

CAT TALES



Summer 2022

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

Your Stories

One of the best things about working with cats that find their forever homes are the follow-ups we receive from their new guardians. We share a few excerpts here. Look for more pictures of adoptable cats on Instagram under Friends of Cats or Facebook or TikTok under Friends of Cat, Inc. Come by and visit all the kitties and see if you want to become a new guardian.



ROSCOE (AKA Big Boy)

I am really starting to like my new home. My daily activities include Sleeping with my belly up because that's obviously the comfiest way to lie. I get lots of cuddles and treats.

-Roscoe (aka Big Boy) and guardian Autumn I.



SHOSHONA (AKA Fifi)

She is a lovely cat, and a best friend. She has her own bedroom and was a constant companion during COVID.

-Maxine Q.



TATTOO

Best decision to bring her home. She is super happy. She is settled in and running the house.

-Jaycee K.

Tattoo is FELV positive. It is so special when these cats are adopted.
-Friends of Cats



WINNIE (AKA Lexus)

I am so grateful for Friends of Cats for providing a home for shy kitties like Winnie, and for allowing me time to visit for many weeks to find the cat that would be my new best fur friend. It is places like Friends of Cats that allow animals that are shy the opportunity to be cared for while their purrfect human companion finds them!

-Kristel B. and Michael H.

Share your adoption stories (we love pictures!) You may email them to catfriends@friendsofcats.org

Witchy-Poo's happy ending

If you follow us on Facebook, Witchy-Poo was featured in our special "Giving Tuesday" post in November. Generous donors contributed enough to pay for surgery. Witchy-Poo was in need of surgery to correct a luxating patella (a displaced knee cap). Surgery could not take place until after he was at least 10 months old. We are happy to announce that surgery was successful. Recovery is long and mostly Witchy-Poo is fine. One-on-one observation would have been ideal...and just like that a professional Veterinary Technician came forward to adopt Witchy-Poo (now Stormy).



We love
a happy
ending!



T-Shirt Drive

May 19th marked the end of our special T-shirt sale to support the needs of the special needs cats. The final total brought the shelter \$1654.65. With that we will purchase a month and half worth of the hydrolyzed protein plus renal support prescription food by Royal Canin. This food helps our cats in renal failure, an all too common issue with cats, especially as they get older. Orders were to ship June 21 or sooner. We would like to thank the nearly 130 supporters who bought T-shirts. Our special needs kitties thank you as well.

FOC FACTS

Answering questions about our organization.

If Friends of Cats has existed since 1929, why has it not grown or merged with a larger organization?

Short answer: We prefer to stay relatively small, as a grass roots organization.

- Being a “cats only” shelter allows us to direct all our resources to the cats.
- There is no pressure to increase adoption numbers to make room for more animals, thus we can maintain our strict standards for adopters.
- The Lifetime Care Program is unique and provides a place for cats. Staff have intimate knowledge of every cat in the program. This is not always possible in larger shelters.
- Behavioral or medical issues can sometimes label a cat unadoptable in larger shelters and make them vulnerable to euthanasia for the sake of space. Friends of Cats does not euthanize except where the veterinarian says there is no hope. In fact, over half of Friends of Cats’ population is listed as unadoptable and part of our sanctuary for health or behavior issues. We promise to care for their medical and behavior needs until the end of their lives.
- The governing board of directors are all volunteers serving with no pay. They can enact changes to make things better on a vote and thus bypass the needed bureaucracy of larger organizations.

Events

On February 12, 2022 Friends of Cats attended the annual *Cupids & Canines MEGA Adoption Event* at Grossmont Center. It was a beautiful, sunny, very warm day. Volunteers, Jeff, Terry, and Jane attended along with Office Assistant, Rachel. Cats, Figaro and Reina, found their forever home at the event. Damon and Delia, a bonded kitten pair of kittens were adopted the following week at the shelter. If you would like to attend an upcoming event, follow us on Facebook where we post upcoming events.



Figaro going home!

ADOPTABLE KITTIES *Looking for our furever home*



Itsy



Felix



Gemini



Bentley



Presley



Nox



Cookie G



Mildred



Vivian



Viveca



Boomer



Tiger Girl

We have kittens!





Donations

Robert Alden; Robert Beard; Barry & Emily Berkov; Patricia Berry; C. Biele; Janet Bock; Michael Bronson; Laurie Burgett; Kristin & "Phantom" Burns; Susan Cagni; Ruth Contino; Trish Cook; Lily & Steven Cowen; Shirley Dawson; Sherrilyn Dorworth; Suzanne Dupree; Linda Dye; Diane Erk; Louise Lila & Zoey Ewing; Anne Fares; Michelle Frost; Marilyn Fulton; Marcy Gerardi; Mr. & Mrs. Gerken; Barbara Gilman; Phillemon Gonesh; Alice Gruber; Jacqueline Hart; George Henderson; William Hoermann; Gisela Holting; Lori Ann & "Lolli" Hrinewski; Olive Hudson; Robert Jacobs; Richard & Olivia James; Amanda Jenison; Robin Johnson; Rita-Maria Kafalas-May; Laurene Kallstrom; Jaycee Karl; Mary Kern; Sheila Laurenson; Christy Leung; S. Macias; Corina Maggi; Abby McFerran; Linda McLaughlin; Jane McLaughlin; Michelle Merrill-Long; Melvin & Joan Miljour; Cherokee Miller; Mary Ellen Mlekowski; Steve Muckle; Lois Navolt; Rebecca Neary; Barbara Neff; Jennifer Nickles; Diane Nordstrom; Laurie & Scott Norton; John Ohringer; Emily Paulsen; Donald Petersen; Mary Ellen Pfleeger; Marcia Phelan; Katherine Pretczak; Maxine Quinn; Pamela Ray; Nancy Rhoads; Diane Roll; Melody Ross; Ruth Rudesill; Karen Schlehuder; Brigid & Russell Schnapp; Meredith Scott; Reginald Sidaway; Stacy Sieger; Susan Stearns; Shephard Summers; Michael & Margaret Syzdek; Jennifer & Darrell Thompson; Laura Turvey; Susan Valle; Alan Vigeant; Alfonso Villegas; Jack Wagner; Mari Waldren; Cheryl Ward; Cynthia Windsor; Robert & Donna Wooten; Julie Zela; Emma & Leo Zuckerman

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Renewing Members

Elaine Alvarez; Shaun Apffel; Rayna Bailey; Susan Berez; Theresa Blain; Diana Blanton; Lois Brody; Beverly Bruff; Lisa Capper; Lesa Carroll; Judith Castaneda; Van Clay; Ingrid Coffin; Carol Culkin; Eleanor Darron; Barbara Decker; Ellen Donley; Sherrilyn Dorworth; Kimberly Dotseth; Norma Eaton; Diane Erk; Sue Fieser; Cindy Firkins; Mike Fletcher; Terry Fraenzl; Jimmy & Kathleen Grigsby; Alice Gruber; John & Denise Harrington; Christy Hill; MarySue Howard; Connie Iverson; Dorothy Jenison; Cora & Lorren Jensen; Mary Johnson; Hank & Bonnie Jones; Geraldine Kalencik; Vay Kaplan; Hedy Kleinsorge; Jeff Kronen; Karen & Frank Lawrence; Nicolette Liebermann; Elaine Manning; Christine Manzella; Beverly Marcum; Betty Matkovich; Linda McLaughlin; Martin Mill; Dolores Millard; Diana Miller; Marilyn Mittleholtz; Sandra Morgan; Carrie Morich; Elaine Murray; Helen Musser; Jennifer Nickles; Laurie & Scott Norton; Marcia O'Hara; Gladys Pearson; Frances Peregoy; Robert Petty; Fred Reinstein; Gail Rettig; Cathie Robbins; Elizabeth Rose; Edward Rose; Ruth Rudesill; Tracy Shaw; Patricia Shepherd; Jacqueline & Thomas Short; Shari Sitko; Al Smithson; Michael & Barbara Stringer; Mary Ann Sullivan; Thomas Sullivan; Thomas Summer; Marty Tiedeman; William Treat; Cheryl Troutwine; Marlene Turpin; Stephanie Van Osdoll; Jack Wagner; Theresa Ward; Tami West; Malka Winograd; Carina Winter; Susan Woolard; Lee Young; Julie Zela

New Lifetime Members

Nanci E. Kelly; Sandra Klipfel; Susan McDowell; Michael Tristani

Donations in Honor of the Following People

Patricia Houghton—Michael Houghton
Robin Liana Dries & Tinker—Nanci E. Kelly
Nana Aguilar's 99th Birthday—Anna Stanzione

Donations in Honor of the Following Cats

Gisele—Suzanne Christy-Goldberg
Puma—Eileen Conway
Oreo Girl—Barbara Evje
Daphne & Zeus—Lucille & Donald Hodges

Donations in Memory of People

Elaine Leach—Carolyn Bass
Christa Wissinger—Marie & Douglas Boileau
Patricia Firkins—Lisa Butler
Sandra Sheeks—Donna Chatlesworth
Sally Kennerley—Sue Fieser
Patricia Firkins, beloved mother—Cindy Firkins
Marty White—Kathy & Bob Glass
Elaine Leach—Johnna & Herbert Kohler
Lori Schlehuber—Karen & Deb Schlehuber
Kelly Greene—Loree Shirazi
Patricia Houghton—Joan Watanabe
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Donations in Memory of Cats

Chuck; Sweetie; Nikki; Bunny; Guadalupe; Lily; Taz; Bodhi; Brutus; Colby; Oliver; Reese; Watha; Tilly; Stubbs; Stinky; Princess; Muffin; Koko; Ginger; Duce; Chloe; Bonnie; Aphrodite; Bandida; Sommer; Kuya; Mitzi; Pinion; Lulu; Lucy; Agnes; Raja; Kumquat; Lily; Pooki; Socks; Jake; Maddie; Oliver; Sassy; Sophy; Sunny Boy; Indy; Tom; Caleb; Edward; Nala; Laverne; Mercedes; Ailu; Bailey; Bagheera; Lambert; Cali; Duke; Kona; Astoria; Freya; Little; Linus; Dashiell—Cheshire Feline Cat Clinic
Avie, Beloved cat of Shelter Manager—Chris Degurse
Olaf Winston Erickson—Madeline English
Frankie, Tracie & Kellie—Cindy Firkins
Llama—Elaine Murray
Axel—Sylvia Neal
Blanca—Emily Paulsen
Tootsie—Connie Pringle
Joanie—Mark Shirvell
Bobcat & Paint—Leon Van Orsdale
Shadow & Cody—Nancy Varah

Pledges

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Memberships, donations, and tributes received after May 24, 2022, will appear in the 2022 Fall/Winter edition of Cat Tales.



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A Word About Friends of Cats

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.

Shelter Location

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

Hours

Tues-Sun 10am-4pm
Closed Monday

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 1613
Lakeside, CA 92040

Membership Coupon

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Telephone _____

Membership Status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth: \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining: \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior: \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting: \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular: \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life: \$1,000 |

Contribution (non-membership): \$ _____

Pledge Club: \$ _____ per month for a minimum of one year.

Mail to: Friends of Cats, P.O. Box 1613, Lakeside, CA 92040

Membership does not guarantee acceptance of a cat by our shelter. Please call for details: 619-561-0361