

CFA Breeders' Assistance Report

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Hi cat fanciers, We thought we would give you glimpse into the work the CFA Breeder Assistance Program does and show you a typical month. We will only mention the breed to maintain confidentiality. Along with the examples below, we are also still working with the Ukraine Breeders and Doborkit helping them with food. Pam DelaBar also helped with Frederic Goedert's felines in France and cats in Odessa.

Lately we have run into new breeders who are overwhelmed – not by the cats they bought and/or bred, but by seasoned breeders “dumping” their sick and broken-down cats on them! A new breeder thinks it might be good to have a few out crosses, only to discover t-foetus, URI's, fungus, PKD, heart murmurs, hip issues, etc.

Then, their healthy cats get sick and it is a downward spiral they cannot afford as they are new and not aware to immediately vet and isolate new cats to the cattery! We are going to work on an educational campaign for new/future exhibitors in this regard. We will also be providing articles from time to time to help folks with cattery management. We always recommend requiring a health certificate for any new cat taken into a cattery.

We are gathering information from Hawaii breeders for their recommendation for the best rescues in Maui, Hawaii to send funds. We know the rescues will need funds. It is just heartbreaking.

We are still collecting funds for a 22-cat Texas HHP rescue that was quite expensive.

If you wish to donate to a special breed or rescue cause, you may specify the cause in your memo of the donation. We honor all our earmarked funding.

During July, we had the following cats needing our rescue assistance. Of course, they all needed vetting. Some have illness to treat and others need surgery. We see the full spectrum. We are so grateful when we get healthy felines but, sadly, that is far and few between. Below is our July intake; some are still on the wait list:

- Ragdolls - We have 35. Some are on the wait list with transport needed.
 - Bengals - We have 44. Some are still awaiting transport. Animal Control Seizure.
 - Tonkinese - We have 1 with leg issues. Needs an orthopedic vet.
 - Balinese - We had been asked to help 9. They were picked up by other breeders after we had vetting and rescue set up.
 - Chartreux - We have 2 the family finally agreed to allow us to take in.
 - Korats - We have 50+ with a one-time donation.
 - Persians - We have 39. The breeder is downsizing 9 at a time.
 - Cornish Rex - We have 13. 7 will be transported first and then 6.
 - Shaded Golden Persians - We have 1 in foster care for treatment.
 - Persian Bi-Colors - We have 1 in foster care for treatment.
 - Persians - We had 38 reported from a hoarding case.
- We sent donations to the 2 rescues.

We helped 3 folks suffering hardship with food and litter.

We send out sincere "Thank you" to the following entities and individuals for July donations!
The cats appreciate you!

- CFA Funding
- Network for Good
- Cynthia Byrd (R5)
- Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club (R6)
- Tammy Trask (R?)
- Jinny Joy Johnson (R7)

Total Income in July 2023: \$2,535.00

Total Expenses in July 2023: (\$3,109.63)

As a final note, we are including a thank you note from one of our Breeder Assist cases, (just in case anyone worried about contacting us). We are very respectful to all our breeders and their cats are treated as our own:

Hello again Charlene,

Thank you so much for your message, and please know that I would be thrilled for you to use my review of the excellent, caring supportive services you have so generously given to help my cats and myself.

It took me far too long to muster the courage to ask for help, because I felt like a failure in having to admit that I could no longer manage alone, and also because I could not begin to imagine how truly amazing the BAP-BRP programs are. I received your immediate help from Day One of being contacted, and the foster mothers assigned to help me (Jill Enries and Tammy Sender) have been true angels in every sense of the word. I hear from Jill every day with news of my cats, how they are faring and settling in, her questions to me so that she can accommodate their individual needs and many, many lovely photos to reassure me that they are happy and in the very best of hands. Jill is a truly gifted, generous and very knowledgeable person, and it was my great pleasure to be able to hug her and thank her personally when we met in Kansas and transferred my kitties into her keeping.

With my heartfelt gratitude to you and all the amazing folk who participate in the BAP-BRP programs!

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