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## All Cats

# All Cats ...all the time!

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## Help the Foreclosure Cats

Here's a great way to help some sick kitties get well and find a home.



## loving homes urgently needed

Just by chance, an abandoned house was discovered in the East End, where nearly 60 cats and kittens had been left to die. Most of the cats were trapped inside without food or water, and the rest were left outside to fend for themselves. Many were sick and injured.

Thanks to several small local animal rescue groups, foster families, and dedicated veterinarians, their lives have been spared. And now, in the care of their foster families, their bodies and spirits are healing. These beautiful animals are learning to trust and accept love for the first time in their lives.

Each cat or kitten has been tested, vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and micro-chipped, and is now ready to share a lifetime of love with a forever family. Although some will bear the physical scars of their ordeal forever, all of them are happy and full of life. After all they've been through, please help us give them a happily-ever-after!

### how you can help

**adopt** to give foreclosure cats and kittens wonderful forever homes.

**foster families** are needed for cats not adopted before their time is up with their current fosters.

**volunteer** for adoption events, administrative or website work, transportation of cats, or the delivery of supplies.

**donate** for vet bills and other expenses.

**They're ready to share a lifetime of love and companionship with their forever families. Are you ready to open your heart and home?**

For adoption or foster home information:

[www.foreclosurecats.org](http://www.foreclosurecats.org)

800-284-0304 x9030

*Above: The original flier from [www.ForeclosureCats.org](http://www.ForeclosureCats.org) soliciting help for the rescued cats. This flier and others can be downloaded from the website for distribution.*

### The backstory:

When a Cincinnati man was evicted in early 2007, he walked away from his house--abandoning 62 cats to sickness and starvation.

When the cats were discovered weeks later, the neighborhood rallied on their behalf. Several groups organized a rescue effort in the community and the result has been phenomenal. Veterinarians discounted their services, foster families lined up to help, even the mortgage company pitched in.

Some of the cats, despite the best efforts of the rescuers, were simply too damaged to survive. Most have recovered nicely - or are still recovering -- and have been either adopted out to their "forever homes" or settled into loving foster care.

The now-nationwide outpouring of support is astounding. A website, [www.ForeclosureCats.org](http://www.ForeclosureCats.org), tells the full story of the rescued cats, with first-person accounts and links to the many groups that flocked to help. There's a slide show of the filthy house where the cats were found--I dare anyone with a heart to view it without choking up.



*Above: Lucy appeared on another of the website's fliers.*

Artists from around the country have donated works representing the 62 cats, with many of the images printed on items for sale at CafePress (pillows, mouse pads, greeting cards, tote bags and the like). Go [here](#) to see the selection--proceeds help offset the cost of healing and caring for the foreclosure cats.

An exhibit of the artwork is planned through the end of this month in Cincinnati; a reception and "adoptathon" is planned for this Saturday. Original works will be auctioned on eBay, also starting Saturday. Check out the [ForeclosureCats website](#) for details on this and other events planned around this amazing rescue.



*Above: Shy little JoJo on another flier.*

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