

# Tabby's Place®

A CAT SANCTUARY



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## New Beginnings

### New Beginnings: Viktor

Angela Hartley, Development Director

This fall, a one-eyed tabby declared victory...and all because Tabby's Place declared him "beloved."

Weaving through the woods, Viktor was not the epitome of victory. His infected eye ached; his empty belly bellowed; and the

stars overhead were his only companions as he longed for love.

But Viktor never surrendered his hope.

When a radiant rescuer brought Viktor to us, we knew that we were the winners. It

was our honor to care for his medical needs, removing his ravaged eye and getting his diabetes under control.

And since Viktor's arrival, every day has felt like Christmas morning at Tabby's Place.

Viktor convinces each new friend (feline and otherwise) that they're the star at the



Valiant Viktor

top of the tree. He just won't rest until he fills every heart with hope.

We have a feeling Viktor's next victory will be a forever home. But, given his Special Needs, we know that will take a very special family. In the meantime, you can enter the winner's circle as his sponsor. Please [click here](#) and help our striped sweetie sing "Joy to the World" this winter.



Viktor makes us all feel like champions of love!

## Holiday Honor For Your Loved Ones

Your friends and family are no ordinary people. They have hearts as wide as the winter sky.

And this December, you can honor your sweeties with a gift that reflects who they truly are: a life-saving donation to Tabby's Place.

When you donate in honor or memory of a loved one, we'll send a custom card (or e-card, for you last-minute shoppers). Instead of a scratchy sweater or yet another blank journal, your friend will receive a gift that fills their heart...and the world's neediest cats will cheer the New Year with love, hope, and healing ... all thanks to you.

This holiday season, show the cats and the special people in your life that you see, celebrate, and cherish who they are! – A.H.



Hips hopes you'll help him shout 'hip, hip, hooray!' while honoring your loved one

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# Testimonial of Love

T. and L., Tabby's Place Supporters since 2013

In a world filled with so much hatred and violence, Tabby's Place is much like Tolkien's Rivendell: "merely to be there was a cure for weariness, fear, and sadness."<sup>1</sup> Like the Last Homely House East of the Sea, Tabby's Place provides cats



T. & L.'s sponsored sweetheart, Luna

with unlimited love, trust, and safety.

These wonderful animals have come to harm for no reason other than being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Yet no amount of injury, abuse, or wickedness can rob them of their ability to reflect love when it is shown. I never cease to be amazed at how open their hearts remain after being given every reason to never trust again.

Tabby's Place staff and volunteers offer each cat its own journey of recovery. Whether scarred

from abuse or living with FIV, Tabby's Place provides a wonderful haven of emotional, medical, and therapeutic treatment for some of the hardest cases.

We can't think of an organization that does greater good in the world.

We are very proud to help Tabby's Place save as many cats' lives as possible. If we don't help, who else in the world will? We hope you will consider making a donation to further Tabby's Place's mission.

<sup>1</sup>J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*.



T&L's loving boys Braddach and Callum

## Double Your Love

We know: your heart is bigger than your wallet. If you could, you'd give twice as much to save the cats.

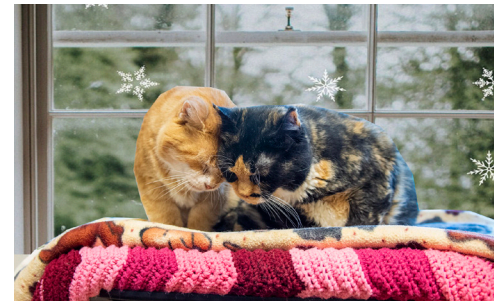
But maybe you can.

Your donation to Tabby's Place may work twice as hard, at the same cost to you.

Many businesses will happily match their employees' charitable

donations. If you'd like to see your donation go twice as far for the cats you love so much, ask your employer if they offer matching gifts. You may need to provide them with Tabby's Place's tax ID (EIN) number, which is 22-3695520.

Thank you for all you do for the cats!



Your donation can bring double the devotion to our cats (like Toulouse and Agnes) with an employer match

## Love With Confidence: Tabby's Place is a Four-Star Charity!

Cats always act with honor and integrity, and they deserve the same from us. And so, Tabby's Place is thrilled to have earned our 4-star rating from Charity Navigator!

"Tabby's Place's exceptional

4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public," according to Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. "This adds

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Tabby's Place to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world's most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support Tabby's Place."

Tabby's Place couldn't have

achieved this distinction without your confidence in us through the years. Thank you for helping us to shine as one of the most trustworthy nonprofits in the world! The cats – and you, our beloved Tabby's Place family – deserve nothing less.

Spaghetti hopes you'll use your noodle and decide Tabby's Place deserves your trust



## Your Legacy of Love

You know and we know: 2022 has been a challenging year. Your selfless generosity is more meaningful than ever in these tough times.

But even if you can't afford a donation today, you can still be there for the cats.

You can join the many Tabby's Place donors who choose to make a major impact by naming Tabby's Place in their wills. Doing so costs nothing during your lifetime but shows your powerful commitment to the cats for generations to come.

Worried that you don't have

enough money to make a meaningful estate gift? Think again: even modest bequests are often some of the most significant donations we receive all year, and Tabby's Place depends on these gifts.

Simply stated, your decision today can save hundreds of lives.

Leaving a legacy of love can be as easy as adding a few sentences to your will. Contact Angela at [ah@tabbysplace.org](mailto:ah@tabbysplace.org) or 908-237-5300 ext 235 to find out more...and thank you for cherishing



Polly can see, with the eyes of her heart, that you have a heart of gold for the cats

the cats with more love than you can fit in one lifetime.

## All They Want For Christmas Is YOU!

When the cost of everything from gingerbread to gasoline is making mincemeat of our budget, it's good to know some prices are unchanged...and one small investment can save priceless lives.



Can you find room for a Carrot under your tree

For just \$14/month – the same price since 2007 – you can change the world for a cat in need. Your gift will provide life-saving medical care for a kitty who is less likely than the average cat to be adopted due to their Special Needs.

You can embrace an adorable elf like Anka...

Dance the Nutcracker Suite with a prince like Ponce de Leon...

Bake cookies of kindness with a cutie like Carrot...

...and make spirits especially bright by making it a gift sponsorship. We'll send both you and your loved one updates on your sponsored kitty each month. And,



Anka aspires to give you a merry little Christmas

for a gift you'll never forget, you can plan a visit to meet your sweet sponsoree!

This year, the price of fruitcakes and fuzzy socks may be frightful, but your \$14/month can make cats' lives delightful. Please click here to sponsor your new, true feline friend.

# MEMORIAL BRICK SALE!

Now through December 31, beautiful bricks on our Memorial Walkway are just \$300, reduced from \$500. Save cats and honor your beloveds by clicking [here!](#)



## IRAS and QCDs and DAFs, Oh My!

You may not usually put “heartwarming” and “investment vehicles” in the same sentence...but the cats hope you’ll do just that.

Did you know you can support the Tabby’s Place cats out of your investments, such as stock, cryptocurrency, or retirement accounts?

Your stock gift can fill many, many, many cats’ stockings, as stock donations are generally 100 times larger than cash gifts. Donating appreciated stock is one

of the most tax-savvy ways you can possibly give, and giving via IRA, DAF (donor-advised fund), or QCD (qualified charitable distribution) can pour the cats a bowl of “alphabet soup” that will warm their world and save their lives for many years to come.

Tabby’s Place’s tax ID is 22-3695520. Contact Angela at [ah@tabbysplace.org](mailto:ah@tabbysplace.org) or 908-237-5300 ext 235 to find out more. Thank you for making a powerful investment in our cats’ lives!



Glenn is grateful for your love in any form

## Happy Endings: The Dublin Dudes

Every kitten deserves to be dazzled by love. But four little figgy puddings found nothing but coal in their stockings.

From the day of their birth, Dublin, Doolin, Donegal, and Dunmore faced ferocious odds. All four brothers were infected with feline leukemia virus (FeLV), a diagnosis destined to leave them in the cold. Many shelters and veterinary offices immediately euthanize FeLV+ cats.

It was a hopeless situation for four helpless smidgens.

But “hopeless” is absent from the Tabby’s Place dictionary... because love is present in your heart.

When other doors slammed shut, Tabby’s Place rolled out the red carpet for the baby boys. The course of FeLV is difficult to predict, but the “Dublin Dudes” were guaranteed our unwavering love. Safe, silly, and strong, they shone like stars, proving

that FeLV+ cats can be as healthy as any others, and that they deserve the chance to thrive. Every day was a delight for the “Dublin Dudes.”

But the best gift was waiting under the tree.

We always hoped that the boys

would be adopted. But not even Tabby’s Place, the haven of hope, dared to dream of a family willing to welcome all four.

We should have known better. Where there is love, there are miracles...and today, Dublin, Doolin, Donegal, and Dunmore are forever brothers in a forever home all their own!

But the miracles aren’t over. 2023 is poised to be the happiest New Year in feline history, because Quinn’s Corner at Tabby’s Place will finally open its doors. Up to 50 FeLV+ cats like the Dublin Dudes will reign in their own kingdom of kindness, where every cat is cherished and love never ends, no matter how dire the diagnosis.

Stay tuned for updates on Quinn’s Corner...and stay as hopeful as a Tabby’s Place cat, no matter what the New Year brings!

We love you, Tabby’s Place family!



FeLV and all, life is a feast for the Dublin Dudes

