

Alexander School students raise money to help cancer research



Alexander School's newly elected Student Council officers and class representatives display the school's annual Denim Day banner. Each year, students and faculty dress in denim attire to raise money in support of cancer research. This year, \$2,829.45 was collected and sent to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Pictured are class representatives (l-r, back row) Skip Marley-Minto, Gabriela Cruz, Lea Warshaw, Alexandra Koeck-Schultz, Kevin Merten, Scott Dishington, Francisco Gonzalez, Alec Endara, Olivia Pertierra, McKenna Ross, Susana Albarran, Piti Pertierra, Juan Diego Lamus and (not pictured) Chantal Holzman; Student Council officers (front row) historian Betty Alice McGhee, treasurer Daniel Correa Manzur, president Taylor Rouviere, secretary Miranda Pertierra, sergeant at arms Cristen Shilen and (not pictured) vice president Gabriel Costa.

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Cats also look forward to holiday away from home

BY LEE STEPHENS

If you are going away for Thanksgiving or Christmas, give your cat a holiday away from home as well.

At A Country Cat House, the "Five-paw feline resort" in West Kendall, your cat will be enjoying a turkey dinner at about the same time you are sitting down for your holiday meal with family and friends.

"We slow-roast a 25-pound Butterball turkey early in the morning so it is warm, moist and juicy when it's served," says manager Josie Montemayor. "The kitties like their turkey warm when they are on vacation at A County Cat House, which is their country club. Just like you, your cats can pig out on as much turkey as they like."

At A Country Cat House, located in Horse Country at 12006 SW 64 St., the guests are pampered not only with gourmet food but also with their own custom, private cat apartment with picture-window views overlooking a lush tropical garden with lizards, birds and butterflies, and a Koi fish pond. There is daily playtime with the staff, several nap times, and soft, classical music.

Staff watches over them 24 hours a day, and there is an excellent on-site professional cat groomer," Montemayor said. You do not need to



Josie Montemayor, manager of A Country Cat House.

board to have your cat professionally groomed here.

The facility, nestled on a five-acre equestrian site, is the only 'cats-only' boarding/grooming facility in Florida that is accredited by the prestigious American Boarding Kennels Association (ABKA).

"When people go away, it's simply not safe to leave cats home alone," says Montemayor, who has managed A Country Cat House for more than 17 years. "Cats need more than a sitter or friend coming in for a few minutes a day to freshen the food and water and clean the litter box. They get lonely and scared when left alone and the family is gone. For their safety and well-being, they need loving, personal attention while their owners are away, and we supply an abundance of both."

Holidays are the busiest time at A Country Cat House, and early reservations are recommended to make sure a room will be available at the inn. "During holidays, regular customers know to book early, as soon as they make their own plans," Montemayor said.

For more information, call 305-279-9770 or address email to <info@ACountryCatHouse.com>. You may also make reservations on line at <www.ACountryCatHouse.com>.