



CAT TALES

Spring 2025

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

Join us!

Saturday, May 3, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friends of Cats, Inc. Shelter

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**CINCO DE
MEOOW**



*Our Popular
Family Event*

Saturday May 3, 2025 from 10 am to 2 pm

Take a look at the activities:

- Enjoy a complimentary Mexican Food Buffet with Refreshments
- Shop at the Cat Boutique for Cat Themed gifts
- Tour the shelter in the areas not open to the public
- Donate to our Cat Food Fiesta by bringing a can or bag of cat food
- Visit the kitties in our adoptable and lifetime care residences

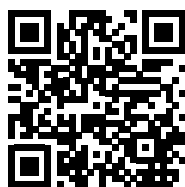
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Shelter Stories



Happy Birthday Misty!

Join us in celebrating Misty's incredible 25th birthday! This sweet girl joined our family in 2020 when her previous owners, moving across the country, couldn't take her along for the journey. Since then, she has truly thrived in our office!

Despite her age, Misty is as lively as ever—spending her mornings following the staff around, demanding to be picked up, and drooling happily when she gets the cuddles she adores. With her bold meows, deep purrs, wise and soulful face, and affectionate nature, she has become a beloved favorite among both staff and visitors.

We're honored to care for her and celebrate this incredible milestone. Happy 25th birthday, Misty! And a big thank you to Maureen for Misty's beautiful birthday plaque!

To celebrate her amazing feat join her fan club, the pictured shirt is now available on Bonfire.com • <https://www.bonfire.com/mistys-fan-club/>



Archie's Second Chance at Forever

(Archie - AKA Glacier)

Archie first came to us as a tiny newborn kitten named Glacier in 2019. He was bottle-fed and lovingly raised by a staff member until he was ready for adoption. Later that year, he found his first home, but unfortunately, he returned to us last year when his family had to move out of state, and their toddler developed allergies.

Luckily, this sweet boy didn't have to wait long for his second chance! Marijoie and Devin fell in love with him at first sight and wasted no time making him part of their family. Now, Archie is thriving in his new home, enjoying life with his loving parents and his new doggy best friend. He's even taken up a favorite holiday pastime—causing mischief under the Christmas tree!

We're so thrilled for Archie and his wonderful new family and wish them many happy years together!





Shelter Stories

Copper's Journey: From Rescue to Forever Home

Smaug (formerly Copper)

Sweet little Copper came to us after being rescued by another shelter with a badly broken leg that had healed at a 90-degree angle. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters on Giving Tuesday, we were able to fundraise for his much-needed surgery. Sadly, the specialist determined that his leg couldn't be saved, and amputation was the best option. But being a tripod never slowed Copper down!

After recovering, Copper became a temporary office resident, quickly stealing our hearts with his affectionate personality. He even made a few TV appearances to help promote our February adoption event at Grossmont Center! In the meantime, Ellys and Lauren visited the Grossmont adoption event in search of a new furry family member—and it was love at first sight. They arrived early, snapped some celebratory photos, and then took Copper home! Now, he spends his days practicing his best cat yoga moves, snuggling with his new family, and soaking up all the love he deserves.

A huge thank you to Ellys and Lauren for giving this special boy a chance—tripod and all!



From Shy Kitten to Cherished Family Member

Lincoln (formerly Mullet)

Mullet came to us last spring after being found on the side of the road in Campo with his siblings. At first, he was incredibly shy, but our team spent weeks patiently hand-feeding them wet food, helping them learn to trust humans—and discover how wonderful pets and cuddles could be!

Among the staff, Mullet formed a special bond with receptionist Rachel. While he kept his distance from strangers, he would always seek her out for lap time and affection. One day, as Rachel played with him in the kitten room, Kelsi and Michael walked in searching for a new furry family member. Seeing Mullet's cautious yet loving nature with Rachel, they knew he was the one.

Though it was bittersweet for Rachel to say goodbye, she was confident he had found the perfect home. Now named Lincoln, he has blossomed into a confident, mischievous lovebug! He adores his kitty brother Louie, his canine siblings Leroy and Lottie, and is cherished as he always deserved to be. And thanks to Kelsi's wonderful updates, Rachel gets to see just how happy he is in his forever home!



Shelter Stories

Sesame's Second Chance at Love

Bug (formerly Sesame)

Sesame was a cherished pet in her previous home, but due to unforeseen circumstances, her owner could no longer provide the time and attention she needed. When she arrived at our shelter, she preferred to burrow under blankets and hide from the other cats in the adoption room. Though she adored people, she was often overlooked simply because she was out of sight.

That all changed when Michael came looking for a feline companion to brighten his retirement. Knowing Sesame's sweet and affectionate nature, our team made sure to lift her blanket so she and Michael could meet—and it was love at first sight! Just in time for Christmas, Sesame found her perfect match.

Now known as Bug or Buggy (short for Cuddlebug!), she spends her days playing hide-and-seek, basking in sunbeams, and curling up with Michael every night. He describes her as "a life-saver in so many ways" and says, "There are no words to describe the delight I feel every morning when I open my eyes and see this beautiful creature curled in front of me, looking straight at me."



Events of 2024/2025

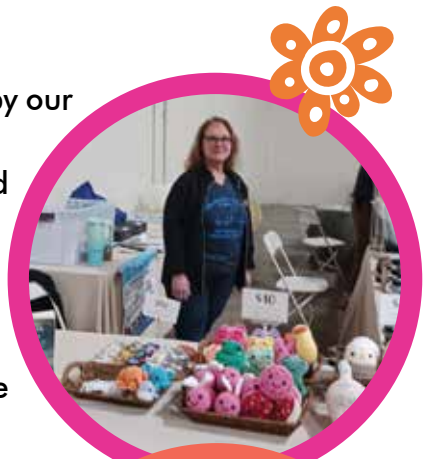
12/14 – Santa Paws Adoption Event - La Mesa Grossmont Center - Hosted by our friends at the San Diego Animal Support Foundation

1/25 – 1/26 – CFA Cat Show hosted by San Diego Cat Fanciers - We had an amazing time meeting all our fellow cat lovers, wonderful shelters and amazing cats! Cannot wait to see everyone again next year!

2/15 – Cupids and Canines Adoption Event - La Mesa Grossmont Center - Hosted by our friends at the San Diego Animal Support Foundation

2/22 – Fido Fest Santee – Town Center Community Park East - Hosted by the City of Santee

3/30 – 96th Anniversary Wine Fundraiser – Hatfield Creek Winery, Ramona - We were back again this year to celebrate the shelter and raise some money for our feline friends. A big thank you to Elaine at Hatfield Creek Winery for her invaluable help in making it possible again this year!



Upcoming Events

6/7 – Dog Days of Summer - La Mesa Grossmont Center - Hosted by our friends at the San Diego Animal Support Foundation



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Donations

Kenneth Allgeier, Elaine Alvarez, Cherise Anakalea, Bonnie Anderson, Art Laboe Foundation Inc., Fred & Annabelle Bacher, Deavon Badami, Rayna Bailey, Patricia Bannister, Janice Barnard, Paul Barnier, Elaine Barrett, Robert Beard, John Benson, Susan Berez, Paulette Bocian, Janet Bock, Hanna Bohnsack, Janis Bond, Stan Boyer, Ann Bujas, Elaine Burden, Helene Bushey, Lisa Butler, Susan Cagni, Cinda Caine, Brooke Canaris, Pam Carlisle, Stephen & Sheryl Castro, Martin Chevallier, Aldo Ciani III, William Coaker Jr., Ingrid Coffin, Alice Cohen, Laura Cole, Shirley Collier, Julie Cooney, Martchen Cooper, Jenny Cornelissen, Carol Corporales, Lynn Correa, Cosmic Frogs Vinyl, Joe C. Costa, Denise Cote, Lily & Steven Cowen, Kathleen Crawford, Stephanie Crise, Carol Ann Culkin, Dale Cunningham, Christine Cyman, Brian Daigle, Jane Damrose, Eleanor Darron, Lisa Deaton, Barbara Decker, Cathy DeFalco, Kari Degurse-Morales, Stephanie Dickens, Corey Diller, Mike Dodge, Jane Dods, Vera Dolansky, Bernice Donley, Kimberley Dotseth, Karen Dwinell, Jennifer Eisert, Connie English, Diane Erk, Carl Ferguson, Larry Fernandez, Melinda Fisher, Anne Fletcher, Deborah Flint, Andrea Fuller, Matt & Sanjana Garcia, Linda Garifal, Kerry Garnett, Gary & Petrona Gerken, Jacqueline Glascock, Donelle Gonzalez, Patricia Gonzalez, Louis Good, Becky Graul, Greater Good Charities, David Griffin, Sandra Guillen, Rebeca Gutierrez-Griep, Terry Hale, Paula Halprin, Nancy Hanlon, Jacqueline Hart, Susan Hays, Christine & Terry Hogan, Janet Horakh, Virginia House, Melody Hufford, Amelia Hunt, Paula Ingram, JoAnn Jackson, Juanita Jacobson, Amanda Jenison, Emme & Reggie Jennings, Connie Johnson, Robin Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Sue Jordan, Rita-Maria Kafalas-May, Laurene Kallstrom, Yeranui Alicia Kaloyan Padilla, JayCee Karl, Nancy Kehoe, Janet & George Keller, Kensington Community Church Youth Group, KitNip Box Donation Program, Kitty Lovers Foundation, Tracey Klein, Sandra Klipfel, Katherine Kloh, Gisela Koestner, Mark Koll, Jill Kruse, Prasanta Kumar Samal, Michelle LaGrandeur, Elaine Lamb, Trudi Lang, Nicole Larson, Nick Mary Ann Brian Mike Mama Tulip & Buddy Lashchuk, Sheila Laurenson, Laurie C. McGrath Foundation, Christine Lee, Mei Lai Lee, Cathy Lemonnier, Diane L'Esperance, Belinda Lester, Amanda Lewis-Amato, Bridget MacConnel, Jill Macinko, Carter Makley, Barbara Manion, Joan Mara, Maurizio Marchetti, Joan Margulis, Jack Martin, Margaret Martinovic, Jay Mathy, Anna Matthews, James McElfresh, William McIlvaine, Linda McLaughlin, Jane Meier, April Merritt, Cecilia Meyer-Lovell, Raylene Midose, Melvin & Joan Miljour, Lisa Miller, Carol Miller, J. Miller, Joshua Milstein, Marilyn Mittleholtz, Mary Morgan, Patricia Mundy, National Philanthropic Trust, Lois Navolt, Norman Needel, Barbara Neff, Mary Neff, Denise Nelson, Susan Neumeyer, Donald Nimon, Gerry Nordstrom, Laurie & Scott Norton, Karen & Greg Orr, Yeranui Padilla, Robin Parks, Sam Patella, Paul & Lea Levine Foundation, PayPal Giving Fund, Gladys Pearson, Frances Peregoy, Karen Peterson, Joe & Melda Pierce, George Potts, Cheryl Quick, Penny Randall, Christie Ranney, Dale Redfield, Lilli Riley, Michael Rivo, Douglas Robbins, Diane Roll, Olivia Romero Walsh, Edward Rose, Amy Rowland, Rochelle Rubinstein, Linda Salerno, Jean Salyer, Anika Santulli, Paul Schalch, Robin Schipper, Brigid & Russell Schnapp, Kendra Scott, Theresa Scutellaro, Jeffrey Sferra, Shared Vision Charitable Foundation, Patricia Shepherd, Jacqueline Short, Christine Sickler, Reginald & Joan Sidaway, Stacy Sieger, Justine Smith, Nicole Smith, Audney Somerville, Guy Spivack, Ingrid Stahr, Wendy Stanford, Susan & John Stearns, Gail Stevens, Allison Stewart, Barbara Stringer, Mary Ann Sullivan, Joanne Sumption, John Swanson, Donald Switzer, Susan Tanges, Jeff Tayman, Kay Teeters, Laura Telles, Penne Thacher, The Kroger Co., Evin Thompson, Jan Thompson-Eve, Joan Tilley, Gary Toomer, Robin Torgerson, Valerie Traina, Sharmie Truesdale, Janice Turner, Danene Twyman-Brown, United Way California Capital Region, Stephanie Van Osdoll, Nancy Varah, Alan Vigeant, Brent Vorreyer, Jack & Cammie Wagner, Cathy & Bob Walk, Julie & Jeff Walker, Anne Wasem, Joan Watanabe, Kimberly Weimer, Julia Whitney, Sara Wilson, Malka Winograd, Dolores Woodford, Stephanie Woodward, Donna & Robert Wooten, Samantha Wright, Adam Yanalunas, Sue Young, Harriet Zale, Jonathan Zygelman





New Members

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Giving Tuesday



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Donations in Honor of People

Katharine Harrison—Charlotte Deane, Michael Dodge's Birthday—Christopher Dodge, Kerry Garnett & Kimberly Dotseth—Karen Garnett, Thank you to all FOC Staff—Rose Keene, Darlene Whorley—Jeannette Landis, Jacqueline Mallard's Birthday—Amber Mallard, Claudia Masser—Julia Masser, Rita—Christina Van Orshoven, Blythe Beisigl—Shirley & Marshall Voss, Lennon Blair—Julie Yip

Donations in Honor of Cats

Sassi, Winnie, & Ivy—Kristel Boe, Zoey—Lila Ewing, Zoey & Percival—Lila & Louise Ewing, Zoey's 10th Birthday—Louise Ewing, Annie—Catherine Frazier, Nebula—Jessica Hartung, Angel—Zahra Hasoun, Scout's 10th Adoptoversary—Amanda Jenison, Copper Kitty—Martin's Home, Inc., Bootsie—Debra Ozbirn, Mila—Elizabeth Rose, Joanie—Mark Shirvell, Sammy—Stef Tonkin, Bobcat, Paint, Raven, & Stall—Leon Van Orsdale, Billy & Minx—Christina Van Orshoven

Donations in Memory of Cats

Katie—Laura Berend, Jasper—Holly Brengarth-Bruce, Columbo—David Coddon, Mango—Cynthia Davis, Biskwit—Chris Field, Red, Calico, Big Boy aka The Grey, & Theonie—Byron Frohn, Tuna Chicken Pot Pie—Amanda Jenison, Tippy, Hopper, Sophie, Nips, Kai, Lex Alexander the Great, Katchina, Koopa, Elvis—Kensington Veterinary, Miss Zoe—Kelly Kirkland, Chloe—Valarie LaBore, Rocky—Barbara Manion, Freddy—Carol & Don Plath, Mark, Oscar, Sandy, Boo-Boo, Mike & Little Kitty—Christopher Stei, Missy Girl—Linda & Tom Summer, Beauty—Rosemary Tom

Donations in Memory of People

Sheila Best—Stephanie Arthur, Alisa Stolz & her 4 cats—Bruce Bair, Jay Mathy—Marilyn Michelle & Ed Barry, Sheila Best—Fletcher Callanta, Jay Mathy—Paul Carpenter, Anna Collingwood—Richard & Charlotte Collingwood, Jay Mathy—Martha Dufresne, Sara Stolz—Leslie Gabehart, Jimmy L. Grigsby—Kathleen & William Grigsby, Jill Kruse—Constance Hageman, Judy Hunt—Charles T. Hoge, Jill Kruse—Debra Hoistad, Kelly Davis—Dorothy Jenison, Bill Gianopoulos—Rita-Maria Kafalas-May, Jill Kruse—Gail Nye, Martha "M&M" Malodo—Sunshine



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Memberships, donations, and tributes received after 03/12/2025 will appear in the Summer Cat Tales.
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