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"I am Willie. Do I deserve living like this?"

**A Plan for the Establishment
of a Sanctuary for Felines
Who Need a Home and Care**

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Please note:

Because of economic limitations, the graphic depiction of my plan does not realistically present the actual plan for the sanctuary. I trust you will understand and bear with me. I will gladly explain and answer your question. Hopefully, my ideas for the establishment of a home for abandoned house cats and those who are or are not feral, however, are accurately presented.

Love is a condition in which the happiness of the other is essential to your own.

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Introduction

Here I depict the life of homeless cats in Miami.

These photographs also give credit to the tireless work of volunteers who care for these kitties:

- Give them food and water every single day,
- Provide for medical care, and
- Neuter them whenever possible (catching them often requires the neighbors' help).

The majority of the neighbors welcome the ladies and gentlemen of mercy, and often assists in feeding and caring for the cats. Unfortunately, there are always a few who object to these mercy missions. Some become violent.

I also point out what many neighbors object to. Though in the minority, they argue these cats and the daily food program attract other cats, rodents, raccoons, and other “undesirable” critters. Sadly, their sole recommendation is, “Move them somewhere else.”

And then there is the violent part. In addition to the “cruelty to animals” aspect, the volunteers — who even reach into their own pockets to feed these felines — face the dangers of physical violence to themselves. Yes, even death threats have been uttered.

Let me also give credit here to those neighbors who welcome the volunteers with open arms because they appreciate the wonderful work carried out by these “animaltarians.”

In those areas where economic circumstances make it very difficult for neighbors to care for their own cats, the volunteers pitch in and bring food and offer help to make the home life of these feline companions comfortable.



1 These two beautiful cats are the victims of abandonment by a family that lost its home in a foreclosure.

Nothing is more heart-breaking than to see these helpless creatures suffer from the misfortune of their owners.

2 How often do you drive past a shuttered house with no one around except an abandoned cat looking for a meal?

That poor animal in the picture is lucky. A Good Samaritan is on her way with a nourishing meal and fresh water.





3 Homeless cats are also roaming the neighborhoods of million-dollar homes. But like you, they also get hungry and are thankful for a healthy and nourishing meal.

4 These cats have been living under a dilapidated pickup truck for years. The volunteers are attempting to trap them and have them neutered.



5 One of the volunteers made friends with Duke, a feral feline. Duke, though very cautious, likes to be petted.

6 They are hungry and simply couldn't wait any longer. Each meal — seven days a week — consists of canned food and dry food. Often, other items, like cooked brown rice, are added to the meal.





7 **Waiting for today's meal.**

The cats know when the volunteer arrives. The car is well known to them.

8 **Living in the bushes is not the ideal home for domestic cats.**

They are abandoned cats or were born in the bushes.



9 **They are shy and do not trust humans.**

They do, however, welcome the nourishing meal that has arrived.



10 **Lola and Tommy appreciate the punctual arrival of their meal.**

Tommy, in particular, is a trusting follower of the tireless volunteer.





11 Tommy, dinner is served.

The neighbors do not pay attention to these cats that would make a wonderful home life companion.

12 What a rewarding sight of tranquility and peace.

Tommy is enjoying his scrumptious meal.



13 Living underneath this home is not the ideal abode for these cats.

Five make their home here. The orange and white kitty is getting ready to come out of the hole while Blackie watches from the tree.



14 This family loves their angel of mercy.

They love to be petted.



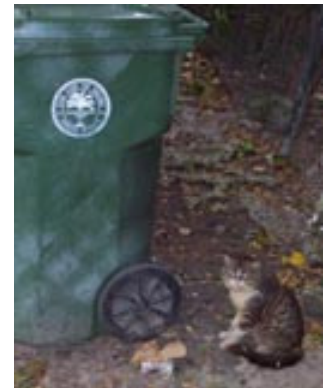
15 Daisy lives alone, surrounded by tolerating and friendly neighbors.

For her daily meal and fresh water, she depends on the compassionate volunteer.

**Apathy still reigns.
How do we overcome it?**

16 I introduce you to Willie, our message-carrying mascot.

Every day, Willie sits next to the Miami-Dade garbage container waiting for his meal. Would Willie starve to death if the volunteers of mercy devote their time to other pursuits? Look at his face. Do his sad and pleading eyes confirm this adorable kitty's thought?



17 This is Willie's home.

Do you now understand why we must help?

It's a matter of compassion, conscience and tolerance.

**Do they abuse cats because they think they can control them?
One act of cruelty captured on a video camera placed her heinous crime of cruelty to an animal
for the whole world to watch on the Internet.**



Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Computer, Inc. has an inspiring message.



You can view these videos at www.FelineEden.org and clicking on “Video Gallery.”

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It's the reality of today's life: Thousands of cats roam our neighborhoods.

I will address the basic needs for addressing and solving the problem when I discuss Feline Eden's "Educational Programs" in the next section.

Shall we kill them? Euthanize is the fancy word for taking a living creature's life. Of course not. On top of it, aren't cats supposed to be our love-sharing companions — called pets?



The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the Humane Society, the Cat Networks throughout the land, the multitude of cat rescue organizations, and the untiring, dedicated volunteers who make the operation of these organizations possible, all strive to help and protect the cat. Their noble efforts are recognized and lauded not only by cat lovers and citizens of compassion; conscience, and tolerance are on the side of our felines.

These efforts include the trapping of homeless cats and neutering them. Then they are returned to their familiar environment, the neighborhoods where these forgotten pets were abandoned or were they were born. Unfortunately, the voices of the neighbors who oppose the program of returning them to the neighborhood and feeding them are loud and strong — often turning into abusive voices and physical violence.

Feline Eden will give a home to those cats that are not welcome in their old neighborhood, are unable to make a home there, or risk the danger of cruelty.

A big increase in people giving up their cats is one of several problems plaguing animal rescuers in the Greater Miami area. There are so many animals that are in desperate need of a loving home. If you have decided to bring a cat into your home, why not choose one from your local cat rescue home?

By adopting from a sanctuary instead of buying from a pet shop, you help those animals that are most in need to find a home and help fund the rescue work so that other cats can be saved. Many of these felines have had difficult lives so far — they may have been abandoned, abused or neglected by their owners. So, responsible rescue centers will take special care to match owner and pet and find these felines a good home.

Major cat-protection organizations

- Alaqua Animal Refuge www.aarflorida.com
- Alley Cat Allies www.alleycat.org
- The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) www.aspca.org
- Best Friends Animal Society www.bestfriends.org
- The Cat Network www.thecatnetwork.org
- Feline Rescue www.felinerescue.us
- Humane Animal Removal www.humaneanimal.com
- The Humane Society of the United States www.humanesociety.org
- People for the Ethical Treatment of animals (PETA) www.peta.org

pet —
any domesticated or tamed animal that is kept as a companion and cared for affectionately.

Educational Programs

Let us be realistic.

Were it not for the proliferation of the cat population caused by the lack of proper care and even the abandonment of these pets, I would not present this plan. I would not have to.

Yes, kittens are cute. Too many in a home become a burden. Adult cats that fall victim to lost love or economic hardship are turned loose in the neighborhood to fend for themselves. Now begins the chain reaction of the rapidly growing cat population. That is, like an atomic chain reaction to avoid catastrophe that must be stopped.

The cats cannot do it. The call of nature, you will understand, stands in the way. But YOU can do it by preventing this proliferation — neuter your cat and help us neuter the homeless ones.

Through educational programs, the Feline Eden Foundation will offer classes, publish a newsletter, maintain a website, actively participate in networking, answer questions, and offer advice on the optimum way of sharing love and companionship with a cat and controlling the cat population.

Let me reiterate: Feline Eden's purpose is to house stray, abandoned, neglected and abused cats.

Although Feline Eden can't take all pets in need, the ones it does give a home are given proper veterinary care, a clean, comfortable place to stay, and the security of knowing they are being taken care of until they find a permanent loving, stable home.

Feline Eden only operates on public donations, small adoption fees, and income generated for the sales of products and services. It is a private sanctuary and does not receive state funding.

An active educational program aimed at the general public is a viable and necessary part of helping homeless cats and the neighborhood.

There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats.

Albert Schweitzer



The Sanctuary



Feline Eden will function as a private, not-for-profit, all-volunteer organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for homeless cats and kittens by giving them a safe home.

We place adoptable cats and kittens in loving homes, and help low-income individuals get their cats neutered

We support the programs of other organizations to trap, neuter and return those cats that are shy or wary of humans.

I will serve without salary as full-time president and managing director, and am prepared to commit myself on a contractual basis.

Here's my idea of the Miami sanctuary for our feline friends who need a home and live in peace.

The sanctuary consists of an enclosed area of several acres where we keep the cats in a colony and where they are taken care of and not bother people and the native wildlife.

The geodesic dome protects the animals against severe weather like hurricanes and predators. It would not be as tall as shown (kitties don't fly; it's a photo of the Wings of Love Foundation sanctuary for parrots at Monkey Jungle in the Redland, Miami).

We begin with one geodesic dome and add more domes as we grow.

The inside will contain housing for the protection against inclement weather and offer a green habitat for the enjoyment of the animals.

We will also grow tropical plants for the enjoyment of the animals and sell these plants to help defray operating expenses.

What are your thoughts?

I welcome your ideas and support.
Please call me at 305-600-4655 or email HDinter@FelineEden.org.

Heinz Dinter, PhD



What solutions can be implemented to solve the cat population problem?

Feline Eden — the Miami Sanctuary is committed to the following:

1. Give abandoned cats a good home and care they deserve.
2. Respect the neighbors' rights and wishes.
3. Support the dedicated efforts of the volunteers who trap homeless cats, neuter them, return them to their familiar environment, or transfer them to the sanctuary where the cats are given a new home with all the care and love they deserve.
4. Assist citizens who can no longer care for their pets place them in the sanctuary.
5. Educate the public on the benefit and care of cats as pets.

In order to help defray the operational expenses of Feline Eden, we will utilize the fence-enclosed area and the space inside the geodesic domes for growing tropical plants for sale.

The entire operation of Feline Eden will be carried out and supported by the volunteer efforts of Miami residents.

Let me not forget a special need in our fast-paced society — our senior citizens.

A special “Love for Seniors” program brings lovable felines together with senior citizens and adds sunshine to their lives.



The Funding Requirements for Feline Eden — the Miami Sanctuary

We hope to secure the funding of the one-time, initial cost of \$350,000 through a monetary donation for the purchase of the property, construction of the cat housing facilities and the start-up expenses; or through a combination cash donation and free use of a property.

The annual operating expenses will be defrayed through sales of products and services, especially through the sale of tropical plants grown on the property.

Growth (capital expenditures and operating expenses) will be financed with a self-sustaining budget and continuing donations and grants.

One-time, Initial Costs (estimated)

Purchase of the property, minimum 2 acres, possible Redland location	\$250,000
Construction of cat housing facilities	100,000
Start-up expenses	30,000
Reserve	20,000
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Total One-time, Initial Costs	\$400,000

Annual Operating Expenses (estimated)

Administrative	\$30,000
Animal Care	50,000
Veterinary	50,000
Education and Promotion	10,000
Taxes and Insurance	10,000
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Total Annual Operating Expenses	\$150,000

Income from Donations, Sales of Products and Services (estimated)

Donations	\$20,000
Tropical plants	60,000
Other products	40,000
Educational services	20,000
Adoption services	10,000
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Total Income from Donations, Sales of Products and Services	\$150,000

Heinz Dinter, PhD

Dr. Dinter received his primary education in his native Germany, studied mathematics at the Technical University of Berlin, and attended the University of Florida where he earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in economics and business administration (corporate finance). He also holds the Master of Arts degree in management and Bachelor of Science in mathematics *cum laude*.



His professional experience covers executive, consulting, and teaching assignments in business, government, and educational institutions. He began his professional career in 1958 while serving in the U.S. Air Force as computer programmer and advanced to systems analyst involving the design and implementation of many diverse business systems and scientific applications. While serving as manager of the University of Florida Computing Center he was involved in all aspects of the data processing management function. He taught data processing and computer science subjects at the university level and to business groups. His teaching experience also covers the preparation of and participation in executive development seminars on subjects relating to data processing, corporate finance, and business management.

Dr. Dinter's entrepreneurial career began in 1967 when he founded a computer-technology-based company. As president he was responsible for offering computer products and services to a wide range of businesses and governmental organizations.

Dr. Dinter has been on the firing line: more than fifty years of active participation in the growth of the computer industry as programmer, systems analyst, manager, educator, editor of a personal computer software magazine, author, and entrepreneur of a software company, turnkey systems house, consulting firm, and computer systems manufacturer. His first-hand experience in building a one-man dream into a fifty-plus professional staff supplying computer systems, software services, and management consulting support to the end user, coupled with the first-hand experience of working with major investment firms serving the investment capital needs of small companies, gave him the knowledge and compassion to be able to help the entrepreneur.

Dr. Dinter has also extensive experience in the field of real estate investments. In the 1980s, he founded and operated a real estate brokerage company and served clients, including investors from Europe and South America, with consultations, investment analyses, contract negotiations, project management, and spearheaded syndications.

As founder and chairman of the Board of Advisors of The Institute for Personal Computing in 1983, Dr. Dinter contributed his efforts to the advancement of the personal computer and its uses through programs of education, information, and research.

He consulted with major hardware manufacturers and software publishers on new product developments, and authored the *IBM PC and Compatibles*, under contract with a prominent book publishing company.

Also in the early '80s, he joined the editorial board of a new personal computing magazine that became the fastest growing PC-focused periodical in the industry.

The advent of the personal computer, desktop publishing and the laser printer spawned a new cottage industry: toner cartridge recycling. Driven by Dr. Dinter's nationally distributed newsletter, *Desktop Publishing Dialog*, he organized and presented seminars and exhibits to these new entrepreneurs in the late '80s, and founded the American Cartridge Recycling Association to serve this rapidly growing industry with education, information, and services.

As founder of Grand Lifestyle in 1990, Dr. Dinter combined the latest advances in personal computing and desktop publishing technology with the motivation to accept and stimulate entrepreneurial challenges. Grand Lifestyle magazine was initially published in printed form and evolved into a unique online "how to" lifestyle journal which presents dynamic messages, offers educational features, profiles fascinating people, and serves as a valuable catalyst between authors and readers. Grand Lifestyle offers viable solutions to the author looking for timely and cost-effective publishing services. As editor and publisher of Grand Lifestyle journal, he is committed to support book authors to the utmost.

In 2010, Dr. Dinter founded Feline Eden — The Miami Sanctuary, a private, not-for-profit, all-volunteer organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for homeless cats and kittens by giving them a home (www.FelineEden.org).

Dr. Dinter has written books relating to computer programming, data processing management and the effective use of computers. His lifestyle-focused books and booklets are available at www.GrandLifestyle.com, a website created and maintained by him. He has also published many articles, has presented papers at professional conferences, and enjoys public speaking engagements.

In addition to being engrossed in the world of computer technology and publishing, he is an avid pilot and relaxes by sailing and playing tennis in Miami, Florida.

A detailed *curriculum vitae* is available upon request and at www.GrandLifestyle.com/introduce-cv-HeinzDinter.pdf.

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Please join our campaign to give homeless cats a good home and continue to make these wonderful animals loving members of our way of life.

Help us make these plans a reality with your generous contribution and your dedicated participation.

Love for Seniors

A special Feline Eden program
We help our senior citizens add sunshine to their lives

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Mahatma Gandhi

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