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# Mewsletter



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Check out our upcoming bowling event on page 4!

## Scenes from our Summer Open House

We enjoyed seeing you at our Summer Open House, and we are so glad that our supporters Dick and Sandy Sawyer (see photo below) were there to see how far the building has come. We raised over \$600, received many gifts (especially much-needed cat litter), and four cats met their adopters! Thank you all!



Progress on the building is slow, but steady. We hope the interior will be finished before cold weather arrives so the 25 cats still in the barn can be moved in to more comfortable surroundings. An update:

- ▶ A few hours remain to complete the interior walls and ceilings and electrical work
- ▶ Three HVAC supply and return ducts need to be insulated and installed, along with a ventilation system in the attic
- ▶ A drop ceiling will be installed in the lobby and flooring will be completed throughout the building
- ▶ Remaining interior storm/screen doors will be installed

At this point, all the rooms will be finished and open for cat business! (Catio will be added later.)



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and Amazon donates.



## We're fur-ever grateful to our recent fundraisers!



We have many people and organizations to thank!

First Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield once again honored Eden Animal Haven as recipients of their "Share the Plate" program, raising \$315 in donations!

Bair's Sports Grill in Nixa generously hosted our first pancake breakfast fundraiser, bringing in over \$200 for hungry cats!

So many people have shared their birthdays with us through Facebook fundraisers that it's hard to keep track (and we missed a couple in the last issue). Every dollar of the \$465 donated through these recent fundraisers is much appreciated. Our thanks and sincere happy birthday wishes to:

*Jennifer Albright  
 Steven C. Cates  
 Marcy Chitwood  
 Ashlie Flick  
 Lorraine Gardner*

*Lisa Geddes  
 Lauren Michely  
 Rebecca Ann Moffett  
 Carrie Lynn Rhoades  
 Emily Straw*

### Friend of EAH: Easton Meegan

We love all our birthday fundraisers, but this one takes the birthday cake!

Easton Meegan didn't ask for toys for his 7th birthday on Aug. 4. The invitation to his party asked for gifts for the cats at EAH, rather than for himself.

"He's obsessed with cats, so he wanted to help out all the kitties there," his mother Samantha said. "He's a very empathetic little boy. He has a lot of compassion, especially for cats." Samantha is a friend of founder Leslie Sawyer, and had told Easton about EAH.

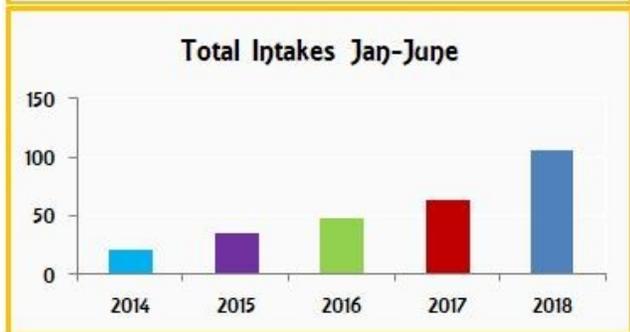
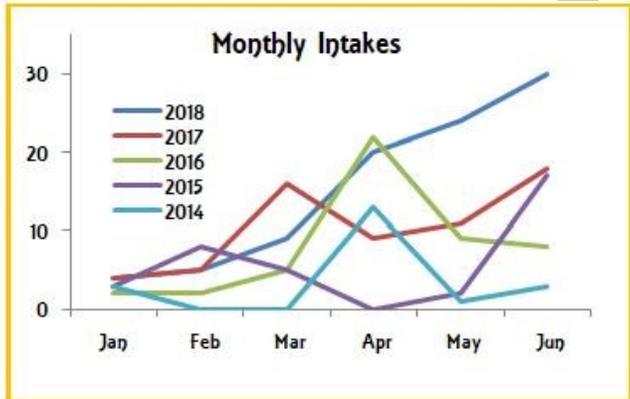
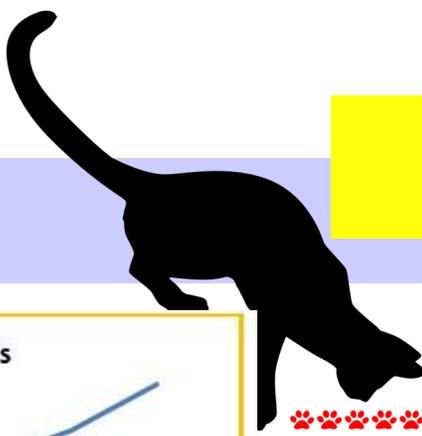
Samantha said Easton was so excited as he opened each gift of cat items! He and his family then drove from Illinois to deliver the load of cat food, toys, brushes and other goodies to EAH, where he got to spend a lot of time playing with our cats.

Easton did get a few presents for himself in addition to lots of



cat memories to cherish. And although he doesn't have a cat now, we bet there is one in his future!





## Cat-atalogue

Our cat intakes increased by cat-leaps and bounds!

Intakes usually increase as the year goes on because of kittens born in the spring. We reached a high of 30 cats and kittens accepted in June 2018.

The total number of intakes for January through June rose from 20 in 2014 to 106 this year, close to our total intake figure of 134 for all of 2017!

These increases are due to a combination of growing awareness of EAH (see box below) and more room open in the partially-completed new building.

We are at full capacity and still have 25 cats living in the barn and many on the intake waiting list. We need your help to complete the building before winter so we can save even more cats. Donate today!

## Declawing may be a cat-astrophe

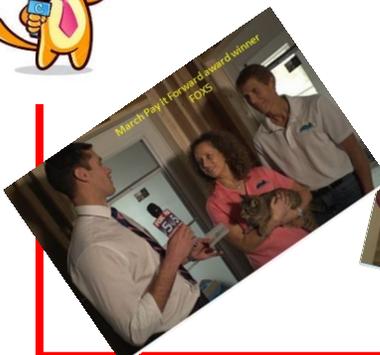
Scratching things is normal feline behavior, used to remove old, outer layer of claws, for stretching, and to mark territory. But it is often a nuisance to owners that raises the question of declawing.

The American Veterinary Medical Association considers declawing to be a drastic measure—it is amputation and major surgery—and advises cat owners to consider it only after all other solutions have failed. These might include:

- \*reinforcing suitable scratching (on posts, logs, objects covered with carpet, fabric, or twine)
- \*clipping the cat's claws every week or two
- \*applying temporary claw caps (every 4-6 weeks).

Risks of declawing include a reaction to anesthetic, hemorrhage, infection, pain, and occasionally death. There are also possible longterm problems: 33% develop behavioral issues (refusal to use the litter box, increased aggression) and 20% have long-term physical problems such as lameness and arthritis.

Click on the photos to see recent news stories about EAH!





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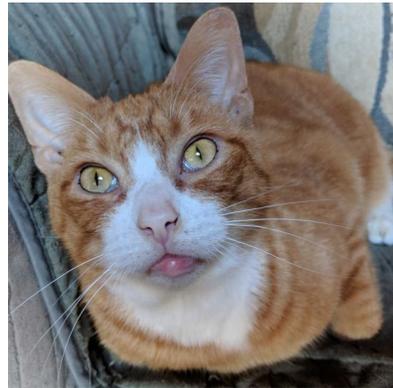
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## On the catwalk: Manfred

Our catwalk star this month is happy, quirky, spunky boy Manfred! He was found and taken in by a nice lady who couldn't keep him when she had to move. Although he doesn't like to be picked up, he is very affectionate and becomes a purring machine when it is time to cuddle next to you on the couch or in bed. Manfred is allergic to flea bites, so



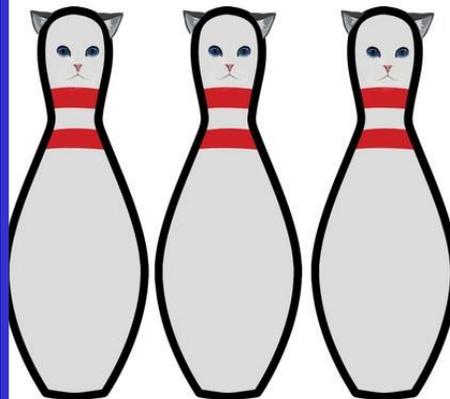
must be kept indoors and may need a cortisone shot occasionally. He likes most other cats and dogs and is pretty laid-back around children. Because he has been waiting for over a year for his perfect home, his adoption fee is only \$25! Apply [here](#) to adopt Manfred.



Although Olaf IS beautiful, it comes naturally and not from Pantene! (Thanks to Pam Adelman for this caption.) Olaf was just a few days old when found and has been bottle-fed, so she is very attached to people and loves being held. She loves to play and is very outgoing— an active family with older children and pets would be perfect. Apply [here](#) if she's for you!

## The Big Meowski: Bowling for Eden Animal Haven

Tuesday, August 21, 2018  
6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.  
Enterprise Park Lanes  
1625 S Enterprise Ave, Springfield, MO 65804



Price online / Price at door  
1 Human: 25.00/30.00  
2 Humans: 40.00/45.00  
4-6 Humans: 80.00/90.00

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