

Senior Cats Need Homes



Sally

Mark Parker was the corrections officer who was shot and paralyzed 25 years ago in the Orange County Courthouse shooting. He was the single surviving victim of the 1984 shootings, after throwing himself in harm's way to protect county residents. Mark died in March and his beloved pets were orphaned.

The pets were taken in by Mark's sister, but have now been orphaned again following a neglect investigation by Orange County Animal Services.

Parker's sister was living with no electricity in Winter Garden. She was issued two counts of animal neglect,

fined \$540 and asked to turn over the cats and 10 other animals.

Now [Orange County Animal Services](#) is committed to finding the cats safe, loving homes in Parker's honor : "This man was a hero in our community, and for these animals to be in this situation, it's really sad, and we really want to try to get them adopted," according to Kat Kennedy who is an Orange County staff person.

Right now, six cats are in need of homes. These include 15-year-old Sally and 10-year-old Connie. Sally and Connie are best friends and won't leave each other's side – they need a home together!



Connie

Orange County has extended its free "Seniors for Seniors" promotion through December 31st . This promotion waives the \$40-\$55 adoption fee for citizens ages 55 and up who adopt shelter pets ages 8 and up. The free adoptions are limited to one per person, and include spay or neuter, initial vaccinations, microchip identification, deworming, FeLV/FIV test, rabies vaccination and tag, a 5 lb. bag of Science Diet dry food, and an Adoption Welcome Kit.

Orange County Animal Services is located at 2769 Conroy Rd. in Orlando near the Mall at Millenia. The facility is open for adoptions Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, please call (407) 254-9140 or visit www.ocnetpets.com.