

Joan and Frank Petersen

The recent receipt of a very generous gift from the Estate of Joan and Frank Petersen is a rejoicing moment but also a moment for us to reflect upon the lives of two individuals who were strong supporters of Animal Friends from its inception.

Joan served faithfully for many years as a volunteer at the Brenham Shelter. Her cause was cats and she became known as the CAT LADY – a title she embraced. Joan was a woman of petite stature, a gentle person with a wonderful smile, but also a person with the strength to confront authority when she felt personnel were derelict in carrying out their duties. Joan spent the major portion of weekday afternoons socializing the kittens and cats and helping to get them adopted. Joan continued her work at the Shelter until cancer prevailed.

Frank was a gentle giant who continued to support Animal Friends after Joan died. He continued to attend functions including the annual fundraiser, and at the Kentucky Derby Fundraiser he won the prize for the 'ugliest hat'.