Look at us grow!

It’s unbelievable how far our building has come since the beginning of 2018! With the structure finished, work has turned inward to painting and ceramic tile installation. We just completed our first community cat room—see the before and after pictures on the right!

Work continues on ventilation, FRP board, ceilings and cabinets. As spring arrives, we hope to build our exterior “carios” so our cats can enjoy the outside air whenever they want to.

You’re invited to view our progress, share some holiday cheer, and meet our cats at our Holiday Open House from noon to 3 p.m. December 16. We’ll have good company, raffle baskets, seasonal refreshments, and cats to cuddle.

As our space has expanded, so have our intakes and adoptions (see page 3). We recently had a record-breaking weekend with 11 kitties adopted! But our waiting list and our shelter are always full, and we need your donations to help meet the increased demand. See our full Wish List below.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE WISH LIST
☐ Cash/Check/PayPal donations
☐ Help with cat care and socializing
☐ Cat trees/Cubbies/Perches/Scratching posts
☐ Laundry detergent & dryer sheets
☐ Purina One cat and kitten dry food
☐ Canned cat and kitten food
☐ Paper towels
☐ Unscented clay litter
☐ Litter pans & scoops
☐ Amazon Wish List items
☐ Kuranda Pet Beds
Friends of the sanctuary: Volunteer Tawnya Melton

When Tawnya Melton moved to Missouri with her husband, she knew she wanted to do volunteer work with cats (they have three). She met EAH founder Leslie Sawyer through SAAF Spay/Neuter Clinic while arranging to trap, neuter, and return (TNR) stray cats.

“I wanted to be a part of Eden Animal Haven’s growth,” she said. A couple of times a month she goes out to clean, feed and help with special projects. Then she gets her reward. Tawyna loves to play with the cats and kittens, working with shy ones to help them become friendlier.

“We also want to thank the Animal Rights Club at Missouri State University and Fuzion bar in Springfield for hosting a smashing Drag Queen Bingo Event for EAH! The event brought in over $1400 and produced a lot of laughs. Fuzion donated Bingo proceeds and $1 from purchases of cat-themed drinks, and ARC managed the event and donated gift baskets for bingo winners and raffles.

Our participation in Pets and Pumpkins (see October issue) led to a generous donation from the event host, TAME Pet Mag. Please look for this free animal-related magazine at area business around town or read it online. Thank you TAME!

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Cat-ologue

After holding steady from 2016 to 2017, we have grown by cat leaps and bounds! As of November, our 2018 intakes had reached 170, more than quadruple the number in 2014. Adoptions through the end of the month were 118—but we had a record adoption weekend since then, with 11 cats finding new homes, bringing our current total to 129.

Your donations toward our new building have made this possible. Thank you for helping so many more cats!

Kitty salon time

A matted cat is a sad sight, especially if she’s at a groomer getting her entire coat shaved because her grooming has been neglected.

Most pet cats, especially short-haired ones, pretty much take care of their own grooming. But your cats will be much more comfortable, and beautiful, if you follow these tips from the ASPCA and WebMD for pets:

Make grooming sessions fun for both of you. Plan them when the cat’s relaxed and keep your first grooming sessions to 5 or 10 minutes, gradually lengthening the time. Get the cat used to handling by petting every part, including ears, tail, belly, back and feet. Regular brushing (weekly for short-haired cats, daily for long-haired) will keep the coat in good condition.

On short-haired cats, use a metal comb and work through the fur from head to tail. Then use a rubber or bristle brush to remove dead and loose hair. Be extra gentle near the chest and belly.

For long-haired cats, start by combing the belly and legs, making sure to untangle any knots. Next, brush the fur in an upward motion with a bristle or rubber brush. To brush the tail, make a part down the middle and brush the fur out on either side.

Does your employer offer a matching donation to EAH?

Many area employers offer matching donations when you donate to a charitable organization such as Eden Animal Haven. Others make donations when you volunteer. Here are a few of them that make matches—check with your Human Resource Department to find out if your employer offers one too!

1:1 matches for donations of varying amounts

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2:1 match for donations of $25-20,000

Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr Pepper

3:1 match for donations of $20,000+

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On the catwalk: Buddy

Buddy had to survive on the streets for years, being beat up by other cats, having stones thrown at him, and being hit with a broom. Those days came to an end when a kind lady contacted Eden Animal Haven to take him. Buddy is FIV+ and has mouth issues that required the extraction of some teeth. The emotional trauma was hard for Buddy to overcome; it took him a month to gain the courage to venture out of the safety of his crate. He is now fully integrated into a home environment, getting lots of love, attention, and belly rubs. Buddy is very laid back and gets along well with dogs and other cats. Because he is FIV+, he should be an only cat, or placed with dogs or another FIV+ cat. Buddy, who is about 8, just passed his one-year mark with EAH and his adoption fee is now $25. We sure would love to find a family that will show Buddy the love and care that he deserves, and that promises him that his days of terror and suffering on the streets are over! ❤

Kiss my Glass!

Through December 15 we are participating in a fundraiser with Kiss my Glass, featuring beautiful dichroic glass jewelry. Everything is handmade.

Make a purchase and mention EAH at checkout, and we will receive 25% as a donation. Click the photo to start shopping!

Burritos for Purritos!

Take a break from shopping and join us Friday December 21, 5-8pm, at Moe’s at 2825 S Glenstone/Battlefield Mall in Springfield. EAH receives a portion of the proceeds!

Moe’s serves quality food quickly, including vegetarian and vegan options. Click here for full info: