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Newsletter #127

Fried's
Cat
Shelter

Dear Loyal Supporters,

Thank you for continuing to faithfully support our efforts here.

We have had quite a busy year! The intake of our kittens has been overwhelming! With Covid shutting down our TNR program for months the results were a mass increase of feral kittens being born. Those kittens, by the time they were 6 months old, were starting to reproduce and create more kittens. By the time quarantine ended, and the TNR program started back up, there had been, at least, two to three new generations of cats being born. Never let anyone tell you TNR doesn't work, because it does!

We currently have over 300 kids at the shelter. That number may seem low to you from previous years, but there is a reason why we aren't housing more cats at this time.

We have had to close approximately one third of the back end of the shelter due to maintenance issues. We have a basic plan drawn up to rebuild. The plan and ways you can help raise the funds needed will be in our next newsletter.

As always, we deeply appreciate all contributions to help us care for our kids.

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving, and the staff and kids at Fried's Cat Shelter wish you all a joyous holiday season! Stay safe everyone.

Sincerely,

Sandra O'Dell

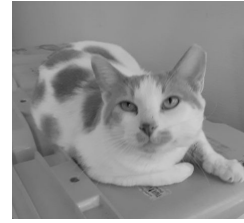
Wish List

Canned & dry cat food, scoopable litter, trash bags (13 and 33 gallons), paper towels, paper plates (6" and 9"), Lavender Fabuloso, Clorox disinfecting wipes, first class postage stamps, computer paper (8 1/2 x 11), laundry detergent (HE perfume & dye free), bleach (household cleaning), Advantage II, Nutrical, large puppy pee pads, and furnace filters (16x25x1 and 16x20x1).

From the Desk of Charlie, Jr.

Dear Human Friends,

Great news! Of the 18 candidates shown in our March newsletter, over half have found their forever homes! Of course they have been replaced by new kittens and their mothers.



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Driving Directions:

Coming from Illinois...take I-94 East to Indiana exit 40B (Hwy 20/35 for Michigan City). Take that road till you come to the exit for Hwy 212 North (about 1/2 mile). When on 212 get into the left hand lane. We are on the left side of the road at the end of the curve in the highway.

Coming from Michigan...take I-94 West to exit 40B and follow the above directions.

Coming from South Bend...Take the 80/90 Toll Road West to La Porte Exit 49. When you come off the exit head North (a right turn) on Hwy 39. Go to the traffic light (Hwy 20) and turn left. Take Hwy 20 to the exit for Hwy 212 North (about 5-6 miles). When on 212 get into the left hand lane. We are on the left side of the road at the end of the curve in the highway.

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It has been a while since I have given you a report from the Leukemia Building (also called "Special Needs Cats Building", or "Luke" for short.) So let's take a walk-through.

When you come in, turn to your right. Bin 13 houses our leukemia positive (FeLV) cats. Some of them have been with us for 8 years. Bin 14 is our "Bully Bin". These cats cannot get along with other cats, but end up getting along with other bullies, because they have to. Plato has been with us the longest: since 2016.

Turn back and stop at Bin 12. Annie is waiting to be re-tested for leukemia. By the time you read this she may be in Bin 13, or in the main building. In the next bin (Bin 11) are Little Girl and Shere Kahn, diabetics who need insulin shots. Bin 10 is housing two new cats. They are very scared, and are waiting for their booster vaccinations in a quiet atmosphere. Bin 9, right now, is housing one of our feral colony cats who ended up with an upper respiratory infection and is being medicated. Since he is feral, the medicine is being put in his canned food. Bin 8 has another diabetic cat named Pepper. He is a new arrival to Fried's Cat Shelter. Midnight in Bin 7 is "crazy"; she may love you one minute and go off on you the next one.

Then you enter the upper part of the building. Lulu is the first one in bin 6: she needs special food. Van Gogh has kidney issues in bin 5, Next in the countdown of bins are Momma and Tiny who are being treated for digestive problems. Then comes Caesar and Tomm who need a special diet. Tomm also has diabetes and needs daily shots. Bins 1 and 2 have litterbox problems. On the other side of the hallway are the big gang rooms. Gang 2 has digestive issues, and Gang 1 is our FIV room.

Come and visit our special needs cats. They love to see you.

Sincerely,

Charlie, Jr.



THE FOLLOWING CAT FACTS COMES FROM:

**Koppel, D. (1995). Amazing But True Cat Facts.
Boca Raton, Fl: Globe Communications Corp.**

SHOULD CATS BE DECLAWED?

The majority of experts say, absolutely not, and their arguments are very convincing. Declawing is really like an amputation - 10 amputations to be exact, and it is a surgical procedure that requires that your cat be anesthetized for quite a long period of time.

It's not simply a matter of removing the claw, as its name implies. The actual procedure involves the removal of the last joint of each toe. A bandage is put on the legs for at least two days, and it is believed that cats experience pain for at least a few days after the operation.

It takes about a week for the skin to heal. For that entire time, the cat needs to be kept in a clean, dry environment. Litter in her litter box needs to be replaced with torn newspaper or paper towels, because litter will be too painful for your cat to walk on while she's healing, say those who are against declawing.

There are the physical results of declawing. It affects a cat's balance, and there's a gradual weakening of the cat's legs, shoulders and back muscles. Because the cat can no longer walk normally, her posture is affected. She has to walk with her weight on the rear, rather than the front, of her pads. She is no longer the graceful animal you once knew.

There are also safety consequences. Declawing a cat's front claws leaves the cat 75 percent defenseless. Cats defend themselves with their front claws, they resort to using their teeth. This means they will have to be kept away from babies and young children. Declawing front and hind claws leaves a cat totally defenseless.

There are also the emotional implications. Realizing they're defenseless, they become nervous and difficult to handle. "So I won't let her out of the house," say the owners of declawed cats. Well, besides depriving her of the great outdoors, she'll experience the same problems inside she would have had outside, such as climbing. Declawed cats cannot climb trees. They also can't climb furniture (which may be the number one reason owners give for having their cat declawed in the first place). Unfortunately, climbing is an essential part of any cat's life. Being unable to climb causes confusion and frustration.

Declawed cats can be more prone to diseases, such as arthritis. And finally, there's the very practical reason that anyone who wasn't able to scratch a spot that itched should know about. It can drive you 'up a tree'. So how do you think a cat would feel without the ability to scratch? Especially since scratching is such a crucial part of her grooming pattern.

An owner thinking that he can solve the problem with a brush is dead wrong. Or maybe you've heard that declawed cats can learn to use their teeth more when they're grooming. However, teeth are useless when getting to certain parts of the head, mouth, neck and ears.

DO CATS TALK?

You bet they do! While dogs only use 40 sounds, cats use well over 100 - on a regular basis. They have one of the largest spoken vocabularies of all animals.

To get along well with your cat, it's not necessary to know the whole range. But it is important to be able to understand your cat's basic messages about what's going on in her life. These messages generally reflect your cat's state of mind, emotionally and physically, at any given time.

HOW DO CATS TALK?

There are three different theories on how cats talk. The first is the false vocal cord theory. Those who back this theory say that cats have two sets of vocal cords. Their 'real' ones and 'false' ones. When air is inhaled and exhaled, one false cord rubs against the other.

The second theory involves muscle contractions. Some of the cat's larynx muscles contract and cause a buildup of pressure which results in cat talk.

The third theory is the turbulent blood theory. When blood flow increases through the heart's main veins, turbulence is created, causing a whirring sound which travels up the cats' air passages and into the head area.

Unlike humans, cats do not use the tips of their tongues to form sounds. Instead, they vary the muscle tension in their mouth, throat, face and lips to create 13 vowels. They produce as many as eight consonant sounds by closing and shaping their mouths in various ways. Cats murmur, call and cry, depending on whether their mouths are open or closed, and all cats share the same language.

ARE PURRING CATS HAPPY CATS?

Most people think that purring cats are happy and content. But that's not always true. Purring cats can be in serious pain. Female cats purr when they're in labor. Sure, they're happy that their new family is on the way, but the purring also indicates the discomforts of the birthing process.

Kittens start purring when they're only a week old. It's a signal to Mom when the kitten is suckling that the milk supply is adequate and going where it's supposed to go. That's good news for Mom, so she purrs back.

The purring process is a combination of inhaling and exhaling, usually performed with the mouth completely closed. As you've certainly noticed, cats can purr for hours.

CAN ALLERGY SUFFERERS LIVE WITH CATS?

They can now, but before 1950 they couldn't. However, in 1950 the Cornish Rex, a cat that did not cause allergic reactions in humans, was discovered.

While one would think that every frustrated cat-loving asthmatic and allergy sufferer would run to the nearest Cornish Rex breeding farm, this hasn't happened. The breed has remained relatively rare, and most people say that it's because the Rex

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Memorials & Honors

Your donation in memory or in honor of loved ones or pets will go a long way to help Fried's Cat Shelter's cats and kittens. When sending memorials or honors please include your wording along with your name and address

**ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER
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In Memory Of



In memory of Fred DeVries.

--Martha Maust & Larry Brown

In memory of Judy Grossman.

--Anthony & Lesley Magrady

In memory of Judy Grossman, a wonderful person in my life, who passed away on February 5, 2022.

--Katherine Stelzer

In memory of Judy Grossman.

--Kathleen Moore

In memory of Carol Leman.

--Carolyn Burt

In memory of Fred DeVries.

--Jacqueline Carlson

In memory of my brother, Timothy Kreamer. Cats were his number one love.

--Mary Schmaltz

In memory of my brother, Timothy Kreamer, who was a true lover of cats.

--Jonathan Kreamer

In loving memory of "Papa" Dave Niswonger.

--Your Grandkids: Leland, Baela, Laylah, Layden and Ollie

In memory of Paul Zelinski.

--Patricia Zelinski

In memory of two loving creatures - Jonathan Sabo and his constant kitty, Nikki Sabo.

--Jonathan and Margaret Sabo

This donation is in memory of "Chippy", beloved cat of Adrienne Kelene. He will be forever in our hearts and brought us so much joy and happiness.

--Patricia Nicolosi

In memory of Fred Pratt.

--Sandra & Kent Reglein

In memory of my mom and dad, Anna & Tony Sucich.

--Theresa Chambers-Christensen

In memory of two great cats, Sutchie and Shonba.

--Lillian Lyons

In memory of David Spencer.

--Nora and John McKee

In memory of our special cats...Fluffy, Frosty, Turfcat, Tom, T.J. and Princess.

--John & Judy MacLeod

In memory of our beloved friends, Jonathan Sabo and Nikki.

--Ed & Judy Polzin

In loving memory of my husband, Richard.

--Love and miss you, Ruth Ladewig

In memory of Joseph Juarez.

--Norma J. Juarez

In memory of Murphy, Susie, Tinky and Tyler.

--Helen Purdes

In remembrance of all my sweet kitties and one basset hound, who are waiting for me at the Rainbow Bridge. I will see you there one day.

--Helen Hopp

In memory of Betty White.

--J. M. Frazier

In loving memory of Ryan C. Goethals.

--Charlie Goethals

In honor of Fred DeVries.

--Richard & Susan Brooks

In loving memory of our sweet baby boy Monroe. He stole our hearts when we adopted him, and still cry over his loss.

--Your human mommas - Lori and Anna Gonzales-Berrier, and your birth mother, Mattie.

In memory of Cindy Hester.

--Jenni & Kurt Robinson

In memory of Loyce Schaefer - she was a cat lover and her, and her husband Carl, were friends of our late parents, Fred & Marianne Williams of Three Oaks, MI.

--Helen Williams & Kathy Manier

In memory of our handsome, sweet kitty, Jake, who we adored so much. Jake turned "20" on 1/29/22. Sweet dreams little man. Love you!

--Annette and Theresa Mastre

In memory of Loyce Schaefer.

--Pam Schepers

In memory of Cynthia Hester.

--Jeanne Bennett

In memory of Patricia Baird of Michigan City.

--Norma Abbey

In memory of Cynthia Faith Hester.

--Elizabeth Ann Benner

In memory of Patricia A. Baird.

--"Red Hat" driving friend, Virginia

In memory of Patricia Baird.

--Debora Dill

In memory of our nephew, Scott Covington. He was a cat lover.

--Jim and Sue Foldenaur

In memory of Scott A. Covington (R.I.P.), and his love for cats.

--from a fellow cat-lover.

In loving memory of Mr. Covington.

--Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brooks

In memory of Tom Fredenburg.

--Nancy & Terry Eaton

In loving memory of Tom Fredenburg.

--From the Nowak families

In memory of Cindy Hester.

--Kim Cash

In memory of Josh Heuer.

--Larry & Marlene Robinett and Lori A. Alexander

In memory of our beloved Socks.

--Bill & Lee Blaisdell

In memory of Jerome Paich.

--Rita

In memory of Kathi Archer Carlson.

--Barbara Connor Corcoran

In memory of Kathi Carlson.

--Joyce Huntington

In memory of Kathi Carlson.

--Kathy Thomas

In memory of Kathi Carlson.

--Kay & Julie Spoerner

In memory of Kathi Carlson.

--Ben Buer

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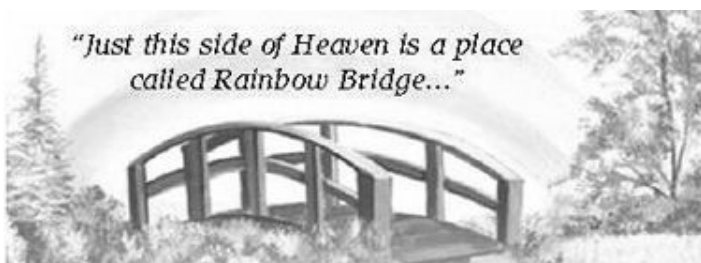
--Helen & Norbert Ulaszek

In memory of Kathi Carlson. She was such an important, loving person. She was in my thoughts often through the years. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

--Sue Puplark

Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.

"Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge..."



In Honor Of



In honor of Susan Elizabeth Draves-Kuska.

--John & Meghan Lyons

In honor of my courageous cat Socrates.

--Jane F. Cooley

In honor of Donna Cebrat.

--Love Mom & Dad

In honor of all workers and volunteers at Fried's for all they do for the kitties of the world who need our help & love.

--Judy Tomaszekiewicz

In honor of John Oberholtzer.

--Tom Burke

In honor of Gerald & Dorothy Biller's 50th wedding anniversary.

--Lois Biller

In honor of my sister, Annette Mastre, who endlessly cared for a beautiful cat she rescued in 2013. She named him Jake. The most loving sweet kitty, greeted everyone with love and trust. He was loved by all who met him. Regrettably, Jake succumbed to his many serious illnesses on Tuesday, May 31st, 2022 at 4:30 pm. Rest in peace sweet baby boy.

--Theresa Mastre

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looks, well, odd in a half-naked sort of way.

But Rex owners think they're the greatest, not only because of the lack of allergic reaction, but also because of their wonderful personalities.

Specifically, research has shown that it's the long guard hairs of a cat that cause the problem for asthmatics and allergy sufferers.

The Cornish Rex and the German Rex don't have this type of hair, but beware: The Devon Rex, even though it looks very similar to the other two, does.

The Sphynx cat, discovered in Canada in 1966, is even more bizarre-looking than the Rex, but just as friendly. The Sphynx is considered to be suitable for even the most allergic human, especially one who lives in a warm climate or likes to keep the heat way up during the winter months.

Although the normal cat's hair serves as an outstanding fur coat in even the coldest of weather, the poor Sphynx has only short, soft down where her fur would normally be. Her face looks like it's covered in velvet; it feels like velvet, too. But the naked skin on the rest of the body creates a rather ugly look because every wrinkle and crease shows.

Some owners cover up these unsightly 'defects' with attire made from nonallergic material. This, of course, has the added benefit of keeping the Sphynx cat warm.

HOMES NEEDED FOR OUR FELINE FRIENDS



This is Bella #3. She has been with us since April of 2020. The owner was in a bad home situation, and was afraid that Bella would be hurt so she made the hard decision to give her up. Bella is a beautiful four-year-old brown tiger, with a very sweet temperament.



Meet Papaya. She, and her 6 babies, became a part of the Fried's family in May of 2022. They all went into foster care until all were old enough to be spayed/neutered. The kids have found their homes, but our orange tiger princess still needs hers. She is about 2 years old.



Say hello to Cutie. She came to us in April of 2022 through the Fried's TNR program. She had a bad mouth and infected uterus when she was spayed, so we kept her to treat her and get her well. She is an orange tiger with white, is about 6-7 years old, and has chronic discharge from her eyes. With all she has overcome, she needs a forever home.



Seniors need loving homes too. This is Scarlett, who has been with us since February 2016. Her owner abandoned her, and she was brought in by a neighbor. She is about 8 years old, and is a dilute tortie. Don't let her grumpy look fool you - she is a very sweet and loving girl.

Besides taking in cats to help them find their furever homes, another reason the shelter was founded by Hans and Lucille Fried was for unadoptable kitties to still have their own furever home.



This is Trixie. She is our asthmatic girl. On one of her bad days you can hear her breathing from across the room. She hates any types of treatment or medications so you need to have many sets of hands to treat her.

This is a special room made for our blind cats. The ledge and ramp have railings to prevent them from falling off, and the bin is always set up the same so they know where everything is at. We have Sammy on the ramp, Donald is at the very back by the chair, and Piper is dozing in the cubby in the center of the room.



Myla is our gorgeous himalayan that everyone wants. But, she has one major issue, she urinates and defecates in many places other than the litterbox. She has been with us for 10 years, enjoys sunning herself in the many windows, and is spoiled rotten by one of the employees.



Toby is our 17 year old. He has Cerebral Hypoplasia so has a wobbly walk. Toby has another issue as well...just like Myla, has a tendency to not use the litterbox. But, also like Myla, he is one of our spoiled kitties.

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Meet Kitty. She is a sweet 2 year old girl, but would rather have a single cat household where she is the Queen.

YES! I WANT TO HELP KEEP THE LEGACY GOING!

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