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### The Plight of the Foreclosure Cats



BY WENDY COLE

I'm finishing up a piece for the magazine on foreclosures, but none of my sources mentioned anything about a particular segment of victims who are as innocent as they are overlooked in the subprime crisis.

The e-mail I received about the "Foreclosure Cat" Art Exhibit this Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Loveland Art Studios in Loveland, Ohio, brings into vivid relief the poignant tale of

some 60 kittens and cats, rescued last May, after a man evicted from his home walked away without telling anyone about the felines that he left behind without food, water, or medicine.

Animal rescue advocates soon launched a campaign to find permanent new homes for the animals, while artists nationwide signed on to create portraits in every imaginable medium of each abandoned cat. Some of the cats are still awaiting adoption. To find out more about the project, bid on the art, or apply to adopt, visit the [Web site](#).

Posted by Wendy Cole on January 9, 2008 11:02 AM | [Permanent Link](#)

I'm a Realtor, a journalist, and a 15 year member of my county's Animal Welfare Advisory Committee; two of my fellow committee members who are directors of local shelters have been begging me to publicize how SWAMPED they are because of animals being turned in due to people losing their homes to foreclosure. We're also having a terrible time combating all the FREE TO GOOD HOME ads popping up ALL OVER web sites like Craig's List and Freecycle (which are magnets for the S.O.B's who are banned from adopting at the shelters). Couple this with our local County Commission's bass-ackward approach to feral cats ... (one commissioner's response to my question of how HE thinks it should be handled: "Two words; Humane elimination." My reply to him: "Two words; how disappointing...") we are going NUTS with this situation! I am SO GLAD to see you bring it to light in this national forum, Wnedy. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

Posted by: Charmaine | [January 17, 2008 07:30 PM](#)

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