

Spay and Save

Volunteer Newsletter

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Grumpy the Cat Dies in 2019

From Toni Dougherty

I have always been a fan of Grumpy the Cat and have often wondered if the owners of Tartar Sauce (her real name) took advantage of all the media and the use of the cats face on everything from Facebook to my favorite slippers from Sketchers. The Scoop from Wikipedia

"Tartar Sauce (April 4, 2012 – May 14, 2019), nicknamed Grumpy the Cat, was an American Internet celebrity cat. She was known for her permanently "grumpy" facial appearance, which was caused by an underbite and feline dwarfism. She came to prominence when a photograph of her was posted on September 22, 2012, on social news website Reddit by Bryan Bundesen, the brother of her owner Tabatha Bundesen. **Continued P 2**

Canine Influenza is Spreading

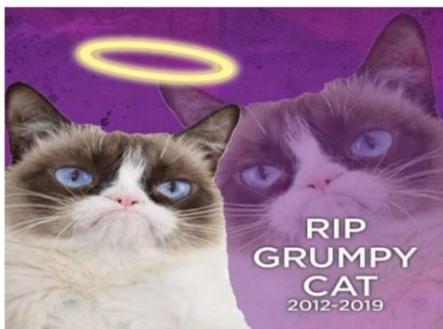
From Toni Dougherty

The news is full of warnings about Canine Influenza. I recently received this Email from the Emergency Vet in my area Metropolitan Veterinary Associates.

From Metropolitan Veterinary Associates

"Starting in January, and escalating rapidly since then, we have seen many cases of canine respiratory infections that have subsequently been identified as Canine Influenza.

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I guess the fame and publicity was too much for Grumpy Cat aka Tartar Sauce. We probably won't miss her for she still lives on in the world of Meme.

Grumpy the Cat Dies in 2019

"Lolcats" and parodies created from the photograph by Reddit users became popular. She was the subject of a popular Internet meme in which humorously negative, cynical images were made from photographs of her. As of August 23, 2020, Grumpy Cat had 8.3 million total likes on Facebook, 2.6 million followers on Instagram 1.5 million followers on Twitter and 283,000 subscribers on YouTube.

♥ Background

Tartar Sauce was one of a litter of four kittens born to a calico mother and a blue-and-white tabby putative father at the home of her owner, Tabatha Bundesen of Morrystown, Arizona. The Bundesen's said that Tartar Sauce's face appeared grumpy because the feline had a form of dwarfism. Though the mother and father were described as "normal-sized domestic short-hair cats", Tartar Sauce was undersized and had hind legs that are "a bit different". Both she and her brother, Pokey, were born with "a flat face, bubble eyes, and a short tail". Although she had a "grumpy" appearance and was called "Grumpy Cat", according to the Bundesen's, "Ninety-nine percent of the time she is just a regular cat."

"Meme manager" Ben Lashes represented Grumpy Cat, in addition to Keyboard Cat and Nyan Cat. In 2013, Tabatha Bundesen took a leave of absence from her job at Red Lobster to manage Grumpy Cat's schedule, while her brother Bryan Bundesen manages the Grumpy Cat website, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter accounts.

♥ Media appearances

After her debut in 2012, Tartar Sauce made many media appearances, typically accompanied by her owner, Tabatha Bundesen; Tabatha's brother, Bryan Bundesen; and occasionally Tabatha's daughter, Chrystal. Tartar Sauce's handlers were interviewed was also featured in advertising campaigns for Friskies and General Mills' Honey Nut Cheerios and made public appearances to promote her own brand.

RUH RO'S Had a Great Start in The New Year.

By Beth Licata

Two weeks into 2023 we had 7 adoptions. From December 2022 to the present day of 2023, we had 12 adoptions. In December, 2 adults and in January, one adult went to their forever homes. I want to thank Denise (co-coordinator who also reviews the applications), Christopher who owns the store and his employees, and my faithful volunteers for the hard work and sacrifice in taking care of our kitties and helping to find them a permanent home.



Beth Licata coordinator, Beth and Christopher owners, Wyatt manager of Ruh Roh Pet Store in Conshohocken

Happenings



Left: Yes, its true real cats just can't resist the toilet paper exercise. Foster mom and daughter, Erin, and Karmela Thomas, are fostering Midnight and siblings. They were surprised when they entered their bathroom only to find a short supply of all things: toilet tissue! Can you guess why?



Below: Jessica Halloran decorated the cats cages at Exton Petco for Valentine's Day. A creative new volunteer Jessica also created the banner below.

Above and Below: Coordinators hard at work during the meeting held on January 20th, 2023, at Chris's House. Included in the pictures are Janet Lynch, Madelyn Ferraioli Chaundy, Alicia Ferraioli, Kimberly Shaw, Natalie Lehair. Below: Ragen Durante, Joan Carr, Beth Licata, Ann Slowik, Toni Dougherty. Sarah Sikora, Araceli Wakil, Susan Trombadore, Leslie Barringer, Gaby Kramer, Barb Hardy, Denise Knaecke and others joined on Zoom.



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Canine Influenza is Spreading cont.

Some Dog Tales



Joe Schlosser holds "Gia" a six month old hound mix puppy available for adoption. Spay and Save readers are encouraged to share all of our pets on their personal social media page. We have several puppies and adults who need some extra TLC.



EMBER gazes into the camera and asks that the Spring season will bring her a new home. She is ten months, a pittie mix and wonderful with kids, small dogs, and cats.

From Metropolitan Veterinary Associates

"While the vast majority of pets have had mild self-resolving clinical signs (e.g., nasal discharge, coughing, and mild fever and lethargy), there are reports of some becoming extremely ill to the point of requiring hospitalization.

While clinical signs may be similar to bordetellosis/kennel cough, Influenza is a primary viral infection and will NOT respond to antimicrobial therapy.

Given the situation, we are strongly encouraging clients to avoid multi-pet situations (i.e., dog parks, boarding facilities) while case numbers are high and asymptomatic shedding is possible.

For MVA clients -

Although we attempt to identify cases prior to entrance into our facility and thus prevent mixing with general patient populations, asymptomatic carriers are possible, and we cannot guarantee your pet will not be exposed while in the waiting room or otherwise interacting with other patients in and around the hospital.

If your pet is to be seen at our hospital for a cough or cold-like symptoms, you will be told to please wait outside/in your car so that we can do our best to reduce the risk of the spread of this highly contagious infection to our patients who are being seen for other reasons.

Furthermore, we respect that you may want to have your pet wait in the car (weather conditions permitting) or outside until they are ready to be seen in order to avoid excessive exposure to other patients in the waiting room.

Although we are doing everything, we can limit any transmission in our hospital, given the prevalence of this infection in the community, Metropolitan Veterinary Associates will not be held responsible for any patients that contract Canine Influenza associated with visiting our facility."

Volunteer Community Corner

Spay and Save Coordinators Meeting

On January 20th, 2023, the coordinators for both the cat and dog divisions met at Chris Daniels House to discuss some issues affecting the organization. Following are some of the issues discussed.

Discussion about paper applications completion, status of the application and processing.

Keeping Chris informed by text regarding adoptions, open cages, or any problems with the pets in each store.

Cat cage cards and due dates on the cards for medications. This particularly applies to kittens for adults do not need as many medications.

Website and cat profiles on the website. Store coordinators are responsible for updating the cat profiles of any cats in their store. This includes when the cat arrives or leaves the store, the medical history, and if cat goes back to a different foster.

Volunteer Updates. Coordinators to notify Janet Lynch when a new volunteer comes on board or when they leave.

Brochure Revision/Update is in the review stage.

Fund Raisers/Donations The organization is looking for volunteers that might have an interest and/or expertise in researching and applying for grants for Spay and Save. Also volunteers to help with a mass mailing for donations some time in March or April.

Helping Chris during the week, especially on a Monday evening or Saturdays around 4 PM to feed and change litters, put away Chewy donations and break down boxes, organize and sort medications etc.

Facebook Page

What not to post: very strong opinions, services, or products outside of Spay and Save (don't promote stores or a brand of food, etc.). Don't post last names or addresses of adopters.

What to post: events, adoption days, fundraisers, available pets (especially hard to place cats or dogs like ones that need a home without other pets), adoption success stories.

If there is a complaint, address the complaint privately, then remove the complaint from the site.

Facebook Liaison, volunteers that can post for their store the cats that are currently available for adoption or photos of successful adoptions. ****

******Be aware.** Facebook is an open platform, and anyone can post on it. All posts by our volunteers or the Facebook Liaison must be run by the store coordinator or contact Toni Dougherty and Sarah Sikora all are editors for the site. **Only editors can remove unwanted posts.**

Calendar of Events

Date	Event Location	Coordinators
1 st Saturday	Limerick PETCO	Alicia Ferraioli/Gaby Bold
2 nd Saturday	Paoli PETCO	R.Durante/A Slowik
3 rd Saturday	Limerick PETCO	Madelyn Ferraioli
4 th Saturday	Perk Valley Pet Eatery	Susan Trombadore
4 th Saturday	Exton PETCO	Chris Daniels/B Licata
5 th Saturday	Ruh Ro Pet Store Conshohocken	Beth Licata

Maria Robb is coordinating a new fundraiser with Steph D. who sells animal themed jewelry on Etsy.

www.etsy.com/shop/stephscraftingbits

Just write Spay and Save in the notes when purchasing.



If jealousy had a face.



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