

The White Kitty Foundation

is a non-profit organization dedicated to the care, nurture, and quality of life of the animals in Contra Costa County.

Through donations and fundraising, the Foundation seeks to shelter, rehabilitate and socialize animals, regardless of condition, and ultimately find them a home where they can flourish.



The White Kitty Foundation:

- provides adoption assistance to pet owners who can no longer care for their pets, regardless of the breed, age or condition of the pet
- aids the elderly in planning for the care and guardianship of their pets when they are no longer able to provide for such care
- helps rescue, heal and shelter abandoned pets until permanent *forever* homes can be found for them
- works with other local community-based animal rights groups through coordinated fund-raisers, adoption efforts and community education

Adoption and Foster Assistance

Working with a network of pet-friendly people and organizations interested in animal welfare, the White Kitty Foundation is building a foster animal program in

Contra Costa County. Individuals interested in fostering animals should contact the Foundation.



The White Kitty Foundation works with people who are displaced due to emergencies (loss of a home due to fire, need to be relocated, etc.) to foster their animals, or if needed, adopt these pets into caring homes.

Estate Planning

In conjunction with a network of estate attorneys and financial planners, The White Kitty Foundation educates pet owners about the care and guardianship of their pets when they are no longer able to provide care. Many pets are abandoned or turned into the local Animal Shelter because their owner has died or has gone to an assisted living facility, and can no longer care for them. While many pet owners assume friends or relatives will care for their pets, this is often not the case. The White Kitty Foundation



provides guidance to pet owners through educational materials and seminars to assist them in making provisions in their will or trust for the care of their pets.

Rescue, Healing and Shelter

The White Kitty Foundation works with the local animal shelter to secure pets that should not be euthanized. We help pay for medical care and provide shelter for animals, with the ultimate goal of finding homes for pets that are no longer wanted.

Fund-raisers & Community Education

The initial fundraiser organized by the White Kitty Foundation was a "Wine and Chocolate Pairing" to benefit Lindsay Wildlife Museum, which raised close to \$10,000 in this first effort. Additional fund-raisers include an annual Fashion Show and a family-focused barbeque.

White Kitty takes community education seriously, and works with local philanthropic organizations to spread information on the importance of animal care, how to be a responsible pet owner, the benefits of spay and neutering, and guidance on "Your Pet's Life Plan."

The White Kitty Foundation is dedicated to ensuring community animals live long and happy lives.

Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday – on site adoptions, check

www.whitekittyfoundation.org

Sunday – closed

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Founders, Bob and Cris Tarozzi



Bob and Cris Tarozzi are long-time community advocates, who focus on the support of those who have no voice. The Tarozzi's moved to Walnut Creek in 1997 from their home in St. Louis, MO and immediately immersed themselves in their community. Involved in a number of local Contra Costa County organizations, such as the Bicycle Advisory Counsel and Community Concern for Cats, the Tarozzi's are committed and passionate about developing a stronger sense of community and extending the concept of "family".

The Tarozzi's have been actively involved in the Parkmead Community Association, with an eye on the protection of the neighborhood environment, focused on building a richer community experience and community awareness.

Never a couple to shy from helping others, Bob and Cris are very involved in the activities of the local elementary schools, and participate in "Share Our Strength" to provide food to disadvantaged children. They also provide ongoing financial support to the East Bay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Red Cross and Youth Homes, Inc.



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The bit and run death of a neighborhood cat in June of 2007, was a rallying cry for Bob and Cris Tarozzi to start the White Kitty Foundation. The feline's owner asked the Tarozzi's for help, not wanting to deal with the financial responsibility of the injured cat's care. Bob and Cris accepted the feline with the broken jaw and provided her with the best medical attention possible, sadly though, the kitty lost her life.

After suffering this loss, Bob and Cris decided not to let this animal or others without their own voice suffer or die in silence or alone.

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