to adopt, but this weekend adoptions are free to qualified homes, thanks to Maddie's Fund, which has set aside \$10 million this year to give stipends to rescue organizations and shelters for

each animal that finds a home. The stipends range from \$500 to \$2,000 for each adopted cat. Cats that are older or have treatable/treated health issues bring in the larger Maddie's donations. Last year CC4C had 74 adoptions during this event.

"Most people don't realize that the regular adoption fee doesn't even come close to paying the cost of rescuing a cat – costs include tests, vaccinations, deworming, medications, flea treatments and spay and neuter. So the funds from Maddie's Days allow us to do more rescues all year long," says Candace Olsen, past CC4C president.

"Finally, someone is doing something good for animals in a very visual way," adds CC4C president Gemma Osendorf-Boyd. "We are very thankful for Dave and Cheryl Duffield, founders of Workday and PeopleSoft, who started the fund."

For 29 years, CC4C has been offering spay and neuter, foster care, adoption, and medical rehabilitation for abandoned and homeless cats and kittens. They lend traps and provide trap-neuter return programs as needed. The adoption days will be held at Pet Food Express in Lafayette on Saturday, May 31 from noon to 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 1 from noon to 4 p.m. CC4C adoptions will also take place at Pet Food Express in Pleasant Hill and Petco in Walnut Creek during the same hours. Visit www.communityconcernforcats.org for information and to see other available cats. Not all of the younger kittens may be pictured – new ones arrive daily.

CC4C has no physical shelter or paid staff; all its rescued cats are fostered in homes. They urgently need foster homes now that it is "kitten season." Please call to help: (925) 938-2287 or email them at mail@communityconcernforcats.org.

Two of Moraga's Top Volunteers Honored

Submitted by Sara Mooradian



From left: Nancy Kendzierski, Moraga School District Superintendent Bruce Burns, and Kathy Ranstrom. Photo provided

Two of Moraga's most dedicated volunteers were honored at the 16th Las Trampas Creek Founders' Day luncheon on Tuesday, April 29. Moraga School District Superintendent Bruce Burns presented Kathy Ranstrom and Nancy Kendzierski with one of PTA's highest recognitions, the Very Special Person Award. The VSP Award is given to individuals or organizations that demonstrate outstanding service to their PTA. Ranstrom and Kendzierski most recently co-chaired the successful Measure B parcel tax campaign, a \$192 parcel tax for

Moraga's K-8 schools. Voters passed the measure during the November 2013 election with 68 percent of the vote.

Their list of accomplishments and service to Moraga's schools was too extensive for Burns to list individually, however, Burns told the group of Lamorinda superintendents, principals, PTA presidents and executive board members that he was extremely grateful for their "unparalleled service, steadfast leadership and unmatched passion to ensure a high quality education for our students."

Lafayette Girl Scouts Celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week

Submitted by Linda Bailey



Photo provided

Girl Scout volunteers were recently recognized for their efforts at a local Service Unit Leader Meeting for not just giving of their time and skills, but building upon a legacy that has developed girls and young women all over the world for nearly 100 years. Pictured (not in order): Janene Goodman, Stephanie Burton, Sandy Magnus, Lisa Palma, Colleen McCarty, Linda Bailey, Julie Bishop, TJ Kirke, Darci Olson, Kristin Ingram, Alison Wash, Kim McLellan, Joan Lo, Joan Toney, Tanya

Parmelee, Lulu Braunstein, Diella Wottrich, Heidi Felt, Susie DeCarlo, Leslie Machmes, Charisse Stratford, Carolyn Wan, Liz Shipman, Francesa Lohman, Angela Starbuck, Justine Parmelee, Tina Sappal, Robin Nick, Sibel Giftgi, Queen Hui, Trish Gregovich, Nicole Carberry, Danette Webb, and Sue Reimer. There are currently waiting lists to place girls in troops. For information about getting involved as a volunteer or to join Lafayette Girl Scouts, visit www.lafayettegirlscouts.org.

Lafayette Girl Scouts Earn Bronze Award

Submitted by Belinda Young



Photo Belinda Young

Lafayette Elementary Troop 32851 recently learned their Bronze Award, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can achieve! The troop of 13 fifth-grade girls hosted an Earth Day event in coordination with the Lafayette Elementary School spring campus cleanup day. The event included multiple display booths and activities that offered students and local scouts a hands-on opportunity to learn about three key conservation values: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. The booths included information about

water pollution, debris accumulation in the North Pacific Gyre, how to make tote bags out of old T-shirts, tips for water conservation, composting, and how to separate trash from recyclables. The displays were fun and engaging, including a simulated wildlife cleanup using rubber duckies. The girls will receive their Bronze Award certificate and pin during the Lafayette Girl Scouts 2014 Awards Ceremony at the Acalanes Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 30.