

# CAT TALES



Spring 2023

Friends of Cats, Inc. | San Diego County, CA

## Reaching Out and In



Lauren, Rachel, and Cora (Shelter Manager)

In this edition, we see supporters *reaching in* with stories like Elli's on page one, as well as three adoption stories.

Friends of Cats is *reaching out* as well. For those who visit the shelter, you will find we have added to our office staff. Along with our volunteers, Jane and Christine, we ensure your questions are answered during your time at the shelter.

And in this issue we are reaching out to volunteers who are not always available to come in to the shelter. Look for those opportunities under "FOC Facts" on page 3.

We ended 2022 with the "Whisker Wonderland" event at the shelter. After 2 years, this event returned with an amazing outpouring of gifts for the cats and over 1,000 cans of cat food. A big thank you to **Nothing Bundt Cakes** in Santee and **Mary's Donuts** for contributing refreshments!



Whisker Wonderland Generous Gifts

We have kicked off 2023 with many planned events reaching out to the community starting with the San Diego Cat Fanciers Food and Water Bowl event held in Del Mar on Jan 28th and 29th. In February, it was the Cupids and Canines Adoption event in La Mesa on Feb 11th. Other planned events include pet store adoptions and informational tables at small businesses.

We are excited to announce that *Cinco De Meow* is back this year on May 6, 2023. More information to follow, so *save the date!* Invitations will be sent with our email newsletter, so if you are not getting our email newsletter on Constant Contact, just sent us an email at [catfriends@friendsofcats.org](mailto:catfriends@friendsofcats.org) with your name and let us know you want to be added to our email newsletter.

## ELLI'S GIFT

"My name is Elli, I am 11 years old. I am the leader of a pop-up shop called "Crystal Cove". We raise money to give to charities. In October we went to Friends of Cats and liked how you were treating the cats. Every year we go camping and we bring arts and crafts to sell on the curbside of the beach. In November we went camping. (Elli donated \$150.00 to Friends of Cats) We have four people that work at Crystal Cove: Skye, Avery, Robert and I. We really hope there can be more sanctuaries like Friends of Cats."

We hope so too, Elli!



## ADOPTION STORY

Star is very friendly and tolerant with our daughter. She and Sherman often cuddle up in the cat bed on my desk for a nap or grooming session.

Sarah

*Note: Sherman was adopted by Sarah in 2021 and Star was just adopted the end of 2022. They are both FIV positive. A happy ending for everyone.*



Star and Sherman



Godiva

## ADOPTION STORY

Update on our kitty. We adopted her from you in 2007 when she was 9 weeks old. The end of this month she will be 16 years old. She has had a few issues. But overall she is a happy healthy kitty that loves to snuggle with us.

Carol



# FOC FACTS

Answering questions about our organization.

*I cannot come to the shelter. Is there another way I can volunteer?*

**YES! Just a few ways to help:**

- **Write an article:** Short, helpful or entertaining articles about the shelter or cats for our newsletter.
- **Photograph events:** Cute pictures of cats and events at the shelter are needed.
- **Make a cat pad:** Cats love large, finished, stuffed squares made of washable soft material.
- **Correspond with donors:** We acknowledge many of our donations so we need a letter sent on behalf of the shelter. Supplies and training are provided.
- **Host an event:** Have a party or get together and collect food. Gather recyclables from friends and donate proceeds. Have a bake sale or car wash and donate funds—or be creative with proceeds going to the shelter.
- **Set up events:** We have on-site events in May and December and need volunteers to set up and break down the equipment, such as tables and chairs.
- **Help from Small businesses:** We need donations of food and drinks for our two events per year, car washing and simple maintenance for our cat vans, office supplies such as printer paper, ink, and cartridges, as well as food discounts, entertainment discounts, and gift baskets for our opportunity drawings.

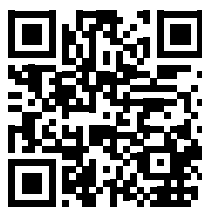
**Volunteering other ways:**

Email us at [catfriends@friendsofcats.org](mailto:catfriends@friendsofcats.org) for questions and more information.

## Membership Renewal

February is membership renewal month. Look for an email or postcard reminder. If you have already renewed, we thank you! To determine if your membership is due for renewal, just email us at [catfriends@friendsofcats.org](mailto:catfriends@friendsofcats.org) and ask, "Is my membership due?" Make sure you include your first and last name and address to ensure we sent the reminder to the correct address, if due. We do not share member information. Not yet a member? Why not join? Use the QR code below or the form on the back of this newsletter.

*Thank you!*







# CINCO DE MEOW 2023

## Save The Date!

Cinco de Meow will be held on May 6, 2023 at the shelter. After 2 years, we are excited to once again hold this family friendly event. The Cat Boutique will be back with lots of cat themed goodies, and refreshments will include catered Mexican food. Best of all, you'll have a chance to visit with the shelter kitties. Follow our Facebook page, TikTok account, or subscribe to our email newsletter by sending us a request at [catfriends@friendsofcats.org](mailto:catfriends@friendsofcats.org) for more information.

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## Adoption Story

Franklin is doing amazing and settling in well. So far we know that Franklin LOVES a schedule. He goes into his kitten nursery room each evening, settles for the night, and doesn't stir until he hears us get up in the morning. In the morning he expects his breakfast IMMEDIATELY. He loves smelly socks, zippers (on bags, sweatshirts, etc), Christmas lights, and our fish tank. Thank you all for giving him his start and keeping him safe until we could get to him.

Emma, Tom, and kitties, Milton, and Franklin



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In-kind donations are listed on our website: [www.friendsofcats.org](http://www.friendsofcats.org)

Memberships, donations, and tributes received after February 1, 2023 will appear in the Summer 2023 edition of Cat Tales.

# Friends of Cats, Inc.

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### Shelter Location

15587 Olde Highway 80 El Cajon, CA  
92021 619-561-0361

### Hours

Tues-Sun 10am-4pm  
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### Mailing Address

P.O. Box 1613  
Lakeside, CA 92040

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