

CAT TALES



Spring 2021

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

New Year, New Changes

We appreciate all our readers of Cat Tales, and we have made some updates to the publication.

Chuckie was the shelter mascot for many years. After Chuckie's passing, and after a few months of observation, the staff and board think that "Bailey" is a good candidate to be our mascot. Check out Bailey below, and on our back cover. He is a real character and we look forward to more of our *new* mascot's poses and costumes.

Cat Tales will now also include a *new* informational article called "FOC Facts" in every publication on specific subjects you have asked about. This time we have included information about kittens.

The Donation page has been updated to include two *new* sub sections. Business donations have now been included to recognize the many businesses that contribute to the shelter. New Lifetime Members has been added to recognize those new or returning members that have contributed a donation of \$1000.00 or more.

We have also added a *new* QR code on the back to make membership or donation online direct from Cat Tales.

The webpage www.friendsofcats.org was updated last year to simplify our message and provide a place for COVID 19 updates. *New* to the website, a link was added to the shelter's Amazon Wish List. We know some supporters prefer to send specific items to the shelter. Just click on the Amazon logo and you are on your way to sending the gifts that help the kitties.

The shelter continues with improvements on the inside and outside. Since moving to the current location in 1968, there have been many improvements, but now some of those *new* improvements are showing real changes to the look of the shelter.

Lastly, we look forward to *new* updates later this year when we can once again host events and welcome volunteers and visitors.



Bailey, our new mascot

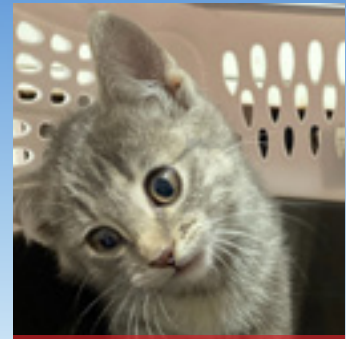


Monkey on the Mend



Let me introduce you to Monkey. This little girl was found by the side of the road with her deceased mother. A Good Samaritan relinquished her to us in early January of this year. When she came in at 7 weeks of age, it was obvious she had a pronounced head tilt, although the cause was unknown. She was taken to our primary vet, and it turns out our little orphan had a severe ear infection. Treatment with medications was immediately started and after 2 weeks all signs of the infection were gone. Her head tilt still remained. It was decided that we would wait until she was 16 weeks to do her spay, giving her time to see if her head tilt would correct itself and if her ear infection would reoccur. I am happy to report that little Monkey continues to improve every day and has not had any more ear infections.

Cora-Anne Zwartjes
Shelter Manager



Monkey, before



Monkey, after



A quick reminder



Our Kitten Cottage

The shelter is currently closed to the public. Limited adoptions are available by **APPOINTMENT** only. Please call the shelter at (619) 561-0361 for more information. Links to available cats, and the adoption questionnaire are located under the "Adopt" tab on our website, www.friendsofcats.org.

Completed questionnaires must be emailed to manager@friendsofcats.org. A staff member will contact you at the number you provide for questions, requirements, and a possible appointment.

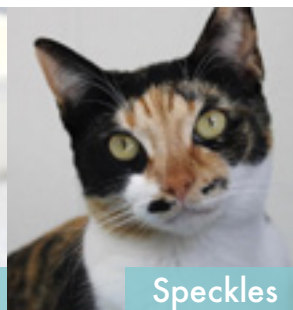
ADOPTIBLE KITTIES *Looking for our furever home*



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Speckles



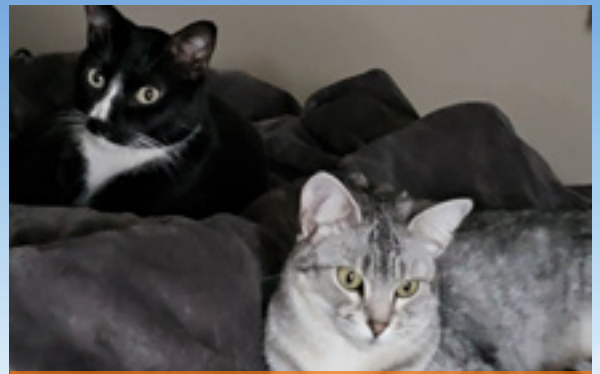
Garth

Alumni Stories



Mila is settling in nicely. She is still a little shy but coming out of her shell more and more every day. She is even making friends with our cat that we already had. They fought in the beginning, but I think they have both finally realized that neither of them is going anywhere. Thank you so much, we love her to pieces, and it is hard to believe that she hasn't been here all along.

The Carlsons



Mila, right, in her forever home

FOC FACTS

Answering questions about our organization.



How Can I adopt a Kitten?

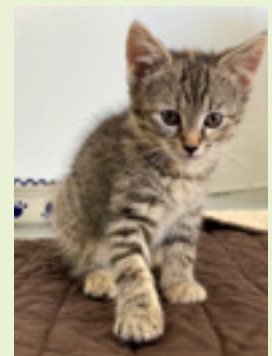
Most kittens are born in the early spring; however Friends of Cats may receive kittens anytime of the year. Sometimes they come in with Mama, and sometimes kittens are alone. If they are alone, the shelter must take extraordinary steps to make sure the kittens are fed and cared for.

Every kitten is different, as their needs change quickly as they grow. Kittens who need to be bottle fed or are still in the weaning process are placed into the care of our "fosters" or go home with our medical staff for 24 hour care. All kittens are tested for Feline Aids and Leukemia, and if age appropriate, receive vaccinations upon intake. If they are older than 6 weeks they also receive a microchip.

After kittens reach 8 weeks, and are over 2lbs in weight, they are spayed or neutered and become eligible for adoption if they are given a clean bill of health. We only consider adoption for kittens after they have been spayed or neutered and have no health issues. If the kitten does have health issues, Friends of Cats will continue to take care of the kitten as a lifetime sanctuary cat.

We realize that some people may ask for a "kitten", however we are unable to pre-register adopters for a kitten or for any particular cat. We ask that you fill out the questionnaire on our website at www.friendsofcats.org and email it to the manager. You can leave a message at the shelter at any time by calling (619) 561-0361. Mention that you are interested in kittens and the shelter will contact you to advise if any kittens are available. An appointment and safety protocols are required if your questionnaire is approved.

If approved for adoption, the cost for adopting a kitten is \$100.00. That amount is payable by check, cash, or credit card at the shelter. The cost includes a test for FELV, FIV, microchip, all age appropriate vaccinations, and a free vet visit within the first 10 days of adoption.



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New Members

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In memory of Cavendish, Paula Reimers, Thomas Sullivan in honor of Gabbi, Valerie Traina,
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Jan Charvat

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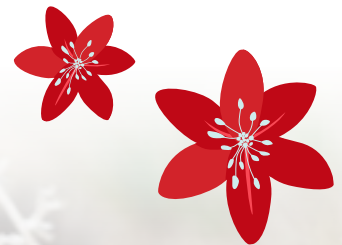
Steve Yerkes, my wonderful husband—Virginia Armbrust
Ingrid Coffin—James Patino

Donations in Honor of the Following Cats

Eva Caroline Tax, lover of animals—Jan Charvat
Gizelle—Suzanne Christy-Goldberg
All the cats at Friends of Cats—Martha Evans
Zoey—Louise, Lila & Bill Ewing
16 year old Aragorn—Ed & Denise Fleischer
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Gigi, 12 year old alumni of Friends of Cats—Bob & Lisa Parker
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Donations in Memory of People

Judie Lapernick—Jane Damrose
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Sue Soto previous FOC Board member—Shelia Laurenson
Steve Hallock and his cats Frank & Ms. Kitty—Helene Laverdiere
Donna Stoner—Gayle Lopes
Dorothy Henkel, who loved cats—Jane McLaughlin
Vivian McRae, longtime supporter of FOC—Laurie McRae
Sherry Felsenfeld—Jean Pehrsson



Donations in Memory of Cats

Beautiful Ruby Tuesday—Virginia Armbrust

Jasper—Holly Brengarth

Jackie, who left his mark on our hearts and furniture—Tom Burns

Snow Flake, Schroddy, Natasha, Milo, Jack, Dinky, Cosmo, Blackie, Toby, Teddy, Beek, Nicky, One Eyed Jack, Maxine, Serious, Joly, Mishek, Rusty, Dickens, Rascal, Kit Cat, Sheena, Cupcake, Leo, Hanako, D'Artagnan, Shadow, Boris, Olec, Frasier, Evans, Mokie, Cali, Lily, Mikey—Cheshire Feline Hospital

Corby & Bogie—Robin Dishon

Percival—Louise, Lisa & Bill Ewing

Angel—Sandra Hoover

Tommie Keller—Robin Johnson

C.J., Milo, and all the kitties at FOC—Yvonne Kenniston

Ahnise, Bella, Hal Davis, Honcho, Junior, Honey Bunny, Silka, Astro, Wonton, Jeannie, Daisy, Tabitha, Norman—Kensington Veterinary

Cricket & Beetlejuice—Curtis Lang

Lucy—Maurizio Marchetti

Miles & Punkin—Taylor Morgan

Smokey the cat & Cody the dog—Barbara Neff

Fume, our beloved cat—Jean Polhamus

Beau, beloved cat of Carol & Paul Siemers—Jane Potter

Meme—Martin Rath

Lulu, adopted from Friends of Cats—January Riddle

Blue Eyed Dora—Rochelle Rubinstein

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