

The last two years have been a challenge for all animal shelters, and Friends of Cats was no exception. During that time, our dedicated staff continued to care for the 250 cats housed at the shelter.

Here is just one day!

240



90 litter boxes, removed, washed, and refilled



21 cat rooms swept and mopped



30 visitors assisted by staff and volunteers



a ton+

laundry items removed, washed, dried, and put away (With the help of amazing volunteers)



40

plates of regular

food distributed

15 calls answered and assisted



plates of special food distributed

143 doses of medicine given

30 emails answered



250 cats received love and attention including brushing and petting



This is our end-of-year issue. You may make your tax deductible, end of year donation online at www.friendsofcats.org, mail the form on the back, or scan the QR code by the address. Many Thanks.

POP Cats Event

Friends of Cats, Inc. (FOC) was invited to participate in POP Cats 2022, August 12th through the 14th in the Port Pavilion on the Broadway Pier. POP Cats was a three-day festival held in San Diego, with a portion of the profits benefiting participating cat organizations and promoting cat adoptions, cat themed artisans, and included cat playgrounds. This unique event, held inside a building with separate fully enclosed spaces for organizations, allowed cats to roam freely and interact with attendees.

Volunteers Terry, Jeff, Richard, Becky and staff members Rachel and Cornelio met some wonderful people who also share

our passion for all cats, in all stages of their lives. Happily, cats Mikey, Maverick, Asher, and Cannellini, found their furr-ever homes.

If you would like to attend an upcoming event, please follow us on Facebook where we post upcoming events and we invite you to follow and share our TikTok postings as well.

J-Shirt Drive

There we so many requests for the T-shirts from our fundraiser that "Bonfire" has agreed to make them permanently available.

Just scan the QR code or view on the web at www.bonfire.com and type in "Friends of Cats" in the search.



Jackson is a mover! He roams around, checking out everything along the way. He loves to play with anything and everything, and of course he loves a good belly rub and fully body brushing. Boomer is a bit more reserved but the biggest lover! He loves cuddles and kisses, and his favorite toy so far is the laser pointer. His favorite spot is the top of the cat tree, and my boyfriend loves to put the "bird" channel on the TV for him to watch, and he actually watches it. Lol. Alexandra and Austin









FOC FACTS Answering questions about our organization.

Does the shelter take donations other than cash?

- Yes, we do! Gently used linens, cat toys, blankets, and cat trees in good condition are always welcome along with sealed canned or dry cat food. We ask that donated food or medication be in the original package.
- When our donors give us goods other than cash, it is considered an "in-kind" donation. As a 501(C)(3) organization, we rely on your support to keep the cats happy and healthy. Tax deductible receipts are available for any in-kind donation.
- Drop off donations at the shelter anytime during the hours of 10am and 4 pm Tuesday through Sunday.
- Not sure what we need or prefer not to drop off items? We make it easy with our wish lists on Amazon and Chevy where items can be shipped directly to the shelter
- Scan the QR codes to connect directly with our wish lists or visit our website at www.friendsofcats.org for links to both

On behalf of the kitties, thank you for your support







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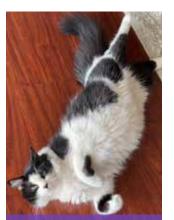
Chewy

I wanted to update you on our new addition Maverick! He's adjusting EXTREMELY well and it only took 72 hours for him to jump up on the couch and lay on my lap. Sarah





We adopted Preston, the 15lb tabby, and he has been such a lovely addition to our family Thank you so much for doing what you do to provide a safe and clean place for cats.



Maverick





This is Roscoe (big boy) with my 3 month update. I have recently claimed the cutting board on the counter as my favorite night time sleep spot. I'm not sure why, but it's just so comforting. I hope all of my friends are happy and healthy over at the shelter!

Big Boy (Roscoe)





I am thankful that both Figaro and Reina found their "furr-ever" home together with me! They are a lively, loving and lovable addition to my life.





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ADOPTABLE KITTIES Looking for our furever home



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All the cats I have loved-Sandra Hoover

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O'Malley kitty of Suzi Masheeco-Val Witt

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Friends of Cats End of Year Statement

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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