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DONKEYS?! I THOUGHT THIS WAS A CAT RANCH!

Hi, I am Lynnie. Me and my two friends, Jennifer and Buffy, are retired miniature show donkeys. We lived on a Texas farm and were brought here to the Forever Home Feline Ranch near Rochester, Illinois. This is not like the farm we came from; it is smaller and the barn is not as big or as new as the one we had in Texas. There are cracks and leaks, so little Buffy especially gets cold from the dampness. The Ranch hands here are good to us. I doubt that they know we can translate some of what they are saying, but we know more than they think we do about what is going on here, something about security for cats and security from coyotes. We do not tolerate coyotes, and we give them some good wallops with our hooves if they come up near the Ranch buildings or near us. This place is smaller, but is OK with us, plenty of pasture we may be sharing with some cows, but the barn is not really up to our standards.

We have heard the ranch hands here saying that the cat buildings have to be completed before the barn can be fixed. We want a new barn! If that is the way it has to be, we want to keep them happy, so then we can get our new barn. We can prove that we are good security by keeping the coyotes away, but then we want our barn as soon as we can get it. Meanwhile, the Ranch hands say we need money and donations to get this cat refuge/adoption place in full operation first.

I say, **Let's Do It!** Then get **The Barn Too!** Jennifer, our youngest friend here wants me to tell you that she likes

to play in the water, and the stream in the pasture is sometimes dry; she is a little childish. Don't worry Jennifer, there will be water sometimes. Buffy says she likes it here, because everything is so green and fresh in the pasture. The ranch hands have done a lot of work to help cats find homes and to keep cats safe and happy. Some may never live with a family again but will have a forever home at the Ranch. Please support this cause. The Ranch hands have worked so hard to change the lives of so many cats and kittens. Sometimes it is financially tough to keep moving with projects.

We need your help and support to complete what has been started at the Ranch. The Ranch is not in full operation yet, because expenses for taking care of so many animals have eaten up much of our hard-earned funding. Please send a donation to help the Ranch hands care for the cats and complete one full building. Every one of the Ranch hands is a volunteer which means 100% of all donations goes to support cats and kittens!



Jennifer says she likes the cats. There are a few friendly strays that already lived in the barn. She also says – Build the Ranch and They Will Come. I think she means the people will come to adopt cats and see the Ranch. **We need your help !**

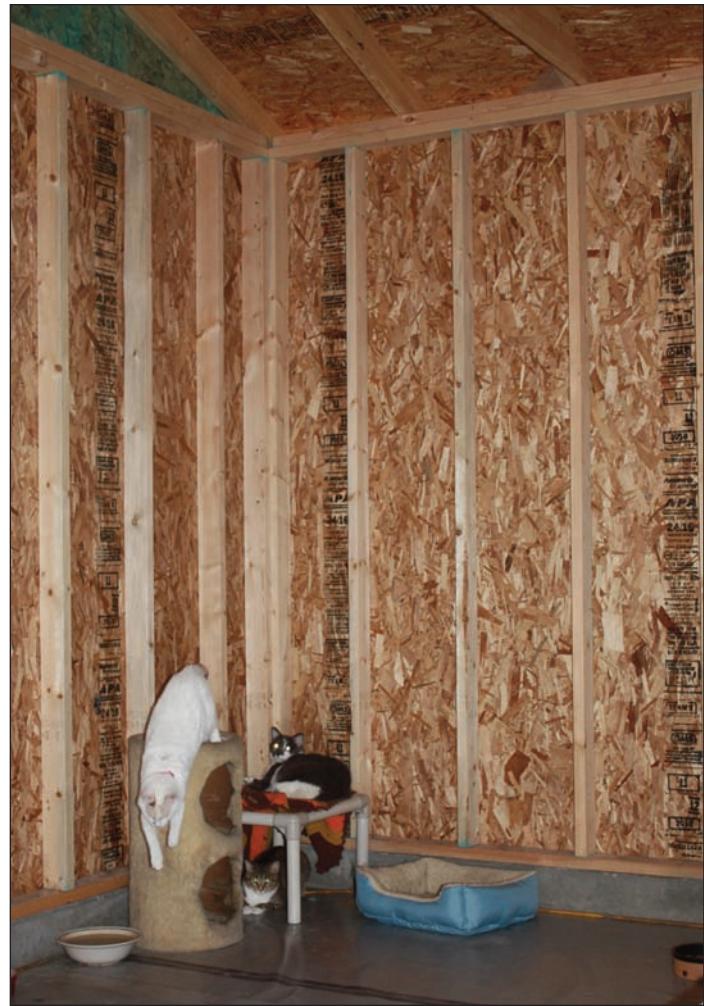
Lynnie

Isn't Lynnie just wonderful? Cute too!

Forever Home Feline Ranch was founded in March 2009. Forever Home Feline Ranch came about because of proposed legislation that would have allowed animal control officers to pick up any cat wandering outside. This dangerous legislation would have increased the number of cats entering the shelter system across the state. Unfortunately for cats, **70% of cats that enter shelters are killed** regardless of their health or condition. According to Alley Cat Allies in 2009, in the State of Illinois, 60,000 cats were euthanized. The other horrible stat is that cats are adopted out at a much lower rate than dogs.

Forever Home Feline Ranch's goal is to **end euthanasia as a means of population control**. This is an uphill battle, but one we can win with your help. Forever Home Feline Ranch helps unwanted, neglected, homeless kittens and cats find their forever home. We also provide a loving place for older, unadoptable felines to live out their remaining years in comfort and with love. Take for example, Nimrod, Loki, Silence, Chloe and Miranda. These wonderful cats were relinquished due to their elderly owner having terminal cancer. Nimrod, Loki and Silence are older cats with health problems and have found their forever home at the ranch. Chloe and Miranda (a three legged cat) were adopted into loving homes.

Forever Home Feline Ranch is licensed and inspected by the State of Illinois as a **no-kill, cage free feline sanctuary**. We need your support to continue our work helping neglected, homeless felines like Cinnamon. Cinnamon was dumped and rescued after being found in a field. A caring person noticed that she was being used for target practice. Yes, some people were actually shooting at her! Cinnamon, a tortie, was brought to Forever Home Feline Ranch and has since been adopted,



never to dodge bullets again. Forever Home Feline Ranch was also called when Marina, an all four declawed calico tabby, was found with a terrible rash and no fur on her face, dumped in a downtown dumpster. Marina was nursed back to health and was adopted out to a wonderful family. She is one of the lucky ones.

Forever Home Feline Ranch has purchased property in rural Rochester, Illinois. The property has 10.5 acres with several out buildings and the caretaker's house. **Our goal is to turn some of the out buildings into feline friendly cat condos** where our cats will live out their lives in comfort or until they can find their forever homes. We will have condos to separate the cats and kittens. After all, if you were a senior, you wouldn't want to live with a baby. Our goal is to house like felines together, seniors in one condo, kittens in another and special needs in yet another. This is where you come in. Like Lynnie said, make a donation, any donation. Forever Home Feline Ranch

is a **100% volunteer organization**, which means all monies raised go to the care, support and housing of the animals. We couldn't save felines like Bear, eight years old, and Bitsy, five years old, without generous supporters like you. Both of these cats were found by family members checking on a relative. Sadly, their owner passed away. Both cats were stressed and hungry. The family members boarded the cats at a local vet's office but were unable to care for them since they lived in Texas. The vet contacted Forever Home Feline Ranch and Bear and Bitsy were taken in. Both were adopted into loving and caring homes. Once again, another happy story.

Did you know that Forever Home Feline Ranch also has temporarily fostered cats? Tigger, Fat Tuesday and Tammy have been fostered while their families work thru their change in life circumstances. We are not aware of any other animal rescue in this area that will temporarily foster cats.

You can help us make a difference! Help us realize our goal of feline friendly cat condos. Help us help cats like Cinnamon, Loki, Nimrod, Bear and Bitsy. You can make a difference! Make a donation, any donation. Your donations will help with our Paws to Make a difference Capital Campaign. Make a \$500.00 donation or more and name a feline friendly cat condo. Our intake building is built, but that's all. We need heating, cooling, insulation,

electrical, water, drywall, paint and all the little things needed to finish a building. We also need funds to refurbish the red barn for the donkeys and a large tool shed on the property that will be renovated to house the cats in their new cat condos. **With your help we can renovate the buildings and save many more lives.**

So far this year we have adopted 184 cats and kittens. In 2010, we adopted 152 cats and kittens. In our first year



in 2009, we adopted nine cats and kittens. We have helped in the care of over 400 cats since 2009. With your generous support, we are making a difference, one life at a time. **Please help us help them.** Be a voice, make a difference. We couldn't do what we do without wonderful people like yourselves and our awesome volunteers. We have enclosed a self addressed envelope for your convenience. Please make a donation now, any donation. Thank you for your generosity.

Interested in seeing the ranch? Give us a call at 217-679-1593 to make an appointment to see how far we have progressed in such a short period of time. Come out and see what we have done and where we are going. Lynnie, Jennifer, Buffy and the cats invite you to come see the ranch.



Unfinished Intake Building



Looking forward to saving lives and making a difference,

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