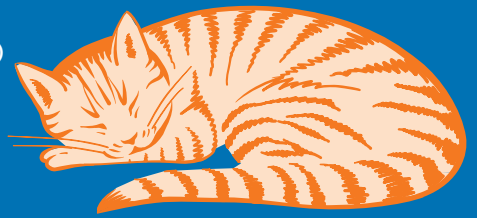


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Tiny Takeover: Spring Newsletter Cherish the Kittens Newsletter

Do not adjust your screen. We repeat: there is nothing wrong with your newsletter. You are about to experience the awe and mystery of ... kittens. They have taken over your newsletter!

They hope that, by the end of this issue, they'll take your heart.

Tabby's Place rescues newborns, orphans, and Special Needs babies who are just too little and just "too much" for most shelters.

But with you on their side, these tiny buds will blossom.

Donate to our Cherish the Kittens Fund Drive by 5/17, and your donation will be doubled* for vulnerable babies.

We believe every life is worth all the love we have to give...and our kittens believe in you. Let the takeover begin!

*Up to \$118,000. Your donation will go where it's most needed, enabling us to be there for all our kittens and cats.



**YOUR DONATION DOUBLED
FOR NEWBORNS & ORPHANS!***



Can babies like Briar count on you?

New Beginnings: Fortune Cookie

Angela Townsend, Development Director

Some cats have all the luck. One little biscuit had something better: you.

Fortune Cookie's life was brittle before it began. The littlest ginger kitten was infected with feline leukemia virus (FeLV). To make matters worse, Fortune Cookie's body was wracked with a respiratory virus.

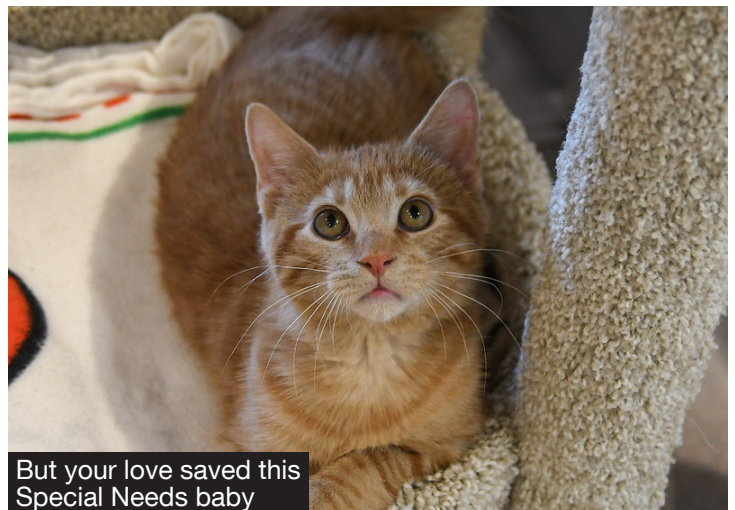
But no little cookie is left to crumble at Tabby's Place. Drawing on your love, we swaddled the sickly kitten in comfort and matchless medical care.

Fortune Cookie made a full recovery...and the biggest jackpot was yet to come. Our brave baby was adopted!

Special Needs kittens face long odds. But when they turn their innocent faces to you, misfortune turns to mercy. Please reach into the sweetest part of your heart and give, so we can be here for the next Fortune Cookie together.



Fortune Cookie arrived desperate and frail



But your love saved this Special Needs baby

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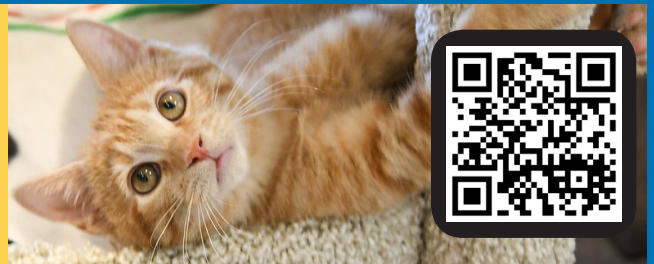
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Your Donation Doubled for Kittens!

Please save kittens like Fortune Cookie with your most generous gift.

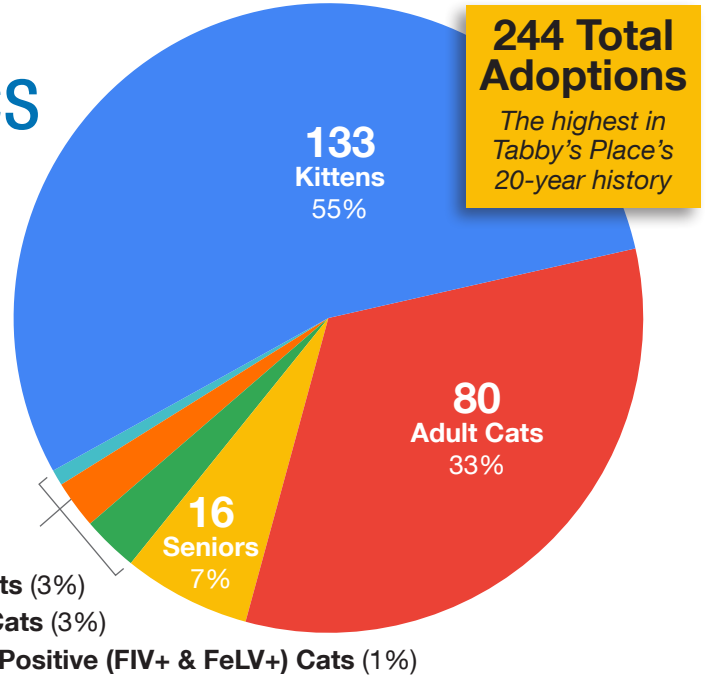


Homecoming Parade: 2023 Adoption Statistics



Thanks to you, babies like Marchand will find forever homes

Take a stroll through our garden of adoptions for the past year. Each adoptee rolls out the red carpet for the next cat we save...and each homecoming is thanks to your generous heart! **AT**



Cherished Kitten: Uni

Baby Uni was *numero uno* when it comes to “adorable.” But the tiny



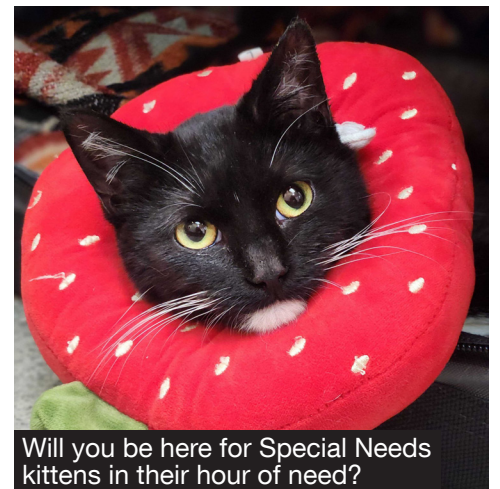
Special Needs kittens will thrive when you give

taxedo faced double trouble. Not only was Uni an orphan, but she was born with a congenital defect that caused severe constipation.

Uni required delicate care and frequent baths. Impish and unsinkable, Uni kept purring and frolicking through the hard days. But the party would be over without costly specialty treatment.

Many kittens with Special Needs never get to RSVP “yes!” to life. But because of you, Tabby's Place is a homecoming dance for these babies.

We extended Uni a formal invitation to love's big gala. A world class surgeon devised a plan to fix Uni's birth defect. Today, Uni's future is as bright as her big, starry eyes.



Will you be here for Special Needs kittens in their hour of need?

Tabby's Place believes Special Needs kittens deserve the same unconditional love as “normal” babies. If you feel the same way, please invite them into your heart. **AT**

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Will A Kitten Fit In?

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There's nothing quite like the joy of a kitten. But, in deciding if a kitten is right for you, there's more to consider than cuteness:

- Kittens have seemingly **endless energy**. Bounding through your home, they attempt to conquer every surface, object, and living creature! Consider if your lifestyle will allow you



Babies like Barbie and Ken can fill your life with laughter

to give a kitten enough attention.

- It's no secret that little ones love to play. You can set kittens up for success by **adopting a pair of kittens**. Your new kitten will have someone to turn to for playtime if you're trying to cook dinner or working from home. A buddy can also help them learn proper feline behaviors.
- If you already have a **young and energetic kitty at home**, a kitten might be the perfect playmate. A proper introduction is key to helping them accept one another (and, if you adopt from Tabby's Place, we'll provide counseling every step of the way).
- A kitten may be a challenge for your **senior cat**. The energy difference between a kitten and an older cat can be significant, causing frustration and stress for both. A pair of kittens may



Could a little rascal like Rumi be right for your family?

be easier on your senior cat, as they can turn to each other for playtime. But, if your older cat gets easily stressed or struggles with change, a kitten "sibling" may not be the kindest choice.

No matter your situation, there's a lot to consider before adopting a kitten. Our Adoptions Team is always happy to help you choose the right feline family member for your home.

Cherished Kittens: Almond's Joys

Soft as a kiss and sweeter than candy, Almond deserved joy. But the future was bleak for this new mom. Almond and her beloved newborns,



You can give newborns like Soy and Oat a future without fear

Soy and Oat, were surrounded by danger in the harsh elements.

But mercy was on the way ... because you gave. Almond, Oat, and Soy made it to the land of milk and honey: Tabby's Place!

Selfless mamas like Almond need vigilant care and a special environment to raise their babies safely. In 2024 alone, Tabby's Place has welcomed eight pregnant or nursing mamas with their newborns. These tiny families need us.

When you give from the heart, Tabby's Place can be "mama to the mamas." Our trained foster network has experience nurturing mothers and newborns through their most delicate days.

Ensnored in love, Oat and Soy will grow up never knowing how scary the world can be.

Your donation will ensure that kittens can grow up without fear. Will you welcome cats like Almond and her darlings into your family today? **AT**



Selfless mother cats turn to you so their families can thrive



Give From Your DAF!

Tabby's Place gratefully accepts life-saving DAF donations. Contact Angela for details.



Little Babies, Giant Need

Healthy kittens fly through the air in invisible superhero capes. But for every thriving toddler there was once a helpless newborn. Kittens face:

- **Cold:** Newborn kittens cannot regulate their body temperature well. Left alone, they quickly succumb to hypothermia.
- **Predators:** Newborns' soft little bodies are the world's prey. Innocent babies are vulnerable



to everything from predators, like owls, to internal parasites, like giardia.

- **Infection:** A kitten's developing immune system has little defense against infectious diseases. Caregivers must be vigilant to the first signs of a fading kitten, ready to provide heroic care.
- **Hunger:** A mother cat's milk provides *colostrum*, a life-saving source of nutrients and antibodies. But if mama is missing, kittens need supplements to survive. Newborns who will not take a bottle require painstaking syringe- or tube-feeding.
- **Congenital abnormalities:** From umbilical hernias to cardiac abnormalities, some kittens are born facing hard battles. It may take tenacious love and costly care to save their lives.
- **Fright:** If they don't feel the warmth

of human love by eight weeks of age, kittens may struggle to trust. This puts them at risk in many shelters, where shyness can stamp a cat as "unadoptable." Socializing kittens is a tender, time-consuming mission...but it's worth every minute.

Will you donate today, and carry a fearful newborn down the perilous road? **AT**



Cherished Kittens: Les Artistes

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye. -Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Three helpless kittens could scarcely make out a sketch of "tomorrow." But because of you, they were about to make it to the Louvre of



love: Tabby's Place.

At Tabby's Place, Special Needs kittens are works of art. We named them Kahlo, Dali, and Monet, and promised we'd help make their lives a masterpiece.

All three kittens were born with *eyelid agenesis*, a congenital defect in which the eyelid does not form, and *microphthalmia*, underdeveloped eyeballs. Yet even without normal sight, the siblings saw a colorful world. Graceful and giddy, they rejoiced in kisses and refused to let anyone feel sorry for them.

But without medical care, the brave babies would grow up as tortured artists. Dali and Monet suffered the pain of their own eyelashes continually scratching their eyes. Kahlo, the gentlest girl in the gallery, had the most severe case. All three would require costly surgery.

But selfless love is the highest form

of art.

Today, *les artistes* see a future full of flourishing. They may not see our faces, but they see love everywhere they turn.

If you see beauty in every life, please paint a picture of hope for the next Special Needs kitten. **AT**



Cherished Kittens: Strider & Chestnut

Delicate as a dandelion puff in the wind, Strider seemed all out of wishes. His eyes were squeezed shut, his mama had met an uncertain fate, and his back leg was painfully swollen. Left alone, the littlest tabby would never see one sunrise.

But, one brave day before Strider's birth, you chose to give.

You were the wind in our sails as we raced to the sound of his faint cries. In the skilled (and sleepless) care of a highly trained foster family, Strider would revive and thrive.

Miles away, a wisp of a Siamese shivered. Torrential rain had soaked Chestnut to the skin, and he mewed in vain for his brother. The sole survivor of his litter, Chestnut trembled beneath a

car, preparing to breathe his last in his first week of life.

That's when a warm hand enfolded him...and, in a very real way, it was your hand. Your generosity reached through the sadness and saved Chestnut's life.

But the most fragile Tabby's Place resident needed a sibling. Might a valiant tabby take him in?

We barely had to ask the question. Strider was smitten with his "baby brother," and the boys became inseparable. From frail beginnings, they grew plump and rowdy, making happy memories. As Strider "adopted" Chestnut, Chestnut found his voice.

The best was yet to come. Two kittens who "shouldn't have" survived became two living legends...together forever, in a home of their own.

Today, Chestnut and Strider (renamed Simon and Max) live with the courage that comes from being loved. We will never forget

that you made it all possible.

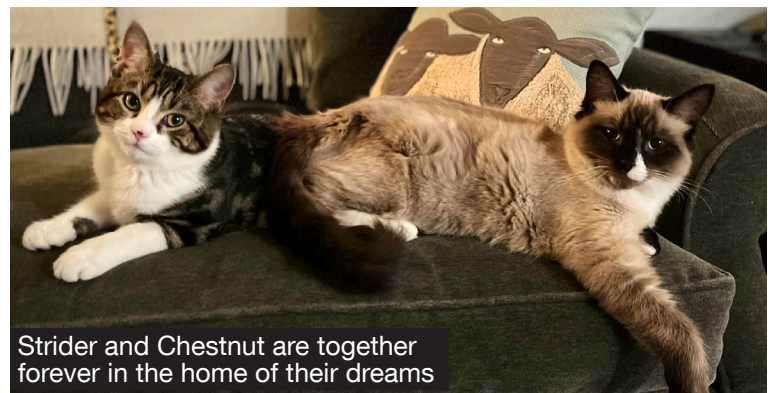
There are Striders and Chestnuts trembling alone this very day ... will your warm, strong hand reach out to comfort and save them? We are trusting you. **AT**



Orphans no more, the brothers bonded almost instantly



Cherishing Chestnut required many sleepless nights



Strider and Chestnut are together forever in the home of their dreams

Cherished Kitten: Oasis

The world is terrifying to a little "bird" who's never been loved. Oasis was white as a dove, but her heart raced like a hummingbird's.

But Tabby's Place is a haven for

the trembling and unsure. She didn't know it yet, but Oasis had landed in the nest she needed.

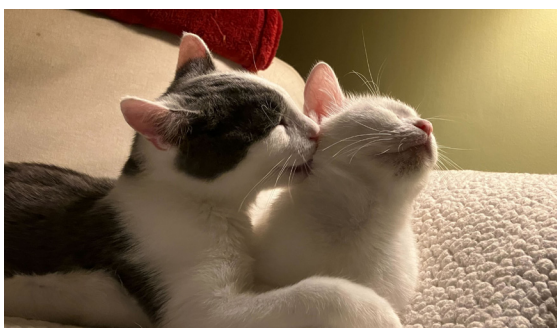
No one had handled her in her early days, so we would have to earn our little fledgling's trust gradually.

Oasis would have all the time and tenderness in the world, in the safest place in the world.

As the littlest resident of our Community Room, Oasis found role models in cuddly elders like "Grandpa" Harvey. Day by day,



In the Tabby's Place Community Room, Oasis was loved by humans...as well as feline "grandparents"



The love-fest continues in Oasis's forever home (with fellow Tabby's Place alum Marvin)

the little girl began to play, to purr, and to hear the promise: *you cannot lose our love*. At last, the day came when Oasis unfurled her courage, flying off to a forever home.

Please give today, so we can wrap the next little "hummingbird" in warm wings of love. **AT**

Cherish All Year

Tabby's Place is devoted to the world's most fragile kittens, and that mission doesn't take a vacation. Whether the call comes in February or August, we are the refuge for babies no one else can take.

But as inflation causes kitten costs



When you give, babies like Taffeta can be safe at last

to skyrocket, we need all-season angels.

When you sign up to sponsor the Kitten Fund, you'll be here for every kitten, all year. Your monthly donation will provide the life-saving kitten milk replacer, urgent medical care, and



Newborns like Otis are counting on you

trained foster network that make Tabby's Place a kitten's best hope. We'll send you monthly updates on your kittens, so we can rejoice together as they thrive.

Please sponsor the kittens today. As we raise them together, they'll rise up on your shoulders, tiny faces beaming with hope. **AT**



Please give innocent babies like Bubs a future

Happy Endings: Peyton & Eli *(formerly Amala & Jampa)*

Sandy and Bob Glen, Adopters

Adopting our beautiful fur babies from Tabby's Place was the best decision we ever made.

When we visited, we left with the biggest smiles on our faces. Every cat and kitten was happy and well taken care of. The warm, devoted staff and volunteers love them as if they are their own.

Peyton and Eli (originally named Amala and Jampa) were 3 months old when we fell in love. Their background story stole our hearts! Their mother, Mara, had been attacked and went

into labor very early. Eli and Peyton were the only survivors in the litter, and their brave mother needed surgery for the injuries she sustained defending them. She went on to be adopted by an amazing family.

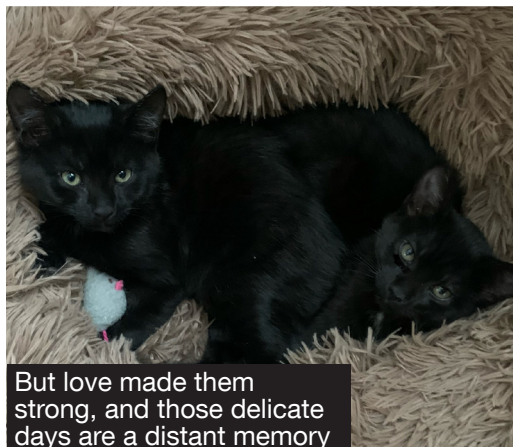
Eli and Peyton adapted quickly to their forever home. Adopting them together helped tremendously. From the first day here, they were running, playing, and cuddling with us and each other. We laugh at their curiosity about everything from new toys to water in the sink.



Eli and Peyton adore their new mom and dad (and vice versa!)



Peyton (and Eli) were so fragile when they arrived



But love made them strong, and those delicate days are a distant memory

Brother and sister teach each other new things every day, and they certainly keep us on our toes. It's like having two new babies in the house, and we wouldn't change a thing!

Our hearts are so full, we could not love them more. Thank you, Tabby's Place, for making our family complete!