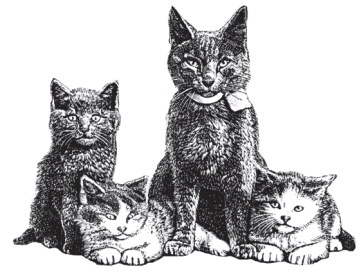


CAT TALES

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Friends of Cats' Eldest Residents

Among Friends of Cats' feline residents are three special cats that take top prizes for their longevity:

Muffin—age 20

Muffin came to Friends of Cats in 1995 due to her inappropriate urination issues and avoidance of her litter box. Reclusive by nature, Muffin chose to hide in the linen closet following her arrival at the Shelter. Head Vet Tech Robin Johnson sought a better solution for her, and moved Muffin into the hospital room for a greater sense of security in quieter surroundings. These days Muffin can be found in room C-7. She is very friendly and sleeps most of the time due to her age. She has no major medical issues except for her blind left eye, which resembles a marble. The next time you visit Friends of Cats, drop into C-7 to meet Muffin.

Buffy—age 17

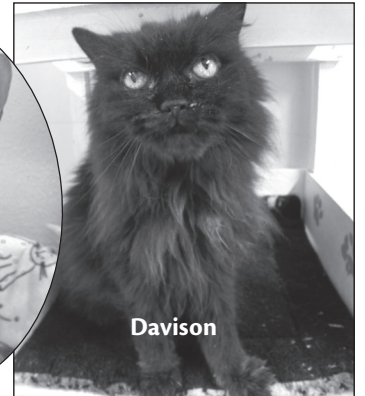
Buffy came to Friends of Cats in November 2014 through the Lifetime Care program. She was brought in by the niece of her owner, who had died. Buffy is healthy, with no significant medical issues. She currently resides in room C-7. You can visit her together with Muffin. She's very friendly and loves to have her picture taken.



Muffin



Buffy



Davison

Davison—age 17

Davison is a feral cat currently living in the "shy" cottage. Robin rescued Davison in 2012 after her owner died and the person looking after the house could not get near Davison. As part of her incoming veterinary exam the doctor noticed a mass where her leg meets her body. A biopsy was performed and revealed a mast cell tumor, which was removed, resulting in Davison's full recovery.

Friends of Cats is committed to providing a good home for cats like Muffin, Buffy, and Davison that have nowhere else to go in their old age.

Love Baseball? Want to see the Padres beat the Dodgers? (Of course you do!) Purchase tickets from Friends of Cats for the Big Game at Petco Park on June 13th, and you can support the Shelter while cheering on the home team. We are asking \$30 per ticket, and any donation above \$30 is a tax-deductible contribution. Seating is in the Upper Infield, Section 306, and the first pitch of this night game is at 7:10 PM. We are hoping for a large group of fellow Shelter supporters to help us get Friends of Cats promoted on the Jumbotron!



Friends of Cats



Our Mission Statement

To maintain a Shelter for homeless and unwanted cats with the goal of placing all healthy cats into loving, adoptive homes while providing a sanctuary for cats that are terminally ill, considered unadoptable, or whose owners have prearranged for their continued lifetime care. In a nurturing, rehabilitative environment, we ensure the health of all cats entrusted to our care, promote spaying and neutering, and resort to euthanasia only as a matter of compassion for cats whose terminal illness causes suffering.

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Meet Our Staff

Friends of Cats' staff members get to know each and every cat in the Shelter. So it's not surprising that certain cats whose looks, personality, or antics make them stand out become personal favorites. We thought it would be fun to introduce our staff holding their favorite cats from among our current feline residents.



From left: **Carol Deptula** (3 years at FOC) holding **Haydn**, age 1½, who has been at FOC for a year; **Jane Rothenay** (10 years at FOC), holding **Tonto**, age 10, who has spent 4 months at FOC; **Janet Bianchini**, Shelter Manager (4 years at FOC), with **Dog**, age 5, who has lived at FOC for 4 years; **Liz Miller** (7 years at FOC) holding **Tabitha**, age 8, who has lived at FOC for 5 years; **Lauren Pederson** (3 months at FOC) holding **Chucky**, age 9, who has lived at FOC for 8 years.



From left: **Cora Zwartjes** (7 years at FOC) holding **Tabitha**, age 8, who has been at FOC for 5 years; **Heidi Clark** (6 years at FOC), holding **Oliver**, age 15, who has spent 2½ years at FOC; **Lacy Farber** (5 months at FOC), with **Garcia**, age 2, who has lived at FOC for 2 years.



Photos by Christine Hogan



Robin Johnson, Head Vet Tech (16½ years at FOC) holding **Sherman**, age 2, who has been at FOC for 3 months; **Tabitha Silva** (1½ years at FOC), holding **Eli**, age 2½, who has spent 8 months at FOC. Both Sherman and Eli are FIV positive.

Nicole Henry (4 years at FOC) holding **Louie**, age 14, who has been at FOC for 8 years; **Dan Goldstein** (2½ years at FOC), holding **Billy Jack**, age 7, who has spent 5 years at FOC. Both Louie and Billy Jack are in our Lifetime Care program.

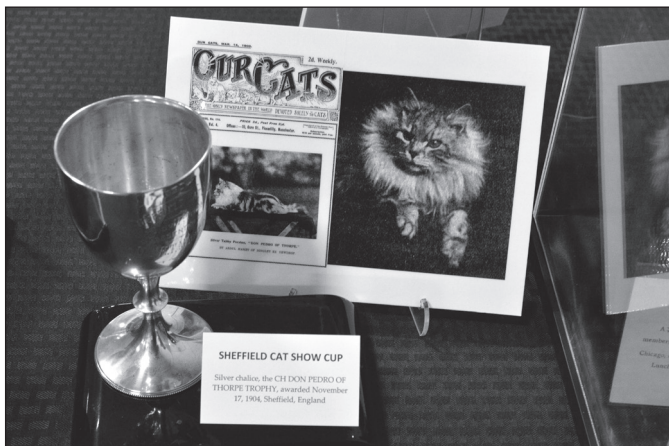


Girl Scout carolers. Back row: Lucy, Molly, Bryn, Karena, Alyssa (all from Troop #3289); Front row: Annika (Troop #3275), Catalyn, Cailyn, Sara (all from Troop #3289), Claire (Troop number unknown), Evan on guitar (brother of Alyssa).

Whisker Wonderland

Our holiday event, "Whisker Wonderland," was held December 13th from 5 to 7 pm—a very festive evening of music, holiday treats and good cheer. The Shelter courtyard was decked with lights and the Angel Tree held ornaments purchased by donors in honor of our Shelter cats. Caroling was provided by Girl Scouts from various local troops, which was enjoyed by visitors and cats alike.

Feline Historical Display at Food and Water Bowl



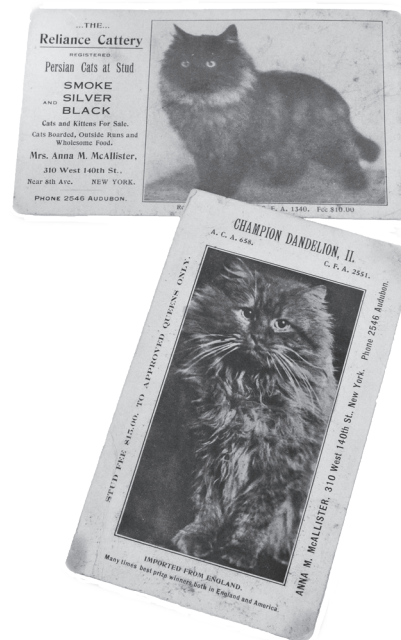
Top: CFA Judge Vicky Nye with a handsome Russian Blue.
Bottom and right: Early 1900s cat show artifacts, including a winner's cup.

San Diego's largest annual cat show, the Food and Water Bowl, was held the last weekend in January at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. This feline extravaganza held concurrent judgings in 8 rings, as well as offered educational lectures on breed history and cat health care issues, dozens of vendors selling everything from cat food to scratching posts, and kitty agility demonstrations.

New and interesting this year was a traveling display of artifacts from the Feline Historical Museum, which runs in partnership with the Cat Fanciers' Association Foundation and is located in Alliance, Ohio. The museum is dedicated to preserving the history of the cat, and to that end has sought and purchased items relating to the earliest cat shows, rare books, scrapbooks, and personal collections of cat-related prints, paintings and sculpture. A recent acquisition is the modern Cat House designed in 1954 by Frank Lloyd Wright for a private client in Cincinnati, as well as the accompanying elevation plans and specifications for the project.

The museum also has a 1500-volume reference library. Live cats also periodically have the run of the museum to greet visitors.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, and its website features a virtual museum where its collections can be explored in-depth. For more information, visit <http://www.felinehistoricalfoundation.org/index.html>





The Cat Café Now Open in Downtown San Diego



Momo, one of the Cat Café's adoptable cats.

Tony Wang, entrepreneur and general manager of the Cat Café, has successfully launched a unique enterprise in the Gaslamp district. Located at the intersection of Third Avenue and Island Streets (472 Third Avenue), the Cat Café offers good quality coffee drinks and food, with access to adoptable cats in a relaxed and casual setting. Tony will usually have 6 to 8 cats available for socializing and potential adoption. Since the café opened, 23 cats have found new homes.

The driving force behind establishing the Cat Café was finding a unique way of getting adoptable cats noticed and into good homes. Tony acknowledges that he has to make a profit on the coffee drinks and pastries—but the welfare of the cats is paramount.

The idea for the Cat Café originated in Taiwan and quickly spread to Japan. Now similar cafés have opened in London, Paris and other European cities, where many urban dwellers have very small apartments and may not be able to keep cats at home. The opportunity to spend time with cats in a social setting has been a major draw in densely populated cities.

The next time you are in the Gaslamp, check out the Cat Café, which is open from 7 AM to 3 PM seven days per week. Spend some time over a cup of coffee with a furry friend in your lap. A recent visit on a Sunday morning revealed as many people as cats. The best time to visit is before 10 AM, since the cats are very social and active, and there will be fewer people.



FOC Board member Gayle Kane, with Truvy.



A look inside the Cat Café.

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Thank You!

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Marion Connaughton

1918–2015



Former FOC Board member Marion Connaughton passed away on February 16th at the age of 96. Marion served on the Board from 2002 to 2007. She was also a long-time volunteer and supporter of the Shelter, and played an active role in helping to shape and define our Lifetime Care program.

Marion lived in Bonita and had been a San Diego resident since 1948.

A Registered Nurse for 42 years, she held positions at the Balboa Naval Hospital, Chula Vista Community Hospital, and Mercy Hospital. As a “career” Navy wife whose husband served in World War II and the Korean War, she was committed to honoring the San Diego area military communities, and held a volunteer staff position with the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society for 14 years. Marion was a tireless community contributor and was a strong believer in volunteerism. In addition to her Board work with Friends of Cats, she was involved with M.A.D.D. and the Chula Vista Humane Society. In her spare time, she was an expert quilter.

We at FOC are saddened by her passing but grateful for her years of support. Marion made Lifetime Care provisions for her beloved cat, Missy, age 13, who now resides with us in our Cozy Cottage.

Shelter Scenes



“A kindle of kittens” is the proper collective noun for a group of young felines, made famous by author Rumer Godden in her book of the same name. The cozy kindle shown here is just a reminder that Kitten Season is in full swing at FOC. Come visit our little ones today!



A sweet mutual moment as long-time volunteer Peggy Hartman shares a snuggle with one of her favorite Lifetime Care cats in Cozy Cottage.

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FRIENDS OF CATS is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to providing shelter and medical care for homeless cats. Once their health is assured, we find homes for as many of them as we can. The cats in our care are never euthanized except as a matter of compassion if they are terminally ill. We depend primarily on membership fees, donations and bequests to continue our work. Inquiries are welcome and we are always eager for new members. If you would like to join us or to make a tax-deductible contribution, please use the coupon at right. When you become a member of Friends of Cats, you will receive each issue of our newsletter *Cat Tales*.

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