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A CAT SANCTUARY



New Beginnings: Trifecta

by Angela Townsend, Development Director

By the cold world's calculus, one cat had three troubles too many. Not only did the sooty stray have diabetes; he was infected with both feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) and feline

leukemia virus (FeLV). Little wonder that his life added up to a hopeless situation.

But love does the math at Tabby's Place, and the odds were in this sweet boy's favor. The greater a cat's need, the grander your welcome party.

We were honored to welcome the thrice-courageous cat, who we named Trifecta. The fear in his eyes melted like marshmallows when Trifecta realized love had his number.

Today, Trifecta's life is as cozy as cocoa. He gallops through golden sun in Quinn's Corner, dreaming beside roommate Durin and lolling in our laps. One 'unlucky' cat has aced love's calculus.

We can only welcome such



Trifecta, loved and treasured at last

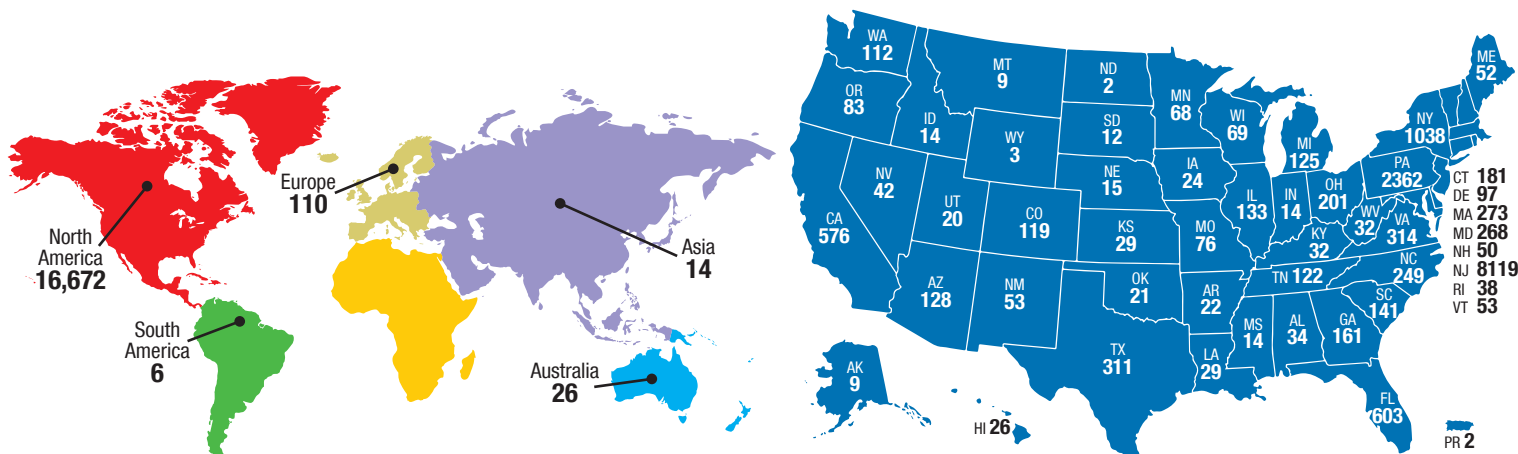
precious friends because of your generosity. Thank you for subtracting "hopeless" from our cats' stories.



Trifecta's life is a cozy delight thanks to you

Love Leaps Across the Land

You, dear Tabby's Place family, are living proof that this weary world turns on love. Whether you're in New Jersey or New Zealand, you're right here, kissing worried whiskers and saving sweet lives. We celebrate the global miracle of you:



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Merry Memories: Memorial Brick Discount



Memorial Bricks
50% OFF
Through 12/31/23

This December, you can honor your loved ones while continuing their legacy. Through New Year's Eve, you can engrave a Memorial Brick for \$250 (half the usual required donation of \$500).

That constitutes a life-saving gift at Tabby's Place, especially in these uncertain times.

We would be humbled and honored to celebrate someone you love dearly. [AT](#)



Testimonial of Love: Doug and Patricia Meredith

Patricia Meredith, Donor

What does Tabby's Place mean to us? I'll try to explain...

In our 34 years of married life, Doug and I have been parents to 9 precious rescues who we loved beyond words.

Although we lived in Ringoes, NJ for many years, it wasn't until we moved to New York that we started following Tabby's Place's work. We were amazed that every kitty was loved and well cared for, no matter their physical limitations. Our hearts overflowed.

As we supported Tabby's Place, we



Tricia & Doug Meredith are treasured members of the Tabby's Place family forever

felt like we were part of a much larger family. We were thrilled to know that, no matter how large our donation was, every dollar made a difference.

The day we learned about Quinn's Corner, my husband said to me, "we need to help with this...for Kassidy." I immediately called Angela and told her we were going to give a significant donation to help make this journey a reality. I think all three of us cried!

We simply had to honor the most incredible kitty we ever had: Mr. Kassidy. A stroke left him with special needs, but to us, he was perfect. I think of him every time I say, "Belly Rubs and Whisker Kisses." His memory will live forever in our hearts, and now he has a memorial cubby at Quinn's Corner.

Doug and I are forever thankful that, through loss and heartbreak, Jonathan Rosenberg had a vision and a dream. He followed that



Tricia and Doug's beloved Kassidy

course and became the heartbeat of Tabby's Place. There is no greater love.

For those that may say, "why would anyone do this? It's just a cat..." I say, hold a kitty and look into his eyes. Hold him close to your heart and listen to him purr. You will learn love in its purest form.

*Belly Rubs and Whisker Kisses,
Tricia and Doug*



Life as a Meredith cat is one continual blessing ... and all the Tabby's Place cats are 'Meredith cats' through Doug and Tricia's generosity!

SAVE A CAT TODAY!

Your year-end donation is crucial for our cats. Please love them as generously as possible.



A TABBY'S PLACE CAROL



"Scrooges" slam the doors of their hearts to frail, needy cats. But you are a living holiday of hope. Your kindness rewrites the saddest stories. Consider three sweet spirits you've brought in from the cold...

The Cat of Christmas Past: Harriet

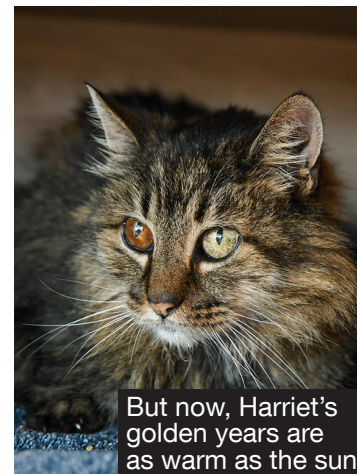
Hypothermic, hypotensive, and hypoglycemic (not to mention dehydrated, painfully matted, and ravaged by infection), the ragged old cat could hardly remember hope.

There were many questions: was she too weak to stand due to severe anemia, or was it the pain of her pelvic fracture? How had this innocent angel survived so long, all alone? Why was she still so eager to trust and love?

But the next chapter was beyond question: Harriet would become a Tabby's Place cat! Every sadness would turn untrue. She had a blood transfusion and surgery at a world-class specialty hospital, followed by weeks of devotion in the foster home of our Senior Veterinary Technician. The tattered cat became the star atop our tree, all because of angels like you. **AT**



Harriet arrived in grave need of medical care and love

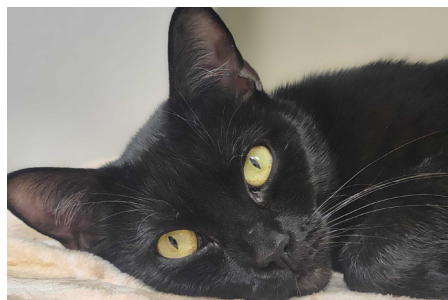


But now, Harriet's golden years are as warm as the sun

The Cat of Christmas Present: Mara



Mara made mini-muffins with her happy paws even during her recovery



Mara's life today is full of peace and joy

Her stocking was empty, and her broken heart pounded with fear.

The pregnant cat had a tender heart, eager to trust. But one terrible day turned the present into a nightmare. A dog assaulted Mara, causing her to go into labor. Four of her kittens passed away. Mara and her remaining babies were critically injured and abandoned to suffer all night.

But because of selfless spirits like yours, dawn came. Mara and her babies Jampa and Amala came to Tabby's Place! Your love flowed through our team's hands, and intensive care saved the wounded family.

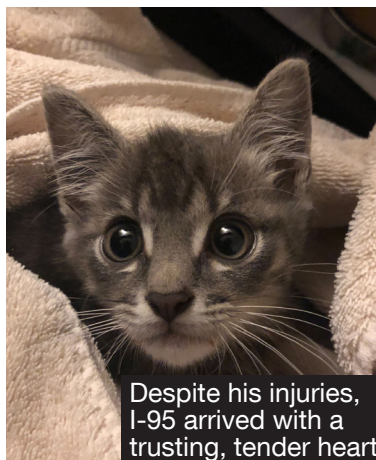
In the precious present, happy Mara marvels at her life. We're making up for lost time with treats, toys, and tenderness, all thanks to you. **AT**

The Cat of Christmas Future: I-95

An ordinary day nearly crashed into a silent night for one wee caroler. Someone had hurled the tiny tabby from a car. But in a shimmering serendipity, one of our volunteers was driving by. He scooped up the injured kitten like a snowball, rushing him to Tabby's Place for intensive care.

Some would see the fearful smudge of grey as an expensive inconvenience. But at Tabby's Place, the weary world rejoices when we can love a friend back to life. We named the baby "I-95" (for the highway where he was rescued) and taught him how to sing 'Joy to the World.'

Your generosity whisked you to I-95's side, and your donations delivered the ultimate gift: a future. **AT**



Despite his injuries, I-95 arrived with a trusting, tender heart



And today, the future is a fabulous open road!

Love with Confidence: Tabby's Place is a Four-Star Charity

Charity Navigator



FOUR-STAR



You can count on Tabby's Place ... and Fergie hopes she can count on you

Your donation is treated like a precious gift at Tabby's Place.

For the third year in a row, Tabby's Place has a perfect four-star rating from Charity Navigator. Less than 0.1% of rated nonprofits receive this elite designation, which reflects the highest levels of financial responsibility and accountability.

We owe it to our cats to be honorable in every way...

and we owe it to you, our beloved Tabby's Place family, to steward your gifts with integrity. When you write a check or type out those credit card digits, rest assured your love will land exactly as intended.

You can always trust cats to be honest...and you can trust Tabby's Place, too. [AT](#)

All They Want for Christmas is You

Prescott is not pining for potpourri. Taylor Ham doesn't need a toboggan.

Grecca is hoping you'll give her your heart



And Grecca, the loudest cat at Tabby's Place, is not caroling about cardigans.

The Special Needs cats have only one wish this holiday season: you!

You can make their dreams come true by signing up as a sponsor. This is your chance to add a cat to your family without buying another litter box. Your monthly donation will provide life-giving medical care to a cat with diabetes, paraplegia, or another Special Need... and your new family member will send you photos and updates every month.

Too much joy to keep to yourself? Give a Gift Sponsorship, and your kitty will email both you and your loved one every month. [AT](#)



Prescott would be proud to have you as her sponsor

Forever Loved: Lynette

Jonathan Rosenberg, Founder & Executive Director

Lynette was so cute it was criminal. She was a tiny long-haired calico with striking black facial markings. When she made eye contact with you, which was frequent, it was almost too much to bear. You were looking deep into the soul of a marvelous being.

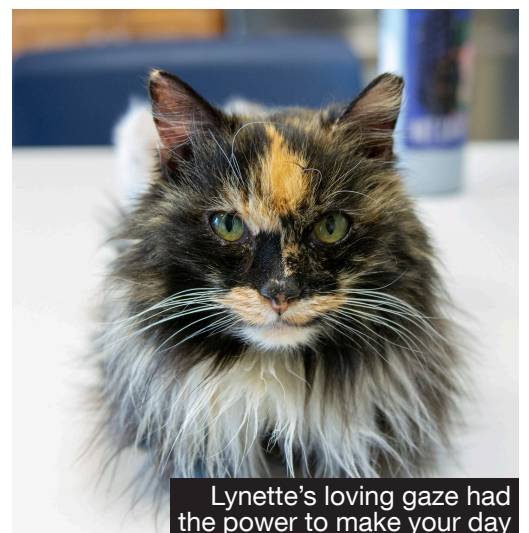
But her charms couldn't save her from a horrible predicament. She was tossed outside to fend for herself. She clearly was not cut out for outdoor life. Did I mention she was diabetic? She

couldn't last long.

But, thanks to a string of kindnesses, tiny Lynette found her way to Tabby's Place, where she was given the royal treatment. Our team gently trimmed and groomed her coat (which was a mess), got her diabetes under control, and generally fussed over her.

Lynette then garnered a prize spot in the Lounge, where she was

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Lynette's loving gaze had the power to make your day

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visited frequently by her loyal subjects (volunteers & employees).

She acquired a royal wardrobe. Her newly-trimmed coat left her with little to keep warm. So we put her in a little dress. It was so cute, and she was so happy, that we brought her a collection of outfits.

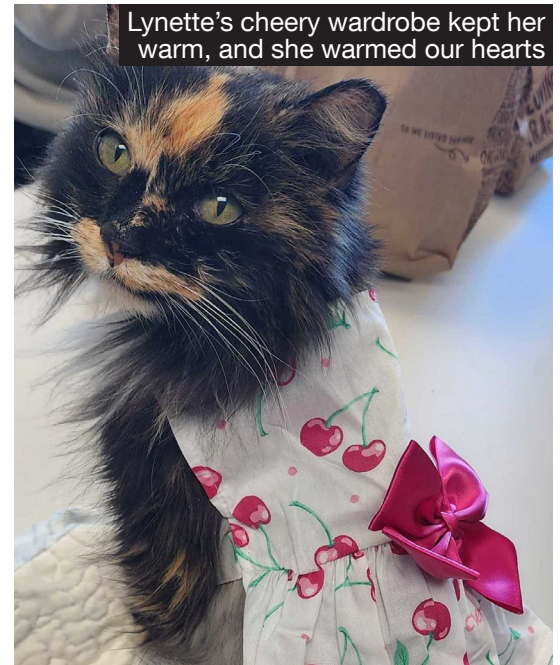
This never failed to bring a smile to faces when people walked into the Lounge and saw her camped out on the table. Lynette spent most of her time on this table. She was not only the center of attention, but well situated to raid any food within reach. Sweet Lynette had only one bad habit: constantly scheming to snatch food.

Despite our best efforts, she

continued to lose weight. We suspected a liver mass, but her frail condition ruled out aggressive medical intervention. When her weight dropped below four pounds and she became too weak to stand, we knew it was time for one last kindness.

I was out of town when I received the word that it was time to let her go. Not being able to say goodbye to her increased my pain and sorrow. She is now the wallpaper in my phone, so I see her every day.

She was one of a kind, and I do not expect to see a being like her again in this world. Until later, baby girl.



Lynette's cheery wardrobe kept her warm, and she warmed our hearts

Nothing is Impossible... Just Ask Ponce & Andy!

What has four plus-signs, seven legs, 42 total toes, and a thousand reasons to purr? It's Tabby's Place's "impossible" duo, the irrepressible Ponce and Andy!

Some might say the boys had bad luck. Ponce was born with a surplus of toes and a spirit as sweet as syrup. But hope slipped through his fingers. The gentle stray was infected with feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) and feline leukemia virus (FeLV), a "double positive" that slammed every door. Most shelters just can't take a chance

on a cat like Poncey.

Andy could empathize. A jolly jingle bell with a heart of gold, Andy emphasized the positive despite his bleak odds. No one told him that he was missing a leg. His innocent face sparkled like a silver lining at every hint of kindness. But he, too, was running out of time.

What becomes of cats like Ponce and Andy? The answer would have been the ultimate "negative" ...except that **you** were here through your generosity.

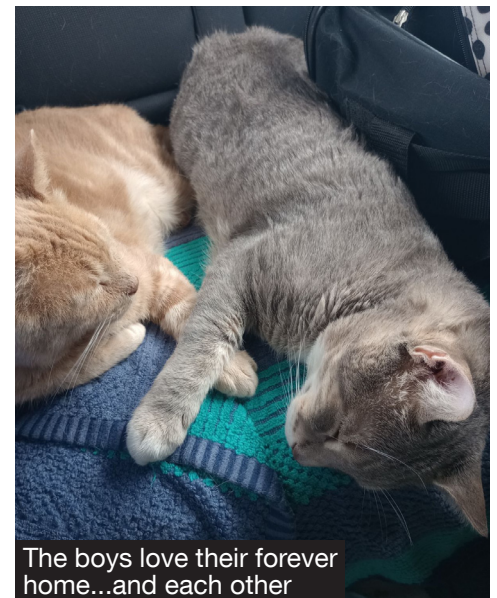


Some say FeLV+ cats are 'unadoptable'...but they didn't ask Ponce and Andy!

Thanks to you, Ponce and Andy found bliss at Tabby's Place. Our Quinn's Corner expansion is a dream come true for cats with FeLV. The boys thrived, becoming best friends in the sunny solarium of our "double positive" suite.

It was as good as it gets...or was it?

Some might say cats like Ponce and Andy are "unadoptable." But when we hear that word, we just



The boys love their forever home...and each other

turn up the music.

Tabby's Place is the land of miracles, and our double positives were about to have a double adoption. That's right: Ponce and Andy are spending this holiday season with their adoring new mama...together.

That's not good luck. It's selfless love that never says "impossible." On behalf of Ponce and Andy, thank you for promising our cats that the best is yet to come!

Without you, this would have been a very different winter for Ponce and Andy. Please give as generously as possible, so the next desperate cat can live and love. AT

Checks and Stocks for Stripes and Spots

Every snowflake is different...and so is every member of the Tabby's Place family.

You may be devoted to diabetic cats, or dream of torties under the tree.



However you choose to give, Anka gives thanks for your generous heart

A precious, personal story led you to Tabby's Place.

But just like your connection to cats, your giving style is all your own. And whatever flavor of generosity



Special Needs cats like Derby hope they'll find a special place in your heart this winter

suits you best, we're delighted to accommodate! Tabby's Place can accept...

- Stock
- Distributions from DAFs
- IRA disbursements (such as QCDs)
- Automobile donations
- Wire transfers
- Bequests

Whatever "wrapping paper" you choose, your gift will save innocent elves like Derby.

Please feel free to contact Development Director Angela Townsend with any questions...and please share your story with us! [AT](#)

Happy Endings: Firestar

You know the holiday spirit when you see it.

It's hope, no matter how many times you've been disappointed. It's love, lavished in the face of fear. It's a candle held high, waiting all night for dawn.

It's Firestar, the cat who can't stop smiling.



Firestar is all smiles now that he's safe and loved at last

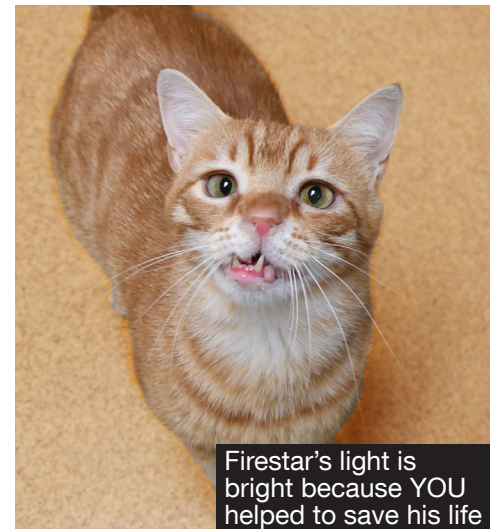
Sadness "should" have snuffed out Firestar's life. Living on the streets of Beirut, the little gingerbread man got no holidays. One terrible day, Firestar sustained injuries that shattered his jaw and permanently altered his sinuses. In an instant, his future crumpled like tissue paper.

Firestar kept shining.

The courageous cat caught the eye of Animals Lebanon, our friends in Beirut. Firestar's needs were so significant, Tabby's Place was his best hope. We welcomed the cat with the crooked smile, only to find ourselves grinning uncontrollably.

It was as though Firestar had determined to forget his suffering. His job was to make everyone else warm and happy. The goofiest fruitcake at Tabby's Place stayed merry as we worked with specialists to treat his sinus issues.

But the happiest holiday was yet to



Firestar's light is bright because YOU helped to save his life

come.

Firestar bonded intensely with our vet tech, Jess. She welcomed her into her family, where he quickly won over his "siblings" of three species (feline, canine, and hedgehog).

You're the reason Firestar will be smiling for the rest of his life. Thank you for making this possible...and for holding your candle high for the next cat who will need us. [AT](#)

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