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Linda Fund Special Edition: Keeping the promise

You're not just anyone ... you're a Tabby's Place person.

And now is your time to shine: it's the Linda Fund Matching Challenge!

Now through 09/08/23, your love will be supercharged. Every donation will be doubled by benefactors (up to \$300,000), saving cats who have nowhere else to turn.

The Linda Fund is a living promise to every cat: "Precious one, you will have everything you need to

thrive. You are a Tabby's Place cat!"

And because you're a Tabby's Place person, we know our cats can count on you.

Linda Fund donations saved precious Prescott, who arrived with injuries "not compatible with life." Read about Prescott, and make your life-saving donation, here, and meet a few other Linda Fund Wondercats in the pages ahead.

Please give your love today. Now is our time!



Prescott hopes you will help save cats like her

New (Re-)Beginnings: Drummer

Angela Townsend, Development Director

When you're a cat in need, Tabby's Place is the land of promise.

For one little percussionist, this promise meant the difference between life and death: "Once a Tabby's Place cat, always a Tabby's Place cat."

With more bravado than the

bongos, Drummer was a one-cat rhythm section. So, it was no surprise when he left us for a forever home.

But cats never really leave the safety of our love. Whether

they've been adopted five minutes or five years, our residents are welcome back, no questions asked.

When bad news crashed like cymbals, Drummer returned to Tabby's Place. His urinary blockage would require intensive care



The Linda Fund saved darling Drummer

and costly surgery. But our little star deserved first-row tickets to hope, and the Linda Fund covered all his expenses.

If not for you, Drummer's song would have been cut short. But today, Drummer is back in rhythm, and his future is booming like a timpani in his "forever orchestra."

Your gift today will play love's music for the next little Drummer boy in need.



Healthy Drummer thrives in his forever home

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What is the Linda Fund?

Angela Townsend

It's 24-hour care for an injured calico, kissing her trembling face while tending her wounds.

It's intensive care for a newborn kitten, abandoned by his mother but found by fierce love.



The Linda Fund is ... Kozmo, who would not have survived without surgery

It's bottomless patience for an incontinent senior, jaunty and joyful as he loves his life.

It's a "no questions asked" approach to medical treatment, bearing the expense to save each cat as though he were the first, last, and only cat in the world.

They were once alone, but now they are adored. They were once hopeless, but now they are home. They were once too costly, but now they are priceless.

As our reserve for critical care, the Linda Fund makes all the difference. This vital fund is the only reason we can leap into action for cats in their



The Linda Fund is ... Cassie, who once lived in excruciating pain

hour of need.

Please give selflessly. We have so many cats to save together, and your love can change everything.

Linda Fund Wondercat: Charm

Angela Townsend

His life had not been charmed. At one year of age, the trusting cat had seen lifetimes of pain. With a dislocated hip and heart disease, he was on the fast track to a sad ending.

But no one told Charm his



The Linda Fund broke chains of pain for little Charm

situation was desperate ... and no one believes in "hopeless" at Tabby's Place.

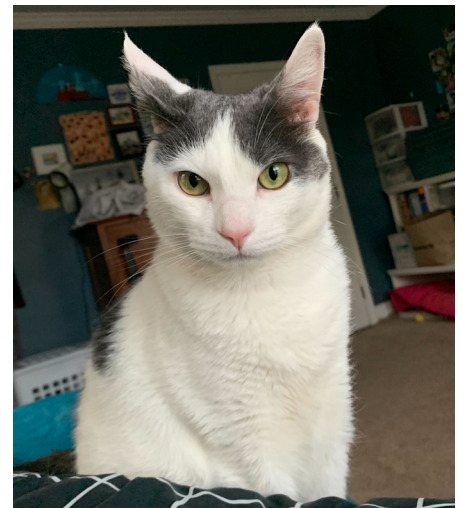
The limping Philly cat was bubbly and brave. Full of cheer, Charm seemed determined to bring joy to everyone else. But we couldn't live with the thought of him hurting.

Thanks to your past Linda Fund donations, our tiny boy got his chance at a charmed life. Delicate surgery repaired his hip, and diagnostics, including a cutting-edge Holter monitor, set a course for treating his heart disease.

There was just one "hopeless" condition left: our smitten state. Sure enough, Charm fell off the Tabby's Place bracelet and into the adoptive

arms of a volunteer.

Life could have been so cold for Charm. But thanks to you, he's living up to his name at last.



Healed and happy, Charm is cherished in his forever home



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bring the love that only you can give.

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The Linda Fund Matching Challenge

YOUR DONATIONS DOUBLED!

~ CLICK HERE! ~



Your IRA QCD can save C-A-T-S!

Right now, during the [Linda Fund Matching Challenge](#), your IRA can save twice as many L-I-V-E-S!

If you're over 70½ years old, you may need to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRAs.

When you make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to a 501(c)3 charity (like Tabby's Place), you can reap significant tax benefits while cherishing the cats who need you most.

And don't worry: we don't need to receive your gift before the Linda Fund Matching Challenge deadline (9/8/23). Just [let Angela know](#) how much you'll be sending, and we'll count your pledge towards the total ... and make sure it's doubled for the cats you love!

Click [here](#) to learn more about the process of delivering L-O-V-E through your RMD!



Your IRA can save the day for a cat like Gulliver, saved by emergency surgery via the 2022 Linda Fund

Linda Fund Wondercat: [Nina](#)

Angela Townsend

With cherry-chocolate swirls and a mushy heart, she's the sweetest cat on either side of the Atlantic. But life was bitter for Beirut-born [Nina](#).

Her rescuers in Lebanon didn't

candy-coat the story: Nina had a serious seizure disorder. As the world's haven for vulnerable cats, Tabby's Place was one sanctuary sweet enough for her.

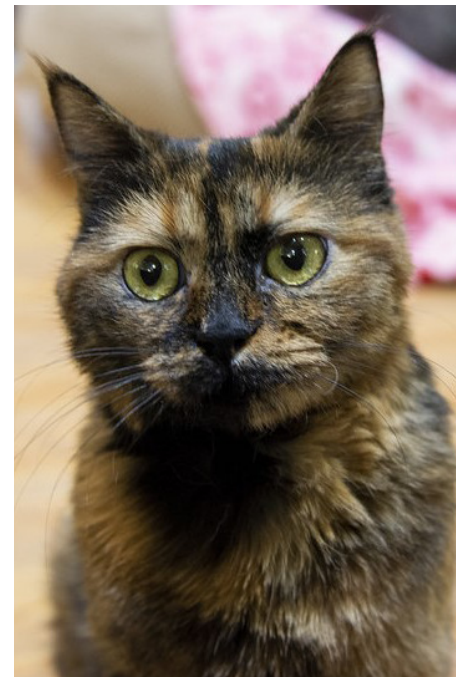
Thanks to the [Linda Fund](#), we didn't have to think twice.

A neurologist diagnosed Nina with trauma-induced hydrocephalus. Her treatment plan would include medication, environmental safeguards, and state of the art neurosurgery.

Love goes the distance ... and today, Nina is loved and thriving in a forever home of her own!



The Linda Fund saved Nina from a lifetime of fear and trembling



Life is a dream for darling Nina today

Without the [Linda Fund](#), there would be no nuzzly, snuggly Nina. But thanks to you, life is sweet indeed.

Linda Fund Wondercat: Bonifacia

Angela Townsend

“Sick, lethargic kitten with a dip in her spine”

That was all we knew about Bonifacia. That was enough to know she needed Tabby’s Place. We would do anything to save her.

One of our veterinary technicians took the little powder puff home, teaching her what it means to be



Bonifacia’s name is as big as her spirit, and her future is bright thanks to the Linda Fund

unconditionally loved. But Bonifacia would need more than comfort.

Something was mysteriously amiss with our girl, and her best hope was a consult at a world-class veterinary hospital.

Such “field trips” are costly, and it might seem a tall order for a tiny cat we’d only just met. But time is no measure of devotion. The same day you become a Tabby’s Place cat, you become a child of the promise.

Thanks to the Linda Fund, Bonifacia received matchless care, leading to a diagnosis of a liver shunt. We followed up with multiple ultrasounds, an echocardiogram, and bile acids tests to confirm that her condition was stable.

Soon, Bonifacia was tumbling into happy mischief and playing “lacrosse” with other cats. Her hazel eyes



The best is yet to come for beautiful Bonifacia now

sparkled with health, as our eyes filled with happy tears. Bonifacia was going to have a beautiful life after all.

That’s only possible because you give generously to the Linda Fund each year. Thank you for doing everything you can to save cats like Bonifacia.

Linda Fund Wondercat: Taylor Ham

Angela Townsend

A cat’s life should be beefy with bliss. But one tuxedo was starving for relief.

Even in his pain, Taylor Ham tried his best to take care of others. Whether feline or human, everyone



Life is both sweet and savory for dear Taylor Ham today

was Taylor’s friend, and he lavished us with a four-course feast of love.

But Taylor was in agony. Living on the grounds of a prison, FIV+ Taylor had developed a severe form of dental disease called stomatitis, which raged untreated for years. By the time he came to Tabby’s Place, he needed advanced surgery.

When you’re a Tabby’s Place cat, you get more than the crumbs of mere survival: you thrive. Taylor took a trip to an exceptional surgeon, who removed his teeth and roots.

But all was not yet delicious. While at the hospital, Taylor developed diabetic ketoacidosis, requiring intensive care. His life was saved by the power of the Linda Fund.



Free from pain, Taylor Ham feasts on life

Today, our radiant little pork roll is back home, piling everyone’s plate with happiness. Thank you for saving cats like Taylor with your Linda Fund love.

Profile in Wonderful: Jonathan Edwards

Jonathan Edwards, Donor

Editor's Note: He may live across the Continental Divide, but beloved Tabby's Place donor Jonathan Edwards is always by our cats' sides. All the way from Oregon, Jonathan has been one of our little ones' steadfast and generous supporters since 2010. We're grateful he's at the heart of our Tabby's Place family. - AT

It started with a message that touched every part of my heart.



Jonathan Edwards's beloved Pepper

I have no recollection of how I first discovered the Linda Fund. I only remember my feelings when I read the story of a little girl in need: great sadness, and a desire to help one of our most vulnerable restored to health. That sadness turned to gratitude when I read up on the folks working to save Linda.

This was the start of my annual outpouring of love and affection for Tabby's Place.

We all know and support shelters for displaced felines. They do the hard work, and we love them for it. But Tabby's Place has hit differently for me. They often become a forever home for cats who might otherwise be seen as "unadoptable." Tabby's Place is the ultimate haven for cats with chronic health issues, who need a much higher level of care.

Elsewhere, such care may be a bridge too far,

due to its cost and intensive nature. But Tabby's Place has devoted its mission to ensuring that those in dire need can have quality of life, love, and a forever home.

Regardless of life's ups-and-downs, one constant that I will always cling to is my love for Tabby's Place. I am continually inspired by their unconditional love for those who are most special among us. Tabby's Place will always be a part of my life and an organization I'm grateful to support.



Jonathan's Finn and Oliver live a life of love

Linda Fund Wondercat: Mars

Angela Townsend

"Suffering" is a planet no cat should visit. But when life hurls cats like comets, Tabby's Place is there to catch them.



Mars has traveled light years from her days of pain

Mars was orbiting disaster when we met her. With horrific injuries to her leg, requiring amputation, the shaggy little stray longed for comfort, but belonged to no one. That all changed in the instant Mars became ours.

Grandmotherly and gentle, our ailing angel was the opposite of her "god of war" name. But Mars proved valiant, soaring through surgery. Even in the starless night of suffering, she

snuggled her nurses, lighting the sky with love.

Love is the meaning of the Linda Fund, and love is your intergalactic superpower when it comes to cats like Mars. Please donate from the depths of your heart today.



The stars have aligned for darling Mars at Tabby's Place

GRAND OPENING

Saturday October 7th, 12-4pm

Watch your inbox
for more details...

Quinn's Corner

Come see our new haven
for FeLV+ cats, & celebrate
Tabby's Place's 20th anniversary!

Happy Endings: Dani

Matilda Nilsson, Adopter

My life changed forever the day I met spunky, talkative, spicy Dani.

I had just lost Tabby's Place alum Astell, my beloved senior who inspired me to adopt another Special Needs cat. There, in the Community Room, was Dani: a girl who had



Dani's life is utter delight in her forever home

some special needs, some special medications, but the most special heart.

When I sat down on the floor to greet Dani she stood up — yes, stood up — and rubbed her nose on my chin. My heart was set.

I had never cared for an incontinent cat before, and I returned to Tabby's Place to learn how to express Dani's bladder. The staff trained me by having me practice on all their wonderful cats (huge shoutout to Boobalah, Hips, and Valerie!).

Dani arrived home and settled in fast. She now climbs everything in my office, parking herself on the windowsill. back legs dangling without a care in the world.

Dani has also become a cat of adventure. She attends weekly appointments at the Whole Animal Gym, getting acupuncture for her spinal inflammation, physical therapy to improve her gait, as well as massages, laser, and water treadmill time! She now walks more than she "scoots." Although Dani would tell you hardwood is quite slippery, on carpet she can keep up with the rest



Dani is a rock star in physical therapy

of my cats!

Dani delights me with cuddles, back-and-forth meows about the cars passing by, and her adventurous spirit. She has even gone on nature walks in a cat backpack!

Dani still needs daily expression of her bladder and bowels, and she might always need medication. But she remains the delightful, playful girl I met in the middle of my grief.

Thank you, Dani. And yes, you can have a treat.

