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Kitten shower alert! Come see us Sunday April 8 1-4pm!

You're invited to visit our new shelter!

Whatever the skies look like on April 8, we confidently predict there will be a shower at Eden Animal Haven— a kitten shower, to be precise!

We're thrilled to invite you to tour our new building and meet our wonderful cats and kittens at our first Open House and Kitten Shower. We'll have great items to raffle off, activities for children, yummy refreshments, and T-shirts and other items for sale.

In anticipation of all the new arrivals this year (and of course, for all of our kitties already here), we would welcome kitten shower gifts! Surprise a kitty with a new toy, something delicious, or a necessity of cat-life by purchasing off one of our wish lists (below) or by bringing items to the shower. And of course, kitties love donations of cash or checks as well!

Although we have just a few rooms finished, it's now possible to envision what it will all look like when completed. Come see for yourself on Sunday April 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 1649 E. 562nd Road in Brighton. See our full invitation on page 4.



Amazon wish list

- ♥ Cat toys like Catnip Hurricane, Turbo Scratcher and Creaker Collapsible Tunnel!
- ♥ Kitty necessities such as cat and kitten food, beds, litter and pans
- ♥ Brooms, mops, scoops, and other shelter needs

Until March 31 Amazon will triple the donation rate on your first [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) purchase to 1.5%! Sign up today!

Kuranda wish list

- ♥ Towers with 3 to 9 kitty nests for lounging and playing
- ♥ Raised single cat beds for solo time, above or below
- ♥ Kitty cots that stick to windows for bird-watching

Many thanks to these recent supporters of Eden Animal Haven

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We're thrilled to announce that we received a \$1500 lifesaving investment grant from the Petco Foundation. The Petco Foundation makes investments in organizations to achieve our mutual objective of saving lives. Our sincere appreciation to the Petco Foundation for helping us save more cat lives!

We want to thank Robyn Hurst of Vessels of Clay Yoga & SUP Fitness for hosting Yoga in the Park (inside). This yoga fundraiser was held in Branson on March 10, with all proceeds donated to EAH. We appreciate your support!



Since our last newsletter, supporters Mickey Rautio and Nancy Brittany Tuttle Griffin have generously collected birthday donations for the cats at EAH. This is a free and easy way to make a substantial donation. Thank you so much for thinking of us!



Special thanks to everyone who helped make founder Leslie Sawyer's February birthday extra special! Your combined donations of \$1625 will help us make a lot of progress on the building!

Friend of the EAH sanctuary: new board member Haley Eppes



A gray kitten named Tre captured Haley Eppes' heart last year.

It happened after Haley met Leslie and Bill and began following EAH on Facebook. When she saw little tripod Tre, she applied to adopt him, but couldn't leave without his best buddy Takia. Now named Oliver and Chickpea, they became siblings to 15-year-old Kitty.

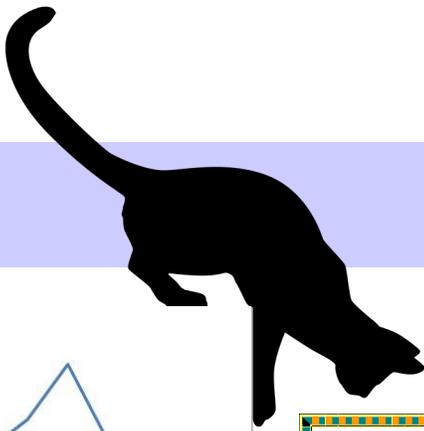
Chickpea loves to lie near her humans, run crazy through the house, and knock over water glasses. Oliver (left) was shy at first, but has warmed up to his new family and rewards them with loud purrs.

Haley recently set up a fundraiser for EAH stemming from her love of animals and yoga. A series of 3 beginner yoga classes at My Hot Yoga in January raised \$580 for EAH.

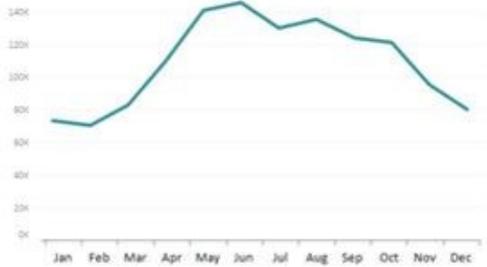
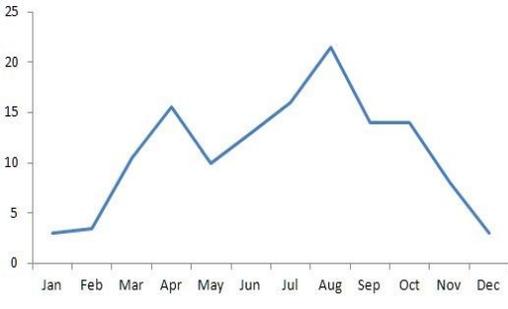
"I can't imagine life without our cats," Haley said. "I support EAH because they are a local facility making an appreciable difference in the lives of cats. I admire Leslie and Bill's commitment to the shelter and their selfless dedication to the cause."

Haley will be doing even more to help EAH in the future—she joined the board of directors in February! Thank you, Haley!





Cat-ologue



In the Northern Hemisphere, the feline breeding season begins in very early spring and persists throughout the summer months. Peak estrous (“in heat”) periods are in February through March and May through June. Kittens follow about 2 months later.

These seasons are obvious from animal shelter intake data. Above left are the average intakes per month for 2016-2017 at EAH, showing distinct peaks in April and August, largely because of kittens.

National data averaged over 2011-2017 from [Shelter Animals Count](#) (below left) show that intakes also soar from spring through summer at other shelters throughout the country (3459 of them reported). EAH is a proud contributor to this shelter data archive!

Don't let your cat litter!

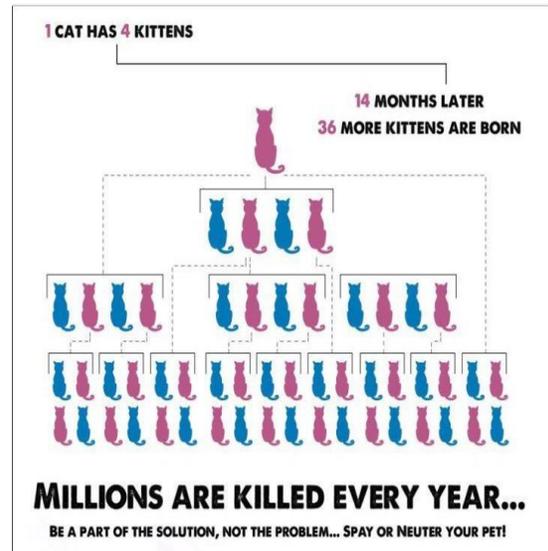
Kitten season is upon us! The annual influx of homeless kittens (and their mothers) is arriving at shelters, including Eden Animal Haven.

Kitten season begins in early spring, peaks in late spring and early summer, and continues through fall. A female cat is seasonally polyestrous. She can bear multiple litters a year, go into heat every two weeks if not pregnant, and will go into heat again before her litter is weaned. She can get

pregnant at just five months old!

All too many kittens meet a tragic end — whether through predators, humans or traffic, or are euthanized in shelters because they cannot find a home. (EAH is a no-kill shelter). If unadopted, they grow into adult cats which traditionally are more difficult to place.

Prevention is the best way to avoid these tragedies. Kittens can be spayed or neutered when they are two months old or weigh two pounds. If you have an unaltered cat, take it to your vet ASAP!



Can't afford to spay or neuter your cat? Look into these sources of help for low-income individuals:

Animalkind: financial assistance for spay/neuter for low-income families, includes free-roaming cats. Vets in Bolivar, Clinton, Stockton, and Humansville. 417-693-7555.

Humane Society of Southwest Missouri: low-cost spay/neuter for individuals on government assistance. 417-833-2526.

SAAF Spay/Neuter Clinic: low-cost spay/neuter for anyone; for low-income individuals, Spay it Forward fund. Reduced rate for feral/community cats. 417-831-7223.

Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP): vouchers for any vet for those who can't afford the standard rate; Christian, Greene, Webster, Dallas, Polk, and Lawrence Counties. 417-823-SNAP (7627)



Contact us!

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On the catwalk: Chatty

Hi! My name is Chatty! Guess why? Because I love to talk! Especially when I want attention, which is pretty often! I love to be held! I'm the first cat to greet people when they visit the shelter because I can't wait to tell them all about it! I like cats and friendly dogs, too, and I think I'd love kids. And hey, my first birthday is coming up! Guess what I want for my birthday? You! If you like me—and you do, don't you?—let's chat! Did I mention I love to talk?



Calling all EAH adopters!

Now through March 25, submit up to 3 photos of a cat you adopted from EAH to the Love Changes Everything Petco Photo Mosaic. Each day a photo will be chosen as a winner—you could win a \$100 Petco gift card, a limited-edition MUTTS print, and a coupon for a bag of WholeHearted Pet Food, and EAH could get a \$500 grant award from the Foundation!



Our "kitten smitten" caption winner is Mick Klein! Juniper and her mom, Fern, came to Eden Animal Haven in December after being found living on their own out in the cold. They WERE a little worried at first being at EAH, but now they know that humans provide gentle cuddles, play time, and food! We would love this sweet mother and daughter to be adopted together if possible. Contact us if you'd like to say "No worries, Fern and Juniper—I've got YOUR back!"



Kitten SHOWER

Sunday, **April 8th** | Open House 1-4pm
1649 E. 562nd Road, Brighton, MO 65617

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