

CAT DEPOT Connection



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20 Years • 20,000 Cats

SPRING 2024



2023 Year in Review!



1,371
Cats
Rescued



12,800
Cats Fed in the
Community



1,286
Total
Adoptions



46,292
Educated
Last Year



6,396
Clinic Patients
Treated



21,170
Volunteer/Foster
Hours

A Fresh Start

Mikayla Nolen, Development Specialist

In December 2023, Cat Depot was notified of a hoarding case of over 300 animals in Polk County, 142 of those being cats. Cat Depot joined rescue efforts and took in 34 cats, which turned into 37 after one of the pregnant females ended up giving birth while being transported to Cat Depot's facility! After being taken into Cat Depot's custody it was found that numerous cats had severe upper respiratory infections and one kitten was found to have a highly contagious and potentially life-threatening illness called "panleukopenia". Cat Depot immediately went into lockdown mode to provide the best care for all of the Polk County animals. Due to our medical staff's diligence, the kitten that tested positive for panleukopenia was able to overcome her illness and thankfully her illness did not spread to any other cats in the shelter.

Zenasi was one of these cats, life had been challenging for the young guy but despite this, he was able to overcome the obstacles that were thrown in his way and find a new home with Sherry Rodriguez. Sherry came to Cat Depot after facing numerous losses in her own personal life to find a companion to navigate the next steps of life with.



With heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support over the past two decades, we celebrate a remarkable milestone: we've found loving homes for over 20,000 cats! We've also positively influenced the lives of an additional 100,000 cats, bringing our total impact to an astounding 120,000+ feline companions!

As our region experiences exponential growth, so does the need for animal welfare services. Here at Cat Depot, we stand ready and equipped to meet this growing demand head-on.

Remember to mark your calendars for the Giving Challenge - April 9 to April 10 and "Be the One to Save More Lives". Your continued support means everything to us.

With deep appreciation for all that you do,
Susan Hanus
Executive Director

Within moments of Sherry meeting with one of our adoption counselors and going into Zenasi's pod, she sat down in a chair where Zenasi climbed into her lap and put his paws on her shoulders as if he was giving Sherry a hug. In that moment, both Zenasi and Sherry knew that this was their perfect match and there was no need to look any further for Sherry.

Now they are taking on life's challenges one day at a time, Zenasi supporting Sherry by giving her companionship through this new chapter of her life and Sherry showing Zenasi what it's like to live in a safe, healthy, and loving environment.

Thank you to everyone who supported our rescue efforts of the cats from Polk County. Your generosity and love provided each of them with a fresh start at a new life.





Watch our Call to Heart video!



THANK YOU

Our 20th Anniversary Celebration was a huge success! We want to thank everyone involved, and a very special thank you to all who sponsored, donated, and attended! Here's to an even brighter future for the cats.

CAT DEPOT'S *Kitten Shower*

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SCAN ME

Scan the QR code to check out our wish lists and purchase much-needed items for Kitten Season!



SAVE **the** DATES

Cat Depot will take part in Suncoast Remake Learning Days, offering four of hundreds of free family events taking place across Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto, and Charlotte Counties between April 20 and May 4.

APR

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ADOPT-A-PLUSHIE

Pre-K to Grade 3

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FELINE PHOTOGRAPHY

Aged 5-18

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FELINE FEUD

Pre-K to Grade 5

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ADOPT-A-PLUSHIE

Pre-K to Grade 3



CRITTER

CAMP

Registration for Critter Camp and Remake Learning Days 2024 are open now. For more information and to sign up, please visit us online at www.catdepot.org.



**Be the
One to
Save More
Lives!**

**APRIL 9-10
NOON TO NOON**

—2024—
**GIVING
CHALLENGE**

Be The One

Presented by the
Community Foundation of Sarasota County

See Insert to Learn
How to Support!

**During the 24-hour
Giving Challenge,
every gift up to
\$100 will be
doubled! That
means your gift of
\$100 = \$200 for the
health of our
kitties!**

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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.

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