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Hello Everyone, we are excited to announce our summer fundraiser. Mr. Gray, Cat, and a cute spokeskitty from One Hope, want to share a bit of cool summer news.

You can get great wine for your summer events, help the cats, and save money. Even better, you can join our Facebook group, set up especially for this event, to get recipes, ask questions, and more. If you don't follow us on Facebook, here is the link. Join and leave whenever you want.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1902703389921831/?ref=share>

So, read on and learn about the other big news happening at Catnip Casa this summer.



Cheeto is impatient for the indoor patio area to be finished. He heard we are renovating a garage with heating, cooling, patio play areas, windows, and more. We'll share pictures after Cheeto, his family, Anna, and Extra move in. They will all have separate areas, but the design also allows us to let all of them play together--if they get along.

This project came about because of the extreme weather (both hot and cold). Yes, these kitties are still feral, but even wildlife and outdoor pets suffer from extreme temperatures. It became apparent we could not continue to keep them safe without indoor accommodations. They will still have outdoor patios. After the renovations and the big move, we'll connect the patio to our indoor cat room to allow outdoor playtime too. We hope to be done by the end of June.

Meanwhile, please enjoy our summer fundraiser! While not all of our supporters drink alcoholic beverages, we know some of you will host events that include people who enjoy wine. Or, maybe you are helping plan a wedding and need a budget-friendly suggestion to help out friends or family.

One Hope has a wonderful history of helping many organizations. When we partner with an organization for a fundraiser, we look hard for a social conscience too.

Catnip Casa's summer fundraiser runs until the end of July. That means lots of time to get recipes, ask questions, try a bottle, and order for events.

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Our other project is submitting grant applications to help support TNR in the Austin area. Two major grant applications have been submitted. Both of them will have decisions made later this year. Our hopes are high because the need is great.

Many of you know there is an explosion of feral and stray kittens this year. That problem developed because of Covid and the need to close some facilities temporarily. Others closed permanently due to lack of staff, increased costs, and/or funding. The facilities that are reopening still cannot offer free services due to the increase in costs of supplies and medications. All of them are suffering from staff shortages that also limit their services.

We fund a few out-of-pocket when our finances allow. However, that's not enough. Our mission is caring for the senior and special needs kitties we have. Costs have gone up dramatically for us too. For example, one case of z/d prescription wet food used to cost \$54 in January of 2020, which was expensive. Now, that same case costs \$77, and there are no alternatives for some cats that can't tolerate a change in food or a specific ingredient in another brand. In addition, we still deal with availability challenges too.

So, wish us luck on our TNR grants. We'll keep you posted.

Enjoy your summer, be safe, and spread the news about our fundraiser. Every dollar counts.

Thank you for supporting Catnip Casa.

Penny