

**Reflection of 2009 by Linda Rosencrans**

As 2009 comes to a close we always like to reflect back on the accomplishments made over past the year. Because of your kind donations and all of our volunteer's dedication, many lives were saved from an uncertain outcome.

Now with our two adoption locations at Wyomissing and Temple PetSmart we are able help even more cats. The Petsmart Adoption Centers continue to thrive and it is such a wonderful opportunity for One by One to be out there in the public eye and to find many kitties wonderful new homes.

We also have had our many trials throughout this year. In the heat of August, 16 cats were left near our shelter confined inside of cardboard fruit boxes. Unfortunately, a short time later 9 more arrived starving for the same care and attention. Thankfully, all of them sur-

vived this tragedy and quite a few are in happy homes now.

We have also had the opportunity to help other rescue organizations by taking some of their very adoptable kitties. These kitties come from very high kill shelters where up to 85% of their intakes never make it out alive. Your donations, and multiple fundraisers

which were held throughout the year allowed us to continue our efforts in saving these special cats.

Our goal for this year is to continue with our mission in saving lives and placing them in forever homes. From myself and all the volunteers at One by One, warm wishes to a New Year!!



Linda visited Best Friends in Kanab, Utah while attending a conference for "No More Homeless Pets" in Las Vegas.

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**Our Mission**

One by One is dedicated to helping abandoned, stray, rescued, and injured cats, by providing quality shelter and foster care through voluntary efforts, for their lifetime, if necessary.

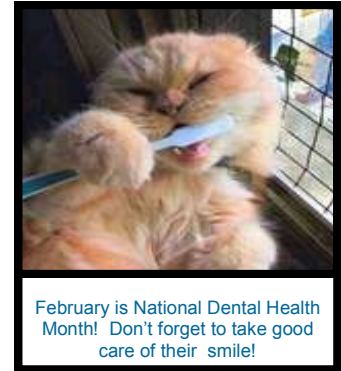
One by One will place the cat's health, happiness, and well being above all else while working toward the ultimate goal of finding the best match for the cat and the adopting family through careful screening and discussion.

## Good Dental Health Prolongs Cat's Life by Lee Pickett, V.M.D.

Does your cat's breath strip the finish off your coffee table? Do your eyes tear when he licks your face? Does his breath awaken you at night, just as he's snuggling in next to you on the pillow? If so, your cat may be suffering from dental disease, the most common medical problem we veterinarians see. The American Veterinary Dental Society estimates that 70 percent of cats have dental disease by the age of three.

Clinical signs may include one or more of the following:

- bad breath and drooling;
- diminished interest in chewing dry food;
- calculus, also known as tartar, a yellow-brown, cement-like material stuck to the teeth, particularly the molars;
- gingivitis, which you'll recognize as red, swollen or bleeding gums;
- loose or missing teeth; and sometimes,
- decreased energy, if the cat's mouth hurts.



These signs are caused by bacteria that invade the mouth, attaching first to the teeth as a film of plaque. Blood carries the bacteria to the kidneys, liver, heart and lungs, where they set up infections that can shorten your cat's life.

### Good dental habits start early

To prevent these problems, feed your cat high quality food, preferably a dry dental diet that won't stick to the teeth and gums the way canned food does. Dental diets approved by the Veterinary Oral Health Council are listed at [www.vohc.org](http://www.vohc.org).

If your cat allows it, brush his teeth daily or every other day. For directions, visit [www.berkshumane.org/vets/vets\\_health.asp](http://www.berkshumane.org/vets/vets_health.asp).

Have your veterinarian examine his mouth during his annual physical, to identify minor dental problems before they become life-threatening. Finally, follow your vet's recommendations about the need for professional cleaning.

### Professional dentistry improves oral health

Tooth brushing is periodically supplemented by a professional dentistry at the animal hospital. Under general anesthesia, the crowns of the teeth are cleaned with an ultrasonic scaler, and the roots are hand-scaled or planed to remove plaque that would otherwise damage the gums. Then the teeth are polished and sealed to produce a smooth surface to which plaque cannot easily attach. Teeth are extracted only if necessary to protect the cat's overall health.

Many veterinarians also take dental radiographs, or x-rays, to ensure that no problems are hiding beneath the gums. After all, 60 percent of the tooth lies below the gum line, along with bone and the other tissues that support the teeth. Studies demonstrate that 40 percent of cats with mouths that appear normal on physical examination actually have significant dental disease that is evident only with radiography. That's why the American Animal Hospital Association recommends dental radiographs every time a pet's teeth are cleaned and examined under anesthesia.

### As the mouth goes, so goes the body

The benefits of good dental care extend beyond sweet-smelling breath. A healthy mouth is a pain-free mouth. Moreover, healthy teeth and gums decrease the risk of kidney, heart and liver disease, prolonging your cat's life.

So celebrate National Pet Dental Health Month this February by scheduling an appointment with your veterinarian to have your cat's teeth and gums examined.

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Dr. Lee Pickett practices companion animal medicine and acupuncture at the Veterinary Hospitals of the Humane Society of Berks County. She lives with four cats and dogs, all rescues. Visit her website at [www.askthevetspets.com](http://www.askthevetspets.com).

## New Beginnings...

### Keep them coming...

We are always excited to receive letters from our adoptive families. Nothing could make us any happier than to know that the cats we have cared for are doing well in their new home. Feel free to send letters, pictures, video of your adopted One by One kitty to us! Your kitty may be featured in our Happy Tails section of our newsletter!

We recently received an update from Versace's new family... "She is an absolute doll baby!.. loves to snuggle with my son at night... she just lays there and purrs.. our resident cat is finally taking a liking to her also, which I'm so happy about... they are actually playing "cat and mouse" right now...it's hilarious! We built them a tunnel out of cardboard boxes so they are having a blast running through and pouncing on each other.. She'll be real high energy for about a half hour, then you look over and she's zonked out on the couch..

Her wonderful personality is definitely a tribute to your organization, and we are so happy to have her in our family!"



**Versace is so happy In her new home!**

**Check out our two  
adoption locations!**

**Wyomissing PetSmart  
and  
Temple PetSmart**

## Fruit Box Emergency

One of our volunteers stopped in at the shelter to drop off supplies when she discovered fruit boxes filled with cats. This is the second time that someone has dumped cats at the shelter in fruit boxes. All in all there were a total of nine cats in the four boxes discovered. The cats were quickly moved indoors to safety. Other staff arrived to quickly assess their needs and helped get them set up in their new quarters. Surprisingly all the cats were very affectionate and sweet. After some care, lots of TLC and vet approval these cats are now ready for adoption. Special thanks to the volunteers who quickly responded to help out in this special situation! Click [here](#) to see our fruit box kitties that are looking for homes and other cats that we have available for adoption.



## First Year Anniversary At Temple Petsmart

We are so thrilled with all the excitement going on at the Temple location. Since their grand opening on October 21, 2008 more than 250 cat adoptions have been possible. This center is run by Gwen Piper and 35 other dedicated volunteers. Gwen believes the best part of this experience is going home at the end of the day and knowing that you are helping to save lives. She states that "Just one adoption is really saving two lives because an adoption opens up space for another rescue." The volunteers and their families get very involved with the adoption center. Even our young volunteers love to be involved in this experience. Gwen's daughter, Kylie, 9, has been an aspiring addition to the volunteer family. She adores the cats and treats each of them as if they were one of her own.

Ryan, the manager of this store has noticed a huge boost in morale since the grand opening just over a year ago. "The employees enjoy both the cats, and the volunteers. Having this center in here has really boosted our working morale, and the results that the center is achieving are casting a wider net over the community." He admits that even when the volunteers are not in the center, the managers of the store can be found playing and helping out with the cats on their breaks. Positive word-of-mouth about this center has been a huge reason why they are having such success. The adoption center's evolution is really a team effort, and it seems everyone wants to be involved.

**Special thanks to all our furry friends who stopped out to have their picture taken with Santa! It is always great to see our adopted friends!**



### Upcoming Events

**Feb. 5-7 Karousel Kats Cat Show at the River Edge, Reading**

**February - Pellmans Cheese Cake Sale**

**March 26- 28 Christmas City Cat Show at the Charles Chrin Community Center**

**April 26 - National Kids and Pets Day**

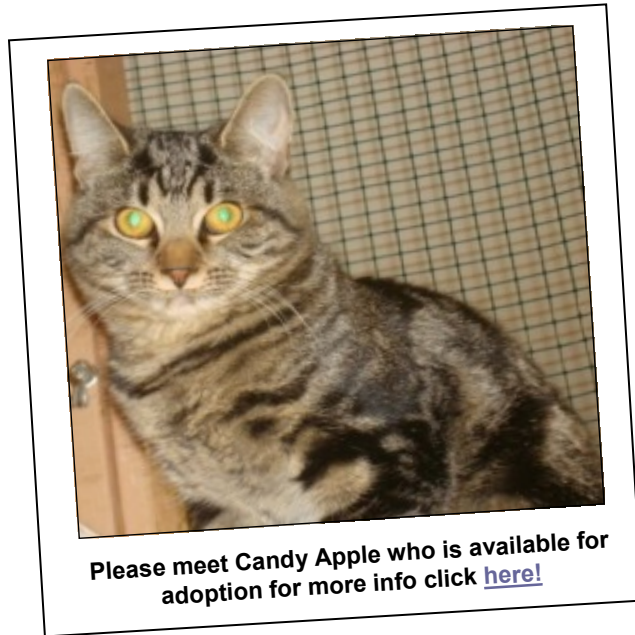
**If you have a child that loves animals and has gone out of their way to help them, we want to hear from you. Send a short story and picture to [info@1by1catrescue.org](mailto:info@1by1catrescue.org). One of the stories will be featured in an upcoming issue!**

**Click [here](#) for full details and updated event schedule!**



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### We Need You...

For information about Feral Cats and low-cost spay/neuter information, contact The Safe Cat Network, Inc. by emailing [toelvn@yahoo.com](mailto:toelvn@yahoo.com)

This year we have really been put to the test. The economy has touched every home and needless to say we have taken in cats who required desperate medical care. We continue to have fundraisers and events to help cover the costs of these wonderful cats. If you would like to make a contribution to help with our efforts click [here](#) or feel free to send your donation to:

One by One, Inc.  
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Kutztown, PA 19530

#### Other Needs:

##### Foster Families

We are in need of temporary foster homes to give cage breaks to some of our long time adoption center residents!

##### Adoption Center Help

With two different adoption center locations many volunteers are needed to clean, feed and play with the cats.

##### Event Help

Looking for friendly outgoing individuals who love cats and can help at local events.

##### Supplies Needed

- Canned cat food
- Paper Towels
- Small paper plates
- Towels/blankets