



CAT TALES

Summer 2025

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

*Proudly No-Kill Since 1929...
And Grateful for Your Support*

Friends of Cats is proud to have been founded on the no-kill principle, a commitment we've upheld for the past 96 years. Staying true to this mission has never been the easiest path—especially as we've chosen to operate independently, without influence from organizations that might compromise our values—but it has always been worth it.

As a donation-funded shelter, we rely entirely on the generosity of our community, and your continued support cannot be overstated. It is because of compassionate individuals like you that we are able to provide the highest level of care to our cats while remaining steadfast in our no-kill beliefs.

There are many ways our community supports us—from memberships and in-kind gifts to financial donations—and we are always exploring new and fun ways to keep that momentum going. Fundraising events are one of the best ways to engage supporters and create exciting opportunities for giving.

That's why we're thrilled to announce a new fundraising partnership with Regal Cinemas, running from June 2 through December 20, 2025! Whether you're cooling off with this summer's movie blockbusters or eagerly awaiting *Wicked 2* in November (we certainly are!), you can support Friends of Cats by purchasing ticket bundles through the link below. Regal Cinemas will donate 25% of each bundle sold back to our shelter—and the best part is, this offer applies to all Regal locations nationwide!

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Memberships

Your yearly membership is a huge part of why we're able to do what we do — and we couldn't be more grateful! There are several membership tiers to choose from, and every contribution, big or small, truly makes a difference. Here's how your support helps us grow, thrive, and keep making an impact — all thanks to you!

\$5 Annually - Youth (under 18)

Provides one of the following: One case (12 cans) store brand or other (5.5 oz) canned cat food or 25 lbs of cat litter

\$25 Annually - Regular

Provides one of the following: Microchips for 5 cats or Vaccinations for 6 cats or two large cans of powdered kitten milk to feed orphaned kittens.

\$100 Annually - Supporting

Provides one of the following: Ten cases of bleach (60 gallons) or Vaccinations for 25 adult cats or entire kitten series of 3 vaccinations for 8 kittens or spay of one cat or kitten and 4 cases of small (3 oz) canned cat food.

\$1,000 Annually - Life

Provides one of the following: Neuter of 20 cats or microchip, vaccinations, and test for FeLV and FIV for 10 cats and provide their food, litter, and the comforts of home for 2 months.



\$10 Annually - Senior (65+)

Provides one of the following: One case (24 cans) small (3 oz) cans of canned cat food or one 25-lb bag of Science Diet dry cat food or one 50-lb bag of cat litter

\$50 Annually - Sustaining

Provides one of the following: Neuter of one cat or kitten or one box of 50 diabetic strips for testing the blood sugar of diabetic cats or two 10-lb bags of Science Diet K/D to feed kitties with kidney disease.

\$500 Annually - Supporting Plus

Provides one of the following: Microchip, vaccinations and test for FeLV and FIV for 5 cats and provide their food, litter, and the comforts of home for 2 months or spay/neuter of two litters of 4 kittens each.



**From all of us at Friends of Cats—
Thank you for standing by our mission.
Your support makes it possible for us to keep
saving lives, one cat at a time.**

More Ways to Make a Difference!

Wal-Mart Round Up Program

We're excited to share that Friends of Cats is now part of the Walmart Round Up program! If you love the convenience of online shopping, this is a simple way to make a big difference. There are two ways you can support – 1) donate change by rounding up your purchase at checkout on Walmart.com 2) donate products from our registry & have the items shipped straight to us. Just set Friends of Cats as your chosen charity and browse our Walmart wish list at the link below:

<https://www.walmart.com/nonprofits/562ed843-72fd-4da4-b689-c76e1bc096b0/profile>

Chewy and Amazon Wish Lists

You can also support us by purchasing much needed supplies through our Chewy and Amazon wish lists. Every item goes directly to the shelter to help feed, comfort and care for our furry friends.

Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3R2DJ1E1RTS3H?ref_=wl_share

Chewy: https://www.chewy.com/g/friends-of-cats-inc_b77515010#wishlist&wishlistsortby=DEFAULT



Purchasing Merchandise

Big news! Our Bonfire store just got bigger and better — we've added brand-new campaigns packed with awesome merch you're going to love! In our latest drop, we've given our fan-favorite "Dogs Have Owners, Cats Have Staff" t-shirts a fresh new look. They're purr-fect for showing off your style and your love for pets! Check out the updated designs, snag your favorites, and wear them proudly around town to show your support (and your sense of humor)!



Wal-Mart



Amazon



Chewy



Bonfire





Shelter Stories

Happy Birthday Toby!

Handsome Toby was adopted as a 7-year-old back in 2012, and we got the most heartwarming surprise this May—an update from his adopters, Paul and Theresa, letting us know that Toby celebrated his 20th birthday on April 15, 2025! Paul shared, “It’s been quite a journey, but despite a few chronic ailments, he’s fairly healthy, still runs and jumps, and enjoys a great quality of life!” It’s always a joy to hear from past adopters, especially after so many years. We’re incredibly grateful to Paul and Theresa for giving Toby such a loving, caring home—one that’s helped him reach this amazing milestone. Happy 20th, Toby!



Parsnip's Happily Ever After

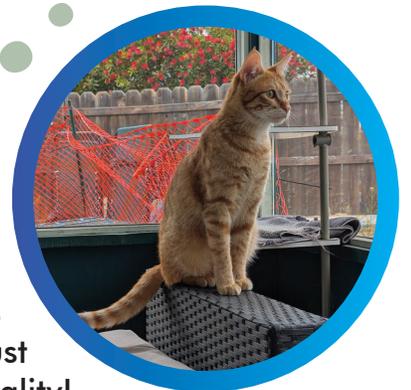


We’re thrilled to share that our beloved Parsnip—featured in our Fall Cat Tales—has finally found her forever home! Jaycee, who sadly lost her FIV+ boy Rojo earlier this year, was instrumental in helping Parsnip come out of her shell. She was the first to receive a head-bonk after years of slow socialization—proof that Parsnip had chosen her person. After a shy first month, Parsnip now rules the house! She loves making biscuits on the couch, chatting with her mom, and is even starting to seek out lap time. Her transformation is a beautiful reminder that patience and love can work wonders. Parsnip’s journey is a true success story—proof that with enough patience, love, and understanding, even the most timid hearts can bloom. We’re so proud of our sweet girl and wish her and Jaycee a lifetime of love and happiness together.



From Simba to Arthur the Pirate

Jon and Theresa came to us looking for an FeLV+ companion for their girl Bean, after her brother sadly passed away. Simba, a young FeLV+ cat from a shelter that couldn’t accommodate him, turned out to be the perfect match. With a slow, thoughtful introduction, Bean and Simba—now named Arthur—quickly became best friends. Jon says: “Arthur is a pirate. Bean is a ninja. Everything Bean does is calculated. Arthur just sends it and hopes for the best.” Their playful bond is full of personality! Like his namesake Arthur Dent, he’s an explorer—minus the towel—spending his days enjoying sunshine on their enclosed patio. We’re so happy Arthur found a home where love outweighs any diagnosis, and we can’t wait to see what adventures this dynamic duo gets up to next!

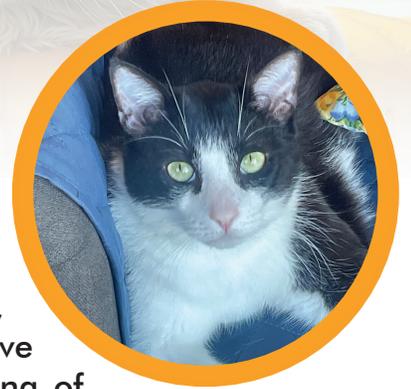




Shelter Stories

Roscoe Finds His Perfect Match

Roscoe came to us in early 2023 after his owners moved away. While he was handsome, friendly, and playful, his habit of nipping and dominant attitude toward other cats made it tough to find the right match. We knew Roscoe needed a patient, understanding person—and a home where he could be the one and only. After more than a year of waiting, along came Bonnie. She fell in love with his profile on PetFinder and gave him the forever home he deserved—where he could finally be the king of his own castle. “He’s my best bud—a perfect companion—and I love him more each day. We’re kindred spirits,” Bonnie says. As independent as his new mama, Roscoe is learning to swap love bites for lap cuddles. We’re thrilled they found each other—it’s truly a perfect match!



Thank You for Making Cinco De Meow a Success!

Thank you so much for joining us at our Cinco de Meow event! We’re incredibly grateful for your support and for being part of a fun-filled day celebrating our feline friends. Your presence helped make the event a success, and your generosity directly supports our mission to care for our kitties. We hope you had a wonderful time, and we look forward to seeing you at future events!



Follow-us on Facebook and Instagram to get notifications and updates on our future events!



Donations

Kenneth Ray Allgeier, Elaine Alvarez, Elaine Arendes, Rayna Bailey, Judy Barnes, John Benson, Sally Black, Theresa Blain, Janet Bock, Hanna Bohnsack, Garrienne Bradt, Christina Brister, Lois Brody, Nancy Burgeson, Cade Burkesmith, Tyree & Jeremy Burns, Maria Carbajal, Aldo Ciani, Mike Cobb, Joan Cohen, Henry & Hazel Collup, Ruth Contino, Kathryn Courter, Eleanor Darron, Helen Dowdy, Christina & Brian Dymond, Kami Evans, Cole Fauver, Gabriel Fernandez, Terry Fraenzl, Jennifer Gardham, Becki Gibson, Louis Good, Carol Lea Goyne, Angela Green, Sandra Guillen, Sharon Hathaway, Deanna Herman, Jeff Jaeger, Emme & Reggie Jennings, Jon Jordan, Karma Cats to the Rescue, Carolyn Kenny, Kroger Co., Mike & Brian Lashchuk, Ann Layne, Mei Lai Lee, Christine Lee, Leonardo Da Vinci Charter School Art Students, Diane L'Esperance, Amanda Lewis-Amato, Dorothy Little, Deborah Lopez, Karen Lowrimore, Emanuel Lucban, Elaine Manning, Theresa & Jon Manzo, Parween Maronesy, Irma Martinez, Liudmila Mast, Susan McDowell, William & Grazy McIlvaine, Joan McKenna, Linda McLaughlin, Melvin & Joan Miljour, Guy Miller, Mission Hills United Church of Christ Youth Group, Marilyn Mittleholtz, Sandra Morgan, Helen Musser, Lois Navolt, Barbara Neff, Network for Good, Don & Mindy Nimon, Emily Nolan, Gerry Nordstrom, Lindy O'Leary, Julie Otsuka, PayPal Giving Fund, JoAnne Peinado, Charl Phillips, Susan Pierce, Christopher Pikus, Carol & Don Plath, Pledgeling Foundation, Pamela Raptis, Remiatte Foundation, Dale Reynolds, Edward Rose, Roberto Ruiz-Brown, Marina Ryzhkova, San Diego Cat Fanciers, Sharon Shufelt, Julianne Simper, Al Smithson, Barbara Steele, Gail Stevens, Michelle Strange, Barbara Stringer, Joanne Sumption, Al Swalla, Lynn Tapp, The Rescue House, Lea Torregiano, Valerie Traina, Carin Van Hoek, Leon VanOrsdale, Nancy Varah, Jack Wagner, Mark Waldrogel, Beverly Walker, Cheryl Ward, Kimberly Weimer, Lyndsay West, Susan Woolard, Pamela Worrell, Bonnie Wright, Sue Young, James Zahrn, Harriet Zale, Julie Zela,

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2025 Winery Event



Sarah Aidan, Kylie Bennett, John Benson, Renee Coleman, Shirley Collier, Elizabeth Comer, Aaron Cooper, Elizabeth Cordero, April Decker, Beth Farella, Maureen Flaherty, Ashley Graves, Ashley Hausner, Alison Hennessey, Darla Huckaby, Debbie Johnson, Becky Lafreniere, Melina Lavullis, Kathryn Lehman, Judith Lihosit, Denise Maize, Michele Martella, Hilary Murphy, Christopher Pikus, Alexandra Rak Dorell Sackett, Anna Sorriso, Hannah Stevenson, Shelby Strawn, Andy Sydoriak, Heather Tone, Lyndsay West—96th Anniversary Fundraiser Winery Event

New Members

Lisa Flint

Pledges

Rob Abrom, Kristen Barnhill, Elaine Barrett, Danielle Bartholomew, Sharyl Beaton, Cecilia Berg, Barbara Blanchard, Maria Carbajal, Terry Carpenter, Anthony Cerone, Robert Clay, Caitlin Chismark, Heather Coate, James Colbert, Elizabeth Comer, Phyllis Crawford, Carol Culkin, Allyson Darroch, Tayler Davidson, April Decker, Rufino Escanis Jr., Hussain Elhaouli, Carin Elliott, Catherine Frazier, Nancy Lee Friedlander, Patti Gentes, Sherry Gettmann, Sherry Gilbert, Sandra Guillen, Teresa Haas, James Hada Jr., Rachel Hall, Sue Heim, Christine Hogan, Robert Jacobs, Gina James, John Jontry, Bernard Juleson, Edward & Gayle Kane, Jaycee Karl, Rose Keene, Karen & Alan Kent, Jeannette Landis, Katherine Lazzaro, Nathan Lessani, David Lloyd, Dave & Sally Loucks, Bob Martin, Peter Maxwell, Michele's Musivation, Mindy Miller, Dana Christine Murphy, Barbara Neff, Ness Commissions, Gerry Nordstrom, Laurie Orange, Robin Parks, Sonia Podvin, Joe Quarles, Patricia Ray, Denise Reesha, Melody Ross, Ruth Rudesill, Eleanna Sakoulas, Danielle Schulte, Virginia Schultz, Noelle Sleder, Teresa Steele, Kathryn Stirlen, Mary Ann Sullivan, Danene Twyman Brown, Barbara VanHorne, Kristine Vickery, Julie & Jeff Walker, Jacqueline Whaley, Darlene Whorley, Robert Wiggins, Wendy Wright, Caitlin Yaussi

Donations in Honor of People

Joyce A. Toohey—Bettye Boley, Darlene Whorley's Birthday—Jeannette Landis, Truely Gloss—Christy LaPointe, Jack Neary—Rebecca Neary, Darlene Whorley's Birthday—Judith Ortega, Truely's Birthday—Lorissa Pollock, Blythe Beisgl—Marshall & Shirley Voss

Donations in Honor of Cats

Hammy—Elaine Arendes, Daisy & the 3 Senior Berend Cats—Laura Berend, Misty's 25th Birthday—Mary Bowman, The Great Sterbie Nelson—Laurie Burgett, Bogie & Corby—Robin Dishon, Zoey & Percival—Lila & Louise Ewing, Zoey—Louise Ewing, Rover—Kathyrine Hankin, Beloved Duchess of Lorraine—Rebecca Neary, Joanie—Mark Shirvell, Shannon—Stef Tonik, Paisley—Barbara VanHorne, Misty's Birthday—Dolores Woodford

Donations in Memory of Cats

Suerte—Lisa Flint, Jazzy—Alice Gruber, Starfire & Madison—Paula Ingram, Bartholomew, Angie, Gus, Mija, Leanne—Kensington Veterinary, Hershey, Monkey, Boo, Wylie, JJ, Orange, Buddy, Schpookie, Pookey, Fluffy, & Old Man Cat—Guy Spivack & Michelle Peters, Bee Gee—Diane Roll, Duke & Derek—Jack Wagner

Donations in Memory of People

Alisa Stolz & her 4 cats—Bruce Bair, Jay Mathy—David Bassett, Michele & Michele's Cat Cozette—Mary K. Bowman, Serina Hernandez—Thomas & Pam Boyer, Autumn Roze, beloved daughter—Geoff & Lee Clark, Jill Kruse—Clipped Wings, Autumn Serene Roze—Mae Dean, Autumn Roze—Kathy Dolphin, Autumn Serene Roze—Kimberly Encinas, Mary Lou Nicoll—Becky Lafreniere, Barbara Lang—Curtis E. Lang, Susan Hagstrom—Keith Milbrandt, Marcia Pehrsson—Jean Pehrsson, Joyce Toohey—Steffiney Quick, JoAnn Pony Chincio—Lori Scrivner, Autumn Roze—Mary Ellen Sousa, Marcy Baugh—Brooke Suiter, Patricia J. Houghton—Joan Watanabe

Memberships, donations, and tributes received after 05/28/2025 will appear in the next 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

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