

The GIFTS CATS give us . . .

Cat lovers “get it” – they understand why cats are essential parts of our lives and families. The gifts cats bring into a household are priceless. Cats don’t bestow their gifts lightly. Not to disparage dogs, but – they are often a little indiscriminate in their affections. Cats make you earn their trust, acceptance and affection.

So this holiday season, we’re celebrating and expressing our gratitude for these gifts:



AFFECTION~
The purr;
the nighttime cuddle;
the head butt;
the ankle rub.



JOY & GRACE~
Racing after toys,
leaping through
the air, climbing
impossible heights,
“dancing” to their
own mysterious
tunes.



COMPANIONSHIP~
Coming home to the
tail-up greeting;
snuggling together
with a good book or
TV movie.



TRUST~
Their confidence in our ability
to meet their needs; the sheathed
claws; the tolerance of awkward
handling; submitting
(sometimes) to the pill.



COMFORT~
A warm
weight on your chest
when you’re chilled, a quiet
presence when you’re feeling
sad; that purr again that’s said
to help bones heal.

Cat owners are happy to give back -- to show appreciation for these abundant gifts with food, shelter, veterinary care and love. And rescue groups like Community Concern for Cats step in to fill the vacuum when a cat is homeless, frightened, starving and alone (or worse than alone, trying to feed hungry kittens).

Here’s a prime example from the past year of how CC4C volunteers work every day to provide to cats in need – *next page . . .*

Community Concern for Cats

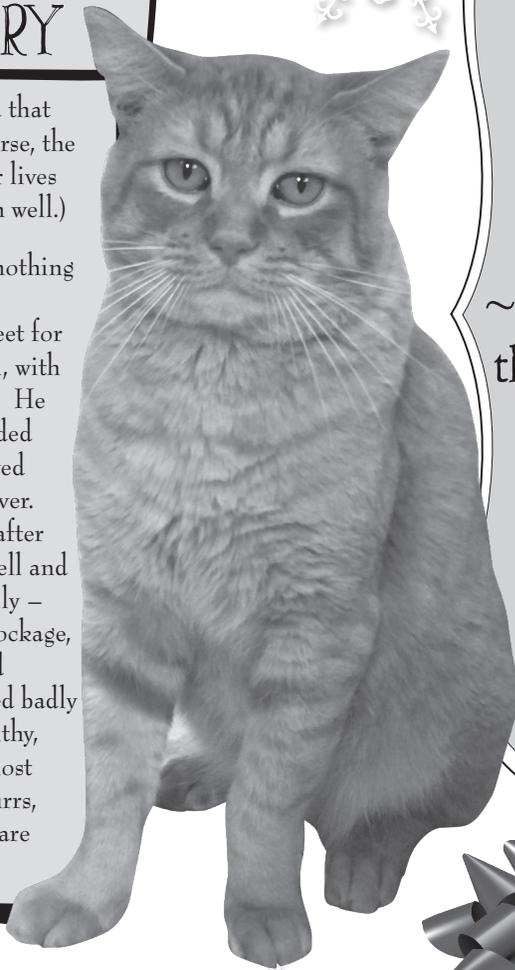
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THE GIFT OF LIFE - A CC4C RESCUE STORY

We know there are thousands of cats in our area that don't have a chance to give these gifts. (Of course, the feral cats never will – they just want to live their lives in peace. We fix them, feed them and wish them well.)

"IRISH." This big-bodied orange male looked nothing like this handsome photo when a hotline caller brought him to CC4C. He had been on the street for much of his 2 years. Irish looked desperately ill, with a badly damaged tail and a weak, teetering walk. He was rushed immediately to the vet. His tail needed to be amputated, but the pre-surgery exam showed a more serious problem: jaundice from a sick liver. Intensive care started in a "home hospital" and after almost three weeks of treatment, his liver was well and the amputation was done. He recovered normally – then stopped eating (temporarily). Fearing a blockage, CC4C had him X-rayed, which instead revealed another past trauma: his right rear leg had healed badly from a break. Seeing Irish now, robust and healthy, running and jumping, it's hard to believe he almost didn't live to see this day. He's eager to share purrs, love and playtime with a new family who will share the luck of this Irish!



The volunteers of

 wish you and yours
 all the gifts
 ~tangible & intangible~
 that this joyous season
 has to offer.

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!

THE GIFTS VETERINARIANS GIVE US!

These veterinarians give our cat rescues their healing skills, compassionate care, and patience with the sometimes difficult demands these rescue cases require:

ARF spay/neuter clinic, Walnut Creek
 Animal Care Clinic, El Sobrante
 Animal Rescue of Antioch, Antioch
 Animal Services spay/neuter clinic, Martinez
 Apollo Veterinary Hospital, Walnut Creek
 Civic Feline Clinic, Walnut Creek
 Dr. Josie Thompson
 Evergreen Pet Clinic, San Pablo
 Fix Our Ferals, Richmond
 Four Corners Veterinary Hospital, Concord
 Four Paws Veterinary Center, Dublin
 Montecito Animal Clinic, Pacheco
 Moraga Veterinary Hospital, Moraga
 Sage Veterinary Center, Concord
 Tail Wag Inn Veterinary Hospital, Oakley
 Theater View Veterinary Clinic, Orinda
 Well Pet Vet Clinic, Pittsburg
 Ygnacio Animal Hospital, WC

THE GIFTS YOU GIVE US!

"We know it's been said many times, many ways" – thanks for your generous support!

This is how your money is used:

- Spaying/neutering to control cat overpopulation.
- Transforming street kittens from frightened ferals to loving house kittens.
- Meeting the emergency medical needs of cats like Irish – relieving the suffering of illness or injury, and turning our homes into post-surgery recovery rooms to bring them back to full health.
- Working with compassionate vets who help us keep costs down so that our funds can be stretched to help as many cats as possible.

Other ways you have shown and can continue to show support for CC4C are:

- Shop RESCUED TREASURES, our thrift store at 1270 Newell Ave., Walnut Creek. It is always full of lovely clothes, furniture, décor items, books, housewares – and always ready to add your superior, superfluous donated items to our ever-changing inventory. This season, our store has an amazing array of Christmas decorations and new items that would make perfect gifts.
- DONATE YOUR CAR, BOAT OR RV by going to www.cardonationservices.com or calling 1-888-686-4483 and request your donation benefit Community Concern for Cats.
- ENCOURAGE ADOPTIONS at any of our three weekend adoption sites at Walnut Creek Petco, Lafayette Pet Food Express, and Pleasant Hill Pet Food Express. Tell your family and friends about the joys of taking home a rescued cat – and the gifts that cat will bring with it!