

CAT DEPOT Connection



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Because of You, Lives Are Saved Every Day

How Your Support Fuels Our Lifesaving Mission That Reaches Far Beyond Adoptions

Claudia A. Harden, Senior Director of Advancement



Shadow, 1-year-old, Available for Adoption



Whitney, 3-years-old, Recently Adopted

Every meow, every purr, every rescued life begins with you.

At Cat Depot, we often say that our work is powered by love, but it's truly sustained by the compassion, generosity, and the trust of people like you. As a feline-only rescue, adoption, and community resource center, we serve thousands of cats and the people who love them across Sarasota County, and beyond. Whether it's a kitten rescued from a storm drain, an elderly cat receiving end-of-life care, or a child learning kindness through humane education, none of it would be possible without your support.

Thanks to you, this past year alone, hundreds of sick, injured, and abandoned cats have found safety in our care. But our reach extends beyond the shelter walls. Through our Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) program, colony cats are humanely managed and given a chance to thrive in their communities without contributing to overpopulation. With your help, these efforts have spared thousands of cats from suffering and given them a second chance at life.

Our mission is not only about cats. It's about people, too. With your support, Cat Depot has become a hub for connection, care, and compassion. Through our senior outreach programs, we've watched as individuals who once felt alone rediscover joy and purpose through feline companionship. Our humane education workshops empower children with lessons in empathy, responsibility, and animal welfare - shaping a more compassionate future.

We've also been a lifeline for struggling families. Veterinary care is out of reach for many in our community, and your gifts make it possible for us to provide critical medical services to cats whose humans are facing financial hardship. Additionally, our Community Food Bank now supports more than 15,000 personally owned and colony cats each year with nutritious food - ensuring no cat goes hungry, and no caregiver feels alone.

All of this is possible because of you.

Your generosity fuels every rescue mission, every medical treatment, every adoption, every bowl of food given to a cat in need. You are the reason our programs continue to grow, allowing us to meet the increasing needs of our region.

And while we have accomplished so much together, the need remains great. More cats arrive in crisis each week. More families turn to us for help. More children walk through our doors ready to learn how to make the world a kinder place.

That's why we're inviting you to continue saving lives - today, tomorrow, and for years to come.

You can **Save Lives Today** by making a one-time gift to support cats currently in our care. Every dollar makes an immediate impact providing food, medical care, and shelter for vulnerable cats who have nowhere else to turn.

You can **Save Lives All Year** by joining *Catalyst*, our monthly giving program. Catalyst members ensure sustainable funding that allows us to plan ahead, respond quickly to emergencies, and remain a steady presence in the lives of cats and the people who love them.

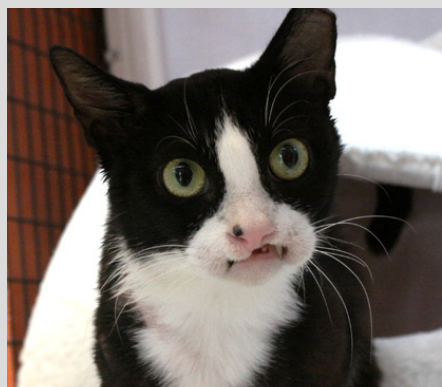
And you can **Save Lives for Years to Come** by joining our *Legacy Circle*. By including Cat Depot in your estate plans, you help guarantee that future generations of cats receive the same care and compassion that brought you to us in the first place.

Every life saved, every cat touched, every lesson taught - it all comes back to you! From all of us at Cat Depot, thank you for being our partner in this mission. Your belief in what's possible gives us the strength and heart to keep going and to never stop.



Bumble Bee, 1-year-old, Available for Adoption

Bumble Bee arrived at the shelter with a severe burn wound across his back, the result of an unknown trauma. Thanks to the expert care of our veterinary team, and the generosity of supporters like you, his wound is healing beautifully. His recovery has taken time, but Bumble Bee has shown incredible resilience throughout. Now, Bumble Bee is well on his way to finding the loving home he deserves.



Fancy, 1-year-old, Available for Adoption

Abandoned after a lifetime indoors, Fancy was found struggling to survive among a feral colony in Desoto County. She arrived at Cat Depot in May with chest wounds and a badly infected tail, likely from an earlier injury. Thanks to your support, she received the urgent care she needed, including dental surgery and treatment for her tail. Despite all she's been through, Fancy is incredibly affectionate and loves being held. With her gentle spirit and resilience, she's ready to bring joy to a loving forever home.

A Purrfect Summer at Cat Depot

Ellie Levine, Community Engagement Manager

Another summer at Critter Camp has officially wrapped up, and what an incredible six weeks it has been! Each week brought a new group of enthusiastic campers ready to dive into all things feline. Campers learned about cat care, behavior, and rescue through daily lessons and fun trivia that kept everyone engaged and excited. One highlight of each week was our special guest speakers from local animal organizations, who shared their unique perspectives and helped deepen our campers' understanding and compassion for animals. Of course, there was also the weekly visit to the shelter where campers got to meet the adoptable cats – a fan favorite, no doubt!

But learning wasn't the only thing on the agenda! Campers got creative with fun cat-themed hands-on crafts. Our young volunteers also completed meaningful service projects, giving back to the animals they spent the week learning about. We even go to feed one of Cat Depot community cats each day, who we have been caring for about 10 years! Each day also began with a fun and relaxing session of animal-themed yoga, helping everyone start the day with a stretch and a smile. We're so grateful for the energy, curiosity, and kindness our campers brought to the shelter this summer. It was a truly memorable season of growth, giving, and lots of whiskers!



Cat Depot's Supply & Gift Store

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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!



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A Journey to Hope

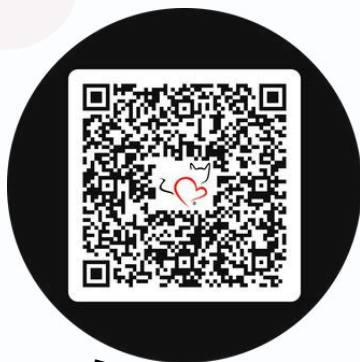
On June 4th, while our Cat Care Clinic was closed for electrical maintenance, a worker noticed two women quietly enter the reception area with a cat and a newborn kitten. Though they knew the clinic wasn't open, they were desperate. Their outdoor cat, Taz, was in visible distress, and they didn't know where else to turn. Fortunately, our Shelter Medical team and veterinarian were on-site and immediately stepped in to help.

Taz was diagnosed with a severe prolapsed vagina and needed emergency surgery to survive. Although she had been suffering for nearly ten hours, she continued to care for her newborn kitten with incredible devotion. Her family, already struggling to care for more than forty cats on their property, could not afford the urgent procedure. Out of love for Taz and her baby, they surrendered both to Cat Depot trusting that we could provide the help they could not. Because of generous donors like you, we were able to perform the surgery right away and give Taz a chance at recovery.

Taz's kitten went to a foster home immediately, and Taz joined her the next day. But something seemed wrong. The once loving and affectionate Taz appeared to reject her baby. We quickly realized she was still in pain and the kitten trying to nurse was hurting her. After a few more days of rest at the shelter, we reunited them again. This time, all went perfectly. Taz gently groomed her baby, cuddled with it protectively, and let their foster mom handle the feedings while she did everything else a loving mother would do.

Thanks to you, this family's story is one of compassion and second chances. Taz and her kitten are thriving in foster care, and their original family has been connected to our TNVR services and Community Food Bank for ongoing support. Every gift you give ensures that when the doors are closed, compassion is still open. Together, we save lives...one cat, one kitten, one story at a time.

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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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