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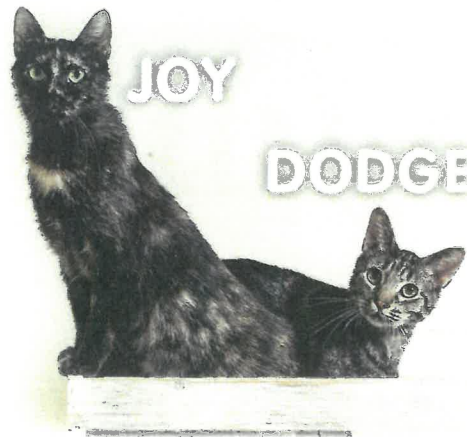
ALL  
FOR THE LOVE OF CATS



Loving hands nurture a day-old neonatal kitten and his mother . . . and span the ages to embrace a senior cat in his twilight years. Whether they're frightened, imperfect, or alone, we support and save homeless cats, for the love of them all. . .

### Together Forever

These adorable youngsters were rescued from a horrific environment of 80 cats where they were denied basic life necessities. Joy, like her name, is a sweet, social and affectionate torti who verbally engages visitors. Dodge is an inquisitive and playful silver

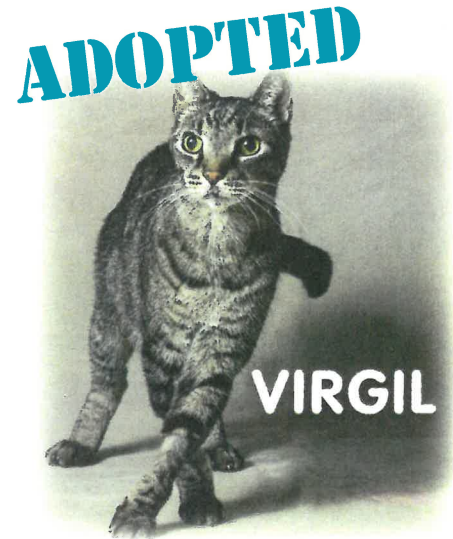


tabby who adores the freedom and stimulation of his outdoor catio. Due to diet deprivation, Dodge is small in stature, and his little head tilts when he walks. However, when faced with shared adversities, survivors often become stronger and more bonded. The endearing intimacy shared by Joy and Dodge requires that they be adopted as a team. The only ingredient needed is a double dose of love.

### Left Behind But Not Unnoticed



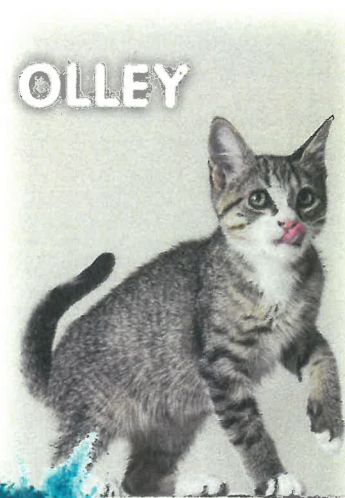
Abandoned at a boarding facility for 30 days, Hazel arrived at Cat Depot and immediately hid. Frightened of other cats, she was placed in an office, where her true spirit was revealed. Hazel loves to play, thinks catnip is the next best thing to tuna, and most importantly, loves to be loved. A lap sitter, this beautiful 5-year-old enjoys planting kisses on your face. Her spirited personality will make you smile, as will her welcoming sweet meow. Hide and seek is one of her favorite games, as long as it means not being forgotten.



### S.O.S. – Morse Code Distress Signal for Save Our Seniors

Virgil was rescued from an organization that had placed him on the euthanasia list because at the age of 15 he was deemed unadoptable. After arriving at Cat Depot, he gained weight, adjusted, appeared in the newsletter and was featured on TV. Volunteers carried him everywhere, not because he couldn't walk, but because he loved being held. Three months passed before a woman who had lost her cat during a move saw him online. She rushed to Cat Depot and began calling his name, "Carlton". The senior cat came running! Turns out that Carlton, aka Virgil, was actually 17 years old. It was a purring teary-eyed, happy reunion!

### A Tiny Ball Of Fur Can Heal Hearts



Kitten season is in full bloom at Cat Depot. Everywhere you look adorable little faces and eyes stare back at you. Good Samaritans are scooping abandoned babies out of harm's way, where their fate, at best, is precarious. Last year, 1101 kittens found loving homes, and since January, 550 lucky survivors like Olley will get a second chance. Cat Depot is working hard to stop the euthanasia of all kittens in Sarasota County. You can help to alter their destiny and bring them and you years of love, laughter and companionship. Be a game changer. They are counting on you.





**Help us Raise  
\$300,000!**

Gifts matched to \$150K

**September 19-20**

Noon to noon

Donate or Make a Pledge Online  
**[www.catdepot.org](http://www.catdepot.org)**



**Cat Depot's Help Meowt Matching Gift Challenge  
is right around the corner and we need your help!**

**Help us turn \$150,000 into \$300,000 for the cats and kittens!**

The **Help Meowt Matching Gift Challenge** is a 24-hour online fundraising event from noon to noon September 19 through 20. As if that is not exciting enough, all donations of \$25 or more will be doubled dollar for dollar, thanks to two very special donors!

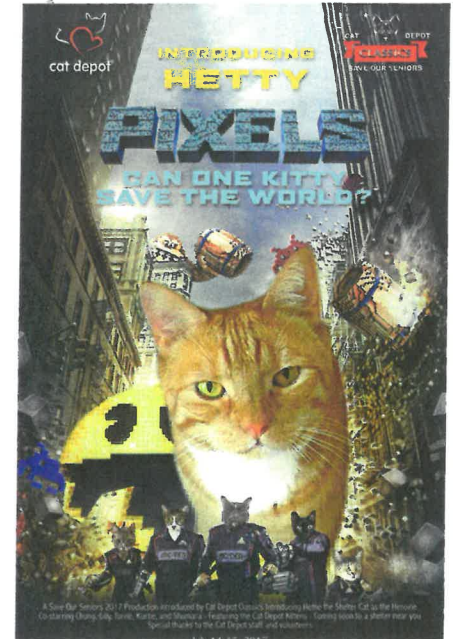
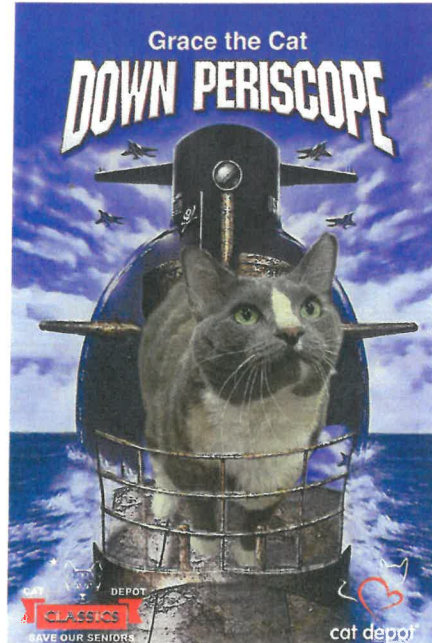
How Can You Help During the Help Meowt Matching Gift Challenge?

- Complete the form on the back of this page and return to us via mail (Cat Depot, 2542 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234) with your donation before the start of the Challenge.
- Make a donation anytime leading up to or during the Challenge via phone at 941.366.2404 x 308, online at [www.catdepot.org](http://www.catdepot.org), or in person at Cat Depot.
- Sign up your salon or stylist to take part in the Hair Ball Challenge. More information can be found on the back of this page.

Donations are 100% tax-deductible and will support Cat Depot's mission of saving lives, finding loving homes, and providing resources and education needed to improve the destiny of homeless cats. There is no minimum to participate; however, only gifts of \$25 or more will be matched.

Interested in sponsoring the Help Meowt Challenge? Contact Claudia Harden, at [claudiah@catdepot.org](mailto:claudiah@catdepot.org) or 941.366.2404 x 302 for more information.





Our featured stars are senior cats looking for their forever home. Read their stories below.

## Milo

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Super Milo! Short of flying, this friendly, laid-back orange cat is quite the catch. Milo's agility could earn him play-boy status because he loves to chase a laser pointer and is as energetic and spry as a cat half his age. But even superheroes age, and at 8 years old, Milo has joined our SOS (Save Our Seniors) program. He is prone to bladder crystals and had surgery to prevent complications. Future monitoring and a special diet are necessary. If you are young at heart and free in spirit, maybe you can help Milo regain his super powers.

## Bottled Water for Cats?

By Jerry Edington, DVM, Cat Depot

You may wonder why you would consider giving bottled water to your cat. Most urinary crystals and stones are made up primarily of minerals. If water that contains those potentially harmful minerals is offered, crystal and stone formation may be encouraged. Tap water and well water often contain minerals along with other UFOs (Unidentified Floating Objects). Providing bottled water, which is more restricted in those minerals, may help. Believe it or not, some very stubborn cases of Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease (FLUTD) have actually resolved once the affected cat was offered only distilled water. To read the complete article, check out the September/October issue of *Suncoast Pet Magazine* or go to [www.suncoastpet.com](http://www.suncoastpet.com).

## Grace

Grace is 9 years young and a proud member of our "Save Our Seniors" program. She was surrendered by her family due to allergies and is understandably confused and stressed after having lost her home. She is a little timid until she gets to know you, but once she does, she is an affectionate lap cat who loves a little rubbing and some crunchy treats. Grace, who is front paw declawed, likes to call the shots, so she would prefer to be the only cat in your house.

## Juanita



## Hetty

Hetty is a sweet orange girl, around 15 years old. Most cats with her markings are male, but she is one of the exceptions. She spent her life in a comfortable home until her elderly owner could no longer care for her. She was frightened when arriving at Cat Depot. Going from a quiet environment to a bustling shelter would be a big adjustment for any cat. With love and care from staff and volunteers she has adapted, and is now able to show her affectionate purrsonality to potential adopters.



**HairBall**  
#coughitup

**Calling All cat Lovers**

Join Cat Depot's Help Meowt Challenge and support cats in need

**Your support, Doubled**

All funds raised up to \$150K will be matched.

donate online

**www.catdepot.org**

**Help Meowt**  
Matching Gift Challenge

# Hair Ball Challenge

**Participating Salons and Stylists Can Help Us Change the Destiny of Homeless Cats and Kittens**

Our participating Hair Ball salons and stylists are helping us raise funds for homeless cats. In addition to saving lives, they can compete for amazing prizes, courtesy of our business partners.

Do you want to support Cat Depot cats AND your salon and stylist? Add their names on the form below when sending in your donation and we will take care of the rest.

Are you a salon or stylist and want to sign up?

Contact Nicole Drone, Communications Specialist for more information

[nicoled@catdepot.org](mailto:nicoled@catdepot.org) or 941.366.2404 x 310

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**Calling All cat Lovers**

HairBall Funds will be matched 1:1

**www.catdepot.org**

**I would like to save a life! Please accept my donation.**

All gifts over \$25 will be matched up to \$150K thanks to two special anonymous donors. There is no minimum to participate. Donations are tax-deductible and will support Cat Depot's mission of saving sick, injured, and homeless cats and kittens.

Amount Enclosed: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$200 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check ☐ Cash

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

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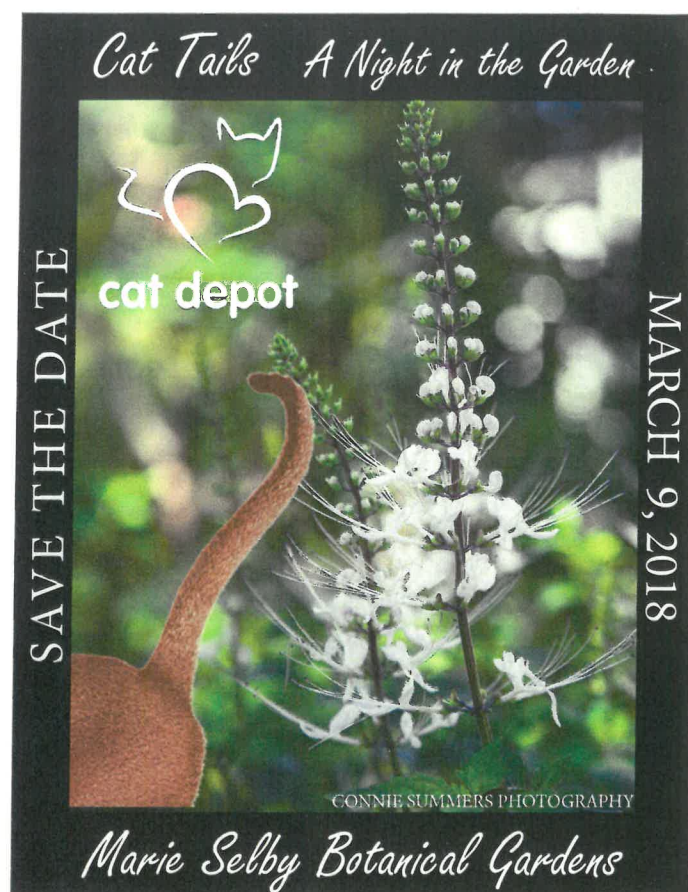
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm supporting this salon/stylist: \_\_\_\_\_



## Juanita's Birthday Wish

Today my brother, Joaquin, and I should be celebrating our first birthday. Our mom would want us to be happy on our special day, but it's difficult to feel joyful without her. Being a single mom, she tried her best to keep us alive, hunting at night and accepting handouts. Our street life ended when a kind lady rescued us in Newtown and took us to the clinic at Cat Depot for TNVR care. Mom was returned to a feral colony, and our rescuer took Joaquin and me home to be socialized. Then she brought us to the shelter, where we enjoy bird and bug TV shows. Please help us celebrate our birthday by loving us as only a good mother can!



Featured plant from Selby Gardens: Cat's Whiskers

## If You Love Your Cats, You'll Want *Lifetime Care*

Don't leave your cat's fate to chance. Plan for those you love by signing up for Cat Depot's program, *Lifetime Care*.

It's an insurance policy that provides for your cat's well-being for their entire life. Feel confident knowing your cats will have a long and loving future.

For a free brochure or information, call Shelley at 941.366.2404 x 306 or email [Shelleyt@catdepot.org](mailto:Shelleyt@catdepot.org).



## You Can Make Their Lives Matter

If you could change the destiny of a homeless cat, would you? There has never been a better time to help. The urgent need to save lives is now.



Please consider a living legacy. Your generous gift will change the lives of cats and kittens who desperately need your support.

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## + THINK POSITIVE + Adoption Event for FIV Positive Cats August 19 - 20



Zahara is available for adoption.



Athena is available for adoption.

### Give them a second chance

Don't believe the myths!

- They can live a normal lifespan
- Many never show signs of illness
- They can live with FIV Negative cats

More information is available on our website

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