



Save A Life Barn Party

Come Celebrate for a Great Cause!

Stray Cat Blues (SCB) is excited about our upcoming 2017 signature fundraising event: The Save A Life Barn Party. The affair will be held on Thursday, July 20, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the beautifully restored Bank Barn on the Spring Meadow Farm property, originally built in 1766. This is no ordinary barn. It's an architectural delight that blends historical charm with modern elegance set in the bucolic Bucks County countryside.

And this is no ordinary event. Your generous donations will help save a life! The proceeds from this event will help us rescue, take care of more cats and kittens, and help find them new, loving homes. Our goal of \$25,000 may be ambitious, but it is eminently achievable. And the closer we come to reaching that objective the more resources can also be allocated towards attaining a future shelter site.

So, please join us. Our catered Save A Life Barn Party includes wine, appetizers, a band for entertainment—and a few extra surprises. It's the perfect way to spend a glorious summer night! Tickets are \$100 per guest.

Stray Cat Blues' continuing mission is the fostering and adoption of friendly cats and kittens, along with active assistance & encouragement of Trap Neuter Return spay and neuter of feral cats. We also have a robust Barn Cat Program.

Here are some ways that you can help SCB make the Save A Life Barn Party a rousing success:

PURCHASE TICKETS

So easy & fun! It will be a delightful evening out with like-minded people, and a generous way to help stray cats and kittens have a better life. Extra Bonus: Cats at the event!

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

Businesses can support our rescue

efforts through sponsorships, either by direct contributions or facilitated through a charitable division and/or matching gift programs.



PRIVATE DONATIONS

SCB is seeking monetary assistance from individuals who believe in our community efforts. Recruit family, neighbors, coworkers, and colleagues who have compassion for our abandoned feline friends. For nearly 20 years, SCB volunteers have responded to thousands of requests for help with stray cats & kittens in neighborhoods, backyards, and workplaces. This is one way for people to give back so we can continue our community outreach.

VOLUNTEER

To make this a great event, we need as many boots on the ground as we can muster. If you believe in what we do and have a big heart for helping stray cats and kittens, this is a fantastic way to meet some new cat loving friends—and have a great time to boot!

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

By going to our website www.straycatblues.org you can find electronic fliers and posters that you can download to your social media connections. Print and hang them in your workplace, vet office, library, community center, supermarket, etc.

For more information about our Save A Life Barn Party:

Call Patti Schaefer (215) 237-5771
Email savingstrays@yahoo.com

In Memory of Stray Cat Blues Spokescat Benjamin "Ben" Smith 2002-2016



Spokescat Ben was a beloved mascot of Stray Cat Blues for many years. This affectionate, easy going tabby boy attended Stray Cat Blues

publicity and fundraising events, was quoted and photographed for lots of media outlets, and even starred in a local theater production. His devoted family adopted Ben shortly after he came to our organization and showered him with a lifetime of love and caring. To honor this exceptional cat that passed a few months ago, his family wrote this "tail" about Ben.

Ben lived on the streets of Philadelphia for several years, roaming from house to house begging for food. No one really knew how he got there. Finally, two neighbors took pity on him and took him to a vet. Poor Ben was scabby, skinny and missing a lot of his fur. A blood test showed that he was FIV positive. His rescuers couldn't keep him so they reached out to various rescues and Stray Cat Blues stepped up to take him. That's how Ben found our family.

It was love at first sight since this charming boy was hard to resist. At our house, he was safe and secure with good food and regular vet care. He began to heal and blossom. He showered his loving personality on all the people and animals he met. Since he was so outgoing and friendly, we wondered how he would react in a public situation.

We began with putting him in a harness and leash. The first time

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Ben wore his safety gear, Mr. Drama King fell over. Slowly and with patience, we worked with him and he gradually developed a tolerance for it. We felt it was time to try him at a low key event.

Ben's first public outing was to our church for a "Have a Heart" Sunday. He was a huge success. He walked around in his harness and leash not fazed by anything. People loved this guy and Ben ate up the attention. After this first event, Ben was in great demand.

He traveled to different churches, flea markets, silent auctions, Girl Scout meetings, and nursing homes. He wrote a monthly article for our church's Fishnet newsletter, and starred in a local production of "Everyone Loves Opal." He even got a mention in the Philadelphia Inquirer review

of the play. At these events, Ben assisted us in presenting information about the ways people can help stray and mistreated animals in their community.

Ben also formed relationships with animals. He was not afraid of dogs and he always helped rescued kitties who came to our house. Those kitties would be very fearful and hide but Ben made them feel wanted and gave them the courage to socialize with other felines and humans.

Time finally caught up with Ben. When it was time for his soul to leave this earth, we made sure he was not alone. There is a hole in our hearts where Ben use to be, but his memory will slowly heal our pain. Ben will be missed, but never forgotten.

Rest in peace dear Ben.



STRAY CAT BLUES, INC.
P.O. Box 8
Colmar, PA 18915

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**YES! I want to help Stray Cat Blues, Inc. have a successful
Save A Life Barn Party**

Enclosed is my Sponsorship donation \$_____

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Barn Cats Need Safe Places

If you have a nice barn or secure building where outdoor cats can be warm and fed, please consider applying for our barn cats. SCBI has a well-organized, efficient barn cat program. Cats are delivered and acclimated so that they stay at "home" when released. Visit www.straycatblues.org to apply. **Give our barn cats a special gift this Spring – a safe, welcoming, home of their own.**

