



*American Museum
of the House Cat*

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RE: The American Museum of the House Cat Needs Your Support
Dear Fellow Cat Lover,

You are receiving this letter because you are a member of a cat club, have an interest in cats, and may not know that there is a cat museum in America. After I retired in 1993, I have spent my time working with cats. In 1996 I opened a small cat shelter in Glenville, NC. Then in 2000 built the Catman2 Inc. shelter in Cullowhee. Soon after that I learned that there were no cat museums in America and I made it my goal to open one someday and started collecting the items I thought a cat museum should exhibit. In 2017, I opened The American Museum of the House Cat in a local antique mall. The mall ran on a nine-month season from April to December 31. It was on a busy highway and soon the people came to visit. The museum was featured in magazines, tourist guides, radio, TV, and on YouTube. During that year over six thousand people visited and more than eighteen thousand during the three years it was open. Then covid-19 came along. The antique mall closed forever. The State closed all of the state's museums, my employees had to seek other employment, and the pandemic went on and is still going on. But during that time, I took most of my life's savings, bought land, and I built a building to house the collection. This museum is one of only two cat museums in America and one of only nine in the whole world. Had it not been for the pandemic it would be open today, but it will open again when things settle down. You can learn all about The American Museum of the House Cat, by going to YouTube. Search for "Jacob the Carpetbagger" then type in... The American Museum of the House Cat. An independent short film that has been shown around the world is named "Little Works of Art" and is on YouTube. It can be found here: <https://www.youtube.be/xYx57c8023c>.

When I began thinking about opening the museum, I was in my late seventies and felt like I was going to live forever. But now that I have half-way through my eighties, I'm worried about the future of a museum that is too valuable to die with me. America's cat lovers need a cat museum. This is the largest and the best cat museum in America. So, aware that I don't have nine lives, and that I will not live forever, I'm asking you to help me secure its future. For now, because of my age, my health, the lack of people who want to work, and the pandemic, the museum is closed; however, I hope to open it again sometime in 2022. But I am very concerned about the future, a future without me. And this is where you come in. The museum operates as a 501(c)3 non-profit and accepts donations. Please help me secure the future of a cat museum that I built for the people who love cats, and a place where all people will be entertained and educated. It is a destination where you will learn all about the house cat, its origins, its history, and of the many ways cats have helped enrich our lives.

The museum needs continuing donations, bequests, inheritances, & grants from the companies that profit from the sale of cat products people purchase for their feline family members. It is a museum for them too. If every cat person in involved with a cat club and all the other cat people in America, were to donate as little as ten dollars or more each year, the museum would be safe forever. Please help me attract personal donations and corporate income. Visit the museum's website, www.WNCCatMuseum.org and follow us on social media. You can donate with the push of a button. You may send checks or money orders made out to The American Museum of the House Cat to our mailing address:

The American Museum of the House Cat
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Unlike many other non-profit organizations, I do not take a salary nor charge the museum for rent. I don't need the income. I grew up in a time when a person could buy a CD that earned 12% interest, or buy a house, live in it rent free and then sell it for more than you paid for it. I was lucky and I made a lot of money and I have "given back" by building a cat shelter and a cat museum. Somebody told me that I would not be remembered for how much money I had in the bank when I died, but for how much I gave away before I died, and that is what I will have done.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harold W, Sims Jr., Ed.D. Retired Marine Biologist, Professor of Biology, and Dedicated Feline Whisperer

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