Fun and gifts at our first open house!

While the snowy weather wasn’t purr-fect on April 8, the new shelter at Eden Animal Haven was full of warmth during our first Kitten Shower and Open House. Supporters got their first look at the partially finished building, while getting an idea of how it will better serve our cats when completed.

Guests enjoyed meeting and taking selfies with special guest Barry Williams (Greg Brady on “The Brady Bunch”). Barry and his wife, Tina Mahina, are longtime supporters who adopted their cat Brady from EAH four years ago. They said they were impressed with the cats’ new quarters.

Elsewhere, children watched in awe as a magician exhibited her skills and a balloon artist created fanciful animals. Another entertainer taught juggling and balancing tricks to kids—and to some adults, including Barry!

But the cats were the true stars of the day. Each of the completed rooms hosted cats of various sizes, colors and ages, with one thing in common — all were looking for their perfect homes, while enjoying their new surroundings. Guests spent plenty of time getting to know and petting the cats. Five adoptions have resulted so far from the kitten shower!

And that’s what it’s all about — finding new homes for rescued cats. Thank you for helping us do that by attending!

We’re so grateful for your generous kitten shower gifts:

- $2210 from donations, raffle proceeds, and merchandise sales
- 350 pounds of food, plus treats
- 100 pounds of litter
- Toys, beds, litter boxes, scratchers, cleaning supplies, and more!
Spring fundraisers shower Eden Animal Haven with generosity!

Once again, your online votes helped EAH win a $500 donation from Youngblood Auto Group’s Local Charity Award Program. We are so grateful for this donation to our building fund!

Cory Powell Photography, TAME Pet Magazine and 417 Pet Sitting held the “Fur Baby & Me Pet Photography Fundraiser” in May, with EAH one of the beneficiaries. Thank you! If your business would like to do something similar, please contact us (info on back page).

April-May Facebook fundraisers brought in $740 for EAH! Thanks to Pam Adelmann, Ronnie Merritt and Shawn Poindexter for sharing their birthdays with us. This is a free and easy way to make a donation to EAH. Large or small, all are appreciated!

Special thanks to donors of talents and goods to our Kitten Shower and Open House!

Talents: Chip Ballew (juggling), Alan Hoffman (cat-themed music compilation), Garland Owen (balloons), Kim Phelps (magic). Donations: All Creatures Animal Clinic (gift basket), Ashley Friend of For the Love of an Animal (portion of proceeds), Jess Holliday of Inkspiration (tattoo gift certificate), Live Pure Yoga (goat yoga gift certificate), Stacy Schneider of Origami Owl (jewelry).

Friend of the EAH sanctuary: Volunteer Alexandra Madar

Since last July, volunteer Alexandra Madar and her family have cared for about 30 cats and kittens for Eden Animal Haven while they await their new homes.

At first, it was difficult for Alexandra to see the cats she’d grown to love leave and go to new owners. “It’s gotten easier over time,” she said. “We still get pictures of the cats from the families.”

Currently they have a mother cat and her four kittens, and the mother took in a fifth kitten that was rescued from a Dumpster. They’ll be looking for new homes soon.

In addition to helping with foster cats, she volunteers at the shelter, cleaning rooms and socializing cats.

What’s the best part of volunteering? “Probably seeing how happy they make people, when people come over and view the cats and kittens, and find the right cat. And playing with the kittens.”

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for EAH, please let us know—our contact information is on page 4.
tally and be at risk.

Although it’s unlikely your cat will be exposed to rabies, if it bites someone and has not been vaccinated, it may either be quarantined or killed to be tested for rabies.

Other vaccinations to consider are the 3-way FVRCP (feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia) and FeLV (feline leukemia virus—see November newsletter). At EAH, all cats are vaccinated for rabies and FVRCP. Ask your veterinarian what is best for your cat.

Several clinics offer fixed-price, walk-in vaccination opportunities:

- **Humane Society of Southwest Missouri** Walk-in clinics most months on varying Saturdays 10-2; check Facebook. Rabies $12, FVRCP $12, packages available, no visit fee
- **SAAF Spay/Neuter Clinic** Occasional walk-in vaccination clinics, varying days and times; check Facebook. Rabies $10-15 FVRCP $10 (no FeLV), no visit fee
- **Petvet Clinic Tractor Supply Nixa** Monthly walk-in clinics; last Saturday of the month 1-2:30 (except 5/26). Rabies $33 FVRCP $33 FeLV $33, packages available, no visit fee
- **Vetco Wellness Centers at Petco** Weekly walk-in clinics; Springfield-Washita St, Sundays 10-1 (not 5/27); Springfield-Glenstone Av, Sundays 3-6pm (not 5/27); Branson, Saturdays 12-3:30pm (not 5/26). Rabies $19, FVRCP $35, FeLV $35, packages available, no visit fee
On the catwalk: Cats at EAH more than a year!

A generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous has offered to sponsor the adoption fees of all cats that have been at EAH for more than a year. That includes the above who have been here more than 3 years. This offer was extended through May and is for approved adopters. Please consider these overlooked kitties who deserve loving homes. Click on their photos to learn more about them!

Thanks to Lisa Dunn-Crowley for the caption for this talkative little guy! This photo is from the open house, where he couldn’t get enough attention and flagged down every guest. Eclipse has recently acquired a new house with his own personal maid!

Saturday, June 23rd to be exact!
If you missed the first one (or loved it and want to come back), we’re having another open house! Watch our Facebook page for an announcement!