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The Official Newsletter of Crash's Landing & Big Sid's Sanctuary

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& Big Sid's Sanctuary  
cat rescue and placement centers

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**live-love-laugh volunteer!**



**Meet & Greet the cats of Crash's Landing  
on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
1545 Diamond NE, Grand Rapids  
No appointments required!**

*Cats are rather delicate creatures and they are subject to a good many ailments, but I never heard of one who suffered from insomnia.*  
~Joseph Wood Krutch

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **July 2 - Dog Wash at Pet Supplies Plus**

For every dirty dog washed, the cats will clean up! Bring in your pooch for a \$5.00 wash at Pet Supplies Plus (3593 Alpine NW, Grand Rapids) on Saturday, July 2nd from 12 pm - 4 pm. and Crash's Landing will receive all monies raised from this event!

### **July 3 - Crash's Landing Meet & Greet Open Adoption Hours**

Come by and see if you "spark" with any of our residents. No appointment required. Our doors will be open between 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 1545 Diamond NE,

Grand Rapids. Contact [adoptions@crashlanding.org](mailto:adoptions@crashlanding.org) for more information.

#### **July 10 - Volunteer Informational Session and Tour**

Now is the purrfect time to become a volunteer! If you are considering it, sign up for this session which includes a tour, opportunity to meet the kitties and information on how a little of your time can make a big difference. Email [volunteer@crashlanding.org](mailto:volunteer@crashlanding.org) to reserve your spot.

#### **July 10 - Fulton Street Farmers Market**

Crash's Landing & Big Sid's Sanctuary is the featured charity at the Artisans Market today! Stop by our booth anytime between 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. 1145 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids. For more information, visit [grartmarket.com](http://grartmarket.com).

#### **July 17 - Crash's Landing Meet & Greet Open Adoption Hours**

Check out what makes Crash's Landing the cat's meow! Open adoption hours are from 1:00 - 3:00 pm with no appointment necessary. 1545 Diamond NE, Grand Rapids. For more information, contact [adoptions@crashlanding.org](mailto:adoptions@crashlanding.org).

**Do you know why don't cats play poker in the jungle?**

*Answer: Too many cheetahs!*



### **Keeping Pets Calm During Fireworks and Storms**

**It's that time of year again, when fireworks and summer storms are happening all around us. Animals can be frightened by both of these**

events and while you can't prevent either of them from happening, there are steps you can take to help minimize their reactions and lower your anxiety in the process.

#### Plan ahead:

- Walk dogs during daylight hours.
- Keep pets indoors when thunder & fireworks are expected.
- Close all windows, curtains & doors.
- Provide toys, treats and other distractions to keep pets occupied.
- Try to stay home with your pet if fireworks or thunder are expected.
- Make sure your pet is micro-chipped or appropriately tagged for easy identification if they become lost.
- Get your pets used to noises such as thunder by mimicking the sounds via nature CDs on lower volumes from time to time.
- Be prepared in the event of a power outage: have an ample supply of food, water, toys, treats, medications (if regularly given) and flashlights available so that you are able to care for your pet's needs at a moment's notice.
- Keep cat carriers and leashes within reach in the event you need to leave your home quickly in the event of an emergency.

#### How to keep scared dogs & cats calm:

- Animals can sense approaching storms much earlier than humans, so be alert to unexplained changes in your pet's behavior before the first signs of a storm appear.
- Put on music or tv to muffle sounds. If you do lose power, try to seek a quieter spot in the house (such as a basement) where you can go with your pet to wait out the noise.
- Offer some of their favorite treats as a distraction.
- Provide a secure place (preferably indoors) where your pet can't escape if startled by loud noises.
- Allow your pet to hide in a 'safe den' if they choose. This might be a blanket lined cupboard, pet igloo, etc.
- If your pet runs to hide in a corner or under the bed, don't try to coax them out, just let them be where they feel safe.
- Offer natural calming remedies. There are a variety of options available. Pheromone plug-ins can also help when used in the area where your cat tends to hide during storms.
- Dogs, especially frightened ones, may benefit from wearing coats specifically designed to calm them.
- Ensure that you are calm and remain stress-free so that your pet's fear doesn't mirror yours. Speak to your pets in a calm, but cheerful voice.

Remember, if you want your pet to stay calm, you need to stay calm too! These simple tips can really soothe dogs and cats who are scared by thunder, fireworks or other loud noises. If your pet suffers from severe noise phobia, talk to your vet/animal behavior specialist for further treatment suggestions, such as anti-anxiety medications.

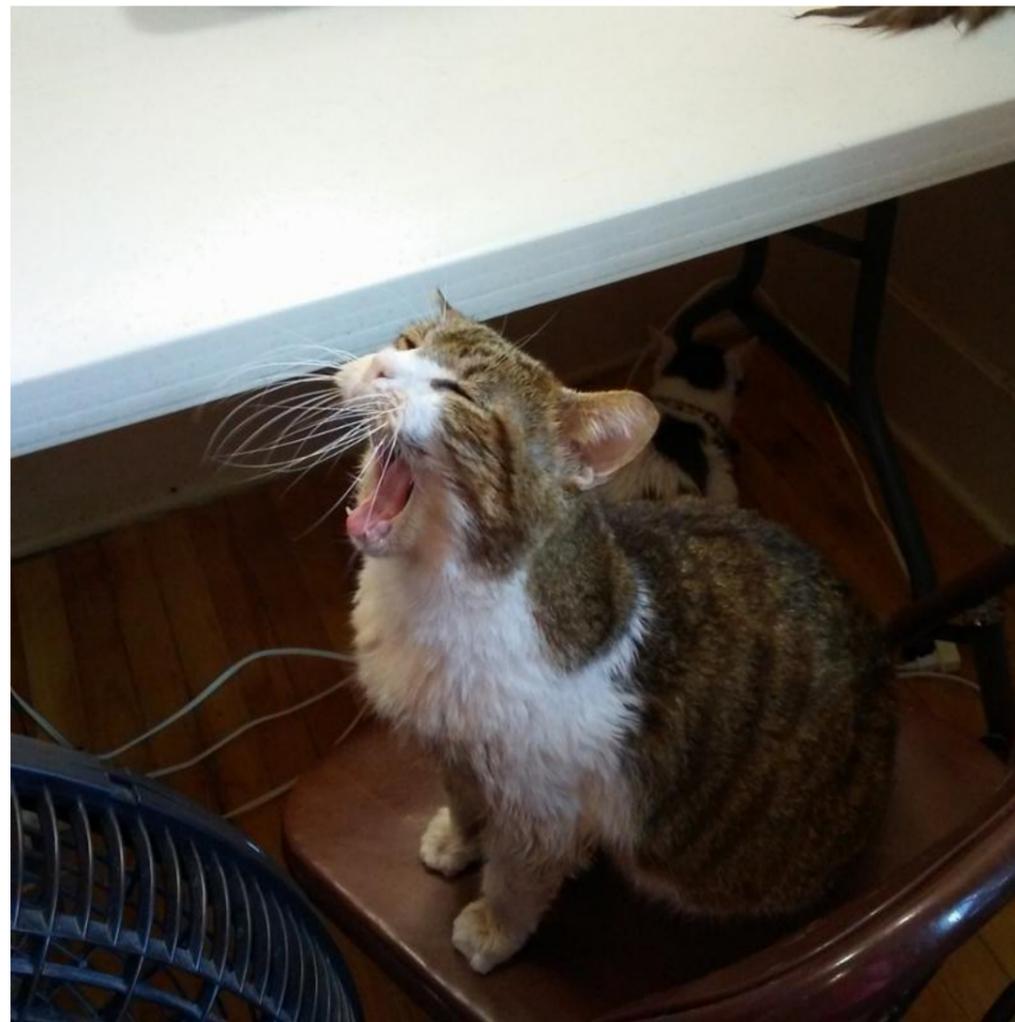
## YES, RESCUE IS HARD

It's hard to see them arrive  
whether they're battered, abandoned or starving.  
Sometimes it's just as hard to see them leave,  
even to the best of homes.

A rescuer's most selfless quality is to  
make room to save another,  
regardless of how it hurts to say goodbye.

WE ONLY HAVE TWO CHOICES:  
DO NOTHING OR DO SOMETHING

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING -- BECOME A VOLUNTEER!  
[volunteer@crashlanding.org](mailto:volunteer@crashlanding.org)



**SILLY SID'S KID, CLOONEY**

**Clooney captured the hearts of the volunteers from the minute he stepped foot on the scene, captivating all of us with his poise, character and charm.**

**He has proven to be quite the ladies man, posing for the camera and showing his goofy, silly side as well!**

**Whatever tickles Clooney's fancy is just fine by us, as we want nothing more than to rub that beautiful belly and shower him with all of the hugs and kisses he missed out on during his years spent on the mean streets.**

**Majestic. Magnificent. Magnetic. Clooney is the real deal!**

People that don't like cats  
haven't met the right one yet.

~Deborah Edwards

### GIVING BACK

Many thanks to the Farmers Insurance employees who visited Crash's Landing recently.

They helped out with various tasks and spent time loving on our cats.

If your employer doesn't encourage giving back to the community, maybe you should suggest it. Community giving has been shown to increase employee morale and if those smiles are any indication, we'd say it works!



## More Recent Adoptees!

Kibitz  
Marina

Cecil  
Clara  
Coco  
Nena  
Commander Cupcake  
Simon Sez  
Torrian  
Michonne  
Chalupa Batman  
Toots McGee  
Moirra  
Gwynneth  
Freddo  
Lu  
Jag  
Doc McStuffins

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