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2024:
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At Cat Depot, every cat purr, slow blink, and head butt reminds us of the incredible impact you have on our furry friends! We can't begin to thank you enough for your generous support over the last year. It is because of your unwavering support, we're able to continue our lifesaving mission, facilitating joyful adoptions, providing essential veterinary care, and offering community support and educational programs that make a heartfelt difference in the lives of cats and the people who love them.

Your commitment today means that more cats and kittens will find loving homes, receive the care they need, and bring happiness to families throughout our community in the coming year. Together, we're creating a brighter future for our feline friends, one paw at a time.

**With heartfelt gratitude,
Cat Depot's Board of Directors and Staff**

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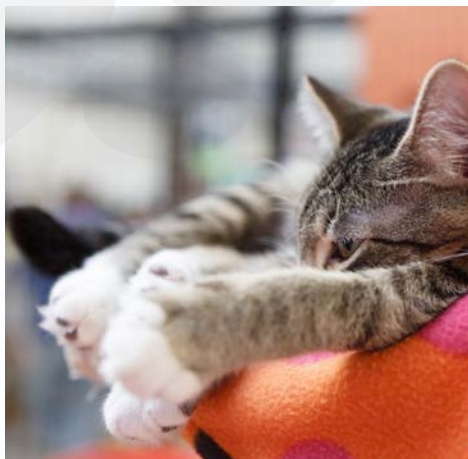
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Cat Depot's mission is to save lives, find loving homes, and provide resources and education to improve the destiny of homeless cats.



SON



A Purr-fect Match

John Fraunfelter, Development Specialist

We first met Son when he came into Cat Depot as a neighborhood cat via our Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return program. He was later brought in by his caretaker with a severe leg injury. Dr. Cunningham, our Medical Director, decided an amputation was necessary – meaning Son would no longer be able to live outdoors. Son's caretaker could not keep him as a housecat, and he was relinquished to Cat Depot in late April.

Under the care of our Shelter Hospital, we also found that Son was FIV-positive. Despite his weakened immune system, he quickly recovered from the leg amputation and retained his loving, gentle spirit. Son became available for adoption at the end of May. Though initially shy, Son warmed up to our Cat Depot staff as an affectionate and photogenic feline.

Samuel Green, a local retired Army Veteran, had adopted a pair of FIV-positive cats from us in the winter of 2023. Having suffered a limb injury in the service, he especially connected with Son's story. Green knew he wanted to adopt Son before even meeting him. On July 22, Son arrived at his forever home to settle in with his Cat Depot adoptee brothers – Mr. Grey and Capone.

According to Samuel, Son is "one of the nicest cats [he's] ever seen." Son quickly acclimated to his new home and is loved by Mr. Grey and Capone. Son and Samuel Green's story highlights the deeply personal connections forged between senior cats and their adopters. Your support of our Seniors-to-Seniors program makes stories like this a reality.



Scan the QR code to learn more about our Seniors-to-Seniors program!

The Seniors-to-Seniors program is sponsored in part by Pets for the Elderly.

Emergency Rescue:

In addition to experiencing some of the worst weather-related emergencies in recent memory, Cat Depot was called upon to assist with several devastating hoarding cases. It is because of your support that we can be there for animals and our community in times of need. Read on to learn more about some of our 2024 rescues and how your support impacted their success.



CAT DEPOT GOES TO THE DOGS

Following Hurricane Debby, Hamilton County Animal Control responded to a call for assistance. Upon arrival, they found 20 dogs needing immediate help. Their elderly owner had fallen gravely ill and needed to be taken to a medical center for treatment leaving the dogs with no one to care for them. State emergency responders knew that Cat Depot had a perfect location to temporarily house the dogs while they underwent their initial medical exams and behavioral assessments.

Your support provided over \$13,000 and five van loads of supplies to assist with the dogs' two week stay at Cat Depot.

Each of the dogs has now been transferred to one of our statewide shelter partners where in addition to being spay/neutered they all have found forever homes.

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POLK COUNTY

Cat Depot kicked off its new year of rescue efforts by taking in 34 cats from two separate hoarding cases in Polk County. Every cat that arrived was ill and battling skin and eye issues as well as upper respiratory infections. Due to the nature of their previous living conditions, one of the kitties had tested positive for panleukopenia making their medical care all the more challenging. We were fortunate to be able to provide aid during their time of need and found forever homes for all 34 thanks to you!

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HURRICANE HELENE

Following the aftermath of Hurricane Helene's catastrophic landfall, Cat Depot took in an unowned group of cats from Franklin County Humane Society. Cat Depot's shelter staff provided around-the-clock medical and behavioral care until the felines were made available for adoption in the following weeks. Thanks to our staff and supporter's unwavering dedication, each cat has found its forever loving home!

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CAT DEPOT'S TNVR PROGRAM

John Fraunfelter, Development Specialist



Cat Depot's Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) program is vital to our larger Community Cats Program. This programming is designed to humanely manage and stabilize the population of free-roaming and feral cats. This program addresses the root cause of overpopulation by preventing unwanted litters while improving outdoor cats' overall health and quality of life. TNVR begins with the humane trapping of cats, who are then spayed or neutered, vaccinated against feline viruses, and microchipped before being returned to their original outdoor homes. This approach reduces population growth, minimizes the spread of disease, fosters healthier colonies, and enhances coexistence between cats and their communities.

In 2024, the impact of Cat Depot's TNVR has grown significantly, with treatments increasing by 125% year-to-date. By the end of the year, we are projected to complete over 300 TNVR procedures, marking a substantial milestone in the program's growth and success. This program is very important to Florida communities that lack seasonal winter freeze. In these warmer climates, outdoor cats can reproduce continuously throughout the year. The ultimate goal of TNVR is to achieve a plateau and eventual decline in the number of procedures performed. This would indicate that local cat populations have stabilized, meaning colonies are no longer reproducing unchecked. Caretakers' anecdotal reports on colony sizes are key in tracking progress and assessing the program's overall effectiveness.

As part of our Community Cats Program, TNVR works alongside initiatives like our Food Bank, which provides essential resources to caretakers, and the Working Cat Program, which offers non-traditional adoption opportunities for outdoor cats. Together, these efforts create a comprehensive, compassionate strategy for managing outdoor cat populations. By improving individual cats' well-being and their colonies' sustainability, Cat Depot's TNVR program represents a crucial step toward creating healthier environments for both cats and communities.



Cat Depot's Food Bank

John Fraunfelter, Development Specialist

Our Food Bank Program is a compassionate initiative to support cat owners facing financial hardships by providing essential pet food and supplies. Understanding that economic challenges can strain the ability to care for pets, the program ensures that cats remain in loving homes rather than being surrendered due to resource constraints.

By alleviating the financial burden of feeding their pets, Cat Depot empowers owners to focus on their well-being while maintaining a bond with their feline companions.

Additionally, the Food Bank is an outreach tool, connecting pet owners with valuable resources like low-cost spay/neuter services, vaccinations, and wellness education. Through this initiative, Cat Depot upholds its mission of fostering compassion and ensuring the welfare of cats, promoting both animal and human happiness.

Open to qualified individuals and families, the program offers high-quality cat food, treats, and sometimes even litter, thanks to the generosity of community donors and partnerships with local businesses. With your support, we can continue to help feed the cats and kittens in Sarasota-Manatee counties!

100,900+
THOUSAND

CATS FED
SINCE 2014



Personal Cats:
27,438



Community / Colony Cats:
72,241



Colonies:
1,224

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FOOD
PROVIDED SINCE 2014



207,384
pounds



115,792
cans

Scan the QR code
for information on
ways to donate
and support Cat
Depot's Food Bank



WHAT YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS



Together, we've made a remarkable impact in 2024, finding loving homes for nearly 1,100 cats and kittens, and touching the lives of thousands more! Achieving our lifesaving mission wouldn't be possible without your help, time, and generosity.

Over the years, our ability to transform the lives of countless feline friends has expanded, and with that so has our financial responsibility. The cost of food, supplies, and quality care have risen significantly since we first started this journey twenty plus years ago.

We ask that you once again join us in supporting our mission to provide for those who need us most. Together, we can ensure a brighter future for cats and the people who love them.

\$25 — One Intake Exam for an Adult Cat (Vaccines, Dewormer, & Microchip)

\$50 — One Month of Food & Ongoing Care for a Shelter Cat

\$100 — One Year of Food for a Community/Colony Cat

\$250 — One Kitten Intake (Vaccines, Microchip, Foster Supplies, & Spay/Neuter)

\$500 — One Senior Cat Intake (Vaccines, Microchip, Bloodwork, & Ongoing Care)

WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISH

Kim Bull, Adoption Counselor



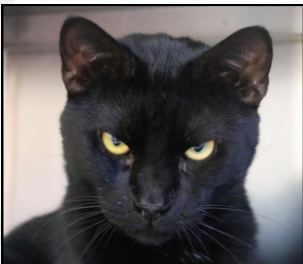
Freya, 13-years-old

Diagnosed with hyperthyroidism one year ago, Freya received the best care while at Cat Depot all thanks to your support. She underwent a series of tests before being sent for radiation treatments to a local Veterinary specialist. Thanks to the excellent care she received and your support, she's now feeling fantastic and loving life in her new home!

Noir arrived at the Shelter with a serious neck wound, but thanks to the tireless care of our medical team, he's made a full recovery supported by your gifts. His treatments even included laser therapy! His healing journey was a bit slower due to his FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) diagnosis, but with perseverance and love, Noir thrived. In June, he was adopted after being featured as ABC 7's Pet of the Week. Now, Noir is living his best life in a loving home, enjoying his well-deserved happiness and comfort.



Noir, 8-years-old



Panther, 4-years-old

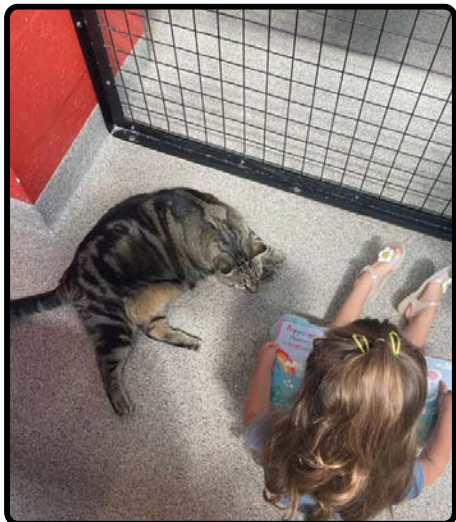
Panther may have had a rough start, bouncing between several homes due to moves and other circumstances, but despite it all, he remained the sweetest cat. He faced numerous medical challenges, including ongoing UTIs, multiple tests, and treatments, including laser therapy, for a chronic pain condition called Feline Orofacial Pain Syndrome (FOPS). But Panther, thanks to your dedication, has found happiness in a forever home with his person, where he is now thriving and loved.

Humane Education

Ellie Levine, Humane Educator

Cuddling, learning, stretching, and creating – there are lots of ways to support your favorite all-cat rescue and adoption center! At Cat Depot, we're more than just an adoption center. We're your home for cat yoga, reading to cats, making art with cats, learning about cats, and kitty cuddles with seniors. If you love cats, there's a program for you! Let's explore some of the fun, sweet, imaginative, and educational opportunities Cat Depot offers.

Each month, Cat Depot offers two yoga classes – one for adults and one for families. The knowledgeable owner of Rosemary Court Yoga, Liana Bryant, teaches each class. Every class is different, from the stretches to the cats. Classes are very flexible – and not just for the muscles. All experience levels are welcome, even the novice yoga student. A kitty or two may help you learn new poses or lay on you and prevent you from doing much stretching. And there's no judgement if you only want to pet a cat.



Finding time for kids to do reading can be challenging with busy family schedules. Reading to Rescues is a great solution! Kids get to practice reading aloud and cats get to experience normal home activities. Not only does reading to animals help boost motivation in children, but it also helps rescue animals to feel more confident around humans. It's a win-win – kids discover a fun way to read, and cats get an opportunity to interact with humans in a new way.

Do you have a creative side? Do you like learning new skills? Do you like spending time with friends and making keepsakes? Try out one of the many art events we host at Cat Depot and around town!

Just about each month we have various art events where you can make anything from a painted ceramic item, painted wine glass, sun catcher, wood-based project, watercolor painting, and more. And of course a cat or two will accompany each class. Many of our art events are led by instructors from The Artful Giraffe or held at Board & Brush of Lakewood Ranch. And we're always adding new classes to our calendar!

At Cat Depot, we look for ways to support the community. One of our favorite ways is by bringing a cat or two to numerous nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and retirement communities. Our kitty cuddle sessions are absolutely precious! There are so many benefits to having an animal in your life – reducing blood pressure, lowering stress levels, increasing serotonin, and even lowering cholesterol! The benefits are even more important for those who may not be as active as they once were.

Scan the QR
code to see all
of our upcoming
events!



EVENTS

There is something for everyone at Cat Depot! Whether you are into physical health, creative outlets, family activities, or just holding a cat, we've got you covered! Try something new at Cat Depot, meet some fellow cat lovers, discover a new hobby or passion, all while supporting Cat Depot's life-saving mission.

Cat Depot's Supply & Gift Store

Sarasota's #1 Place to Shop for Cats & Cat Lovers!

Top name brands of
cat food, toys, gifts,
treats, and more at
low prices.

All proceeds from
retail sales benefit the
cats and kittens we
rescue each year!



Open Daily from
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Home for the Holidays

Kim Bull, Adoption Counselor

Meet Susie, a two-year-old little house panther. Our longest resident, our Meow Mayor, and first FeLV positive (Feline Leukemia) cat available for adoption at Cat Depot!

Susie is a sweet and resilient young lady who is ready to find her forever home. Despite facing the challenges of losing her previous home and some medical issues, Susie remains loving and full of spirit.

Feline leukemia causes a weakened immune system and can leave a cat susceptible to other illnesses and a shorter life span if they don't receive proper veterinary care and protection. But a little love goes a long way. FeLV+ cats who are kept indoors, receive consistent medical care, and eat nutritious diets can live long, fulfilling lives.

Susie is a loving, gentle soul who enjoys spending her days lounging on the desk of our Senior Director of Advancement and soaking up affection from everyone who visits her. Although Susie may require some extra attention, she's proven that with proper care and love, she can thrive.

While waiting for her forever home, Susie will continue to receive the care and love she deserves thanks to your support. This holiday season, Susie is hoping to find her forever home, where she can be surrounded by love and warmth. Could you be the one to give Susie the home she deserves?



SCAN TO BEGIN THE ADOPTION PROCESS!

Cat Depot's Cat Care Clinic

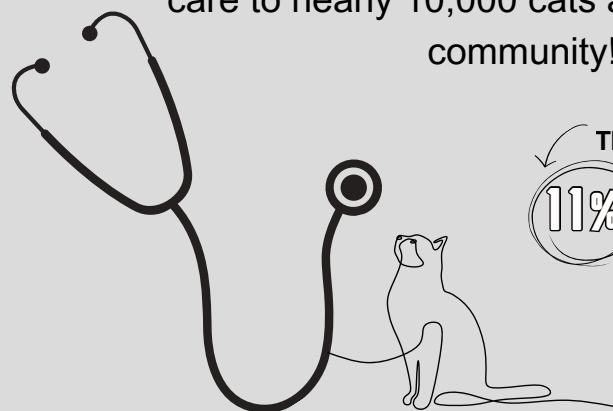
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Year
ANNIVERSARY



Celebrating 10 Years of Providing Care for Cats

Since November 2014, the Cat Care Clinic has provided compassionate and affordable veterinary care to nearly 10,000 cats and kittens in the community!



Thanks to your support approximately

11%

OF PATIENTS
RECEIVED
FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE

Open by Appointment Only – 941-366-CATS (2287)



VOLUNTEERS ARE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

SCAN TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER



Volunteers are heroes. Heroes that save lives!

2023 Volunteer Stats

Total Volunteers
Volunteers: 222
Hours: 20,937:78

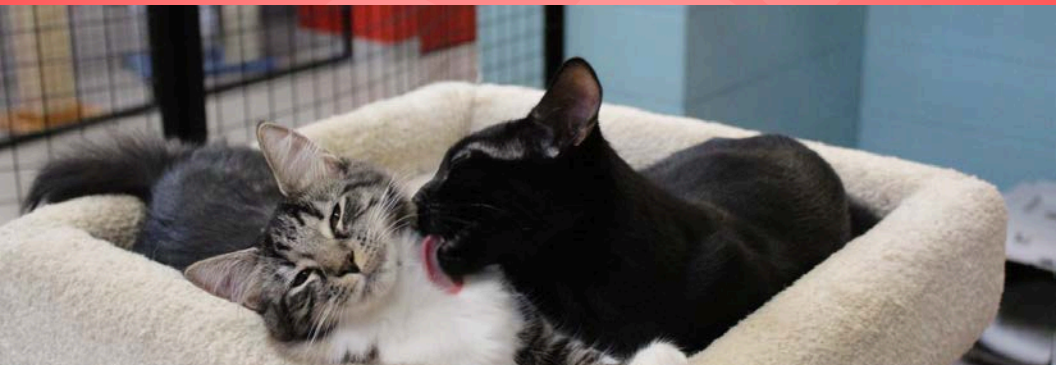
Teens
Total Volunteers: 80
Total Hours: 1,683:53

Adults
Total Volunteers: 77
Total Hours: 8,936:29

Fosters
Total Fosters: 65
Total Hours: 10,548:00

MAKE YOUR GIFT GO FURTHER

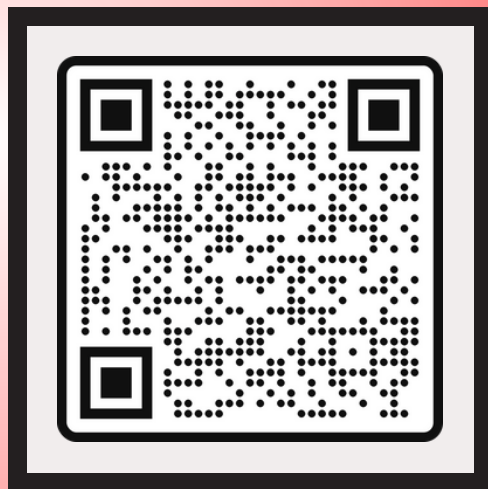
Change Lives Today!



When you invest in Cat Depot, you build a more humane community, provide outreach programs, rescue resources, medical care, and teach future generations about the value of creating a compassionate society.

Your support will change the destiny of hungry, homeless, and injured cats by replacing their suffering with love.

Together, we can change their world, but it starts with you.



SCAN ME!

FOR ALL THE WAYS TO
MAKE YOUR GIFT GO
FURTHER



FOR INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN FURTHER SUPPORT CAT DEPOT AND OUR
LIFESAVING MISSION, PLEASE CONTACT

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SEE YOU IN 2025



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