



Japan
Cat
Network

HELPING PEOPLE HELP CATS

*Donations make all the
difference*



Would you like to save the life of a cat or kitten today? Would you like to stop a cat from suffering? Together we can do that today, and everyday of the year. We can change the situation for stray and abandoned cats, neighborhood by neighborhood. The new year has been full of great opportunities, allowing us to support more people helping cats than ever before! JCN volunteers pour everything they can into this work, along with much of their own money, and with no paid staff in our organization, time working on cat projects can also mean time away from our day jobs. This balancing act, along with the lack of rest, can really take its toll. Everyone needs a break, but it's hard to take one when there is nobody to replace you. When more people pitch in with support, the load is so much lighter! Please take the time to think about how you can help right now. Your time, and money can make a real difference in what we are able to accomplish. Become a member, sponsor a cat, send a donation, provide foster care, or be a volunteer, and you can help save a life today. <http://japancatnet.com/blog/you-help-jcn/>



THE KITTENS ARE HERE!



Kitten season is off with a bang! We have taken in 34 kittens, so far, and placed 10 of them. With 4 more going to new homes next week, rehoming is following rescue, but we need your help to save more lives throughout the summer! We need those who are willing to be contacted about possible short notice assistance, such

as pick up from the train station. We're looking for good kitten foster homes, involving short term care until adoption, and help from those experienced in orphan kitten care, would be greatly appreciated. We also need kitten supplies, so please take a look at our wish list, and send something our way for kitten care.

<http://japancatnet.com/blog/wish-list/>



*Where do they
come from?*

When JCN takes in kittens, we do so in support of ongoing TNR projects. We trap moms and bring them to the shelter along with the kittens. We spay moms, after the kittens are old enough. Then mom

is released, and the kittens are eventually re-homed. There are lots of amazing people working hard to help cats, in isolation, and they can continue doing this important work with a little help from us. We are thrilled to provide them with rehoming support, and the materials that they need to get the job done.

Rescued me...re-homed me!

2009 has gotten off to a great start for JCN. We are so pleased looking back at the number of cats that we were able to place in homes this past year. The final count for the end of 2008, is 45 cats adopted or placed in foster care, with 62 new cats passing through or remaining at the shelter. Beyond that we helped to spay and neuter over 100 cats. The great news is that we were able to rehome almost all of the kittens that came in last year. See the detailed list at <http://www.japancatnet.com/rescue/list.html>





Spay Day International, Feb 24

JCN volunteers went out on Spay Day International to pass out fliers informing people of the benefits of spay/neuter and we'd like to encourage everyone to take the time to talk with friends and colleagues about this subject. Many people are unaware of how much it improves the quality of life for our pets as well as strays, so you can make a difference by just bringing up the subject, and spreading the information. Spayed or neutered animals are healthier, suffer less from stress, are less aggressive, smell better, and are less noisy. In the case of strays, they may be difficult to handle but can be easily and humanely trapped for spay and neuter. Trap, Neuter, and Return, is the kind way to provide assistance to any stray cats you want to feed, and it is also the only effective way to reduce the population of strays in an area. Here are links to our informational fliers:

- <http://www.japancatnet.com/information/tnr.html>
- <http://www.japancatnet.com/information/neuter.html>
- <http://www.japancatnet.com/information/neuterj.html>



Thank you!



An Absolutely Fabulous visitor

Britain's own Joanna Lumley, of TV and movie fame, visited Japan Cat Network in January, in the course of making a documentary on cats around the world. Joanna's kindness and natural rapor with the kitties made for an amazing experience. She interviewed Susan about bobtail cats for the documentary, while petting and playing with the shelter cats. The film should air on the UK's ITV, in the fall, and we'll keep you all updated with the details. In the meantime, you can see our photo collection at:

<http://www.japancatnet.com/catfilm/photos.html>

A warm thank you... ..goes out to everyone who helped with the preparations, working hard to spruce up the shelter, and also assisting on the filming day. It was a thrilling experience for all of us who were involved in the process, and the kitties behaved beautifully.

We are also so very thankful for the second enclosure that a very kind couple planned and paid for this spring. Volunteers came out to clear the land, shoveling and

moving dirt. The cats love the new space and are thoroughly enjoying their new lives. See pictures at: <http://www.japancatnet.com/events/workday315.html> <http://www.japancatnet.com/newenclosure/newenclosure.html>

Check out the events page, for details on our August 9th BBQ Fiesta in Kansai!
Hope to see everyone there! <http://japancatnet.com/blog/events>

In the spotlight



OUR BREAKFAST BOYS
Syrup, Coco, and Nuts will warm your heart and get your day off to a good start! They are friendly, cuddly, and oh so playful. These sweet boys were saved from a short grim future, thanks to our new partnership with the local animal control center. Now they spend their days happily awaiting their forever homes.

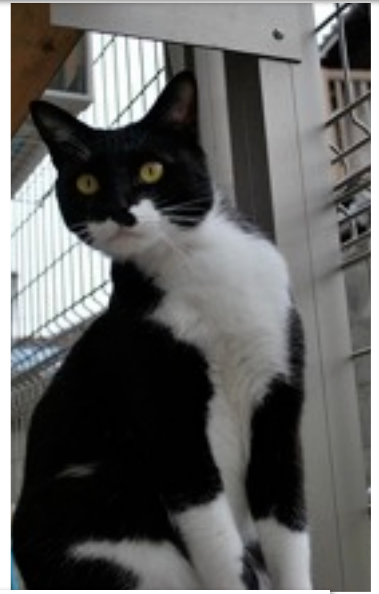


Organization



Registration completed

On April 10, 2009, JCN received official NPO certification from the Shiga Prefectural Government. We have since sent two proposals to animal control in regards to working together to lower the number of cats destroyed this year through Trap, Neuter, Return, and Rehoming. Stay tuned for more news about this exciting partnership in the near future! You will also soon be able to check our regular financial reports on the web site, to see all donations received as well as outgoing expenses. Please send all donations to JCN through one of the new accounts listed on our web site. We are not financially affiliated with any other groups at this time.



Membership

It's time to stand up and be counted! Join us in helping Japan's stray and abandoned cats by becoming a member of Japan Cat Network. There are lots of options, so check out the details on our website at: <http://japancatnet.com/blog/membership/>

Take a look at the property we currently have our hearts set on! It's perfect for our office, training center and clinic, not to mention events. We are looking for help financing, and looking into details. <http://www.japancatnet.com/property/modelhouse.html>

In The News

Besides being filmed for a UK Documentary, so far this year we've been in the Chunichi Newspaper, the Japan Times, Metropolis, Being a Broad magazine, and in the June Edition of Cat Fancy magazine! Links to Articles can be found at <http://japancatnet.com/blog/in-the-news/>



Volunteer Opportunities

We always need help working out at the Kansai shelter, whether it's cleaning or just playing with the cats. Any amount of time will be helpful, and for those who aren't located nearby, we'll try to find you reasonable accommodation. We are also looking for help updating and improving the website, posting adoption messages on the net, and getting the newsletter out more frequently. All of these can be done from anywhere, so it's a perfect way to pitch in, if you're outside the Kansai area. Go to <http://japancatnet.com/blog/volunteer/> now, to fill out a volunteer application.



Information

Japan Cat Network is a registered NPO providing TNR And Rescue Assistance to those helping Japan's stray and abandoned cat population. Trapping stray cats, taking them to be neutered or spayed, and returning them to their original site, is the most effective way to reduce the number of stray cats living on the streets. It will also give them the best quality of life possible. Contact us now, if you are feeding stray cats and want to help them have a safer and happier future! You can reach us through our website, <http://www.japancatnet.com/> or at the following: English: 090-6058-8102 japancatnet1dw@softbank.ne.jp Japanese: 090-6052-4338 japancatnet4my@softbank.ne.jp

