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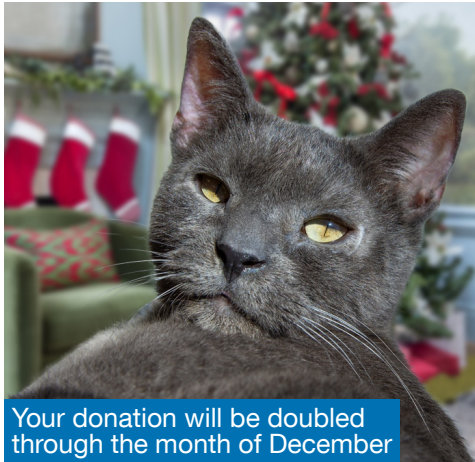


New Beginnings: Salami

Angela Townsend, Development Director

Life was not delicious for the sweet cat with the salty tears.

Sandwiched between sorrows, Salami clung to hope. Not only was the delicate boy born in a colony of over fifty cats, but sickness was spreading.



Your donation will be doubled through the month of December

Yet the tiny cat with the olive-green eyes kept looking up. Even as feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) ravaged his body, Salami believed there might still be a miracle with his name on it.

Tabby's Place arrived just in time, on an unprecedented rescue mission. But if there would be any hope for Salami, he would need a costly, meticulous 84-day protocol of cutting-edge antivirals.

Thanks to you, Tabby's Place could save Salami. Your generosity funded our monumental rescue of the colony cats, as well as the tender care each survivor needed. Today, Salami can taste and see that life is sweet when love is unconditional.

If your heart goes out to cats like Salami, this is your moment to help.



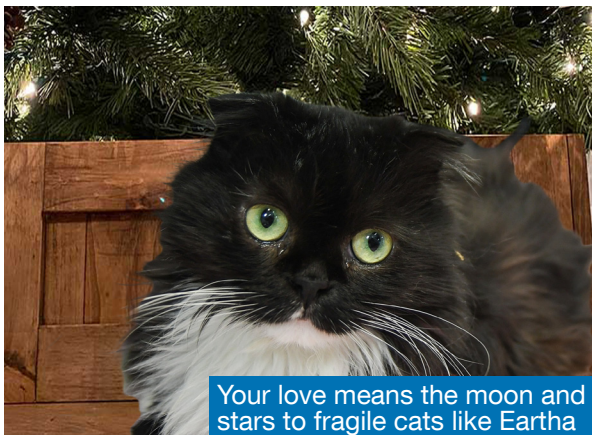
Once desperately ill, today Salami is thriving and adored

Now through 12/31, your donation will be doubled. Please wrap lonely cats in your life-saving love.

Peace on Earth(a) ... Because of You!

Our world is a fearsome place for a trembling cat ... but your love is not of this world.

Not only had Eartha been abandoned ... but her own body made the planet shake. The innocent girl with the crinkled ears suffered a rare seizure disorder. Helpless and bewildered, she



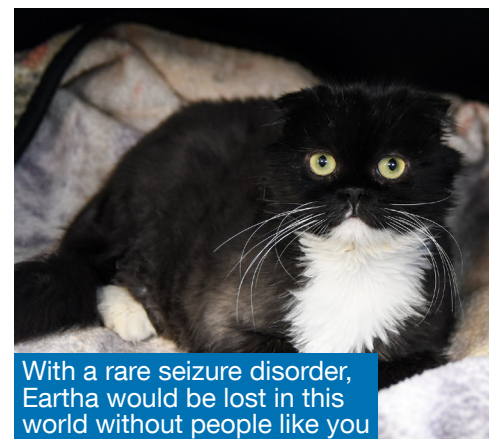
Your love means the moon and stars to fragile cats like Eartha

tumbled to the ground again and again.

But thanks to you, there is a "home planet" for little ones like Eartha. Tabby's Place is a haven for desperate cats. Forgotten no more, Eartha became the center of our universe. Our vet team customized a treatment plan to keep Eartha safe and minimize her seizures. Cozy in our Community Room, Eartha knows she is one of the best-loved cats in the world.

If you love cats like Eartha, you have a special chance to change their world. Now through 12/31, your donation will be doubled. You can

be the solid ground beneath their trembling paws. [AT](#)



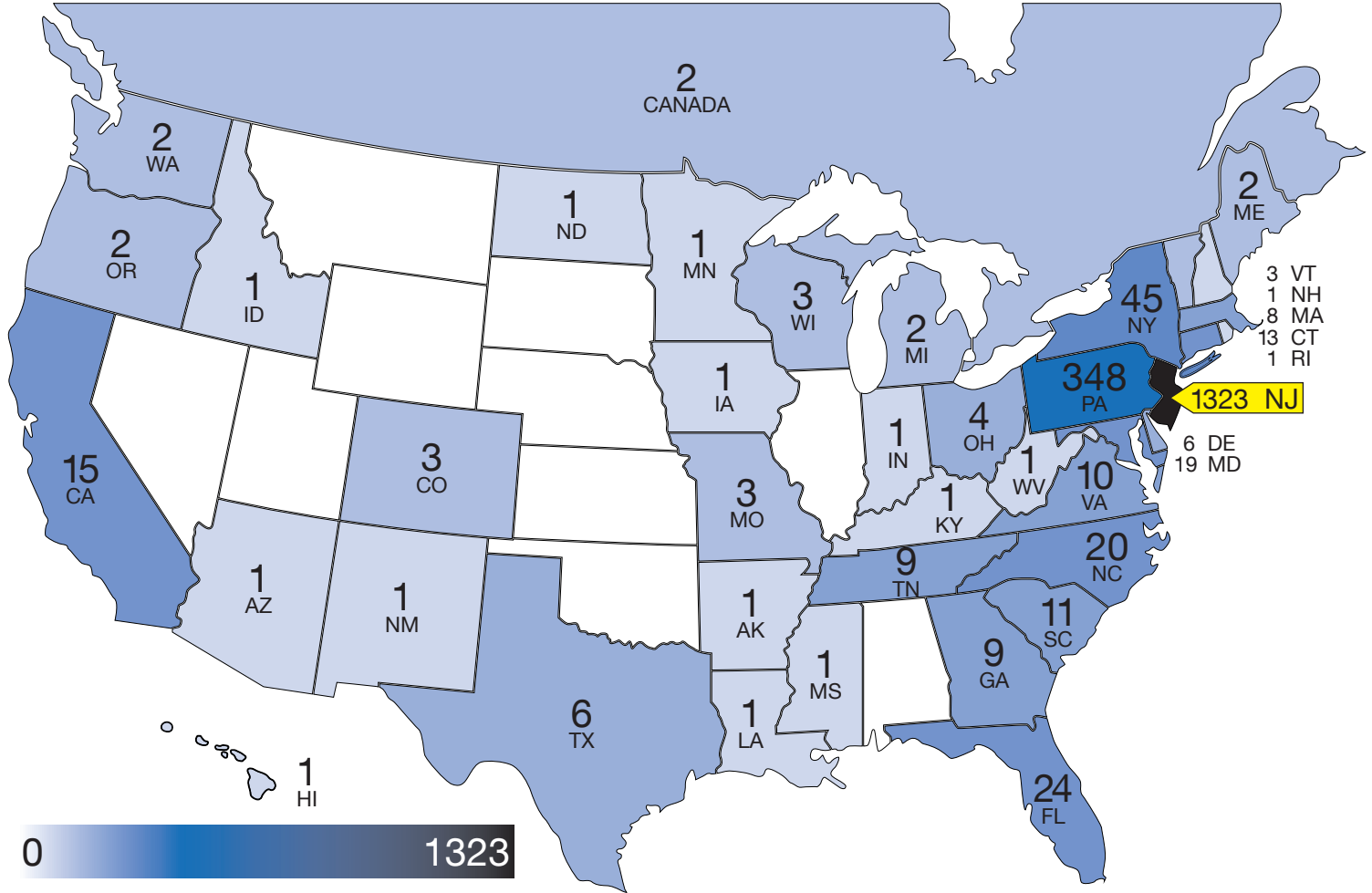
With a rare seizure disorder, Eartha would be lost in this world without people like you

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Alumni Everywhere

Tabby's Place is located in a sleepy New Jersey town where horses outnumber humans. But our cats cover the country, in forever homes from Appalachia to the Big Apple. Check out where our alumni will be celebrating this holiday season:

Handsome Pierre (who is FIV+ and FeLV+) thrives in his forever home in Los Angeles



Our Favorite Elves: The Lemonade Boys

If life gives you lemons, make lemonade. But if life gives you love, make the world a sweeter place.

Three big-hearted brothers faced a dilemma. Dylan, Tyler, and Pierce bubbled over with compassion for cats. But they could not adopt them all (although they did adopt two!).

What to do? They put on their thinking caps and filled their pitchers.

Their lemonade stand was a stunning success, as the boys' compassion inspired the whole neighborhood. Soon, "The Lemonade Boys" took the show on the road, setting up shop on vacation. As they served up refreshment, they poured out stories, becoming three of the cats' best ambassadors.

As we enter hot cocoa season, the Lemonade Boys are dreaming of summer 2025. Their labors of love have

saved countless cats' lives, and our cup overflows with gratitude.

If you know a young person finding

creative ways to help our cats, please [let us know](#). We'd be thrilled to feature them in a future newsletter. [AT](#)

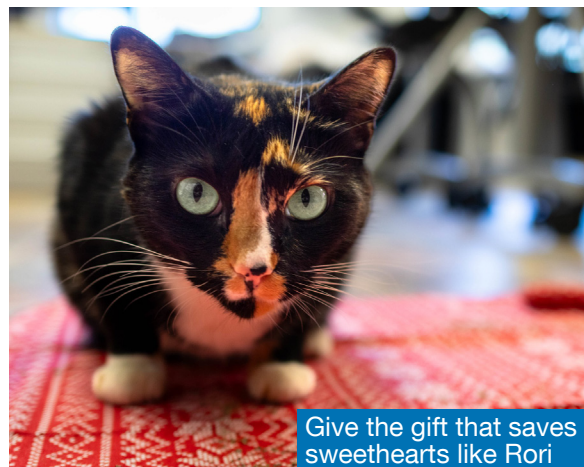


Tabby's Place's life-saving Lemonade Boys

 **YOUR DONATION DOUBLED!** NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST

For Your Shining Stars: Gifts in Honor & Memory

What if you made this *the year*? After too many trinkets and gift cards, you can start a new tradition.



Give the gift that saves sweethearts like Rori

Donate in your loved one's name, and you'll nurture a cat who never had a name of her own. Save a trip to the mall and save an innocent life.

Give the present that gives a frail cat the chance to be *present* in 2025 and beyond. When you give \$25 or more to Tabby's Place, we'll send a keepsake card with your personal message. If your loved ones are as compassionate as you are, their eyes will fill with light as they realize what you've done.

And cats like Rori love last-minute shoppers! If you find



Honor your loved one and ring bells of hope for cats like elderly Bella

yourself in a pickle on December 24th, we'll deliver your e-card within minutes. [Click here](#) to begin a new tradition ... and give a cat a new beginning. [AT](#)

Too Festive for FIP

Not even Santa Claus could save Baby Yoda. Only one force was great enough to put the crumbling ginger cat back together.

Suffering from FIP (feline infectious peritonitis), Baby Yoda was fading fast. But the love was strong with this one:



The love is strong with this one ... and Baby Yoda is still here today because you gave

Baby Yoda was a Tabby's Place cat.

The moment he came in from the cold, he heard our carol: *little one, you will have everything you need to thrive, no matter what.*

There was a new hope ... for a price.

Coronavirus researchers discovered that FIP can be cured with antivirals. To save Baby Yoda from his devastating disease, we would need to commit to a painstaking, costly 12-week protocol. If we were lax in any way, the FIP could strike back.

It was time to "do, or do not; there is no try."

And this holiday season, it's the return of Baby Yoda.

If you've donated to Tabby's Place in the past year, you helped to save Baby Yoda, Salami (see page 1) and



Your donation today will save the next Baby Yoda.

several other FIP survivors! Please give today, while your donation will be matched. Put your love in full force for the innocent, "impossible" cats who will need us next. [AT](#)

Forever Loved: Tucker

by Jonathan Rosenberg, Founder & Executive Director

"You would not cry if you knew that by looking deeply into the rain you would still see the cloud."

- Thich Nhat Hanh, No Death, No Fear: Comforting Wisdom for Life

I love this quote from a famous Zen Buddhist Monk (who, sadly, died within the last year). And I love the idea it suggests. Does it help me face loss better? To be honest, I'm not sure.

It is true that I still "see" Tucker whenever I pass Suite G and look through the glass. He was a



Tucker savored the sunbeams in his solarium

magnificent presence, perched high on one of the pillars: a burly, black and white cat with an ear tip, looking proud and strong.

Tucker was one of our first FeLV+ residents. He arrived with GI lymphoma accompanying his FeLV+ status. Our original "plan" was not to provide extensive treatment for FeLV+ cats with serious diseases, as their weakened immune systems made a happy outcome unlikely.

But, Tucker was "extra spicy" in the face of his diseases, so we decided to give chemotherapy a try. While cats generally tolerate chemotherapy much better than humans, Tucker astonished us. Despite his "weakened" state, he had to be sedated to administer the drugs. And, he appeared to grow stronger with each treatment.

When his treatment ended, he was a hulk and was happy to engage in wrestling matches with his large roommate, Oram. It was incredible to witness. As usual, my mind told me he would live forever. How could any being filled with so much life possibly



Majestic Tucker's memory lives on forever

succumb to death?

But, of course, I was fooled again. After two years, his lymphoma reappeared and advanced quickly. I think the rapid progress was for the best. Tucker lived his life to the fullest until the last moment.

I have been through this many times, but it still felt like a (horrible) dream as we let him go peacefully. I'm not sure it makes it easier to bear, but I look for him each time I pass his room. Indeed, I do look deeply. I miss him every day.



All-Season Snowball

With a heart as sweet as a macaroon, Coconut deserved only comfort and joy. But as she purred in the palm of your hand, her tiny tummy



When you give, 'impossible' cats like Coconut can thrive

was in agony, and she had the liver values of an elderly cat.

Saving Coconut would be no cake walk. But loving cats like Coconut is the joy of our world at Tabby's Place. It was time to deck the halls with devotion.

Thanks to your donations throughout the year, Coconut's gifts came down the chimney in her hour of need. We worked with world-class specialists, who created a custom treatment plan for Coconut's anomalous condition.

Today, Earth's sweetest snowball looks forward to a warm, wonderful life. Thank you for making this



Please donate while your gift will be doubled

possible. Please help us cherish the next Coconut, and have your donation doubled today. [AT](#)

Heroic Horses: Breyer Gallops to the Rescue

Breyer promises "a horse of your very own" ... and beautiful Breyer horses are our cats' very own heroes.



A Horse Of My Very Own™

Tabby's Place is thrilled to announce that Breyer Horses has given our cats a life-saving grant. The world's preeminent brand of horse models and collectibles is helping us jump every obstacle for cats like Advanced Needs "thoroughbred" Trifecta.

Trifecta's triple crown of diabetes, feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), and feline leukemia virus (FeLV) left him with no safe "stable" in the world. But

thanks to Breyer Horses, cats like Trifecta thrive with dignity and respect at Tabby's Place.

Cherished since 1946, Breyer brings joy to all ages. And now, so does Trifecta, who travels to libraries and nursing homes as a certified therapy cat!

We're incredibly grateful to the



Cats like Trifecta are thriving thanks to Breyer Horses

Clydesdales of compassion at Breyer Horses. [AT](#)

Love Lives Forever: The Memorial Walkway

This can be a bittersweet season for many of us. While the merry world



Remember your loved one by saving frail friends like Vaughn

hustle-bustles, we grieve the empty chair, or the catnip toy that is chased no more.

If the holidays find you yearning for a meaningful way to honor someone you have lost, we are offering a special opportunity. Now through December 31st, pavers on the Tabby's Place Memorial Walkway are \$250, reduced from the usual \$500.

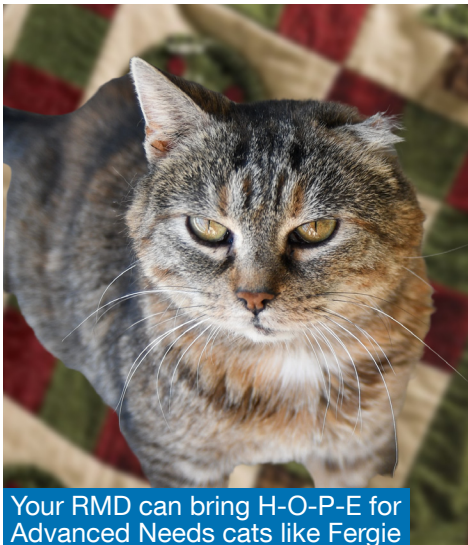
The Memorial Walkway leads to Cherry's Garden, a quiet oasis of comfort. This is where the Tabby's Place staff and volunteers mourn



our own lost loved ones. We will be with you in solidarity and love – and so will the cats who gaze out from their solariums, thriving because you gave.

[Click here](#) or [contact Angela](#) to make your special donation. We would be honored to celebrate someone you have loved, and to carry their light forward at Tabby's Place. [AT](#)

You Are Required To ... Rejoice? RMDs and QCDs



Your RMD can bring H-O-P-E for Advanced Needs cats like Fergie

If you've reached the fabulous age of 72 years (or 73 if you reached 72 after 12/31/22), you are obligated to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA account.

You can choose to designate your RMD a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to Tabby's Place, avoiding taxes and saving innocent lives all at once. As a registered 501(c)3 charity (tax ID 22-3695520), Tabby's Place can gratefully receive your QCD ... and every dollar will save sugar plums like Anka.

Please be an angel for the cats before the end of this year, so your gift will be doubled. [AT](#)



Tenderhearted cats like Anka are counting on you

The Abominable Adorable Snowman

It's hard to come home for the holidays when you don't know if "home" will be there tomorrow. But one shy snowman – and his many cousins, uncles, and neighbors – are savoring the sweetest season of their lives.

Humble little Hummus was just one cat in a sprawling colony. The future of the property was uncertain, and sickness spread like snow. At most shelters, these timid cats would be doomed by the label "unadoptable."

But at Tabby's Place, no cat's needs are too "abominable." Hummus and his extended family would become the stars on our tree.

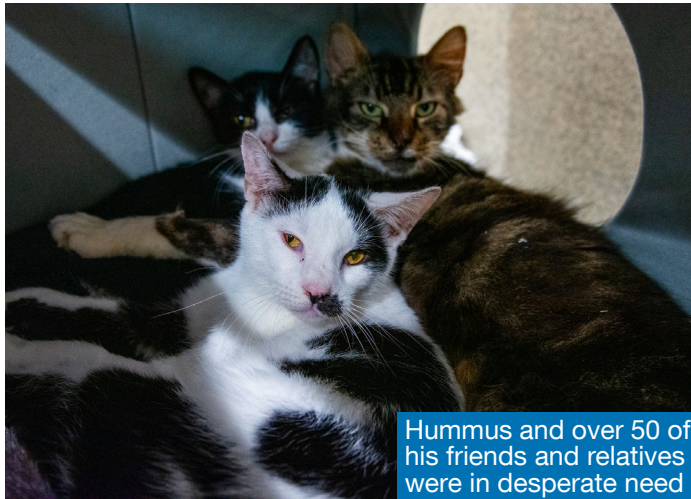
Rescuing over fifty cats is quite an

odyssey, and there were sleepless nights and ragged days. Our vet staff nursed the sickly back to health, while our behavior team created "socialization suites" where our newcomers could learn how much they are adored.

The cats comforted each other, cuddling in a patchwork quilt of tails

and trust. One by one, they lowered their guard. At last, their weary world rejoiced.

And this December, one adorable snowman is cozy in a home all his own. Both Hummus and Salami (featured on page 1) were adopted by staff member Claudia. [AT](#)



Hummus and over 50 of his friends and relatives were in desperate need



But when you give, new life begins for these innocent friends

Your Stock Can Save Lives

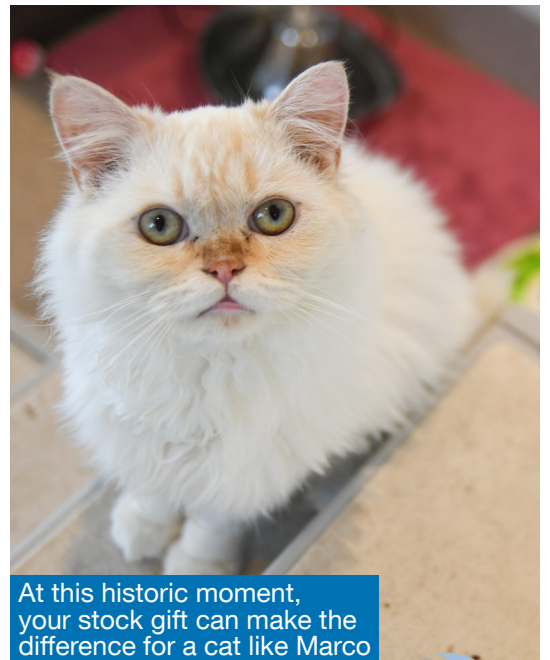
In these uncertain times, you yearn to do more for the cats. And you may have the means to make a major impact right now.

Tabby's Place gratefully accepts gifts of stock, which turn into life-saving care for cats like Marco. Abandoned in war-torn Beirut, Marco suffered a severe liver shunt. Without surgery and intensive care, this affectionate boy would never live to give all the love in his heart.

But thanks to people like you, Tabby's Place can say "yes" to cats like Marco ... and today, he's on his way to a full recovery.

Stock donations help save the most fragile cats, while also benefiting you. By giving appreciated stock, you avoid federal (and possibly state) income taxes on capital gains from the distribution. You'll be able to give more, at no cost to you.

Your stock donation is an investment in what matters most: life and love. Please make the most of this moment and contact Development Director Angela Townsend at at@tabbysplace.org or 908-237-5300 ext. 235 for details on how to make your beautiful gift.



At this historic moment, your stock gift can make the difference for a cat like Marco

Happy Endings: Amaryllis

The amaryllis is one of the tallest flowers, associated with strength, dignity, and determination. The word



Your donation will be matched for the next magnificent Amaryllis

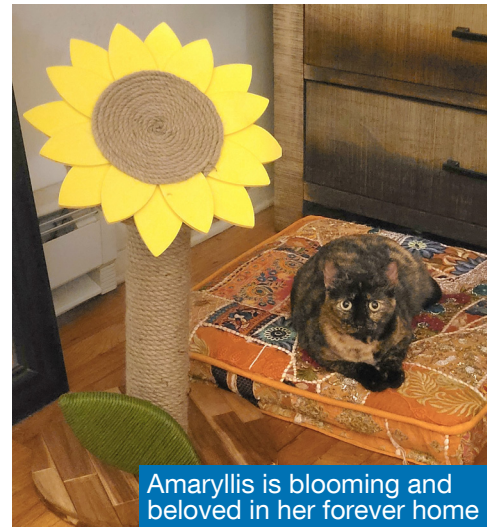
“Amaryllis” comes from the Greek word for “to sparkle.”

The cat, on the other hand, was too broken to stand. Shattered by a speeding car, she struggled to keep the light on in her eyes.

But love sees miracles invisible to the eye. And when you see a cat like Amaryllis, you see a sweet future in the bulb of a sad present.

Thanks to you, Tabby's Place was ready for Amaryllis. We did not see a broken tortoiseshell, but a friend with her full life ahead. Amaryllis embraced her new name, astounding the emergency room with her courage. Soon, the brave blossom rose to her full height on three legs. Her body was healed, and her soul felt its worth.

Today, the unwanted, impossible cat is the heart of her forever home. Amaryllis has found the garden that



Amaryllis is blooming and beloved in her forever home

blooms all year, where unconditional love knows her by name.

It's all possible because of you.

Can you imagine the cats who will turn to us in 2025?

If you see them with the eyes of your heart, please give as generously as you can. Your gift will be doubled ... and the best is yet to come. [AT](#)

Happy Holidays!

From all of us at
Tabby's Place



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