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NMAF May Newsletter



FELINE FIESTA

Please come join the fun at **A Feline Fiesta**

A cat lover's delight for all ages

Saturday, May 14th: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 15th: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

NM State Fair Grounds - Expo NM

School Arts Building

This exciting annual festival for cats and cat lovers is also a generous fundraiser to help local cat rescue groups, including NMAF.

Sponsored by the [Enchanted Cat Club](#) and sanctioned by [The International Cat Association \(T.I.C.A.\)](#), there will be 10 rings of feline beauty and competition. NMAF cats will be available for adoption at the show.



NMAF Kitties at the 2015 "On Safari" TICA Show

CAT MEWS

Briggs Channels His Inner Tiger



Briggs

*photo by Helmi Flick

Briggs has a wild look about him. Wild enough that some have questioned his ancestry. Despite this, he has been a friendly, outgoing cat who thinks house guests are invited just to pay him

attention. His temperament is purely domestic. Except once: At 4:00 a.m. one morning, he let out a yowl-growl-snarl more suitable for the deep woods than the window of a suburban home. His foster looked out the window, fully expecting to see a neighbor cat on her porch. Instead, there was a strange car pulling out of her driveway with its lights off! Briggs, our wonderful NMAF guard cat, had sounded the alarm and possibly saved the day for his foster!



[Get to Know Briggs Even Better by Watching His Video](#)

Stratton, the Plumber's Helper



Stratton

One good thing about the fostering system is that we learn our animals' habits. At different times of the day, the cats like to be in certain places. Stratton's foster came home from work one day, and Stratton was in the front window. Not a problem – he is allowed to sit there. It's just not normally "his place" at that time. And what was he staring at? Instead of entering the house through the garage, as she usually does, the foster decided to see what had caught his attention: She found water pouring out of a pipe from her house! The pressure relief valve had failed on her hot water heater, but there was not much water, yet. She shut the water off to the heater right away. She

states, "Stratton had saved buckets of water, not to mention saving me buckets of money!"

Stratton, another fabulous NMAF alarm cat, had alerted his foster and saved the day!

See our amazing Briggs and Stratton and our other for-adoption cats on Saturdays at PetSmart, or see their pictures on our [website](#). Order your alarm system today.

Adoption News



Hannah - Happy to be in Her New Home

As you can see, Hannah is in the lap of luxury, and thanks to her new adopters, she has a new, ginormous cat tree to sit on and peruse her domain. She is getting to know her new sister, Shay-Shay, and is happy to be in her new home with Danielle and Tom.

RESCUE NEWS

Three blonde terrier dogs were dumped off I25 west of Belen. Gloria and Alan went out with traps and dog treats. Within a couple of hours they were able to get the two younger ones trapped. The older female dog would not get in the trap. Alan resorted to dipping his fingers into a can of smelly dog food and letting the female lick his fingers until he was able to grab her. Once taken, she was quite submissive, and with all three in the back of the truck, off they went back to ABQ for fittings with harnesses, collars, ID tags, and flea and tick treatments. Gloria named them Mickey, Minnie, and Squeak after Squeak squeaked all the way home. Minnie had tapeworms and was treated. All were spayed/neutered and vaccinated. All are doing fantastically; learning the joys of being in a safe environment. Squeak was almost immediately adopted, along with Hemsworth, and are living luxuriously in Placitas. See Mickey and Minnie at adoption clinics or on our [website](#).



Mickey

Minnie

Squeak

DOG NEWS

April was fantastic for the dogs!!! Twenty-three adoptions set an April record! Wow! Thanks to all our volunteers! Almost that many dogs were taken in. Toby arrived with surgery done on his foot to remove a huge wood splinter. Three of Dixie's puppies were adopted. Callie and all three of her puppies were adopted. Summer hours arrived for the dog clinic, but without summer, the dogs were still inside until it warms up a bit more on Saturdays. Two transport runs to Roswell brought back 12 dogs from the Carlsbad Noah's Arc Shelter. A lot of very cute, highly adoptable dogs were brought up, saving them from possible euthanasia. Some were adopted within hours of being posted on our website.



Dixie

Cinco de Chihuahua

The **Cinco de Chihuahua** event is ongoing where all our Chihuahua crosses are being adopted at \$55 through May 7. Check out the cutest CdC video ever (below) featuring these adorable Chihuahuas. Our fantastic webmaster, Sandy, put the video together! Thanks to Sandy for the video, Kate for getting their costumes, and Karen for the professional pictures! Ole! And thanks to our little Chihuahua movie stars and their fantastic fosters.



Cinco de Chihuahua Video

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Two events were attended by NMAF volunteers. One was a Pet Fair hosted by the Metropolitan Community Church. Mace and Rupert represented the dogs and put on a good show. Also in attendance was Paws Without Borders who conducted a shot clinic to raise funds for their international spay and neuter clinics. Many parishioner's dogs came by to say "Hi" to Mace and Rupert, and Rupert especially went out of his way to give everyone that wanted one a slurpy kiss.



Sharon, Alan, Rupert, and Mace at the MCC Pet Fair

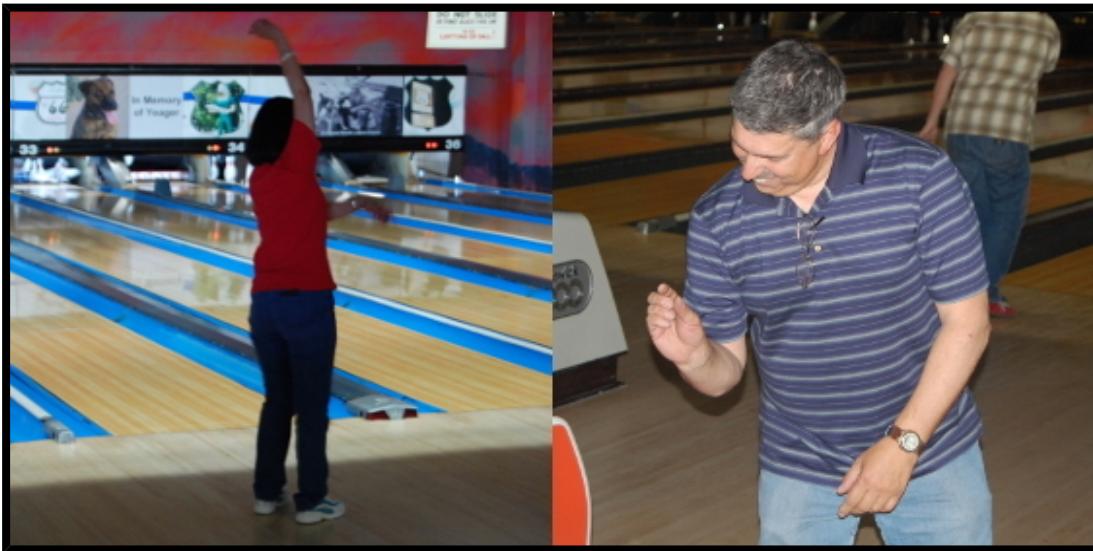
On Saturday, April 30, NMAF and PACA conducted a pet fair at Bear Canyon Estates senior citizen home. Dogs were set up outside the dining hall where everyone could see. Many residents came out to see the dogs when they finished their lunches. Their smiles and happy faces made it all worthwhile. Minnie and Mickey were greeted by many walkers and given many cuddles. Toby and Rupert entertained the crowd with their wrestling antics. The activities director, Erica, was very grateful for the good attendance by the dogs and residents.



Gloria and Dogs at the Bear Canyon Pet Day

FUR BOWL AND GARAGE SALES

Patty reported the Fur Bowl was a resounding success! There were lots of bowlers and the silent auction was well represented.



**Lots of Strikes and Spares (and a few gutter balls)
Were Thrown at This Year's Fur Bowl**

Sally reports the April garage sale moved a lot of merchandise. Plans are for a June 4th Saturday sale during the Four Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale Spectacular. Mark your calendars as this will be posted on our website and details won't be able to be included in next month's newsletter. Bart reports we have 4 storage units of special sale items waiting to be sold.

\$ MONEY FROM HEAVEN \$

A nice bequest was donated to NMAF. The office received a nice check from an estate. This means so much for the care of our animals. Such funds go a long way toward boarding, medical costs, office overhead, supplies and overhead. Without these extra funds from heaven, we would be struggling.

Keep NMAF in mind when doing your will. Make plans for your own animals in case something happens, also.

FOSTERS AND HELP

We desperately need fosters and clinic help, especially for the cat department. An hour setting up or breaking down on a Saturday would be so appreciated. And more lives can be saved with a foster home.

HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO! OLE!



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