



CAT TALES

Winter 2025

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

Join us!

Saturday, December 6, 2025

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friends of Cats, Inc. Shelter
15587 Olde Hwy 80 • El Cajon, CA 92021



Whisker Wonderland



Friends of Cats, Inc. 2025



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Upcoming Events

November 22 – Doggie Street Festival

Get ready for one of San Diego's favorite pet-loving events - the Doggie Street Festival! This lively celebration brings together rescues, shelters, and pet enthusiasts from all over the county for a day full of wagging tails, community spirit, and fun. Held at NTC Park in Liberty Station, the event features pet adoptions, local vendors, great food, music, and more. Come meet adoptable pets, learn about local rescue efforts, and maybe even find your new best friend!



December 6 – Whisker Wonderland

We're excited to welcome you to one of our most festive fundraising events of the year—Whisker Wonderland! Held right here at the shelter, this special day will be filled with holiday cheer, delicious seasonal treats, handmade treasures perfect for gifting, and of course, plenty of whiskered friends to brighten your day.



Whisker Wonderland is more than just a celebration—it's a chance for our community of cat lovers to come together in the spirit of giving. Every donation and purchase directly supports the cats in our care, helping us provide food, medical treatment, and safe shelter. Join us as we close out the year with joy, generosity, and the magic of the season!

January 24 & 25 – CFA Cat Show hosted by San Diego Cat Fanciers

We're looking forward to one of our favorite events: the CFA Cat Show hosted by the San Diego Cat Fanciers. This incredible showcase brings together cat lovers from all over to admire stunning pedigreed cats, celebrate feline companionship, and share in the joy of all things cat. Friends of Cats will once again be there with a booth full of handmade items, including our popular crochet pieces and hand-painted rocks, with all proceeds going directly to support the shelter. We love meeting fellow cat enthusiasts at this event and sharing our mission with such a dedicated and passionate community. If you're a cat lover, this is an event you won't want to miss!



February 2026 – Cupids and Canines

Keep a look out for the updated date for this event hosted by our friends at the San Diego Animal Support Foundation at Grossmont Center Mall. This fun-filled adoption event brings together dozens of local rescues and shelters, all with adorable cats and dogs ready to steal your heart! Come meet your perfect match and make this Valentine season extra special with a new furry friend!



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



Remembering Our Beloved Misty

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we share the passing of our cherished Misty. At the remarkable age of 25, Misty lived a long, full, and beautiful life, one filled with love, dignity, and endless purrs.

Misty came to us through the lifetime care program in 2020 when her family had to move across the country and could not take her with them. We would never have believed she was 20 years old then if it hadn't been for her microchip - confirmed by the chip company to have been implanted in the year 2000! From the moment she became a resident she captured the hearts of staff and customers alike with her dignified and unflappable attitude, her resounding meows for attention, her full-throated purrs and faucet-like happy drool while getting pets, and her total confidence that she was absolutely the queen of the office.

There was nothing this little old lady loved more than being held, getting cheek scratches and rubbing her wet face all over that of whoever was cuddling her, and she always got as much love as she gave, if not more. To say she will be missed is an understatement, the office simply won't be the same without her. We are so grateful and honored to have been a small chapter at the end of Misty's incredibly long quarter-century of life, to have spent five years loving her was a constant joy, and we will honor her legacy by continuing to provide the same love and care we gave her to all of the wonderful cats who come to us.

Rest in peace, sweet girl.



Shelter Stories

Kekee (now Goonie)

Back in February 2024, longtime supporter and regular donor Joy stopped by the shelter looking for a new little friend. Her heart was immediately captured by Kekee, an older kitten who had come to us just a month earlier after her owner passed away. Sadly, her previous neighbor was unable to take her in due to tensions with her own cat.

Now happily renamed Goonie (though still called Kekee when she's being mischievous!), she quickly made herself at home. Joy shared, "She's a delight — we discovered she stands on her back legs like a penguin, and she likes to leave one ear folded over just to make us laugh!" Goonie is now a beloved member of Joy's family, and we couldn't be happier that this sweet girl found her perfect home.



Cig and Faith

These two little angels came to Friends of Cats after their loving mama had to move overseas to follow her calling. Their brother and sister had already found new homes, but the placement for Cig and Faith fell through — so they joined their siblings here at the shelter.

While none of the kittens seemed especially bonded, fate had other plans! Roommates Mary and Melissa came in looking for a cat, and to everyone's surprise, each fell for one of the siblings — and the kitties fit their personalities perfectly. Faith became Ash, while Cig kept his name, which matched his beautiful smoky fur.

Now living a life of love and luxury, the pair have become inseparable! Both Mary and Melissa serve in our armed forces, so when one is on deployment, the other "auntie" steps in to care for both cats — a truly special family arrangement.

And if anyone would like to continue this happy story, their sister Negra is still waiting for her forever home at the shelter!

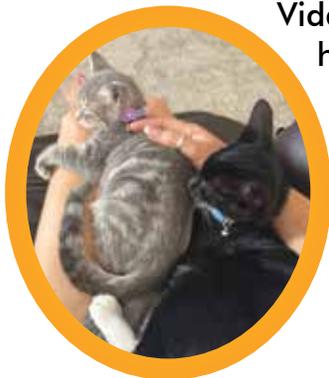


Shelter Stories

Titanium (Tux) & Stegosaurus (Grey Tabby) - now Pete and Vida -

Two kittens from different litters, just a few weeks apart in age, found not only a home but a lifelong friendship. Adopted together by Kristan and her family, the pair had already bonded in the adoption room and have been inseparable ever since.

Kristan shared that their names have a beautiful meaning — Vida and Pete were chosen in honor of her beloved grandmother, Ovida, whose nickname was Pete. What a wonderful tribute to her memory! These two sweet kittens are thriving in their loving home, filling it with energy, affection, and purrs.



Trick or Treat for a Cause!

This Halloween season, our Trick or Treat for a Cause fundraiser was a spooktacular success all thanks to you! Your generosity helped bring smiles, purrs, and a whole lot of love to the cats in our care.

From tasty treats and toys to wish list gifts, blankets, and donations, your kindness made a world of difference. Because of your support, we can continue providing safe shelter, quality care, and happy homes for cats who need us most.

If you'd still like to contribute, we always welcome donations through our Amazon and Chewy Wish Lists, which can be found on our website. Every gift—big or small—helps make a difference for the cats who count on us year-round.

From all of us at Friends of Cats, thank you for proving that compassion is the sweetest treat of all.



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