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Feline Focus Committee spruces up shelter cat rooms



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The Board of Directors formed several committees earlier this year including the Adoption Committee and its offshoot the Feline Focus Committee (FFC). Chaired by Board Member, Kathy Dillon, the FFC focuses on boosting cat adoption rates (the lowest at the shelter).

Cat Room Spruce-Up Night was the FFC's first project. Eden Tullius, Cat Room volunteer and interior design student at Montgomery College, headed the project. Her mission was to revamp the three cat rooms and main hallway, thereby creating a contemporary and inviting atmosphere for potential adopters. On Saturday, July 29th, seventeen members and their friends toiled away for four hours on this first project of many, designed to increase cat adoption rates.



Cat room spruce-up night entailed~

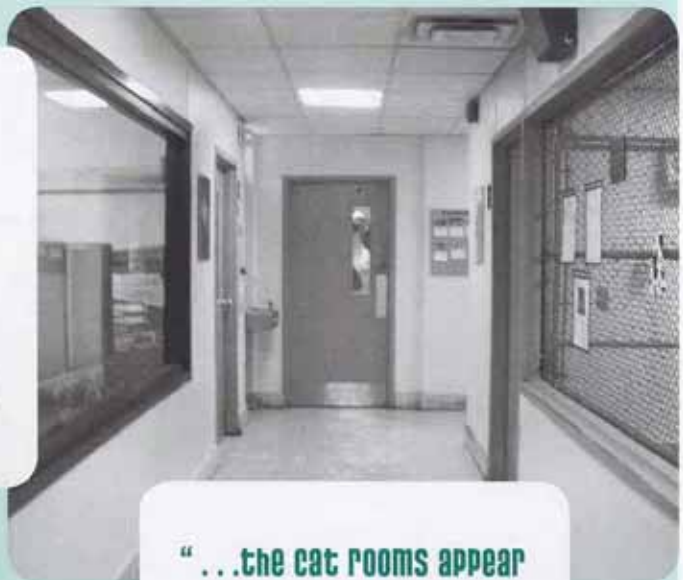
- ♥ cleaning all doors, walls and trim with Imus' Greening the Cleaning® products
- ♥ replacing paper signs with user-friendly permanent signs and posters with framed animal photography
- ♥ creating handouts, which streamline visitation procedures
- ♥ installing nameplates and cat and dog symbols to guide patrons
- ♥ hanging magnetic boards to highlight cats in the Foster Care Program
- ♥ purchasing and positioning new chairs, hampers, and watering cans

Reactions to Cat Room Spruce-Up Night were terrific. Debbie Wood, Placement Director, remarked, "I love the way that the cat rooms appear lighter and brighter with the addition of whimsical photos. The new signs are easier to read, the atmosphere is warm and welcoming..."

Kathy Dillon said of the project, "The volunteers worked very hard to spruce up our cat rooms on behalf of our wonderful felines. We hope that Montgomery County patrons also benefit from the improved signage and visitor handouts strategically placed in the cat areas. I so appreciate the dedication of the FFC members and their friends and families who gave up a Saturday night to help with this important project." Project Director, Tullius, looks forward to seeing cat adoption rates rising as the FFC's work continues.

Volunteers

The Montgomery County Humane Society would like to thank the following volunteers for giving up their Saturday evening to help with the clean-up effort: Sharon Collins, JC Crist, Frank Denevan, Jr., Frank Denevan, Sr., Maryann Denevan, Michelle Denevan, Kathy Dillon, Pam Easson, Jean Fram, Frank Fram,



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Cat Room Spruce-Up Night Continued



Beth Price, David Reuben, Pat Thomas, Vicki Thomas, Eden Tullius, Shirley Watson, and David Weis.

SPONSORS

Cat Room Spruce-Up Night would not have been possible without private donations obtained from the following area companies and individuals. The money was used to cover the cost of cleaning supplies, office supplies, artwork, and other items for the project.

Loiederman Soltesz Associates, Inc., Frank Gumpert Printing, Sharon Collins, Kathy Dillon, Jean Fram, Jessica Kaplan, The Robinsons (Matt, Jennifer, Sam, and Ellie), Vicki Thomas, and Eden Tullius.

The FFC would like to give special thanks to the owners and staff of Grape and Grain, Inc., 19223 Watkins Mill Road, Montgomery Village, Maryland. Every week for the past three years, Grape and Grain has supplied the MCHS Cat Rooms with dozens of fresh boxes, which are used with donated towels to serve as beds for the cats and kittens. This weekly supply of boxes helps the shelter provide a more cozy and comfortable environment for our feline friends. Thank you, Grape and Grain!

FREE SPAY/NEUTER

Adopt a cat from Cat Room II or the Cat Sneeze Room and receive a free spay/neuter from one of our participating vets.

These cats have been at MCHS the longest and need the most help.