

CAT DEPOT **Connection**



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2024 Year in Review!



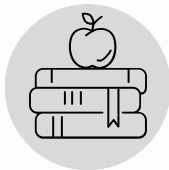
1,171
Cats
Rescued



14,615
Cats Fed in the
Community



1,117
Total
Adoptions



66,380
Educated
Last Year



6,080
Clinic Patients
Treated



19,052
Volunteer/Foster
Hours



Kitten Season at Cat Depot

John Fraunfelter, Development Specialist

As the warm Florida sunshine makes its way into the spring and summer months, it brings something both adorable and urgent: kitten season! This time of year, the tiniest, fluffiest little bundles of joy—kittens—are born in droves, and animal shelters like Cat Depot are busy caring for them all. These sweet furballs bring so much joy to our lives, but kitten season also highlights an important issue that we all need to tackle together: the overpopulation of cats and the importance of responsible pet ownership.

In Florida, kitten season starts in early spring and stretches all the way through the fall. Our warm climate means that cats can breed which is much longer than in cooler regions, resulting in more kittens and more challenges for shelters. At Cat Depot, we see this first-hand as we care for many litters of kittens that need a safe, loving place to grow.

Kitten season may bring a lot of challenges, but it also brings opportunities for the community to come together. Caring for these tiny kittens takes a lot of time, resources, and dedication. We rely on foster families to give these precious kittens the care they need to grow strong and healthy. Our volunteers and donors make a world of difference! These kittens need everything from specialty formula, food, warm bedding, and more importantly, round-the-clock care.



One of the most effective ways we can reduce kitten season's impact is by spaying and neutering our pets. When we take this simple step, we not only help reduce the number of unwanted litters, but we also help improve our pets' overall health and happiness. Plus, it helps prevent the cycle of overpopulation that keeps shelters full.

At Cat Depot, we also have a vital program called TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return), where we humanely trap, neuter, and return community cats to their original habitat. This helps control the overpopulation of outdoor, community cats, by reducing the number of kittens born on the streets each year.

Wondering how you can help? Keep reading to see how you can make a real difference for kittens:

Adopt a kitten: If you're ready to add a furry family member, adopt from Cat Depot or your local shelter! Each adoption frees up space for more kittens, and it gives a lucky kitten a forever home.

Foster a kitten: If you've ever dreamed of having a kitten (or more!), fostering is an amazing way to make a difference. These little ones need love, care, and socialization before they're ready for adoption. You can give them the best possible start in life!

Volunteer: Whether you're feeding, cleaning, or socializing kittens, every bit of time and love you give helps them thrive.

Donate: We're always in need of kitten formula, food, bedding, and other essentials. Your donations make a huge impact during this busy season.

Scan to learn more about donating, fostering, and adopting!



Spread the word: Share the importance of responsible pet ownership, and encourage others to spay, neuter, or foster.

We need your support when it comes to tackling kitten season. Together, we can reduce overpopulation, protect kittens, and create more happy tales. At Cat Depot, we are committed to helping these kittens get the care they need! With your support, we can continue to do even more!



Your generosity helps ensure that every kitten grows up happy, healthy, and with a loving family. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of these sweet, cuddly kittens!



Spring at Cat Depot

- ✓ CATIFY CERAMICS
- ✓ NAMASTRAY YOGA
- ✓ WOOD AND WHISKERS
- ✓ READING TO RESCUES



Don't miss a single event! catdepot.org/our-events/

Cat Depot's New Meow Mayor!

We are so excited to introduce Nala, our beloved Meow Mayor and one of Cat Depot's longest residents! This sweet, shy, and graceful 7-year-old girl has been with us for quite some time, and she is now ready to take on a new role with all the love and grace she deserves.

Despite recently losing her home and person, Nala is staying strong and determined to find her forever family. Though she may be a little reserved at first, once she feels comfortable, Nala will steal your heart with her gentle and affectionate nature. She's ready to start fresh, and we know she's going to make a wonderful addition to the right home!

If you're looking for a loving companion who will share in the joy of a new beginning, Nala could be your perfect match! Don't miss the chance to bring this special girl into your life and experience the magic of adopting a furry friend who's ready to give you all her heart.



SCAN TO BEGIN THE ADOPTION PROCESS!

CAT DEPOT'S TNVR PROGRAM

Parking Spot #3



Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) is a program in which free roaming cats are humanely trapped, spayed/neutered, vaccinated for rabies and other feline viruses, and then returned to their outdoor home to live out their lives. TNVR involves a caretaker who provides food, adequate shelter, and monitoring of the cat's health. TNVR has been shown to be the most effective, cost efficient, and humane way of stabilizing the community, feral, and outdoor cat populations.

TNVR days are held every other Sunday; reservations are required. Call **941-366-2404 ext. 301** to schedule!

- Free of charge, but donations are always requested!
- Cats must arrive and leave in a trap.
- Includes ear tip, spay or neuter surgery, FVRCP/Rabies Vaccines.
- Optional services available at additional cost.

Vet Nurse Volunteers Needed!

Cat Depot needs your help
in assisting our growing
Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-
Return (TNVR) program.

**Join us as a volunteer and
be part of saving lives!**



Scan the QR
code to begin
the volunteer
application
process
today!



CRITTER CAMP 2025



SCAN FOR CRITTER CAMP 2025 REGISTRATION

Get ready for a summer of fun at Cat Depot's 2025 Critter Camp! With six exciting weeks to choose from, there's something new every day. Registration is open now!

Campers will enjoy daily cat-themed crafts, trivia games, animal-inspired yoga, and hands-on science activities. Each week includes a special hour meeting adoptable cats and a visit from a guest speaker.

At the end of the week, kids can show off everything they've learned in a fun Jeopardy-style game. Don't miss this purrfect summer adventure!

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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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