

CAT NIPS

A LETTER FROM JESSICA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello fellow feline lovers!

I'm excited and honored to join this organization as the new Executive Director. I want to thank you all for the warm welcome and for bringing me into your community with such open arms. I notably want to thank the ASAP Cats staff, volunteers, and the Board for all their support during this time. ASAP Cats has a bright future, and I am grateful to be a part of it.

Working in the animal welfare industry for 19 years, I have established my career in the love and care of all animals – even living alongside bearded dragons, pigs, and of course, cats! Starting my journey as a veterinary technician in an animal clinic, I've grown as a professional and garnered a wealth of animal welfare knowledge, shelter management experience, and leadership skills. Most recently, I worked as the Community Services Supervisor for Santa Barbara County Animal Services, starting there back in 2010. I was responsible for several key activities to growth, with a strong focus on keeping pets with families.

Above all, we have an amazing crew working here at ASAP Cats. I can already feel the vibration in the air that unites us all: our love for cats. We are a stronger team with every passing day, and I look forward to seeing how many lives we can save together. For the love and health of cats everywhere, we can make a difference.

Cheers,



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BASIL'S CORNER



Summer is coming to an end, but you'll still find me belly up in any patch of sun I can get my paws on!

We've had a great deal of success with my friends finding their forever homes, and I wanted to take a moment to thank you, dear reader, for your help! Whether you adopted a new best friend, donated to a great cause, or are just interested in helping save lives, our cat-lovin' community is a true inspiration.

Thank you for a great summer and let's keep fighting the good fight!

Until then,

Basil, OUT

THE MUSSMAN SISTERS

We had the pleasure of meeting two fantastic fundraisers: the Mussman sisters! Mariam (10) and Orelia (8) sold lemonade and brownies for a dollar apiece to raise over \$430 for ASAP Cats, collecting coins and bills in exchange for simple delights, all in the name of fundraising. Featuring delicious treats such as gluten-free brownies with lavender frosting, the dynamic duo made all brownies by hand and squeezed every lemon themselves.

"We like helping Lisa take care of all the kitties at ASAP," said Orelia — "And we have outdoor kitties of our own, too," added Mariam. Loving cats is in their nature, as the two proudly said hello to Lionel and Luna in the lobby after dropping off their gracious donation.

To thank Mariam and Orelia for all their hard work, each girl received a thank you gift consisting of ASAP-official super soft t-shirts, notepads, and mugs. "It never occurred to them to keep the money for themselves," said their mother, Brandy, surely proud of how selfless her little donors are.



Donations like these especially help keep the shelter running so we can look after felines like Shadowpuss!

WORKING CATS ON THE REGISTRY

We are delighted to announce the immense honor of being a part of a Working Cat adopter's celebration registry! Celebrating the 11th anniversary of their wedding, two adopters from ASAP's Working Cats program have generously incorporated a section to donate to ASAP within their registry, in recognition of Working Cats.

A successful adopter of one of our working cats, these cats are accustomed to outdoor life, where they can frolic and hunt for vermin to their heart's content, including Ash (pictured below), one such helpful barn cat and loyal lover of his humans!

Thank you for letting us be a part of your special day, for saving feral cats like Ash and letting them do what they love, and a HUGE congratulations! Our community is the best, isn't it?



WHAT IS A WORKING CAT?

Looking to regain control of your barn, ranch, or homestead? Tired of mice infiltrating your home? Look no further than a working cat.

Our semi-feral cats know a thing or two about hunting, and they make for excellent workers when it comes time to track down some mice. ASAP provides a healthy, spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped cat, with relocation support and training — all you need is to provide nighttime shelter (a barn, warehouse, garage, or other outbuilding that will protect the your working cat from predators), daily food and water, and long-term veterinary care as needed.

Say goodbye to mice everywhere, and meet your newest employee – a working cat!

DOROTHY

A QUEEN AND HER KITTENS, RESCUED BY A GOOD SAMARITAN

In early May, a woman showed up at ASAP Cats with a cat she said was looking for food in a dumpster and assumed it was homeless. Shortly thereafter, wellness staff discovered that she was a nursing momma cat! Not knowing how old the kittens were or where they were located, we asked the finder to return the momma cat to where she was found, hoping that momma would lead the finder to where the kittens were.

The finder started feeding momma cat, and within 4 days of following her, after feeding, she led the finder to the kittens: who were down the street.

It turned out the kittens were about 8 weeks old and able to eat food, so with permission from the property owner, the finder started feeding the kittens where they were living. Shortly after that, ASAP's Gina Sunseri trapped the little newfound Tiny Lions. The next day, we had momma cat spayed and returned to the finder's yard, where she was going to be taken care of and fed.

Pictured right is momma Dorothy lounging comfily in a box, where she seems very content with her new lifestyle changes. Her three kittens — **Tin Man, Glinda, and Toto** — are at the shelter for Tiny Lion taming.

Had the finder not cared enough to help, Dorothy's three kittens would have had to learn to survive on their own in a dangerous area, and would have also been of reproductive age in only a few short months.

If you find a homeless cat or a momma cat with kittens, report it to ASAP Cats and we'll be there to help!



DOROTHY AND HER KITTENS

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ADOPTED BY A BROTHER AND SISTER WITH HEARTS OF GOLD

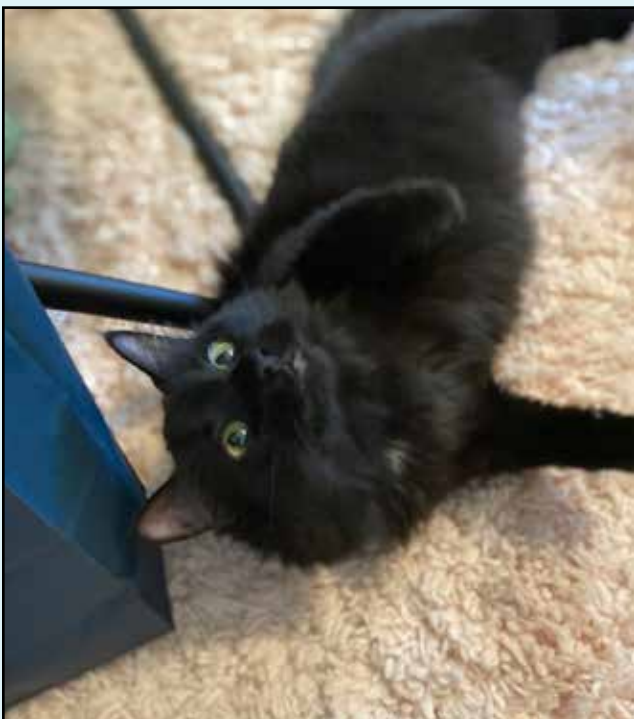
Introducing Arrow and Shelly, two recent adoptees from ASAP Cats, picked up by a brother and sister visiting the shelter. It's always a great idea to bring cat lovers with you, because we know they'll fall in love too!

Shelly (now Toph) settled into her new home super quickly, and it became clear very early on that she would have a playful and bold personality. "If she has the opportunity to sleep in your arms, she's there!" says Toph's new humans. "There's just no evidence she was ever a Tiny Lion, which amazes me."

Other than playing with her wand toys, her ring and ball toy, her kitty tower, or running up and down the stairs, Toph's favorite activity is to "chase our other kitty through their tunnel toy! Rascals."



TOPH



ARROW

While Toph was adjusting to her new home, her human's sister brought Arrow home—and yes, that does make Toph and Arrow kitty cousins.

"Arrow is doing wonderfully!" says Arrow's human. Since the beginning she has been eating and drinking well and using the litter box with no accidents! Taking time to scope out her new digs, she hid for a little bit under the bed but "has definitely been getting more adventurous lately." As a little treat, Arrow's humans got her a cat tree which she absolutely loves, in addition to her official ASAP wand toy.

"She is so loving. She loves to be brushed and pet and held," says Arrow's human. Finding time to sleep with her human throughout the day, Arrow can typically be found in her bed or on her tree in the wee hours of the night.

Arrow's main squeeze summarizes her feelings, saying simply: "I love having her here. She makes my days so much better."

BASIL'S BIG BASH FAST STATS

We are proud to announce that this year's Bash was the grandest one yet, raising the most funds from a single event in ASAP history! We raised over \$200,000 from sponsorships and donations throughout that evening, while we all happily danced the night away in the name of saving cats. Check out some shots from the event below:



WONDERING HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE?

ASAP Cats is proud of its mission in protecting the lives of cats everywhere, especially in Santa Barbara County. Through generous donations from our awesome community, to spreading the word of our mission, to adopting and fostering our cats, there are many and various ways you can help us make a difference.

To donate to our cause, visit our website at www.asapcats.org, or stop by our shelter at 5473 Overpass Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 next time you're in town. We also have several volunteer opportunities available!

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Adoption Drive & Yard Sale - Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 24th, from 10am–3pm**. Come meet a new forever friend and leave with some hidden treasures. **ONLY AT ASAP** at 5473 Overpass Road in Santa Barbara. In addition to getting a chance to make a connection with one of our adorable cats and/or kittens, you'll find one-of-a-kind gifts, household items, antiques, and more at the yard sale. Come on down!



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