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Letter from the Editor

Hello and welcome to the premier edition of HoZ News. I want to personally thank you for joining us and becoming part of our community of animal advocates. Through members like you, we are able to rescue homeless animals, and give them a life filled with love and compassion.

Our vision is to provide the community, a wellness sanctuary where we can offer each and every animal that comes through our gates, holistic healthcare, rehabilitation, and a chance of finding a furever home. And for those animals that are unable to be adopted, the sanctuary offers them a chance to live out their lives, cared for and loved, free of a caged life.

It takes a community to save animals, and we hope that you will join us on this journey. Through our magazine, we will keep you updated on our progress, highlight successful adoptions, and provide you with valuable information for you and your pets.

If you have any questions, please feel free to write me at hozsanctuary@gmail.com or drop me a line and let me know what you think of our premier issue.

Lisa Mellers
Founder of the House of Zen

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Flea Control Solutions

Having many pets comes with the need to find reasonably priced solutions for common problems associated with them. Many natural solutions are easily available and often cost less, but are not well known. This column will bring you holistic approaches, from wellness practitioners, so that you and your pets can stay healthy without all the harsh chemicals and high bills associated with traditional veterinarian remedies. So to kick off our first column, I thought we'd tackle fleas.

While the traditional approach works well for some, for others it has done irreparable harm. So if you're wondering what you can do, the following information serves as a starting point. But as in all things, I encourage you to do your own research. Only you know your pets, and since each animal is different, you need to choose a solution that works best for you.

With that, here are some solutions to combat fleas, and win.

1. Diatomaceous Earth (DE)

This product works amazing. DE is an off white talc-like powder that is the fossilized remains of marine phytoplankton. When sprinkled on a bug that has

an exoskeleton (such as bed bugs, ants or fleas) it gets caught between their little exoskeleton joints. As they move, the diatomaceous earth acts like razor blades and cuts them up. Because it kills fleas by a physical action, not chemical, fleas are unable to build up an immune to it. DE has been used for hundreds of years by farmers, who to this day, dump food grade diatomaceous earth in with grains where they are stored to kill the insects that want to feast on the grains. In addition, DE is a natural pest control for both external and internal use. Internally, it can be used as an organic wormer (complete worming can take up to a month to be safe), and even aids in hip and joint issues as well as provide a healthier shiny coat. This stuff is so good, it can even be taken internally by us! In humans, DE cleans and detoxifies the colon, helps destroy bad fats in the arteries, and aids in the health of your skin, hair, nails, and teeth, just to mention a few.

When using DE, first make sure you are only using food grade quality. DE comes in food grade and pool grade. Unless it states that it's food grade, do not use it. Food grade can be found online easily. When using it externally for pest control, you can apply it directly to your pet's fur

by simply coating your hands with it and then petting your animal gently. It's best to pet away from the nose, as it can become an irritant to your pet's breathing. Because of this, it is also important to pet slowly so as not to cause too much dust in the air. This can become an irritant to you as well.

In addition, to combat the fleas living in your carpet, sprinkle DE on your carpets, upholstery and pet bedding. Leave on for a couple of hours and then vacuum up. If you have an infestation, it can be a little messy, but it's best to leave the DE for a week to ensure killing any fleas that hatch.

2. Brewer's Yeast

Fleas dislike the flavor of yeast. Mixing it with your pet's food can make their blood unpalatable to fleas. Use about a teaspoon of unprocessed brewer's yeast daily for cats and small dogs, and a tablespoon for a 50-pound dog. Some animals are yeast intolerant and will react with skin allergies. Discontinue use if this occurs.

3. Dawn Dish Detergent

One of the best "old wive's tales" still stands up to time. Bathing your pet is one of the easiest solutions to flea control. However, it only kills the adult fleas, so it's important to bathe your pet often to break the flea life cycle. While other gentle shampoos may work, Dawn is known to work the best.

While bathing your pet, be sure to scrub gently getting to the skin of your pet, where the fleas are hiding. It is good to rinse and repeat until you are no longer seeing fleas when rinsing. Cats can be bathed as well, although some more difficult than others. If you have a cat that you can't bathe, pour some Dawn in a bowl with warm water and use a flea comb to comb the fleas out of your cat's hair and then dip the comb in the water to kill the fleas. This is a lengthier process, but effective.

4. Electric Flea Traps

These are traps utilizing a night light and a sticky pad. The fleas are attracted to both the warmth and the light itself. Once they enter the sticky pad, they are trapped and die. I found these work well, not only for fleas, but ants, gnats and even spiders.

The best defense against fleas, and other afflictions such as heart worms, is good overall health. This includes a balanced diet, grooming where necessary, and regular exercise. Before looking for external sources of flea problems with a pet, take a step back and consider the animal's overall health. If the pet looks run down or exhibits poor self-grooming, it's likely a remedy for fleas may alleviate the problem, but the pet's underlying health condition may still leave it susceptible to future flea problems.



Blogs from the Experts

Jackson Galaxy aka Cat Whisperer

Cat-to-Cat Introductions

The common wisdom in introducing a newly adopted cat to a resident one in the past was to open the carrying case and "let them work it out." We most definitely have a new way of looking at things; from the cat's perspective. Cats are, after all, about territory. Bring a new, utterly alien scent of the same species into the house, and more times than not, we're asking for chaos. Of course everyone has a story about introducing two cats that went smoothly doing the old fashioned technique. The point to stress is, if it goes poorly, this one meeting is the association that these two cats will hold onto for quite a long time and make a peaceable kingdom a difficult task. It is, ultimately, better to be safe than sorry.

A slow and steady introduction starts with the establishment of a base camp for the newcomer. Once you've set up his or her space, you're ready to start letting the cats make positive associations between one another. This is key, and will be repeated ad infinitum; all associations between the cats during this critical period have to be as pleasing as

possible to reduce possible friction when they finally have free access.

Steps to a Successful Introduction

1. Food - one of the most pleasing motivators. Feeding time will happen at the door of base camp until introduction is complete.
2. Visual Access - the next step is to open the door

just a tiny crack, giving the cats limited visual access to each other. How soon do you move on to this step? As with all steps in introduction, pay attention to the cats; let their body language tell you when they are comfortable enough to move on.

3. Scent Swapping - take a washcloth per cat and rub them down with it, making sure to go across their cheeks, head, sides, and around the base of the tail. Then, present the other cat with the scent of the washcloth in a conspicuous part of their territory, perhaps near a favored sleeping spot or near (but respecting the space of) their food or water. This will start getting them accustomed to the new facts of life;

their space will have to be shared with one another.

4. Site Swapping - relies on more paws, aka physical exploration, of one another's space, so once a day, switch the two cats.

5. Play - remember, they are just energetic balloons naturally, and even more so during these intense times of stress. Of course, you will have separate play sessions during the introduction phase.

6. Holistic Aid - consider flower essences to help both (or all) cats get through the initial introduction period with the least amount of stress and anxiety. Spirit Essence has many formulas to choose from.

When you think it's time to let them be in the territory together at the same time, take precautions. If a fight breaks out, do not try to break



it up with your hands! Instead, have an immediate barrier like a couple of large, thick towels or blankets at the ready. You can toss them over the cats to disorient them, and immediately relocate them by scooping them up inside the towel (to protect yourself). Let the event pass with each cat in their own "time-out", and start again fresh tomorrow beginning. Also make sure that when the two cats meet, they have escape routes from one another. Getting cornered is a sure recipe for a fight.

Keep a close eye on all interactions for the first week or so, not letting the cats have free access to each other when nobody is home. Keep the food and litter setup established in the base camp room for the awhile. The accepted "recipe" is three litter boxes for two cats (to be precise, 1 box per cat + 1). Also bear in mind escape routes from the boxes, as the last place we want a skirmish to erupt is while one of the cats is having a "private moment." They should be able to see as much of the room around them as possible when in the litter box, which is why uncovered boxes would be recommended.

The following article is a shortened version of the October 2010 blog by Jackson Galaxy.

The full version can be found at:
<http://jacksongalaxy.com/2010/10/01/cat-to-cat-introductions/>



Meet the Vet

Mercy Animal Clinic

I met Dr. Hamlin, in 2010, with the addition of Buster Brown, a Sheppard/Retriever mix, as our newest family member. We had moved to Texas in 2008 with just one cat in tow, but after living with diabetes for 2 years, he passed away. Though our first vet was good, I was looking for something more. A vet that put the health of my pet before my dollars. I doubted such a vet existed. Then I met Dr. Hamlin.

As my pack grew, both cats and dogs, it was clear that my vet expenses would grow accordingly. However, to my surprise Dr. Hamlin has always put my animals' health over my wallet.

One particular time, I found myself in a panic when my cat brought in a baby rabbit. It was alive but bleeding and I couldn't imagine a vet facility that would see me with such an "emergency". Fortunately my instinct was to rush over to Dr. Hamlin. Even to care for a wild rabbit my pack tried to harm, Dr. Hamlin was there to the rescue. He took the bunny into his personal care, nursed it back to health and then freed it.

As I began getting more involved in rescue, I needed to find a vet that would work with me. When we pulled a kitten from being euthanized at a local shelter, our hope to bottle feed it back to health took a turn for the unexpected. The kitten was just too small and could not latch on to the bottle. When Dr. Hamlin examined the kitten it was clear that he needed an intervention. Dr. Hamlin, once again, took in this little baby, nursed him back to health, and now he is actually a part of Dr. Hamlin's personal pack.

In February of 2013, Dr. Hamlin opened Mercy Animal Clinic, a state of the art facility, offering an in-house laboratory, surgical care, various wellness care and consultations, as well as grooming and boarding. But that's not all. He is one of the few vets that offer after hours emergency care. So should your pet need immediate care, Dr. Hamlin will be there.

As a rescue group, his prices are affordable to allow us to help animals in need, and his hospitality and care keep us coming in with our family pets.



Professional Care with a Personal Touch

At Mercy Animal Clinic, we want to be your one-stop to pet wellness by providing the following services:

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- Surgical Care
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- Oncology Services
- Dental Services
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- Heartworm Prevention & Testing
- Senior Canine Wellness Program
- On-Site Pharmacy
- Behavior Counseling
- Pre-Adoption Counseling
- Diabetes Management
- Parasite Control
- Pet Boarding
- Grooming Services
- Emergency Services





Tips to Finding Your Lost Cat or Dog

Know What to Do to Maximize Your Search

The following are guidelines, set forth by the No Kill Advocacy Center, on best ways to finding your lost animal.

DOGS: The primary mode of recovery for lost dogs should be the dog owner working to effectively communicate to the public that their dog is lost.

CATS: Not all lost cat incidents should be treated the same. There are 3 basic categories of missing cats: displaced indoor-only cats, lost outdoor-access cats, and displaced outdoor cats.

- **Displaced Indoor-Only Cats:** When an indoor-only cat escapes outside and is displaced into unfamiliar territory there is good news. It means the cat is probably not lost at all. That's because displaced cats, depending upon the terrain, typically look for the first location that offers concealment and protection and they hide there. If the cat has a skittish temperament,

the cat will typically remain immobile as long as he or she has found a good hiding place.

- **Lost Outdoor-Access Cats:** When an outdoor-access cat disappears, it means that something has happened to the cat to interrupt his/her behavior of coming home. Cats are territorial and they do not just run away from home (like some dogs do). Unless a cat was transported (intentionally or unintentionally) out of the area, missing outdoor-access cats are most likely to be found within a 7 house radius of the edge of their territory.

- **Displaced Outdoor-Access Cats:** When an outdoor-access cat has vanished, it is also possible that he/she is displaced and hiding in fear. Outdoor-access cats can become displaced into unfamiliar territory when they are chased off and they end up in an area that is foreign to them. Many cases

where cats were “lost” turn up only some 5 houses or a block away.

In the end, neighbor’s yards are the locations where displaced and trapped cats are most likely to be found.

Techniques To Finding Your Pet

FLYERS: 8.5 x 11 white paper flyers are fine for posting at stores and vet offices, but they are NOT suitable for capturing the attention of people outdoors, especially those driving. Studies have shown that a larger object will capture attention quickly, compared to a smaller object. Moreover, an object

placed within the “zone of attention” is more likely to be seen than one outside of that zone. This means that placing lost pet posters along the side of a road are less effective than placing them by traffic signals and stop signs at intersections where people slow down, stop, and/or focus their attention.

At any typical intersection, pet owners only have 5 seconds and 5 words to get their message across to drivers passing through the area. Therefore, there is an increased chance that a missing pet will be recovered if the owner create posters using the following rules:





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1. Make the posters GIANT so that people driving by cannot miss them.
2. Make them FLUORESCENT so that the color attracts the attention of everyone.
3. Put them at MAJOR INTERSECTIONS or busy streets near where the pet was lost (and in the areas of sightings).
4. Keep them BRIEF and to the point.
5. Let them convey a VISUAL IMAGE (i.e. Rewards! Lost Orange Tabby Cat; Yellow Labrador-type Dog Lost) of the animal lost.

FINDING CATS - Leave out food and water, as well as belongings with your familiar scent. Do it at the same time every night. Then try and keep watch from a distance to see if your cat will venture out to eat it. When he is hungry enough he will venture out when he feels safe which is normally under the cover of night. Put a baby monitor outside next to the food so if the cat comes back during the night you will be able to hear him/her. If your cat is an indoor-only, he/she is very likely

hiding in fear close to where she ran away and will not make a sound even when you call. Many animal shelters will rent or lend traps that are easy to use; some rural or outdoorsy stores even sell them. (please note: if you trap another cat or wildlife visit here <http://www.getmycat.com/cat-trapping-dealing-with-wildlife-other-cats>)

FINDING DOGS - As mentioned above, the most important tip to finding your dog is getting the word out. Besides our tips on creating and posting the right flyers, you should also search the neighborhood both on foot and by car. Dogs are most active at dawn and dusk. Search at other times as well, but focus on those two time periods. Cover the paths where you normally walk your dog, as well as surrounding areas. Draw a circle on a map with your home at the center. Extend the radius out a few miles so you can cover the area in a comprehensive, methodical way. Grab a leash, and take along some really stinky, yummy food you know your dog will love. If your dog has a favorite toy, bring that along as well. Toys that make noise, such as ones that squeak or jingle, are best. Whether you're

Other Avenues to Search

Besides flyers and physically searching there are other ways to improve your chances of finding your pet.

1. Local & Surrounding Shelters - Be sure to go to your city's shelter as well as neighboring town shelters. Give them a lost pet report and be sure to follow up with phone calls daily.

2. Craigslist - Many people list animals they find as a way to help. Search the listing daily and even put out a missing pet ad.

3. Vets, Groomers & Rescue Groups - Make a list of all the local vets, groomers and rescue groups and then call them to make a missing pet report. Many vets keep

a log of missing and found pets. A "stray" pet could end up at a groomer by a good Samaritan. And rescue groups are contacted often by shelters and good Samaritans wanting to help a found pet.

4. Local Pet Store - Many pet stores have a lost and found bulletin board that you can search and leave a flyer.

walking or driving, go slowly and shout out your dog's name in a happy voice. (If you're in a vehicle, having someone else drive so you're free to shout out the window is advised). Assuming your dog is familiar with the phrase, "Wanna go for a ride?" say your dog's name followed the phrase, uttered in the same tone you'd normally use. If your dog is trained to come when called, try calling their name and then giving the recall cue, also using the tone you'd normally use for the exercise. If you have another dog, or have access to another

dog yours is friends with, take that dog along on searches.

Keeping the core search group to a small number is also crucial. Research has shown that too many people trying to catch a frightened dog will only push the dog out of its comfort zone and further away. Be sure to communicate to good Samaritans that if they see your dog, do not attempt to catch him or her, but instead call the number on the flyer and keep an eye on the dog until someone in your core group can come out.



Sanchez, Our First Rescue

It was 2012. The baby birds were chirping away in my microwave vent, as they have always done since I moved to TX in the summer of 2008. While most neighbors find this time of season annoying, I have always enjoyed the spring babies. This time was no exception. Little did I know that the universe would have something much grander in mind. What is it that happened? I was blessed with the experience to rescue a baby grackle.

He was so small when I came across him. His pale skin could be seen, with just patches of baby bird fluff, and a inkling of feathers. Startled to find him hopping around the grass underneath the microwave vent, I panicked as to how to help. I ran to my computer and feverishly began to search. It was clear in just a few searches that the best course of action was to put him back into the nest. So that's what I did. I monitored his whereabouts the rest of the day, being fortunate to work from home. I went to bed that night, feeling great that I had rescued this bird.



However, the next morning he was back in the grass.

The morning was still cool and the sprinklers had gone off before sunrise. I found him cold and shivering. My research the day before, suggested feeding abandoned baby birds moistened kitten kibble due to its small size and high protein content. So I grabbed the lid of a cardboard box, a pair of tweezers, some kitten kibble and a small salsa dish and headed out to the backyard. I pulled some grass and created a make shift nest in the salsa bowl. I opened my back door fence and found him hopping along the

side of the house, begging for food from the mama bird that was flying above. I would learn later, this was not the mama bird, but in fact the mama bird of a family of nest stealers. And it was obvious from watching, she had no intention on feeding him. I picked him up, sat down in the grass and began to feed him. It was almost instant that he took to me and the make shift food. He ate until he was done and then settled into the salsa nest to sleep.

Throughout the day I went outside several times. Each time he saw me he would hop out of the salsa dish, pop up on my lap and eat from my hand. However, night was approaching and I was concerned for his safety. So I set to making a make shift birdhouse out of a box. I sealed it up and cut a hole out of one side. I put a tee shirt and some more grass in the box and then with two holes punched through the back, was able to use string to thread through and wrap around the fence, securing it off the ground. I went to bed that night anxiously waiting for morning to check on my first rescue. We named him Sanchez.

The next morning came with more cool and moist air. I found him still in the

box, but very much cold and shivering. I feed him all day, but as the day drew near, it was clear that my make shift food and housing was only good enough to save him from the immediate danger. It would not be enough to save his life. Back to the computer I went.

New research revealed that mealworms were the superfoods for baby birds. Ugh. Worms! But it was worms or death so I pushed on. A quick trip to PetSmart and I had a couple of cans of dead sautéed worms. Thank goodness they were dead.





Tails of Rescue

I decided it was time to bring him indoors. It would not be easy as I had 2 large dogs and 3 cats. I took a laundry basket, stuck a branch through the holes of each side, giving him a perch. I placed the birdhouse he had grown accustomed to into the basket and put the basket on a table in my front office. The change of scenery was frightening for him, but after a little coaxing with some worms, he was all set.

There he stayed for several days, as he grew strong. It was fascinating how well the worms worked. The kibble was difficult from day one, as the texture was never consistent and the shape didn't fit the bird's beak. But a worm was long and thin and fit perfectly, so feeding became instant and nutritious. It wasn't long

before I would find Sanchez perched on the edge of the basket, ready to explore.

With every day Sanchez grew stronger. His skin finally covered with fluffy and feathers and his curiosity about the world was showing. I knew it wasn't long that he'd be leaving the nest, when I would find him on the windowsill and various plants in my office.

It was becoming increasingly difficult to catch Sanchez. Every day I found him out and about in the room. The day finally came when it was time to transition him to the new outdoor birdhouse, which I hung below the gutter overhang, in the backyard. He stayed in his new house for only a day. With the morning sunrise of the following day, he was gone.



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If you'd like more information about us and our vision or are interested in investing, contact us at hozsanctuary@gmail.com.



Tails of Rescue



It was bittersweet and for days later I found myself chirping outside calling for him. To my surprise, a week after Sanchez left his nest, I was calling for him when suddenly a small bird flew towards me and landed by my feet. It was Sanchez!

Now fully feathered, but still relatively small, he knew exactly who I was. Ironically, it was the weekend of Mother's Day.

I sat down on the sidewalk and began talking to him, while my son ran inside to get some left over worms. Sanchez

was much more cautious about eating from me, but not enough to stop him. We sat there for a good half hour, eating and communicating. And then just as quick as he had showed up, he was gone.

I continued to call for him for several days, always hoping he'd come back, always wondering where he might go. Again to my surprise, he appeared one morning in the backyard. I still had some cans of worms, so I grabbed them and sat down outside. He was much bigger now, almost making me question if it was him. But this bird was far too comfortable



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being close to me, to be a random wild bird. While this time Sanchez would no longer eat from me, he still hopped around me, playing on the patio furniture and listening to me talk. We visited for over an hour, and then it was goodbye once again.

I would get to see my sweet bird one last time, several months later. A couple of days after my birthday in October, my daughter and I were startled to find a very large black bird in the garage. It flew to my neighbor's yard, as I ran inside to food. I took it outside and sat down in the driveway. When he saw me, he walked across my neighbor's yard, and then across mine, stopping only inches away from me. I offered the food, which he ate at a distance. He walked around

me towards the water dish, stopping to have a drink. Our visit lasted a good while, and then he flew off...a beautiful, fully grown, sparkling black grackle.

Not a day goes by that I don't wonder where he is or if he's still alive. I will be forever grateful for the experience he brought to me. It would be 8 months later, 4 rescued and returned-to-owner dogs, and 1 cat we named Seymour, that would finally waken me to what has always been my life's purpose. And so the House of Zen Wellness Sanctuary & Rescue was born.

Thank you Sanchez.







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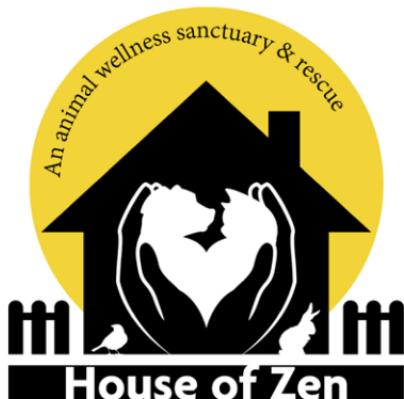
What Does This Mean and How Can You Help?

The seed was planted in 2012 after a successful rescue of a baby grackle. It was an experience that would forever change my life.

A year and a half later, with 22 dogs and 11 cats rescued, re-homed or adopted, the growth of that seed was slow but steady. As one animal was off to a new life, another came into my path. I never looked to find ones to help, but they always found me.

And as I got more educated in the rescue industry, as I learned from experiences – 1 litter of puppies and 2 litters of bottle fed kittens provide a lot of experience – my passion grew stronger, and my determination to buy land and open a sanctuary and rescue was never more sound.

The vision of the sanctuary has grown as well. I have researched successful sanctuaries and rescues and have



combined some of their programs with some of my own ideas to create what will be a zen haven for companion animals and people alike.

The House of Zen will be more than a sanctuary and rescue, but instead it will be a retreat where people can come and find tranquility while they visit the animals. It will be a place of healing for our animals as well as those that visit.



So How Will We Do This?

We will utilize No Kill programs that will help our community with their stray population. We will create a zen environment with music playing throughout the property, and we will have a couple of onsite areas where people can come just to visit. Our core philosophy will dictate a wellness approach to everything we do.

Our Programs & Services

• Exchange Program

Trade highly adoptable animals (i.e. kittens, puppies, etc.) from our sanctuary for less adoptable ones (nonsociable, sick, elderly, etc.), with local city shelters. By trading with local shelters, it gives animals that would normally be euthanized at the shelter more time to be adopted. If they never

get adopted then they get to live on the property for life. The local shelters, in return, get animals that are healthy, and adopt out quickly, helping them reach No Kill status more easily.

• Shelter Intervention

The No Kill research shows that most animals that show up as owner surrenders in local shelters are not there because of heartless owners, but rather from people with changing life experiences that could have never been anticipated. Instead of punishing the owner or the animal, our library of help and financial aid will go towards helping people through these life obstacles. We will provide food through our foodbank, medical assistance through established veterinarian relationships and financial assistance through donations



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to qualified pet owners. We will have a library of additional information that can guide pet owners to other resources available. We will offer monthly workshops to assist owners with behavioral issues and training and provide a means to low cost spay/neuter and vaccinations. By being a resource for the community, we will prevent animals from being turned into local shelters and keep them in the loving homes they already have.

- **Community Pet Rescue (CPR)**

This program is an online service aimed at reuniting pets with their owners. The system will provide lost

& found pet alerts and generate an automated lost & found flyer, which will get distributed electronically to members and local business, shelters, vets, etc.

- **Holistic Services**

Services like massage, acupressure, holistic dietitians that can education on raw diets, holistic supplements, etc. will be offered to the public and their pets. These services will also be utilized internally, to rehabilitate sanctuary animals.

- **Weekend Warrier Adoptions**

This program is targeted at animals



that need new homes, but can stay where they are temporarily (owner surrender, stray found, fosters, etc.). By allowing these good Samaritans to participate in weekend adoption events, we give the animals the needed exposure without the sanctuary or local shelters taking in the pet. It will empower good Samaritans to help, knowing they will have a tool to find a home for the animal they have rescued.

- **Mobile Rescue Units**

We will have designated volunteers that go out on emergency calls for help. They will assist in catching a stray animal and aid in looking for reported lost animals. Each vehicle will be equipped with first aid designed to help an animal in need. It will include items like gauze, antibacterial medication, water, food, blankets, etc. There will be a special number available for good Samaritans to call in a stray animal report.

- **Honorarium**

At the House of Zen, no animal will be forgotten when they have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. To honor

them, we will have a special wall unit built to house the ashes of our beloved. The wall unit will be designed out of wood and replicate a spice drawer cabinet with small drawers at the top, working down to bigger drawers on the bottom. In addition, we will offer drawer label plaques for tribute donations. These plaques will be mounted on a drawer to honor the donator's person or pet honoree.

- **Critter Cafe**

The Critter Cafe will be located in an area on the property specially designated for visitors. It will be an indoor/outdoor spot with lounge areas in both. We will sell coffee and tea for onsite consumption, while providing a zenful environment. While the cafe will be positioned to where the majority of the sanctuary animals can only be viewed, it will be enclosed so that our most calm cats and dogs can freely roam and mingle with the customers.

- **Karma Consignments**

The Karma Consignment shop will be located onsite in a separate building (our vision is to convert a barn). Here we will accept gently used items such as furniture, clothing, household



goods and decorations which we will then sell to the general public. The shop will be open to the public during normal business hours. And we will offer pick up service for large items donated as well as donated left over tag sale and estate sale items.

How Will We Fund Operations?

The vision we've laid out is grand and will take a steady stream of funding to keep it going. While we value every donation given to us, we know that it can't sustain us. That's why our plan has built in money-making programs & services. The Honorarium will aid in generated donations, while the Holistic Services, Critter Cafe and Karma Consignment shop will yield steady revenue.

We will grow organically, starting off small when we first open doors, then expanding accordingly.

Where Are We At?

Currently we run a mini House of Zen, on a small piece of property with many limitations. Because of these limitations, we are unable to rescue as many animals as we would like. We do not believe in overextending our resources,

which would only put our vision and the animals at risk.

So while we rescue those that we can, we have also been working on the business side of things.

Since January 2013 we have

- created a website
- created a Facebook page
- opened a bank account strictly for the business
- opened a Paypal account for donations

In addition, through an incredibly generous donation, we have been able to get our 501c3 application prepared for filing.

So How Can You Help?

Our immediate need is to raise money for the IRS filing fee for our 501c3 application. The fee is \$400. By gaining our 501c3 status, we will be able to apply for grant monies and hold bigger fundraising events where we can offer a tax deduction for donations. Phase II of our business plan is contingent on gaining our 501c3 status.

We would also like to pay off our \$400 vet bill which was from animals we rescued this year. In addition, we cur-

rently have 4 new kittens in our rescue that will need vetting soon. We would like to pay off our debt before we incur more, since having a good relationship with our vet is crucial to the success of our sanctuary.

Once we reach Phase II we will begin to have exciting fundraising events as well as to begin establishing a volunteer and foster database. Once we are able to purchase property (or get it donated) we will begin Phase III... opening doors!

I hope you will support us in our goal, and join us on this journey. Exciting times are just around the corner.

Stay tuned for our next quarterly magazine, where we will keep you informed of our progress, and share with you more of our rescue success stories. If you would like to advertise in our next issue, please contact us at hozsanctuary@gmail.com.

Feel free to contact us on any articles you've read or just to let us know how you think we're doing.

We Need YOUR HELP! We Can't Do It Alone



If you can help, please donate. If you'd like to donate directly to our vet, message us for details. We can't thank you enough. YOU make this happen and we are grateful!

We need \$800

\$400 Vet Balance - This is a combination of vetted kittens as well as Wylie Boy's on going care. We have new kittens in our rescue that will need vetting soon but would like to pay off what we owe before we incur more debt. We love our vet and don't believe in taking advantage of his kindness.

\$400 IRS Filing Fee - This is to send off to the IRS along with our 501c3 application. Once we get this status we will be able to move into Phase II of our goals to open a facility with land. Being 501c3 will allow us to apply for grant monies and offer you a tax deduction.

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