

# The Cat's Meow



A non-profit no kill shelter since 1974 8354 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Riverside. Ca 92509 [www.room8cats.org](http://www.room8cats.org)

## Our Mission Statement:

“Room 8” Memorial Cat Foundation is a non-profit, no-kill shelter dedicated to aiding lost, abandoned, abused and homeless cats; helping people with pet related problems, providing a retirement home for older cats through bequests, promoting responsible pet ownership and pet population control; and preventing cruelty to animals through educational programs.

“Room 8”  
Memorial Cat  
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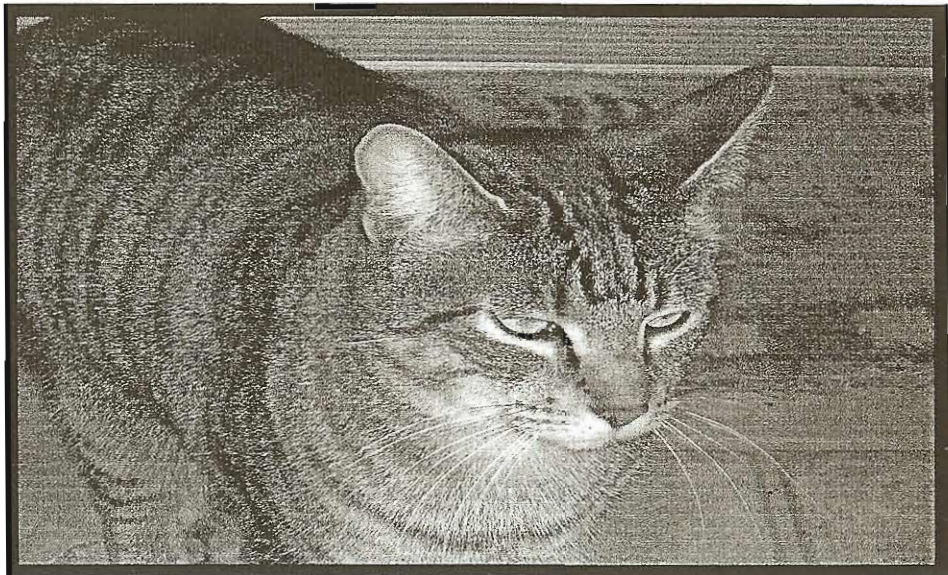
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All of us here at “Room 8” Memorial Cat Foundation hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season. We want to thank you for all your support in our efforts to change the way animals are cared for. “Room 8” is happy to say we’ve made great progress, these last few months. We have been working very hard in spaying and neutering several feral and homeless cats in the Riverside area. We still have so much more work to do, but are glad to be making a difference. Just as all of us are going through these tough economic times, so are we at “Room 8”. Donations this last year have been some of the lowest in many months, all and any donations small or large help and are greatly appreciated. Our furry friends at “Room 8” are in need, the costs of keeping our cattery running are getting harder to reach so we greatly appreciate everything you can do for us.

*A State of the Foundation Address*

Yes, there is news! We are making progress with our permit process. We found out why it is happening; a twenty year amortization plan we were not aware of has come to fruition, and we are working with John Field, of Board of Supervisors John Tavaglione's office, Riverside County Animal Services, and Scott Arnold from the planning department. All departments assure us of their support, patience and assistance as we go through this process.

We are also working on **raising the funds** to pay for the process. Naturally, we are looking towards our normal giving friends, but we are reaching out in other ways as well.

We will be participating at the **Riverside Humane Society's "Walk with the Animals" on March 21, 2009** where we will be selling baskets, cat blankets etc, all hand made and packaged by Jodi Wilson, president. Not to toot my own horn!

We will also participate in the adoption event on **May 1-2 at the Riverside Humane Society**.

We are focusing on raising our **adoption** numbers, planning **sales of candy bars, car washes, parties and raffles, and sales of gift items**. We are looking for places to place our **donation jars**. Know any vet or restaurant that might allow that? Let us know!

We could use **volunteers** to help out at the events, or at the cattery itself. Notice that we have a wish list as well. A few things we would like to add to that list are a working riding lawnmower for our extra land, to keep down the foliage during time of fire danger...or rocks to cover the half-acre so that we would not have to mow! We dream of a day when we can develop that land for more cat rescue!

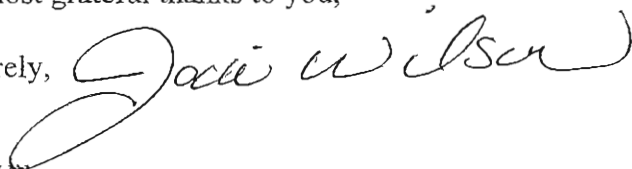
We welcome a new board member in Rev. Debbie Marks, who brings business experience and a varied background to our shelter. She loves to raise funds! She calls it "Raising Fun!" So stay tuned to the many fun things coming up!

We want to thank everyone on our mailing list for all of their donations and giving in the past, and look forward to both more giving and caring on your part, as well as gratitude, caring and communication into the future on our part.

Sadly, we said goodbye to a few of our most senior residents this last quarter, Peaches and Spike. Adieu, sweet kitties, the Rainbow Bridge awaits...

Our most grateful thanks to you,

Sincerely,



Jodi Wilson,  
President