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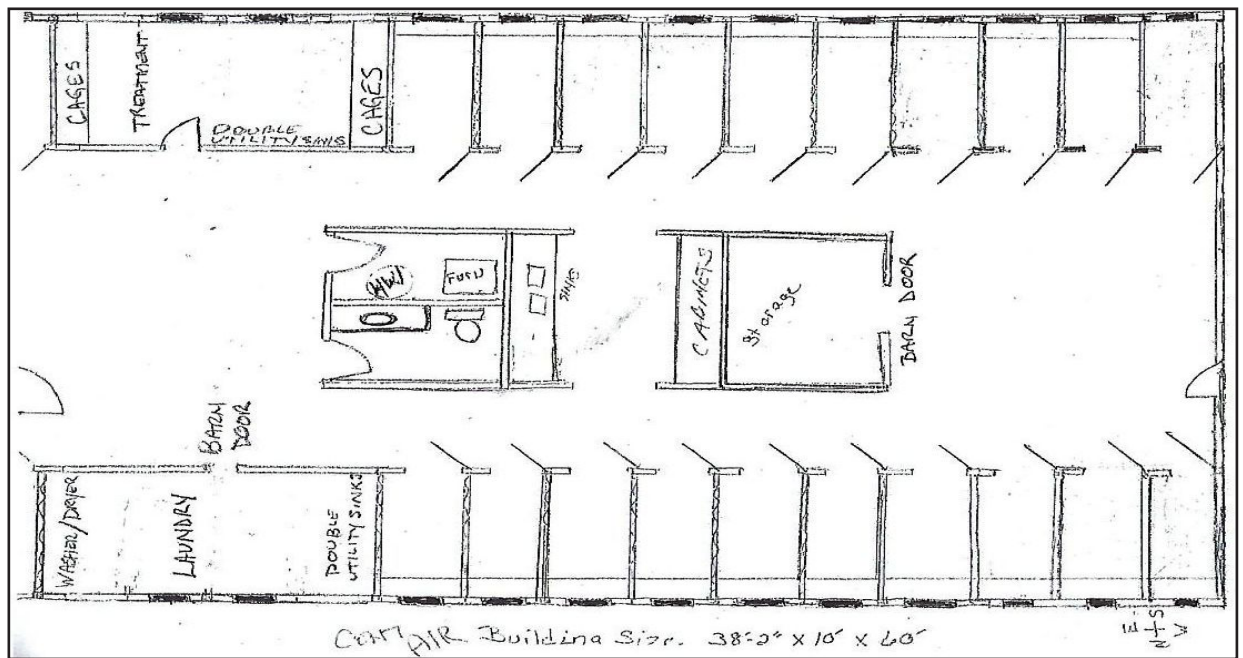
Dear Loyal Supporters,

Shelter life continues with more coming in than going out, but that is why we are here. Our supporters make this possible!

Recently, the board members have been discussing replacing the back part of the building. The wear and tear has made it impossible to repair and just remain safe. We are in the process of moving our kids forward to new bins, getting an architect, and bids. I have included a picture of our plans for the replacement. We will be announcing a fund raising project as soon as we have all the numbers.

As always, we would like to thank all of you for remaining loyal supporters both financially and through volunteering.

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).

Fried's Cat Shelter

From the Desk of Charlie, Jr.

Dear Human Friends,

In our last newsletter we featured 4 cats that needed furever homes, plus had pictured 4 other cats that needed homes. I am happy to report that five of them found them, along with 63 others since December 1st.

Let's crunch some numbers. Last year a total of 228 of my brothers and sisters were adopted, not as many as the year before, but pretty much the same as in the years before Covid sent a record number of humans to shelters to take home four-footed companions.

And let's not forget the great job Fried's TNR clinic is doing. Last year 800 cats were spayed and neutered. Since Fried's TNR(=Trap-Neuter-Return) started operations in 2009, close to 9000 stray cats were altered here at the shelter. Dear Human Friends, those were cats that stopped producing 36,000 kittens in our area!!! Not too bad for a small shelter like Fried's.

Sandy is giving you more information about the new building we need to replace our old Hospital and Watch section. Please help us get the funds we need.

Sincerely,

Charlie, Jr.



**Angel and BB
would like you to**

COME FOR A VISIT

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Our Business hours are:

Mon - Thurs Closed
Fri - Sun Noon - 4 pm

Driving Directions:

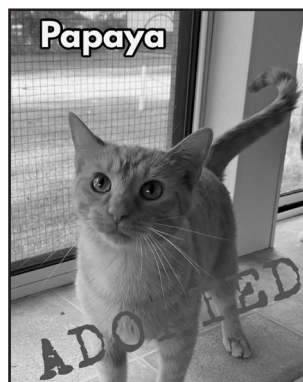
Coming from Illinois...take I-94 East to Indiana exit 40B (Hwy 20/35 for Michigan City). Take that road till you come to the exit for Hwy 212 North (about 1/2 mile). When on 212 get into the left hand lane. We are on the left side of the road at the end of the curve in the highway.

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.

Please mail all correspondence to:

Fried's Cat Shelter
PO Box 241
Michigan City, IN 46361-0241



A special memorial to one of our supporters who played a part in the making of sports history:

Arlene "Riley" Kotil

May 22, 1934 - May 27, 2022

Arlene was a former high school teacher, a member of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, AND played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL). She batted and threw left-handed, and was an infielder and first base player.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Arlene Kotil started playing organized softball at age 16 for the Blue Island Stars, one of four teams in the defunct All-American Girls Minor league of Chicago.

Arlene joined the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in 1949 while still attending high school. She was assigned to the Chicago Colleens/Springfield Sallies rookie touring teams in order to develop her skills. Basically a line drive hitter, she covered first base for her hometown team, playing in over 50 cities across 16 states from New York City south through Florida throughout the midwest and south into Texas. The Colleens and the Sallies played over 75 exhibition games against each other between June and September of that year. One of her highlights during the trip was hitting an inside-the-park home run against Springfield to tie a game at 7-7 in the eighth inning.

Arlene was promoted to the Muskegon Lassies in 1950. During the midseason, the league was losing money and fans, and the teams and host cities were changing almost every year. By this time, baseball was booming in Kalamazoo, Michigan. This was a good fact for Kalamazoo, as the city was granted the Lassies franchise on a trial basis when the city of Muskegon could no longer support them. During that same year, Arlene was sent to the South Bend Blue Sox in the same transaction that brought pitcher Lillian Faralla to the Kalamazoo Lassies.

In 1951 she was a member of the Blue Sox Champion team, even though she did not play during the postseason.

Arlene Kotil is part of Women in Baseball, a permanent display based at the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, which was unveiled in 1988 to honor the entire All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.

The Making of All-American Girls Professional Baseball League 1943-1954

By the fall of 1942, many minor league teams disbanded due to the war. Young men 18 years of age and over, were being drafted into the armed services. Philip K. Wrigley asked Ken Sells, assistant to the Chicago Cubs' General Manager to head

a committee to come up with ideas. The committee recommended a girls' softball league be established to be prepared to go into Major League parks should attendance fall due to franchises losing too many quality players to attract crowds.

The All-American Girls Softball League emerged in the spring of 1943. Midway in the first season of play, the board of trustees changed the League's name to All-American Girls Baseball League (AAGBBL) to make it distinctive from the existing softball leagues and because the rules of play were those of Major League Baseball. However, the retention of shorter infield distances and underhand pitching caused some controversy in the media about "Baseball" in the League name. Thus, at the end of the 1943 season, the official League name was again changed to the more descriptive All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL).



Arlene is seventh from the right



Arlene is third from the right on bottom row

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
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY!**



In Memory Of



In memory of Kathi J. Carlson.

--Marie Blackburn

In memory of John and Blanche Cebrat.

--Cousins Bob and Mary Cebrat

In memory of Helene Beasley. She loved cats and visited Fried's often. She passed away in 2003 at 91.

--Norma Abbey

In memory of my son Keith.

--Kathleen Kubeck

My special friend, "Mr. Steve" (Krupnik) used to come every day for a few hours. I looked forward to his loving massages. He stopped coming. I miss him very much. I will always remember him. I hope he can remember me.

--Forever, "Xena" Panelli

In memory of Cici who crossed the Rainbow Bridge in September of 2022. She was a Yorkie Tea Cup.

--The Lopez-Serrato Family

In loving memory of Louie.

--Richard and Carole Loniewski

In memory of our cats Sweetie and Sam. Adopted strays never to be forgotten.

--Pete and Jane Faruga

In memory of Jane Orrick.

--unsigned

In memory of "Lil Joe".

--Robert Burris, Sr.

In memory of Lilly, our little blue-eyed lovebug. We enjoyed spoiling her for 18 years. We miss her so.

--Art and Lorraine Geberin

In loving memory of Gracie LeDonne, and all of our pets.

--Gerald LeDonne

In memory of Screech, Buttercup and Gemma.

--Nancy Caravello

In memory of Jonathan Sabo and his best girl, Nikki. So dearly missed.

--Margaret Sabo

In memory of Pat Baird.

--Dee and Terry Masterson

In memory of my ginger kitties: Max and Maxine.

--Nancy Adkins

Dear Gypsy - I hope you enjoyed your life here. Now you are with your sister. Sleep In Peace My Queen.

--Love, Mommee

In remembrance of my Pete who has crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.

--Roxie Gould

In memory of Bob Shadbar.

--Karen Shadbar

In memory of sweet and beautiful Romeo who graced the home of my dear friends Pam & Jim. Rest in peace dear boy. You will welcome Pam & Jim at the Rainbow Bridge someday.

--Helen Hopp

In memory of our best buddies Diamond, who we lost 12-2-22 at 15 years old, and so many others that we loved and gave us so much back.

--Geri and Carson White

In memory of John Coquillard Sr., John Coquillard Jr., and Shirley Coquillard.

--Gail Moon

In memory of my mother, Doreen Taplin. Also, in memory of my sweet cat, Woody, who passed away in October.

--Alison Taplin

In memory of my late husband, William E (Bill) Wolf, and the kitties we loved and lost, Missy, Muffin, Sasha, Cleo and Bella.

--Maria Wolf

In loving memory of my dear friend Deloris Abrassart who passed away November 12, 2022.

--Linda Earls

In loving memory of Lois Biller.

--Gale and Madeleine Schooley

In memory of Dick Williamson.

--Linda Williamson

In memory of Sundance, a dog who loved cats.

--Daniel Vinet

In loving memory of our kitty, Flashman, the best cat ever!

--Carol Powers

In memory of Judy Grossman, my sister and best friend and number 1 hero for animal welfare & animal rights.

--Debbie Grossman

In memory of Helen Purdes who passed away 11/5/22.

--unsigned

In memory of Joanne Lucille Humphrey.

--Greg & Virginia Orłowski / Jennifer & Jim

In memory of Sharron Riise who loved several cats.

--Milton B. Risse

In memory of Lilly who gave my sister and brother-in-law years of joy. Her high kitty IQ was always a reminder of who was really in charge. Just know that she will be waiting for you at the Rainbow Bridge with open paws.

--Helen Hopp

In memory of Jovita Mendiola, Sue Robinette, and Helen Lakatos. 3 extraordinary women who truly loved all animals.

--Adele Mendiola

In memory of my cats Wolfie, Sunny, Chiqui, Mimi and Gidget.

--Adele Mendiola

In memory of Pat Shivley, a lover of your organization. You were kind enough to give her a cat when her house burned down years ago and she lost her beloved pets. I hope that your organization and generosity will carry on and continue to provide shelter for those cats in need.

--Connie Dicken and Wayne Pohl



In Honor Of



In honor of our cats, Gus and Sunny. Adopted and ever-loved members of family.

--Pete and Jane Faruga

In honor of Beth and Yurie.

--Lydia Christensen

In honor of Mike Mikalski, brother-in-law.

--Lolan and Sherry Sosinski

In honor of the dedicated care givers.

--Margaret Panelli

In honor of Richard Williamson who loved all cats.

--Anne Hayes

In honor of Bill and Marjorie Thiel.

--Beth Thiel

In honor of Rosemary.

--Carol Dudlack

In honor of Cali, whom we adopted from you a few years ago. She is doing great and is so loving!

--Jennifer Harman

In honor of Bill and Marsha Large, and Janice Lampos.

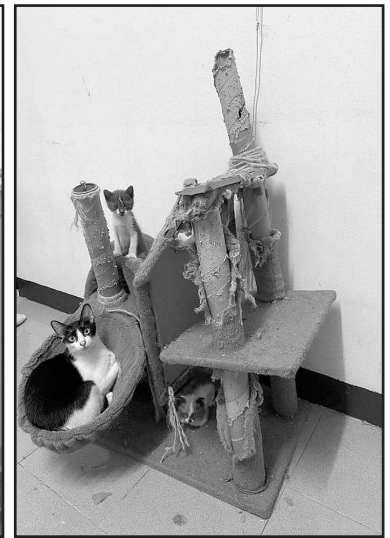
--Cousins Bob and Mary

In honor of and in memory of our beautiful girl, Emma. She was the sweetest most patient kitty. We miss her terribly, as does her bonded kitty sister, Ruby.

--Ron and Susan Kittleston

Paulie (on the top left), Miguel (top right), and others are showing you how much they enjoy these PVC/Vinyl cat trees! These are the best things in the world for shelters/rescues because they can be sanitized to the fullest against everything, plus, last a lot longer than carpeted trees (see image below of what they end up looking like).

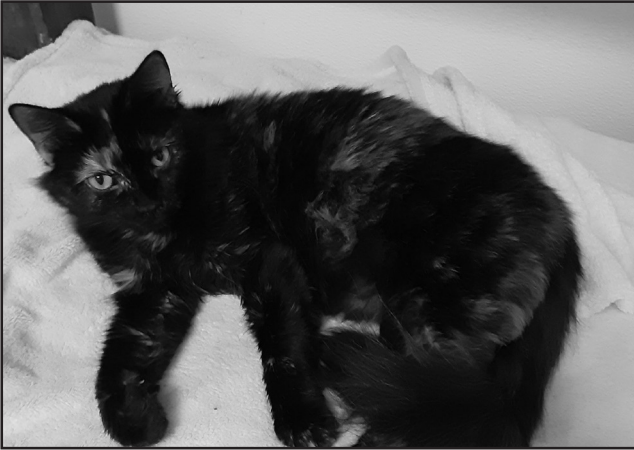
If you would like to donate one to Fried's Cat Shelter go to this site: <https://shelterbeds.org/donate/402310> This will allow you to purchase one at a discounted price, and have it shipped to the shelter. Our eventual goal is to have, at least, one in every bin.



UPDATE: We would like to thank everyone who has donated the Kuranda cat trees!!! All of us, humans and furried friends, appreciate it so much. At this time we are 1/4 of the way to reaching our goal.

<https://shelterbeds.org/donate/402310>

HOMES NEEDED FOR OUR FELINE FRIENDS



I'm Amethyst. I am a very sweet and gentle, 2 year old, medium haired tortie. I, and my five kits, lived in a home until it caught on fire, then we had to come to the shelter. It is just me and my daughter, Emerald (who is a mini me), right now. We hope to be adopted soon, too.



My name is Asia. No, I am not a bob tail, my tail is on the other side of me. I am estimated to be about 3 years old. I came to the shelter with my two daughters, and then was supposed to be released outside where I came from (fully vetted of course), but I'm staying at the shelter to find my furever home.



Howdy folks! You can call me Mochi. I am a medium haired, neutered male, 3 yr old gray and white. Poe, Velma, and I were abandoned in our previous home, and a kind neighbor brought us to Fried's. We have been fully vetted and waiting to find our furever home. I am a lovebug, and all I want is your attention. I will stay around your feet and legs for pettings.



I'm Poe that Mochi mentioned. I came with him and Velma to Fried's. I am a laid back, calm, brown tiger who is neutered. I am also 3 years old, but a few months older than Mochi.

WOULD YOU BE THEIR FUREVER HOME?



My name is Tank, and I am a neutered male, brown tiger. I was sheduled for TNR, but was so friendly I didn't get "Returned"; I was kept at the shelter to find a new indoor home. Come visit me to see how loving I am, and how I would make a wonderful addition to your home.



I'm Velma that arrived with Mochi and Poe. I am, also, fully vetted, and around the same age as Poe. I am solid gray. Like Mochi, I love being at your feet rubbing against you and getting a lot of petting, but I don't like being picked up at all!

For a little change from kitties needing homes, we want to share a success story with you.

Meet Shane. This boy was brought into TNR as a feral. He was scared and had multiple abscesses. He was neutered, abscesses taken care of, antibiotics given, as well as time to rest and heal. He repaid us with his love and kindness. This gentle soul won the heart of Fried's director Sandy, and he was treated as one of the kids there. Saturday, April 15th, he was adopted out and we received these pics on the 17th! Live on Shane, the best is yet to come.



After TNR Treatment



At his new furever home!!!



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I'm Convict. I got released from Solitary Confinement, put in General Population, then bailed out by my new family.

YES! I WANT TO HELP KEEP THE LEGACY GOING!

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$_____ to support the cats and kittens of Fried's Cat Shelter

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