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**My name is Yvonne. I may look  
grumpy, but I am very affectionate.  
Come in and see for yourself!**

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**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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November 2021  
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# Fried's Cat Shelter

Dear Loyal Supporters,

Thank you all for your continued support of our efforts here at Fried's Cat Shelter!

This past year has been somewhat of a struggle on us financially. Unfortunately, we've had to cash in an investment fund to continue operations. We need your help more than ever. Please spread the word that any donation large or small is greatly appreciated!!

On page three you will find a couple of poems about stray cats and their rescues. If you find a stray cat, and have thought about having a cat (or two, three etc) in your life, please consider giving that stray a loving home.

Below are some more pictures of our feral colony outside.

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,

I just came back from an outside inspection trip and guess what I found? Five black feral cat houses looking like igloos scattered in the woods by the Leukemia building. Our outside cats are ecstatic! "They have curtains at the entrances so we have privacy! And pillows inside!"

Now I have to tell you about a couple of cats who came to us after going through some horrible experiences: Scarface was brought to us with bloody scars on the side of his head. I asked him what had happened. "I was giving the eye to a cute little female when suddenly a huge tom came charging at me. I panicked and ran and ended up in a coil of barbed wire that tore up my face. I tried to clean my wounds but they would not heal and hurt and hurt until a kind human picked me up and brought me to Fried's." Our humans took him in, treated his wounds until he did not look like a Scarface anymore. He has even found his furever home with a wonderful lady! His name is now Guy, and he has settled nicely into his new life.

And then there is Trapper. He was caught in a live trap, and the people left him in it without food or water for several days. Their neighbors finally rescued him with the help of the police and brought him to us. He was severely dehydrated and in horrible shape. Our humans gave him fluids, supplements and a lot of love. When he finally started to trust humans again he turned out to be a very friendly guy. Unfortunately he turned out to be FIV positive and his chances of adoption are limited, but he slowly got used to his new environment and eventually was able to join our other FIV positive cats.

Both cats were written up on our Facebook page, and they and all my brothers and sisters are joining me to thank all of you who donated money to help with their care.

Sincerely,

*Charlie, Jr.*



**Scarface before**



**Guy  
"Scarface" after**



**Reed & Rossi  
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:

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## Stray Cat by Francis Witham

“Oh, what unhappy twist of fate  
Has brought you homeless to my gate?  
The gate where once another stood  
To beg for shelter, warmth, and food

For from that day I ceased to be  
The master of my destiny.  
While he, with purr and velvet paw  
Became within my house the law.

He scratched the furniture and shed  
And claimed the middle of my bed.  
He ruled in arrogance and pride  
And broke my heart the day he died.

So if you really think, oh Cat,  
I'd willingly relive all that  
Because you come forlorn and thin  
Well...don't just stand there...Come on in!”



## Rescued Cat Poem

Author Unknown

found on the Lucky Paws Foundation website

Once I was a lonely cat, just looking for a home.  
I had no place to go, no one to call my own.  
I wandered up and down the streets, in rain in heat and  
snow.  
I ate whatever I could find, I was always on the go.  
My skin would itch, my feet were sore, my body  
ached with pain.  
And no one stopped to give a pat, or gently say my  
name.  
I never saw a loving glance, I was always on the run.  
For people thought that hurting me was really lots of  
fun.  
Then one day I heard a voice so gentle, kind and  
sweet,

and arms so soft reached down to me and took me off  
my feet.

“No one again will hurt you,” was whispered in my  
ear.

“You'll have a home to call your own where you will  
know no fear.”

“You will be dry, you will be warm, you'll have  
enough to eat,”

“and rest assured that when you sleep, your dreams  
will all be sweet.”

I was afraid I must admit, I've lived so long in fear.  
I can't remember when I let a human come so near.

And as she tended to my wounds, and bathed and  
brushed my fur.

She told me about the rescue group and what it meant  
to her.

She said, “We are a circle, a line that never ends.”  
“And in the center there is you protected by new  
friends.”

“And all around you are the ones that check the  
pounds,  
and those that share their home after you've been  
found.”

“And all the other folk are searching near and far.”

“To find the perfect home for you, where you can be a  
star.”

She said, “There is a family, that's waiting patiently,  
and pretty soon we'll find them, just you wait and see.”

“And they'll join our circle they'll help to make it  
grow,  
so there'll be room for more like you, who have no  
place to go.”

I waited very patiently, the days they came and went.  
Today's the day I thought, my family will be sent.  
Then just when I began to think it wasn't meant to be,  
there were people standing there just gazing down at  
me.

I knew them in a heartbeat, I could tell they felt it too.  
They said, “We have been waiting for a special cat like  
you.”

Now every night I say a prayer to all the gods that be.  
“Thank you for the life I live and all you've given me.  
But most of all protect the cats in the pound and on the  
street.

# 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 Dawn Krueger-Beal.  
--Dorothy Brinckman

In memory of Dawn Krueger-Beal.  
--With love.

In memory of Marbles.  
--Dawn & Tom Bancsi

In loving memory of my sister, Pammy, who passed away.  
Pammy loved her kitties.  
--Tim Russell

In memory of Jack Chambers and Chris Christensen.  
--Theresa Chambers/Christensen

In memory of all our animal buddies who taught us that a lap and plenty of purrs are what's important!  
--Leon Gamino

In memory of sweet cat, Maxine.  
--Nancy Adkins

In memory of Stephen Panko.  
--Jessie S. Panko

In memory of Lil Bit - Goodbye my love, I will see you again one day.  
--Karen Manner

In memory of my late wife, Ruth, a long time supporter of Fried's Cat Shelter. These were our two felines when she passed away in 2018: Lamont has since crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Cranston continues as my roommate and companion. If you say both names starting with Lamont, it might remind you of an old radio show called 'The Shadow'.  
--Milan Bagel

In memory of my twin sister, Rita Milcarek, and her precious cats - Angel, Bonny, Clemie, Francie and Pawlie. Forever loved and never forgotten.  
--Jeanne Lamping

In memory of Diesel - forever loved and never forgotten. We miss you.  
--Tom & Nancy

In memory of Everett, who was brave and smart and tried so hard and deserved so much better than life gave him.  
--E. Challis, Ph.D.

In memory of Carol Maloney.  
--Robert Maloney

In memory of Lucille M. "Lucy" Jaye.  
--Rachel Saxon

In memory of Lucy Jaye.  
--With Love

In loving memory of my husband, Bob Shadbar and our beloved Oreo.  
--Karen Shadbar and Olivia (Oreo's sister)

In loving memory of my dear husband, Richard Ladewig.  
--Ruth Ladewig

In loving memory of my two sweet Irish cats, Brendan and Brigid. They gave me years of happiness. I miss them and always will.  
--Helen Hopp

In loving memory of "Little Joe" who is sadly missed.  
--Robert D. Burriss

In loving memory of my mom, Ruth Natiello, who loved cats and would have turned 100 on Jan. 23, 2021.  
--Gayle Moravecek

In memory of mom and the work she did for homeless kitties.  
--L. Kruizenga

In memory of Donald Smales.  
--Maxine Hamann

In loving memory of my dad, Frank Owczarzak.  
--Myra Owczarzak

In memory of Gray Baby, our sweet gently boy. Love always.  
--Rich & Sandy Patterson

In memory of Pye, my cat in war-time England.  
--Barbara Lane Benson

In memory of Coco.  
--Anne Hayes

In memory of Linda Vogedes.  
--Brooke Kuhn

In memory of my son, Keith Kubeck.  
--Kathleen Kubeck

In memory of our dearest cats: Rocky, Wee Angus, Haggis, Ceilidh, Hamish, and Nessie.  
--Michael and Mary Jane Cole

In memory of Alan Landing.  
--Jane L. Cooley

In memory of Sweety and Sam. They will always be so fondly remembered.  
--Jane & Pete Faruga

In memory of Newbie, the best inside/outside cat ever! He brought joy to life every day and will be missed.  
--Carol L. Powers

In memory of Alan Landing who passed away August 16, 2021. He had several cats throughout his life and loved them all.

--Debbie and Wally Boehm



## In Honor Of



In honor of Little Marbles' 16th birthday, received from Fried's Shelter 05/2005.

--Dawn & Tom Bancsi

In honor of Cyndi Taylor.

--Dessie Arnold

In honor of Leslie, gone for 2 years. Luke & Juliet are the present tenants of my heart!

--Barbara Campagna

In honor of my best friend, John David, Oberholtzer.

--Tom Burke

In honor of my step-brother, Richard Williamson, who loved all cats.

--Anne Hayes

In honor of Tom Allison, father of Melissa Allison Petrovich.

--Ralph Strader

In honor of Heather Howe's birthday!

--Darlene Brooks

In honor of Sunny and Gus. Lovable additions to our family.

--Jane & Pete Faruga

In honor of Cyndi Taylor.

--Mr. and Mrs. Cebrat

### THE FOLLOWING CAT FACTS COMES FROM:

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

**Can You Catch AIDS From Your Cat?** First brought to the public's attention in 1981, AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives worldwide.

AIDS affects men, women, and children - regardless of race, creed or sexual preference - and is believed to be caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) which enters the body and slowly breaks down the immune system.

AIDS is known to be transmitted sexually, through the sharing of dirty needles, and unfortunately before enough was known about the disease, through contaminated blood transfusions. So how in the world did the rumor start that

people could catch AIDS from cats?

Unfortunately, the answer lies in several California newspaper articles that made a thoroughly untrue connection between some cat owners who had AIDS and a feline virus, confusingly referred to as feline AIDS. But, feline AIDS is caused by a completely different virus from the one that attacks humans.

Even if a human were bitten by a cat with feline AIDS, the human would not get the disease. However, the articles failed to mention this important fact. To say these articles caused a panic would be an understatement. Sadly, many cat owners had their cats put to sleep because they feared the worst.

### Why Talk To Cats?

Talking to your cat helps to establish a strong relationship. In fact, many experts believe it is the single most important factor in a good relationship between cat and owner.

Furthermore, experts say that by talking to your cat, you will build up her vocabulary and heighten her awareness of her surroundings. Cats can understand a lot more than a few words. The secret is making sure that your cat knows that you're talking to her.

You can also talk to your cat with your body language, through non-verbal communication. You can talk with your eyes - and even your nose. Put your hands behind your back, bend over, and reach out to your cat until your nose is about six inches away.

The message that you will be conveying to your cat is one of trust and friendship. Now, throw a kiss with your eyes. It's a long, slow eye blink - all the while keeping your gaze and attention entirely on your cat's eyes before, during, and after the 'kiss'.

Cats communicate with much more than sound. Practice your cat kiss enough, and before you know it, your cat will be reciprocating. One of the most important messages that you want to communicate to your cat is, "Goodbye - I'll be back."

Since many cat experts believe that cats perceive their owners's thoughts in terms of the five senses (seeing, hearing, tasting, feeling, and smelling), mental pictures and accompanying emotions, it is extremely important to combine as many of these as possible when you're communicating with your cat.

So when you tell your cat, "Goodbye; I'll be back," say it out loud, but also think it, and add the feelings of emotion that you - and Kitty - will feel when you return.



# HOMES NEEDED FOR OUR FELINE FRIENDS



**Alani**



**Beauty**



**Cash**



**Chimera**



**Crush**



**Dawn**



**Elsa**



**Eve**



**Feta**

**HERE ARE SOME PURRFECT COMPANIONS**



**Gizmo**



**Hunter**



**Kiwi**



**Kola**



**Koshka**



**Luna #2**



**Mack**



**Raven**



**Tina**