

December 15th is Cat Herders Day



“A day for those of us who feel like we’re tasked with the impossible, Cat Herders Day recognizes the frustration of trying to manage the unmanageable. Whether it’s work, home, school, or other areas of life, if it feels like herding cats, today’s your day.”

The idea of herding cats was popularized by information technologies expert Dave Platt when he said, “Managing senior programmers is like herding cats.”

So why is herding cats such an impossible feat? Have you ever tried to force to kitties to do anything? Cats are independent, solitary creatures who are easily distracted.

Because Christmas is near, today we can imagine what would happen if Santa Claus chose cats to power his sleigh instead of reindeer. What a workday that would have been! On a six-cat sled team, four kitties would run in different compass directions, another one would take a nap and one would hiss at Santa.

Imagine the catnip-powered sleigh scenario:

- Instead of Rudolph’s a red nose to illuminate the way, Santa would use a laser pointer to get them to run in the same direction.
- At Santa’s workshop, the cats would play with gift-wrapping. Inevitably, one would swallow a ribbon. Mrs. Claus would have to rush him to a vet to have it surgically removed.
- Cats would refuse to land on roofs of homes with barking dogs.
- The presents for naughty children would be decorated with hairballs.
- While Santa was down the chimney depositing gifts, the cats would leave deposits of their own on the roof.
- People who are allergic to cats would sneeze when they opened their packages.
- Occasionally a cat would sneak down the chimney in Santa’s sack and bring down the Christmas tree.

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December Calendar of Events

December 6th – Wednesday Night Clinic 5pm
December 13^h – Hanukkah
December 13th – Wednesday Night Clinic 5pm
December 20th – Wednesday Night Clinic 5pm
December 21st – First Day of Winter
December 25th – Christmas
December 26th – Boxing Day
December 26th – Kwanzaa
December 31st – New Years Eve



ZIP

OUR TAKE



ZAP

A look at animal welfare from the eyes of ... these two!

ZIP: YEEHAW!!!! Christmas is almost here! I always get extra bones in my stocking 'cause I am a good boy!

ZAP: Your human must not know you for real then!

ZIP: Seriously Zap.....talk about being bad. Lying about your best friend like that.

ZAP: Bah Hissbug!

ZIP: Wow.....This is supposed to be a wonderful time of year.

ZAP: I know it's supposed to be, but I have nightmares to this day about a bad Christmas when I was a wee little kitten.

ZIP: Really.....it was that bad?

ZAP: So, I was a brand new kitten to the family that Christmas so long ago. I was bored and searching my new home, then BAM! The twinkling lights and shimmering garland caught my eye. All those fancy shiny balls were there, too.

ZIP: Don't say it Zap.....

ZAP: Yes, I must. Part of my therapy. So I was walking towards this big green thing that smells wonderful. I climb through these boxes and start to climb up into this wonderful smelling thing.

ZIP: I can't look!

ZAP: Nothing to look at. This is a story.

ZIP: Yeah that's right.

ZAP: So I find a soft spot that's comfortable.....and I am enjoying the smells. I happen to open my eye up and I get freaked out when I see another cat face staring at me. I think you can imagine what happened to that big green thing when I got settled down. Those shiny balls broken everywhere, the big green thing on its side, I have those twinkling lights ... and that garland got me all tied up. I was a goner.

ZIP: I can see why. You are traumatized for sure.

ZAP: For sure.....but even though, Zip and I want to wish you a very happy holiday season.

NEWS & NOTES

MILESTONE HOURS	
(as of Sept. 30 th)	
Rhonda Montgomery	2295
Shawn Fernberg	1000
Deborah Waits	828
Barbara Fowler	816
Megan Reyes	808
Crystal Struckhoff	683
Julie Langers	885
Jean Absher	634
Barbara Beckstrom	518
Ben Neal	528
Rhonda Smith	460
Rowena Yong	435
Danny Spanks	459
Teddi Rawles	479
Stan Cameron	436
Nancy Apodoca	436
Nancy Ballinger	336
Tabitha Sanchez	299
Kristen Danley	287
Sarah Abate	287



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS	DAY
Courtney Nelson	2 nd
Estela Lopez	3 rd
Simran Khurana	4 th
Danielle Jalving	4 th
Barbara Beckstrom	5 th
Zadie English	13 th
Hannah Rothermel	16 th
Samarya Gutierrez	18 th
Jean Absher	21 st
Stan Cameron	28 th
Shannon Jackson	31 st





Coordinator's Corner

Volunteers first and foremost, let me wish all of you a very happy and safe Holiday Season!



There will be some policy and procedure changes coming down the line very soon and I will make adjustments to the P&P as I get them and I will send them to you in emails. A couple of simple adjustments like the blue aprons in all rooms, but some more like the addition of some new basic cleaning processes in the cat rooms will be happening.

Have a great month and we will see you in December.

