



New Beginnings: Magellan

Angela Hartley, Development Director

Magellan didn't set out to be an adventurer. But there's quiet courage behind his green eyes, and a new world on his horizon.

With a soft heart and a creamsicle-colored coat, Magellan should have been sailing the high seas of sweetness. But life had been less than kind, and the aging cat found himself foraging for food behind a motel.



Magellan arrived in need of tender care

Compassionate neighbors scooped him out of his sorrow, and a continent of kindness came into view: Tabby's Place. In our eyes, Magellan was the greatest discovery since the New World.

But another discovery threatened the entire expedition: Magellan tested positive for feline leukemia virus (FeLV). At most shelters, this would mean an immediate end to his voyage, as FeLV+ cats are often euthanized upon diagnosis. There are few safe harbors for them in the world.

Thanks to you, Tabby's Place is a world of its own, where cats like Magellan are cherished and championed. We welcomed the weary explorer into our arms, treated his upper respiratory issues, and settled him into the kingdom of love.

Magellan is just one FeLV+ cat, with numberless friends who need



Today Magellan's life is a voyage of love

what Tabby's Place can provide. With your help, Tabby's Place is creating a "new world" for these precious explorers. Our Quinn's Corner expansion will be a land of love and mercy for FeLV+ cats. Please step aboard the good ship Tabby's Place and join us for the adventure of a lifetime.

Your World Changing-Moment: Love with us

Angela Hartley, Development Director

Picture yourself standing before a bright blue door.

Behind: thunderstorms and cries of fear.

In front: sunrise and hugs of mercy.

In your arms: one small cat, gazing up at you with hopeful eyes.

Will you turn the knob, take a step, and carry her into a new, true dream?

Now is your moment to walk into the future with us at Tabby's Place.

You're standing with us on the edge of a historic moment for cats from all over the world. Our new

expansion, Quinn's Corner, will be a first-of-its kind haven for the last cats searching for safety: those infected with feline leukemia virus (FeLV).

The course of their disease may be impossible to predict, but these beautiful cats can count on compassion and comfort every day of their lives.

Just picture it. The little one in your arms wriggles with excitement, widens her eyes, and leaps through the open door. She's home, happy, and held by a love that will never let her go.

Will you walk through the door with us?



You can make life delicious for FeLV+ cats like Magellan

Glimpse Inside the Cats' New World

Angela Hartley: Development Director

The world has not been a welcoming place for FeLV+ cats. But that's about to change...with your help.

Quinn's Corner will be a haven unlike any other, lovingly crafted for FeLV+ cats like Magellan, Ponce, Donegal, and Gravy. Up to fifty cats will fill its suites and rooms, delighting in affection, receiving world-class medical treatment, and enjoying the dignity and respect that every cat deserves.

Unique in the world, Quinn's Corner has been designed to meet the challenges of housing FeLV+ cats. Testing and diagnosis are complex, as a cat can be positive, nega-

tive, or "discordant" – with inconsistent results across different tests. Discordant cats pose a particular housing dilemma, as they cannot live safely with either FeLV+ or FeLV- cats.

But Quinn's Corner was created with every cat in mind, including our discordant darlings. These dear friends will thrive in "micro-suites," small rooms where they'll enjoy the company of compatible cats and/or human officemates. In between cuddle sessions and playtime, they'll bask in their own personal solaria, safe sunrooms with a front-row seat to birds, squirrels, and four seasons of wonder.

Meanwhile, cats who test consistently positive for FeLV+ will have a "consistently positive" kingdom of their own. Quinn's Corner's larger suites will house colonies of 10-15 happy cats, similar to the revolutionary cat suites that have been Tabby's Place's trademark since 2003.

Just imagine: the very cats whose lives were short on sunshine will now bask in the bliss of a world made for them. They will never be lonely; they will never be forgotten; and they will never go a moment without having every one of their needs tenderly met.

The new world looks a whole lot like love.



The future Quinn's Corner Lobby



Quinn's Corner will be a world of joy for the cats who need us most

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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Update on Quinn's Corner

Jonathan Rosenberg, Founder & Executive Director

It is raining today, and the ground outside my office window is a muddy mess. The grass has been torn up, and there are piles of wood and metal, tarps covering materials and dozens of 5 gal buckets. There are also a few large vehicles hunkered down in the muck.

This may sound ugly, but to me, it is beautiful beyond imagination. The bare areas will soon be replaced by parking spaces to handle additional visitors and adopters. The piles of materials are being turned into walls and ceilings to accommodate the cats we have been longing to help for so long. The buckets are being emptied to provide the specialized wall coatings that will endure our thorough disease control protocols.

I am watching the fulfillment of Quinn's Corner, a dream that has been dwelling in our hearts for years: the ability to care for cats infected with the feline leukemia virus (FeLV).

Quinn's Corner will be one of the few places in the world that accepts and cares for cats with FeLV. Even better, they will become part

of the Tabby's Place family and treated with the same love and care as the 4,000 cats who have come through our doors.

Now that the walls are complete, we eagerly await the installation of the doors, windows and specialized flooring. This is particularly exciting as Quinn's Corner is replete with glass, which will allow everyone to see the FeLV+ cats in their cage-free rooms (and for them to see you).

After that, it will be finishing touches (completing the wiring and plumbing, painting, etc.) and paving the parking areas.

And then ... we will be opening our doors and arms to

FeLV+ cats, who have been truly hopeless for so long. It still seems unreal to me. But all I have to do is swivel around in my chair and gaze at the "mess" outside to convince myself it is really happening.



Solarium window seats where cats will blissfully bask and dream



Framing for front vestibule



Future side entrance & location of paved plaza, where cats will enjoy stroller walks

Your World-Changing Moment: Donate

Angela Hartley, Development Director

Years from now, the world will remember 2022 as a turning point in the history of cats: the dawn of Quinn's Corner.

There's nowhere in the world quite like Quinn's Corner – which is fitting, since its future residents are out-of-this-world. Cats like Ponce de Leon are the superstars of the feline galaxy.

Don't tell this little luminary he's "hopeless." Ponce may have arrived at Tabby's Place raggedy and ravenous, but with a full belly and a hopeful future, he's starry-eyed with joy. Precious Ponce has life by the tail, and he's dazzling everyone with his love of life.

FeLV+ cats like Ponce are counting on you to be their North Star. If

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Ponce is pouncing on a beautiful future thanks to people like you

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ever you've opened your heart as wide as the sky, this is your singular moment.

Tabby's Place is counting on you to provide a firm foundation for these vulnerable little stars, and the Capital Campaign for Quinn's Corner is your opportunity to take your place in the history of compassion.

If you're fortunate enough to have the means, please consider a lasting act of love.



Ponce and his fellow FeLV+ pioneer Magellan

For your donation of \$500 or more, we'll be thrilled to list you on the online Quinn's Corner Compassion Wall.

If you're able to donate \$1,000 or more, you can engrave a paver in front of Quinn's Corner and make your beloved pet or person part of feline history.

For a dazzling donation of \$10,000 or more (which can be paid over five

years), you can reserve a beautiful, permanent Naming Opportunity within Quinn's Corner.

Your gift of any size will light up the sky with kindness at Quinn's Corner. Please help make history by donating online at <https://qc.tabbysplace.org/ways-to-give/>, or by mailing a check to



It's no secret — FeLV+ cats like Magellan and Ponce will have a life of joy at Quinn's Corner

Tabby's Place at 1100 US Highway 202; Ringoes, NJ 08551 (make the check out to "Tabby's Place," and write "Quinn's Corner" in the memo).

This is your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to change the world for stars like Ponce. Every donation to Quinn's Corner will be a whisper in an FeLV+ cat's ear: "I see you. I love you. And I believe in the value of your precious life."

Forever Loved: Bucca

Jonathan Rosenberg, Founder & Executive Director

In 2015, one of our volunteers walked in holding a cat in her arms. It seems that a relative had moved, taking two of three cats, leaving 16-year-old Bucca outside to fend for herself.

We were happy to be able to welcome Bucca¹ into our family. Bucca felt differently and informed us that she was not thrilled with the new accommodations and particularly not a fan of sharing space with other felines. To be honest, she was not that anxious to share with humans, either.

We set her up in the Community Room, which gave her multiple options for avoiding cats and people. Bucca positioned herself behind our Development Director, Angela's, computer monitor, where

she could launch surprise attacks against any being that violated her sphere of influence.

This led to a cold war for quite some time. But this is Tabby's Place, so we loved her as much as our cuddliest resident.

As the years went by, Bucca warmed up to Angela ... and only Angela. Everyone else was offered a swift swipe, even when offering her food. Medicating her was (much) more art than science.

Bucca moved with Angela into a new office where, despite being our oldest cat (she was now 20), she did not let her guard down even an inch. Her insistence on being left alone was a sight to behold, and we



Bucca

admired her spirit.

Even at 21, Bucca's appearance belied her age. Her fur was luxurious, she was well fleshed, and her reflexes were as quick as ever. She

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Bucca was beautiful — and extremely zestful — right up to age 21

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was feared by all (except Angela). But, senescence spares no one, and Bucca suddenly appeared elderly, losing weight and appearing frail. She even began to tolerate non-Angela attention. It broke our hearts to see this fierce being succumbing to kidney disease.

Before long, we knew it was time to let her go, before she lost her spirit completely. She would not have wanted that. She went very gently, surrounded by those who loved her unquestionably.

I still see her looking (critically) into the Lobby through the office window. She will not be forgotten, we miss her every day. Rest sweetly until we met again, angel.

¹ The only definition I found for the word “bucca” is the “fleshy portion of either side of the face.” Go figure.

Profile in Wonderful: Howard Haber & Felicia Ladin

Angela Hartley, Development Director

In the long-distance race to do the most possible good for cats, Howard Haber and Felicia Ladin are at the head of the peloton.

Ever since adopting “starter cat” Zoe early in their marriage, Felicia and Howard have been devoted to bridging the gap for cats in need. The love of one amazing cat launched a lifetime of advocacy, volunteering, and fostering.

Over the years, the couple’s work led them from Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, to grassroots community-building among animal welfare groups, to the founding of Pedaling 4 Paws, a team of

compassionate cyclists raising funds for rescue organizations.

As seasoned rescuers and savvy donors with backgrounds in finance, Howard and Felicia strive to support groups that make the most significant impact. They quickly recognized Tabby’s Place as just such an “aerodynamic” organization, and soon our cats entered the slipstream of their generosity.

Even after moving from Philadelphia to O’ahu, Felicia and Howard remain devoted to our cats. Howard notes their

admiration for “an organization with resources dedicated solely and specifically to the most vulnerable cats. The things that make Tabby’s Place unique align with our values: respect, devotion, love and grace.”

That’s exactly what this wonderful couple will be providing as major supporters of Quinn’s Corner. Felicia



Howard is at the head of the pack when it comes to championing cats

and Howard are longtime champions of FeLV+ cats and have secured a Naming Opportunity as a lasting testament to their love for these little ones.

As Howard says, “We appreciate that the Tabby’s Place cats are viewed as individuals, each deserving of a happy and healthy quality of life.”

Thanks to Felicia and Howard, life for the cats will be one beautiful ride. To our favorite kama’aina we say, *mahalo nui loa!*



Howard with former foster Gracie, now thriving in an adoptive home

Your World-Changing Moment: Volunteer

Jill Gupta, Volunteer

From Volunteer Coordinator Karina Jewitt: Our volunteers are the most devoted, wonderful, giving group of people on the planet, and we cherish each one. They are our true heroes! But don't take it from me; read the following from our dear volunteer Jill...and please consider joining our volunteer family.

Volunteering at Tabby's Place has been a dream come true!

It all started when my youngest daughter needed to complete community service hours for high school. Tabby's Place provided a great opportunity to volunteer side-by-side with her, and to create memories over our shared experiences.

By the time that obligation was fulfilled, I was hooked. I continued to work our two weekly cleaning shifts and expanded my commitment by fostering kittens and making post-adoption follow-up calls. I also enjoy

chaperoning Tabby's Place cats to local nursing homes as part of our Aged to Purrfection program.

I have met so many wonderful people at Tabby's Place. You instantly have something in common, and the first question is always, "How many cats do you have?" The crew comes together each shift with the common motivation of working to benefit the cats. We all want them to have a clean, comfortable, safe environment. In most cases, the cats are biding their time until the right forever home comes along. But for others, we are making their final days as pleasant and love-filled as possible.

Volunteering at Tabby's Place has been such a rewarding



Jill and Tabby's Place alum Dickens

experience. I am glad I was able to create memories with my daughter. I love working with the cats and knowing that I am part of an organization that uses every resource possible to save as many cats as they can.

What better way to spend your free time: cats, great people, and making the world a better place!

A Better Tabby's Place for Every Cat

Angela Hartley, Development Director

The world is about to change for cats...all the cats.

Quinn's Corner is a long-awaited dream home for FeLV+ cats. But every cat at Tabby's Place will benefit from our Capital Campaign.

As we expand, we're making a better, brighter world for the 100+ cats in our main sanctuary. The full project will include:

- **Sweeter suites:** After 18 years, our cat suites stand in need of repair. Nearly 4,000 cats have romped, cuddled, and dreamed in these bright, open rooms. With construction underway at Quinn's Corner, this is a fiscally responsible moment to renovate our existing cat suites, equipping them with durable, easy-to-clean furniture; replacing sagging ramps; and making our cats' home a safer, more comfortable haven. Since many of our residents spend years with us, they deserve "digs" that will delight their senses and support their well-being over a lifetime.
- **Raising the roof:** The roof over our cats' heads has taken a beating through the years, surviving several hurricanes and bomb cyclones. Now is the time for us to replace it, sheltering our cats for years to come.



Tabby's Place is about to get even sweeter for every cat in our care

- **A calmer Quarantine:** Renovated, 50% larger holding rooms will provide greater stimulation for our newest residents during their initial quarantine period.
- **The Kitten Nursery:** Right at the

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heart of Quinn's Corner, you'll find a tender haven for the tiniest members of the feline family. Newborns often arrive without their mothers, making them utterly dependent on our love and expert care. Our Kitten Nursery will contain a world-class neonatal unit, outfitted with incubators, feeding stations, and a designated area for nursing mother cats; and an adjacent adoption showcase, where growing kittens safely leap, frolic, and snuggle.

- **A world of hope for cats beyond our walls:** As a unique sanctuary

for FeLV+ cats, Quinn's Corner will be a living testimony to the value of these little ones' lives. Just as we've done with FIV+ cats since 2003, Tabby's Place will use our voice and our vibrant feline family to champion the cause of these "misunderstood" cats. Our unique population will help to change public perceptions of FeLV, encouraging cat lovers to consider adopting these wonderful friends.

In addition, Quinn's Corner will provide a matchless opportunity for humane research. We expect to learn a great deal about this poorly-understood virus, and to help further treatment and proper care of FeLV+

cats. In this way, Quinn's Corner will help to nurture thousands more cats than will ever pass through our doors.



The upgrades we make today will comfort and delight thousands of cats in the years to come

Your World-Changing Moment: Adopt

Angela Hartley, Development Director

Quinn's Corner will be a dream come true for FeLV+ cats...but there's an even better home out there.

Yours.

Nothing beats the bliss of having a person or family all your own, and just like every Tabby's Place cat, the kitties of Quinn's Corner will be available for adoption.

But there's a reason the word "feleuk" strikes fear in the hearts of adopters. These lovable cats can live long, healthy lives...or succumb to their disease in the near future. FeLV suppresses cats' immune

systems, leaving them susceptible to other diseases, such as cancer and infection. Their lifespan has the potential to be shorter than an average cat, but they generally don't require any extra medical treatment.

Whether their lives are long or short, FeLV+ cats can enjoy a wonderful quality of life. Just ask Donegal and his boisterous brothers, a kitten family with endless exuberance. Every bit as playful and zesty as other cats, FeLV+ cats like these little comedians live to love. They can

share a home with other FeLV+ cats and other species of pets, and they are generally not "sick" until their final illness.

Since the course of FeLV is difficult to predict, adopters need to accept an uncertain future. But 18 years of cherishing cats at Tabby's Place have reminded us that we only get one guarantee in this life: love. None of us is promised tomorrow, but we



Darling Donegal stands ready to deliver love

can keep our promises to fill each other's "today" with tenderness.

Our FeLV+ cats deserve warm, wonderful homes just as much as their "negative" neighbors, and we look forward to pairing them with awesome adopters in the years to come.

Will you be one of them?

Your new best friend just might be carrying around a "positive" sign. Please reach into your heart and consider changing her world...and yours.



Donegal, Dublin, and Doolin dream of their forever family

Happy Endings: Gravy

Angela Hartley, Development Director

"I love him more than my husband."

This is the admission of smitten adopter Amy.

This is the power of Gravy the cat.

This is only possible because one family took a chance on a wondrous FeLV+ cat.

To talk to Amy is to find yourself standing knee-deep in a raging river of joy. Since the day her family opened their hearts to Gravy in 2020, love has flooded their lives.

But no one could have predicted this scrumptious ending to a sad saga.

With mad-scientist hair and a feast of sweetness in his heart, groovy Gravy was an instant staff favorite at Tabby's Place. Despite a painful leg injury, Gravy was greedy for hugs, even more excited to give love than to receive it. We were sure the shaggy sweetheart would be adopted in no time.

But then came the standard blood test we conduct on every new resident. To our heartbreak, our positively precious boy was "positive" ... FeLV+.

Since Tabby's Place was not properly equipped to house FeLV+ cats, we created a private one-cat bachelor pad for Gravy, grieving the long odds he'd face in finding adoption. But Gravy wasn't grieving, just gleeful. When you're loved, there's no reason to worry.

And as it turns out, we had nothing to worry about: Gravy was about to meet Amy, and the world would never be the same.

Amy, a veterinary technician, shared her home with a loving husband, children, and paralyzed Pug named Penelope. She yearned for an "only" cat she could pamper like a king...and she met her match in our delicious dude.

"I'm a little obsessed," Amy admits. But you can't blame her: Gravy has become her daughter's best friend and a "calming force" for the whole family...including Penelope. When Amy tends to



Gravy (FeLV+) loves his forever home and his BFF

Penelope's special needs, Gravy stands by, ready to help. And when Amy gently carries Penelope upstairs each night, Gravy cries at the bottom of the stairs, eagerly awaiting his turn.

Although Amy understands that FeLV means uncertainty, she has a "good sense that Gravy's going to go the distance." Other than high-quality food and pain medication for his old leg fracture, Gravy hasn't required special medical treatment. That is, not unless you count pickles,

one of his favorite foods. Gravy has gained a full five pounds since leaving Tabby's Place, proof positive that being FeLV+ doesn't mean being frail. "Worry" and "Gravy" simply don't belong in the same sentence. We'll leave the worrying to Amy's second favorite guy.



Gorgeous Gravy is living proof that FeLV+ cats can live delicious lives



Penelope and Gravy

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