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Hello Angel Cat Family!

We have had a very busy summer over here in Orange County Cat Land!

I mentioned in our last newsletter that some new cats had shown up in one of our colonies.... Four pregnant mamas. We've spent the last couple of months trapping, spaying/neutering and rounding up kittens for adoption. Altogether, we've plucked up 10 young babies, and so far, have trapped 6 adults for TNR. Still working on the rest. My traps are set as I write this! About half of the group we had already established and fixed in that colony have disappeared over the past year or so, (we have a big presence of coyote activity in that area near the Santa Ana riverbed) and new kids on the block have moved in (or been dropped off). It is honestly so much work, setting the traps, hoping to get a cat to go in (many of them are trap savvy after seeing their pals get caught) and all done at night. Thankfully, we have a faithful colony feeder there.

And thank goodness for our wonderful rescue veterinarian partner, they have been so accommodating to us over the years. It's very difficult to schedule a spay/neuter surgery when you don't know if you'll get one or not the night before. So, a big shout out to Beach Blvd Pet Hospital in Huntington Beach, Doctors Hashimoto, Lizardo and their awesome team of techs. We highly recommend them! (they like doggos too!)

One of the biggest hurdles we have faced in this colony is the recent occurrence of ringworm. Ringworm is a fungal skin infection and while not life threatening and very treatable, it involves medicated bathing, sulfur lime dipping and a course of expensive oral medication spanning a few weeks. That's a lot to ask of a foster, so I've been doing these babies myself. I have quite the nursery going on at Angel Cat Manor!

If you can help with your tax deductible donations towards their vet care and food, we would greatly appreciate it! We are a registered 501c3 animal welfare/rescue group, we operate solely on donations from you wonderful folks, so no donation is too small, we appreciate everything and anything. We are an all volunteer bunch of cat lovers who often dip into our savings to keep things going. We are so grateful for all of you who support our efforts. It sure takes a village!

We hope you can take time away from this crazy world we live in and appreciate your furry babies this holiday season (as I'm sure you do in all seasons)! I truly believe they keep us sane!

*Merry Christmas* and *Happy New Year* to all of you and your fur kids!

With love, and gratitude and blessings,

*Rodman Hue*