



# Clowder House Foundation

FALL 2011

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Trivia Night - October 22**
- **Board Meeting - November**
- **Furball 2012 - February 2012**

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## “Completion” Almost

After years of dreaming and planning and the frustration of renovation, the addition for our special needs kitties is almost finished. All the basics are done and kitties have moved in. We're just adding a few finishing touches to make this a wonderful area to care for our special kitties.



**The Blue Room** provides temporary care for new arrival and special needs kitties.



**The Coral Room** offers our allergy kitties lots of soft sunlight.



**Welcome to the Mint Room** (lovingly referred to as the spa room) where the FIV kitties live.

## Trivia and Furball

Clowder House's Annual Trivia night is set for October 22, 2011, at VFW Post 3500 in Richmond Heights, Mo. The street address is 1717 Big Bend (near 64/40).

Doors open at 7:00 and play begins at 7:30. As always, there will be free soda, water and popcorn. The VFW also

offers a cash bar and there will be drink specials for the evening.

This year's decorating and costume theme is "Fairy Tails Come True".

Cost is still just \$15.00 per person/\$120 for a table of 8.

**Lots of good prizes.**

Furball 2012 plans are still in the works - the theme is "Road to Catcun" We are not yet certain of the date, but anticipate it will be either the 1st Saturday or 2nd Sunday in February.

More information to come soon.



# Rescue Kitty Gives Back to Community



The parking lot of a Ruby Tuesday's on a 100 degree day is not a particularly good place for a kitten, but that is where Ruby was found. She was only about 8 weeks old—lost and scared, but not feral—so, it only took about 15 minutes for Debbie with the help of her friend and two kindly strangers to catch this little beauty. Debbie took her back to her office for some kitten formula to take the edge off her dehydration and then brought her to Clowder House. There was absolutely no doubt that Ruby would find a home as

there were no restrictions on her placement.

Dr. Hallie Feagans of Family Pet Hospital in Sunset Hills fell in love with Ruby on sight and offered her both a home and a job. Within a few days, Ruby took up residence as the office cat—providing love and comfort for Dr. Hallie and her staff and other critters. In addition, Ruby will be able to assist other cats as a blood donor when there is need.

## Here We Grow Again!



*Sasha, Clowder House's newest mascot, loves to make new friends. Volunteering at Clowder House means you can apply to be part of her entourage.*

We have barely moved the kitties into our new rooms and are still putting on the finishing touches to the vet area and office, and we are already expanding once again.

Clowder House is teaming up with Cat Network, another all volunteer group that has been rescuing and adopting out cats in St. Louis for over 20 years, to better serve the needs of the St. Louis community. Both organizations will continue to operate as separate entities, but now we also will support and compliment each other with Cat Network providing additional rescue and adoption services for Clowder House and Clowder House providing lifetime care for Cat Network's disrupted feline adoptions. The offices of The Cat Network will be

moving into the building across the street from Clowder House (affectionately known as the purple building). Cat Network plans, at first, just to be open to the public for special adoption events, but will expand to regular visiting hours with adoptable cats. A gift shop featuring items for cats and cat-lovers alike will be added to generate funds to support both Cat Network and Clowder House. Renovation has already begun on the purple building and gift shop fixtures are being gathered and stored.

And, that is not all! We will also be joining forces to create an on-site veterinarian clinic in the other vacant building across the street from Clowder House to serve our cats and fill a need for a neighborhood



clinic as well.

But wait...there's more! We are also striving to open a low-cost spay/neuter clinic to serve our needs as well as those of the neighborhood and the St. Louis community in general.

And even more! We are in the process of teaming up with a newly formed TNR (trap/neuter/release) group to help the St. Louis feral population and to rescue young kittens off the street for adoption into forever homes through the services of Cat Network.

It truly is a win-win situation for all, particularly the kitties!

# Clowder House Kitties

So, it's not spring, but that doesn't seem to matter at Clowder House. There always seem to be new kitties available for adoption. Below is Poppy and her 4 kittens who were born about 4 weeks ago. They

will soon be available for adoption.

To the right is Maya, a cute gal with extra toes. She isn't available for adoption, however - we just thought everyone would enjoy the picture as it so many toes is a bit unusual.



And, in the bottom right hand corner is Fluffer - 4 months old and ready for adoption to forever homes. Fluffer has 2 short-haired sisters who are also available for adoption.



# Renovation of the Purple Building

## It's glowing!



Remember this building faces a busy, busy street—Gravois. Soon the new storefront windows will be added to the north side of the building and then we can paint the whole structure another color. We are taking suggestions - any ideas???

Work also has begun on the inside. As to be expected, unfortunately, with any renovation project, we encountered a few stumbling blocks, like a missing support beam half way across the building. Hopefully, we will be ready to move in by spring for the next wave of kitties!

Okay, Okay. It is purple, yes, but that is not why it is glowing. It is because of all the newly installed glass block windows. Yep, we put in windows on 3 sides of the building (soon to be the home of Cat Network) to provide lots of sunlight for the kitties (and visitors and caretakers) while providing security at the same time.

That just leaves the new landscaping to be designed and planted. We will be going the eco-friendly route with permeable surfaces and rain water gardening. Anyone interested in donating a water fountain to the project? This will be a major entrance to the neighborhood and would make a nice tribute to someone. Just an idea!



We're on the web!  
[www.clowderhouse.org](http://www.clowderhouse.org)

## Make a Donation to Clowder House

The generous donations of cat lovers enables us to provide the valuable services we offer our "residents." With increased support, we will be able to expand the scope of the services we offer.

Donations of any size, at any time, are welcome.

If you would like to arrange for endowments or planned giving, please contact us at 314-776-PURR (7877) or at [clowderhouse@juno.com](mailto:clowderhouse@juno.com).

We also accept non-monetary donations like bedding and cleaning supplies – check out the Wish List page on our website for details.

Please send your donations to:

Clowder House Foundation, Inc.

3134 Wyoming Street

St. Louis, MO 63118.

# Thanks to All

It's been a busy year and we owe many thanks to many people, organizations and businesses.

Besides countless hours given by and the generosity of our dedicated volunteers and supporters, we also have had lots of extra help in other ways.

First - a very special thanks to The William C. Hesse Trust for enabling us to carry out the majority of the renovations/additions of the six new rooms plus an office hallway at the back of our building. The kitties have moved in and love their new digs.

Second - additional thanks on this project go to Nestle Purina and the Estate of Dottie Swanson through one of our former loyal volunteers, the late Patty Nevins, for enabling us to complete the room addition projects.

Third - we owe a round of applause and thanks to the members and friends of the American Veterinary Medical

Association who spent one very hot day this past summer during their convention painting our kitchen and diabetic room, scrubbing all our shelves, de-furring our Ficus tree, and weeding and cleaning up our parking lot.

Fourth - thanks to the employees of Nestle Purina for making beds and scratching posts for our kitties to enjoy.

And, then we have several groups who spent a day each helping with the general everyday cleaning and washing (along with lots of petting and brushing of the kitties). We do not mean to leave anyone out, but we do need to make special note of the group from Shaare Emeth whose leader stood all day on a broken leg while washing in our laundry room. We also cannot forget several young "volunteers" who asked their friends to donate monies and wish list items to us instead of buying birthday gifts for them.

**What wonderful people all of you are!**