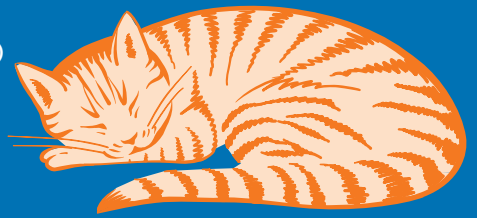


# Tabby's Place®

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## A CAT SANCTUARY



## Summer 2024 Newsletter: Linda Fund Edition

You may not have an Olympic medal ... but you have a heart of gold, and a chance to change the world for cats in "last place."

The Linda Fund Matching Challenge is your time to shine.

Now through 9/30, your gift will be doubled (up to \$160,000), helping to save cats with nowhere else to turn.

Tabby's Place is a haven for cats from hopeless situations. When a cat is in need, there's no time for fundraising. Either we will be ready to save their lives, or they will have no chance.

Your love is their hope, and your time is now. The Linda Fund only comes once a year, and your gift will provide emergency care for the cats

who arrive in the days to come.

As you meet the sweet champions on these pages, remember: they would not be here if someone like you did not give to the Linda Fund.

Please give your best for the littlest, the last, and the lost. This is their time!

## New Beginnings: Amaryllis

Angela Townsend, Development Director

One moment, you're a happy-go-lucky cat with eyes as bright as springtime. But with one terrible screech of tires, everything has changed. You can barely lift your head, much less your hopes.

You have never felt so alone and afraid.

Time is not on your side ... but love is. You're about to become the newest

Tabby's Place cat.

Before you know it, gentle hands are stroking your broken body. Soft voices

promise you a future full of hope. Someone calls you "Amaryllis." You never had a name.


In a flash, you've gone from "just a stray" to unconditionally adored.

But there is a long way to go. Your injuries are severe. The cost to save your life is high. But, love reaches even higher.

Tabby's Place reaches into the Linda Fund, created for cats like you. Beautiful people donated last year, and their gifts will save your life today. Through intensive care and emergency surgery, you will grow as strong as your namesake, the flower that blooms all winter. You will learn new dance steps on your three remaining legs.

You will learn that life can change



 **Your Linda Fund gift will help save the next Amaryllis!**

quickly ... but love can change everything.

You are Amaryllis, and the best is yet to come.



Innocent cats like Amaryllis arrive with injuries too severe for other shelters.



Your kindness means life itself to cats like Amaryllis



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# Who is Linda, and What is Her Fund?

Where were you in 2011?

If you were a certain tabby toddler, you were in a world of trouble. Baby Linda had lost her mama ... and without a miracle, she was about to lose much more. Somehow, the kitten stumbled into a substance that burned her legs.

Wailing in agony, little Linda was lost. But she was about to become the “founder” of a movement of mercy.

Linda came to Tabby’s Place, where no needs are too great, and no case is “hopeless.” Donors like you enabled us to save Linda’s life. Today, the silver survivor thrives in her forever home.

But Linda’s crisis changed the world. We realized we needed an ongoing fund, so we can always be ready for the “Lindas” no one else can save. In their hour of need, there’s no time to fundraise – only to act.

The Linda Fund was born. Every year, benefactors pledge matching gifts ... and we turn to you. Your donations are doubled, and your love “time-travels” to save cats who will need us in the year ahead.

Just picture all the “Lindas” who will thrive if we pull together. Can you imagine their innocent faces?

Where will you be in 2024? We

hope you’ll say, “loving the cats with all my heart!” **AT**



## LINDA FUND CHAMPION: Affogato

The word “Affogato” has two meanings in Italian: “drowned,” and



“coffee ice cream dessert.”

Affogato the stray had two possibilities: a lonely ending, or an impossible beginning.

One dreadful day, a larger animal left Affogato with a broken jaw and injuries to both eyes. By any reasonable expectation, the little cinnamon stray was all out of hope.

But “reasonable expectations” don’t know much about Tabby’s Place.

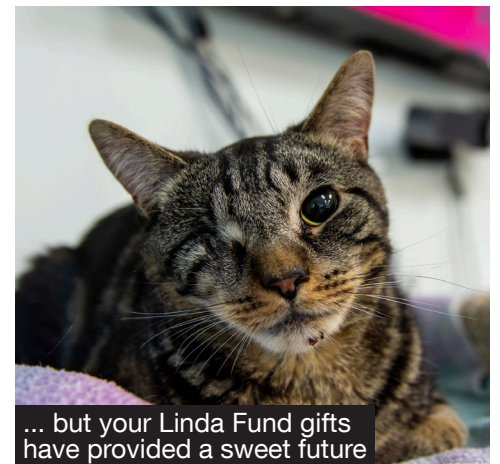
When we heard about the stray whose life was melting fast, we didn’t think twice. Tabby’s Place exists to scoop up the cats the world forgot.

And since you gave generously to last year’s Linda Fund, Affogato’s costs were no concern.

Specialists stabilized Affogato’s jaw and removed the eye that could not be saved. As he healed, Affogato savored

the sweetness of a second chance. The fearful, frazzled ragamuffin turned as jolly as the ice cream man.

Affogato is here today because you gave last year. Will you say “yes” to the next innocent cat? Hope is in your hands. **AT**



## Donor-Advised Devotion: DAFs Save C-A-T-S!

If your kind heart yearns to help as many cats as possible, three little letters can help you save lives.

A Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) is an investment account designed to support the causes you love and gain tax advantages.

- You can contribute cash, stock, or other assets to a DAF, making it a flexible way to give.
- You receive a tax deduction as soon as you put funds in your DAF. When

you’re ready to donate, you simply notify the financial institution, and they send a check to the charity of your choice.

- Any growth in your DAF is tax-free, so you will have more funds available to help the cats.
- A DAF helps you to be strategic about your giving, planning your most generous gifts around important

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moments like the Linda Fund.

- DAFs are not just for wealthy folks. There is no minimum required to establish a DAF: just a heart of gold and a determination to do as much as you possibly can.

To find out more about establishing a DAF, call your bank or financial advisor, or contact Angela at [at@tabbysplace.org](mailto:at@tabbysplace.org) or 908-237-5300 ext 235. **AT**



DAF gifts helped provide emergency surgery for gentle Abacus

NOW THROUGH 9/30, YOUR GIFT WILL BE DOUBLED TO SAVE CATS WITH NOWHERE ELSE TO TURN!



## LINDA FUND CHAMPION: Sybil

We will never know if Sybil ran across the highway or was thrown. But somehow, the little jellybean rolled into the path of an oncoming car, landing



Sybil is only here today because people like you chose to love

broken beside a toll plaza.

A compassionate worker raced to Sybil's side, wrapping her in his arms. No sooner had he placed her on the grass than Sybil summoned her fading strength and vaulted into his car. In the midst of excruciating pain, with every reason to distrust people, Sybil set her heart on life.

As Sybil rubbed her head into his arms, her hero ached. The little stray had suffered critical injuries. Who would pay the toll to save a single cat? Was this the end of the road?

It was only the beginning ... because of you.

This time last year, before Sybil was born, you chose the good road of giving. You knew that homeless cats do not get an "EZ-Pass™" in this

life. Their only hope is for you to take the wheel.

Your Linda Fund donations provided surgery and intensive care to save Sybil. She has been saying "thank you" ever since. As she recovers, Sybil lavishes everyone she meets with love. The healed has become the healer.

Just around the bend, the next Sybil waits for us. Please take the wheel and ride to her rescue. **AT**

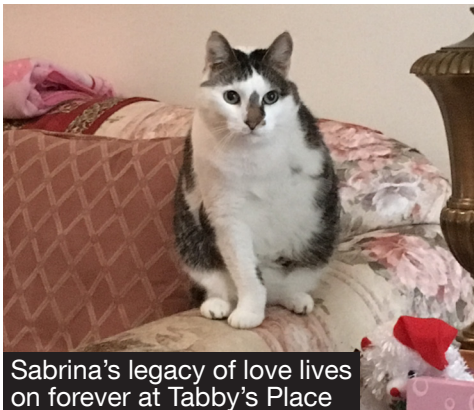


Your generosity will snuggle the next Sybil in safety

## Profiles in Wonderful: Norma & Rick Edom

When something lasts for the long haul, they say it "has legs." Sometimes, three is enough.

Little orphan Sabrina was critically



Sabrina's legacy of love lives on forever at Tabby's Place

injured in a construction zone. She lost a front leg, but the Linda Fund built her a bright new future.

We knew Norma and Rick Edom were beautiful people when they adopted Sabrina, but we had just begun to glimpse the size of their hearts.

We would soon learn of their devotion to cats with disabilities, blind cats, and especially elderly cats who have been discarded. They joined our family of volunteers, and Tabby's Place has never been the same.

When the Edoms are part of your life, the whole world is warmer and more hopeful, whether you're feline or

human.

The Edoms are so devoted to our

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The Edoms are beacons of hope for every Tabby's Place cat

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cats, they lavish them with love as [Linda Fund](#) Benefactors each summer. Their selfless generosity helps build the matching pool that will [double your donation today](#).

When asked why they give so generously, Norma explains, “Tabby’s

Place’s mission is everything we believe in. ... Rick and I want all cats to be given everything they deserve.” Besides, “Tabby’s Place brought me Sabrina, my sweet tripod kitty. She will always have a special place in my heart.”

The love Sabrina shared with Rick

and Norma certainly “had legs.” Her legacy lives on as they care for Special Needs cats like [Boobalah](#) (who they sponsor).

If you, too, have a heart for the most vulnerable cats, [please give to the Linda Fund](#). The next Sabrina is counting on all of us. **AT**

## LINDA FUND CHAMPION: Harriet

What do you see when you look at Harriet?

Do you see a cat weathered by time, shaggy and haggard?

Do you see an ocean of need behind cloudy eyes?

Or do you see a friend and a



Harriet was discarded at age sixteen

soulmate, all the sweeter for being age sixteen?

Your kind eyes are the only reason Harriet will see tomorrow.

Cast outside in her golden years, Harriet had every reason to feel tarnished. But the geriatric glamour cat carried herself with strength and dignity ... until the day she could go no further. She suffered a fractured pelvis and could no longer scramble for shelter. Her temperature plunged, and hypoglycemia rattled her body.

But soon, she would feel something she had long forgotten: kind, gentle hands. Before she knew what was happening, Harriet was warm and dry. Strangers doted on her like a queen.

But there were miles to go before Harriet could reign in peace. She would need emergency surgery and lengthy rehabilitation. It’s a lot to ask for a cat of sixteen ... unless you know that love’s answer is always “yes.”

You said “yes” before you ever saw

Harriet. Your [Linda Fund donations](#) turned into comforting kisses ... and a surgeon’s skilled hands. Your love looked ahead to the day Harriet would need you. Today, Harriet flourishes in a smitten home of her own.

Can you glimpse the cats who will cry for us in the year ahead? [Please give to the Linda Fund](#) today. We will see their faces sooner than we know.

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But thanks to you, her golden years will shine as brightly as love

## LINDA FUND CHAMPION: Charles

by Dr. Laura Collins, Veterinarian

This summer, the Linda Fund helped to treat our cherished Charles for a disease that was once inevitably fatal: FIP.

Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) is a viral disease caused by feline enteric coronavirus (FeCV). As many as 50-90% of cats test positive for FeCV-specific antibodies (including big cats in zoos). The virus is shed in saliva and feces and spreads easily through close contact. About 90% of infected cats will be asymptomatic or have mild bouts of diarrhea or upper respiratory signs. In the remaining 10%, however,

the coronavirus mutates into the much more serious FIP.

Early [symptoms](#) of FIP are notoriously vague, including lethargy and fluctuating fever. After several days to a few weeks, cats may display signs of either “wet” FIP (including fluid accumulation in the abdomen or chest cavity), or “dry” FIP (which may cause inflammation in one or more organs, or such ocular signs as swollen third eyelids). Untreated, cats [typically succumb](#) to the disease within days to months.

Until a few years ago, there was no treatment for FIP, and it was uniformly fatal. But in 2022, a treatment became available in Australia and the U.K., bringing the survival rate to 86% - and up to 96% if the cat survived the first 2

days!

In June 2024, this almost miraculous medication, called [GS-441524](#), became available in the United

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Charles developed FIP earlier this summer.



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States. Around the same time, our own Charles developed “wet” FIP.

Charles was noted to be losing weight and acting lethargic. On physical examination, his abdomen seemed distended, and he had a fever. Charles is also infected with feline leukemia virus (FeLV), and he was fading fast.

We rushed him to the emergency vet for intensive care, and to begin the treatment. Time was of the essence, since some cats succumb to FIP before the medication can take effect. But 24

hours after his first pill, sweet Charles was fever free and eating!

FIP has gone from a disease that I dreaded diagnosing, to a disease that I can cure in the vast majority of cases.

Tragically, gentle Charles developed lymphoma, unrelated to FIP, later this summer. We treasured every day with our little marmalade king, grateful that this new FIP treatment bought him one last summer of health and happiness.



Thanks to your generosity, Charles did not have to suffer the ravages of FIP

## Forever Loved: Antin

Jonathan Rosenberg, Founder & Executive Director

When I first laid eyes on Antin, I saw a large, handsome tuxedo, eager for attention ... and, paralyzed. Within 10 seconds, my heart had developed a crack, and a flood of poignant tenderness overcame me. I wanted nothing more than for him to be happy.

And, he was happy, despite the awkward, and fixed, positioning of his rear legs. We never determined

the reason for his paralysis, but it caused him constant problems, as he developed sores on his legs as he dragged himself around..

Antin never complained, but we spent many hours attempting to alleviate the sores. Nothing worked well, but everything helped for a time. He wanted nothing more than some human attention. Fortunately, he was in the Lobby, where affection was abundant.

As we monitored Antin, we could see that something besides paralysis was involved. He developed proctitis<sup>1</sup>, and his rear legs were becoming muscle wasted. We have had many paraplegic cats, but this was new to us. Even our best specialist vets could not find a cause, or a way to stop the progression.

While Antin remained happy, the crack in my heart widened, with a yearning beyond words.

Eventually, Antin’s conditions worsened to the point where we knew it was time to let him go. I was out of town and couldn’t be with him during his last moments on earth. This added



Antin

to my heartbreak.

I was comforted knowing that he was cherished and left peacefully. But the crack in my heart will never heal. I still see him looking expectantly out of his carrier when he first arrived. I hope he knew how much he was loved.

*Antin’s struggles were eased by the care of specialists, thanks to the Linda Fund. If Antin has touched your heart, please consider a gift today, which will be doubled. Thank you.*

<sup>1</sup>Proctitis is inflammation of the rectum, which can be quite painful.



Antin changed us all for the better, forever

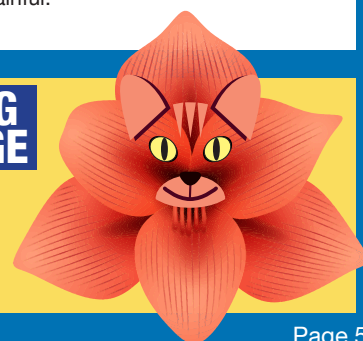


# The Linda Fund

**MATCHING CHALLENGE**

**NOW THROUGH 9/30,  
YOUR GIFT WILL BE DOUBLED!**

(Up to \$160,000)



## LINDA FUND CHAMPION: Cassie

A plump patchwork duchess, Cassie arrived with pride and optimism. She sashayed through her days with affection (and opinions) ... until the sashaying suddenly stopped.

Cassie suffered from luxating patellas, a painful condition that causes



All Cassie wanted was a sweet life free from pain

suffering with every step. Surgery would set Cassie free from agony ... at a cost.

But when someone you love is aching, you run to their side, no questions asked. And that's exactly what you did, by giving to the Linda Fund.

Last year's Linda Fund provided for Cassie's surgery. The enchanting cat prevailed over pain, once and for all.

Or so we thought.

Once she recovered, Cassie was adopted, only to be returned by no fault of her own. Cassie was not discouraged by this disappointment ... but soon, she was staggering in pain again. Her patellas had re-luxated.

The only cure would be surgery number two. Some might say it was "just too much."

But at Tabby's Place, no need can outrun love. Cassie deserved to thrive, so the Linda Fund would make



Cassie is utterly adored in her forever home

an encore. This time, the surgery was successful.

Today, Cassie is adored by an adopter who calls her a kindred spirit. Pain is ancient history.

And all because you gave from your heart.

Your Linda Fund gift will free the next Cassie from pain. Please make your stitch in love's beautiful quilt today. **AT**

## Happy Endings: Farva

Scarcely larger than a scrap of licorice, the kitten staggered alone. He'd lost his eye to infection and his mother to the callous wilds. A seizure disorder kept hurling him to the ground, where he thrashed helplessly. Though he still had the gumption to keep looking up, his horizon was grim.



Farva has stolen the hearts of every living creature he meets, including his 'sister' Gemma

But at Tabby's Place, he was a sight for sore eyes. We called the brave boy "Farva," meaning "wise one" in Persian ... but no one could have guessed how fitting his name would be.

Seizures punctuated Farva's day, but nothing could eclipse his exuberance. Beaming behind one bright eye, he made it his mission to make everyone feel loved.

Thanks to the Linda Fund, Farva made the journey to a world-class veterinary neurologist, who gave him a treatment plan, and the hope of a future.

The best was yet to come. A visiting vet tech declared Farva "perfect" and brought him home. She shares, "He loves every animal, big and small, and has become my most special tool in socializing foster kittens. He and our dog, Gemma, work side-by-side."

The once-forgotten stray has remembered the most essential thing: nothing is more lifesaving than being loved exactly as you are.

Will you gaze upon the next Farva with eyes of love? Imagine what your Linda Fund donation will do for a precious cat ... and all the lives he will touch. **AT**



Once frail and forgotten, Farva now helps to raise foster kittens in his forever home



# The Thomas Society

by Lisa Lauria, Development Coordinator

Your Linda Fund donation will save precious lives today ... and your legacy can deliver love for decades to come.

When you remember Tabby's Place in your will, you make a lasting impact on the cats who need you most. Your estate is a powerful statement about

who you are ... and the kind of world you want to leave for the ones you love.

Tabby's Place invites you to join the Thomas Society, a special group of compassionate cat lovers who have included Tabby's Place in their estate plans.

Today, we celebrate the founding members of the Thomas Society (listed below). Will you join them, and make your own promise of lasting love?

For more information on the Thomas Society or including Tabby's Place in your will, please reach out to Lisa Lauria, our Development Coordinator, at [LL@tabbysplace.org](mailto:LL@tabbysplace.org), or visit our website: [www.tabbysplace.org/the-thomas-society/](http://www.tabbysplace.org/the-thomas-society/). If you already have included Tabby's Place in your plans, please let us know.



**The Thomas Society** is named for the very first resident of Tabby's Place. Thomas was infected with feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) and had nowhere to turn, but he went on to be adopted and adored.



Allison Hunt with Crinkle Bob

*"Belonging to The Thomas Society holds immense significance for me. This contribution will mark my final gesture of support towards the cats and the organization." - Allison Hunt*

## The Thomas Society

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Leslie Bobik	Johanna Hantel	Karen A. Rockoff
Gereld & Linda Boffa	Allison Hunt	Marlyn Rothstein
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Donald Gutfreund & Anthony Baczyk	Arthur Massei	Walt & Anne Winter
Howard Haber & Felicia Ladin	Kathi & Kim Miller	

***Thank you for remembering the cats in your legacy of love!***