



# The Octavio Feline Foundation News

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## From the President's desk;

August was a very difficult month, many problems to solve, and so little time to do it! But despite all those problems, I was able to help a special lady in Allapatah, her name, Maria Martinez.

Maria is from Honduras and one day she got my number from Martha Flores' radio program. When she called me and I heard her case I offered to help her with the spaying of 3 females in her back yard, momma cat (Panchita), and her 2 daughters, Panterita and Dulce.

When the day to get them came, she called me to tell me that one of them was seriously ill. I didn't hesitate to run to her house and try to help that kitty. She told me that she was "dying", that she didn't eat or move in the last 4 days. By the time I got there with all my "supplies" and I touch the kitty, I knew she had fever. Her temperature was 105.3 very high for a cat; I gave her a shot of antibiotic and a shot of Vitamin C. I offered some food I had and she started eating right away. Right after eating, she jumped from the bed to go and drink some water!!! Maria couldn't believe it! She started crying!!! She though her kitty was going to die.

This lady touched me, because putting aside her own illness, she was caring for these momma cat and her 2 babies, I just couldn't turn my back to her.

Not only I help her with Panterita but 2 weeks after that, Dulce was sick with the same "virus". I took care of her as well and the following week, the 3 of them were spayed!!!! Panchita was pregnant again and was going to have another litter of 4 babies! Now, all of them are healthy and happy!!! Maria is undergoing some medical examinations and we all want her to get better soon!

By Silvia M. Valles



Thomas, kitty of the month

Total cats sterilized: 27  
Pregnant females: 9  
Unborn kittens: 33  
Non-pregnant females: 9  
Males: 9  
These numbers do not include the cats taken directly to the participating vets by members.

## Help needed from members!!!!

We need to create a team to assist elderly members who due to their age or an illness cannot do TNR by themselves. There are other members who have no transportation but need help taking cats and kittens to/from the vets. If you would like to assist these members, please contact me @ 305-267-0511

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T-shirts are for sale now: Members \$ 12.00

Non-members \$ 15.00

2007 Cat Calendars \$ 5.00

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## Did you know that:

.... Stroking a cat can lower one's blood pressure? And that .....spaying a female before her first heat will greatly reduce the threat of mammary cancer and uterine disease?

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## Special Thanks to:

**All Veterinary Supply**, for their generous contributions.

**Kati Gomez**, for transporting cats from the vet to my office.

**Drs. Gladys and Maria Soto**, from West Miami Animal Clinic for always be there for me and for all the kitties I rescue.

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## In need have:

- A used car or mini-van
- Food and litter for low-income members
- Monetary donations to sterilize cats in low-income areas

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If you have a cat question, please, do not hesitate to call me @ 305-267-0511, I always say that it is better to ask a dumb question than to make a dumb mistake!!!!