



# cat depot connection

A Rescue, Adoption, Education and Resource Center



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## Along Came Cindy . . .

She sat motionless with no hint of playfulness, gazing blankly at nothing in particular. There was no response to the cooing voice and gentle hand that stroked her soft fur. Cindy did not mingle, nor did she solicit attention from the many visitors who came her way. Instead, she sat quietly and slowly ate and ate.



*Cindy relaxes after her walk . . . waiting patiently for her forever home*

Cindy was already a big girl and her lack of exercise and ability to free-feed did nothing to enhance her health. But it was her listless demeanor and eventual shaking of her head that led a veterinary technician to take her to the vet.

An ear infection in both ears was so severe that surgery was the only cure. The removal of the middle ear was necessary to eliminate Cindy's pain. Fortunately, Cindy came through the surgery like a champ. Her pain was gone, but she was faced with a new challenge - that of being deaf.

One might think that a deaf cat would be nervous or confused, but not Cindy. She was happy! Pain free, she began to act younger, and made several attempts at play. It was during one of her play sessions that a staff member decided to put a harness on Cindy and walk her around the facility.

Immediately, Cindy was queen for the day! This diva not only walked, she appeared to be on a mission to see the entire building as she visited with other cats and wandered into work areas to chat with staff. Pausing in the feeding area, she was given a treat; since she's a food-loving cat, it was a stop she was glad to make.

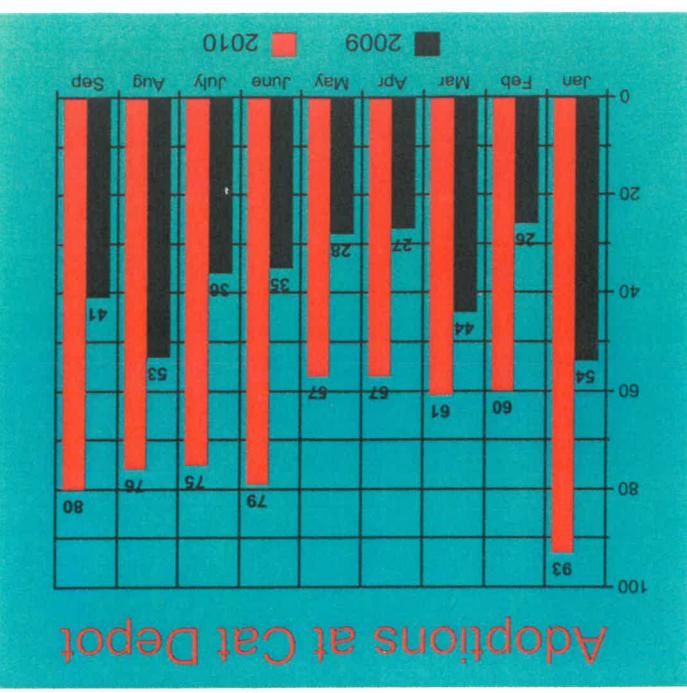
Every day now, Cindy waits at the gate of her pod for someone to take her on a walk. Adults and children visit daily and, using hand signals, work with Cindy and take her around the facility, stopping for a treat of course.

Due to her exercise routine, Cindy has graduated from the Chubby Cat Pod into a suite where she can eat normally. To keep her girlie figure, she hopes her adopter enjoys walking and can overlook her hearing loss. Verbal conversation isn't a requirement . . . just love.

Due to her special needs, Cindy is a Guardian Angel Cat. See her at [www.catdepot.org](http://www.catdepot.org), "Support the cats."



*Cindy and her friend Jeff Donahue take a walk around Cat Depot*



## Dot Cat's Serenity Tips

Oliver can nap just about anywhere



### DOT CAT

"Cool cat" came from? Is that where the term without breaking a sweat, achieved inner peace. So, next time you're focused on finding the next thing that will satisfy them. A cat looks at the world like it's a tasting menu: "I like what I don't like that." Period. How liberating a thought that. I don't like that.

A cat is considered pleasurable, so cats are always focused on finding pleasure, so cats are always hedonistic, requires constant replenishment

Being hedonistic requires to complicate things.

Their likes or dislikes, unlike ours, are generally simple and direct. No worries to complicate things. Let us know — with a glare, a distressed look or a meow, theirs, and if they don't like something, they are quick to sleep most of the time, they prefer your food to

"This doesn't feel good, forget it." Cats are hedonists: consists of things like "This feels good, I want that" We can't be sure, but their thought process probably So, how have cats maintained this serene state of mind? calm, unassuming and self-assured.

Perception of them. Over the course of human history,

cats have been alternately worshipped and thought to

be satanic, but through it all, they have remained aloof,

unlike humans, cats haven't changed that much in

the past 1,000 years. What does change is humans'

cat in your home? Probably not! Out psycotherapy and, in extreme cases, they commit suicide. Does any of this sound like the behavior of a changing continually. Humans, he suggests, are not well adapted and their constant need to alter themselves, to come up with new models of behavior, suggests that they are not happy. They worry get depressed, seek for millions of years, humans have been evolving and As a follower of Darwinism, Dr. Leahy notes that

*American Shorthair, Tina, napping*



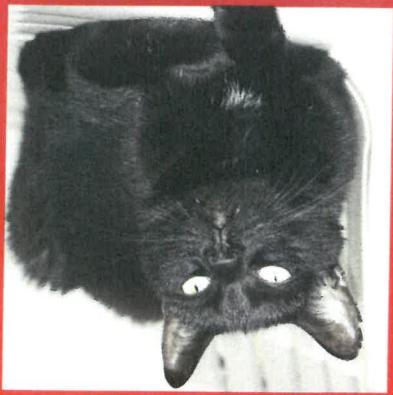
Cats don't care if others like them or if their waistlines are growing. Since they don't have a busy schedule, or happen in the future, far beyond the next few seconds. requires the cognitive ability to anticipate what will One of the reasons cats aren't anxious or worried is unlike human beings, cats don't ruminate over worry. main reason for their cognitive success is that, attitude and we could learn a lot from them. The and a cat owner and admires, cats have an idealistic of many articles and books on human cognition, American Institute for Cognitive Therapy, author according to Robert L. Leahy, director of the

psychotherapist. Do you wonder why your cat retreats. Instead, thinking like a cat can anti-anxiety medication out of a fence To relax, cats don't need a massage, in a patch of sunlight on your lanai? Looks so at peace when he falls asleep Do you ever wonder why your cat decrease your stress and visits to your



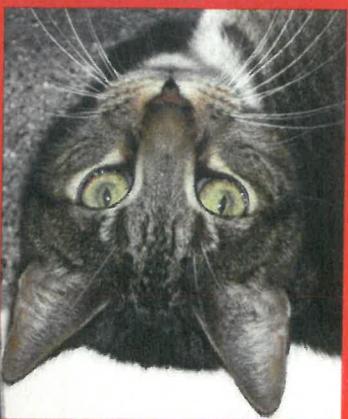
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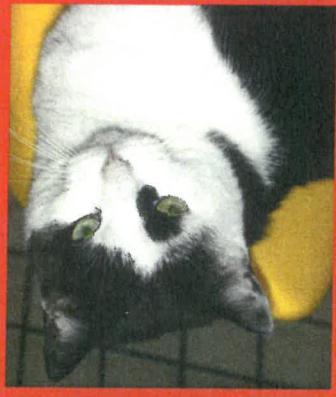


Tishaa is a four year old who loves to find a spot in the sun where she can curl up for a nice long nap. She enjoys being brushed and loves to find her "dream family" to find her.

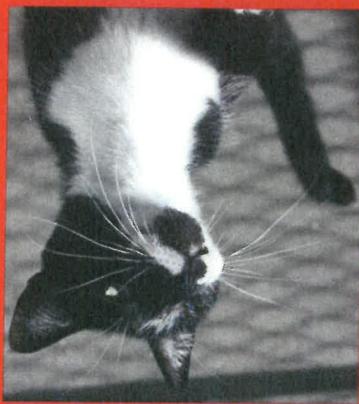
JACK IS A SIX YEAR OLD, front declawed cat whose number one mission is life is to find love. He is super sweet and loves to be petted and held. Jack is all heart and will make a great addition to any family.



## Lap Cats Who Will



Davina is only two-and-a-half years old. "The Divine Davina" is definitely a lap kitty. If another cat is sitting in your lap, you can tell by her expression that she is very disappointed. She craves attention and would love to go home with you. Please come visit her.

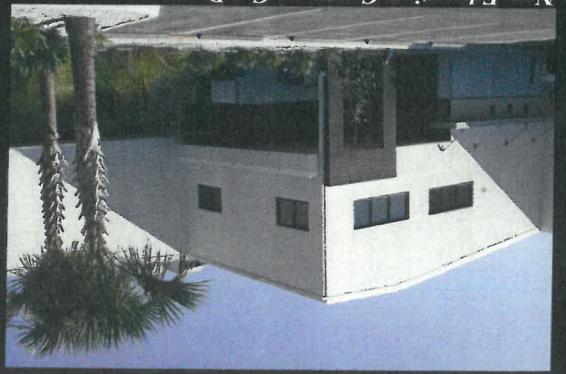


Baby Ruth is a five-year-old who is blind in one eye, but it doesn't hinder her. She's a joy to have around. When you call her name, she immediately gets up and greets you with a little meow. If her buddy, Langston, is around, they head-but around each other and circle you. This way they can both get some attention and be petted.

The center opened with an action-packed day of activities during the Kids, Cats and Cupcakes Carnival on October 23. Guests speakers included veterinarians Dr. Romero ("So you want to be a vet") and Dr. Corona ("What you should know about your cat"). Organizations

will be used for special projects and emergency rescue care. Accommodate nearly 50 people, classrooms style, and will also contain an office, a bathroom, and a small kitchenette. Besides classes, the facility will be used for special projects and emergencies during those with disabilities by way of a lift to the second floor. It will media center. The facility, like the adoption center, will be accessible to those with disabilities by way of a lift to the second floor. It will

700-square-foot education and funds to build Cat Depot's new Education Center at Cat Depot



Philanthropists Ken and Linda Slavin charitably donated the generosity of a living legacy. Special skills, all because of the special knowledge, insight and around the country will share their knowledge, insight and rescue and disaster training,

From A Living Legacy, An Education Center

Linda and Ken Slavin People who care about homeless animals will learn more about cat and kitten care, socialization programs, learn more about cat and kitten care, socialization programs, will have the opportunity to when children, teens and adults and learning through teaching of knowledge and acquiring the result. At least, that's our hope. Lives can be reshaped, and enhanced and through education, is a powerful tool. Knowledge a nation of



THE INSIDE SCOOP



The kitties will love you.



December!

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Help us reach our goal of 6382

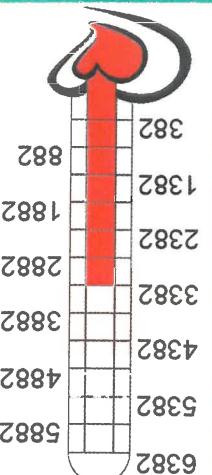
Cans of food which we have eaten.

Thanks for giving us over 3000

More Friskies Please!

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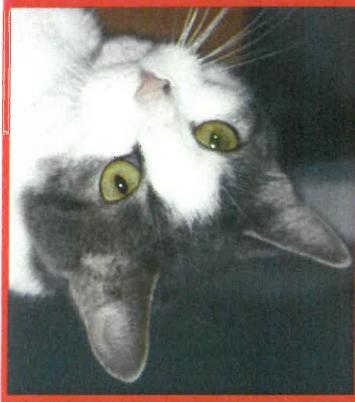
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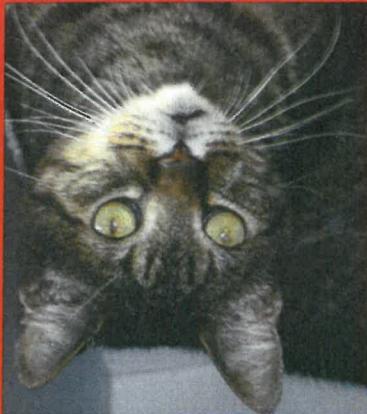
quiet and modest, Jason is anything but demanding. Sitting in a lap, Barnes around the center and is completely content loves walking in his eyes which is typical of some Siamese. He beautiful blue crossed year old sweetie with Jason is a three



## Warm Your Heart



Freska is a one year old sassy girl who loves to play, pose sweetly, get into mischievous treats and make you laugh. She loves treats and thinks there is nothing better than a lap to sit in. Freska promises true devotion as years for affection and the only cat.



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"My Paintings are Intimate Portraits of Nature," says Carolyn.

"In your Face" by Carolyn Ritter artist living in Bradenton, Florida. Her work has been published in American Style Magazine, Cat Fancy, Atlanta Style and Design France, Adanta Style and Design and is currently on display and for sale at Cat Depot.

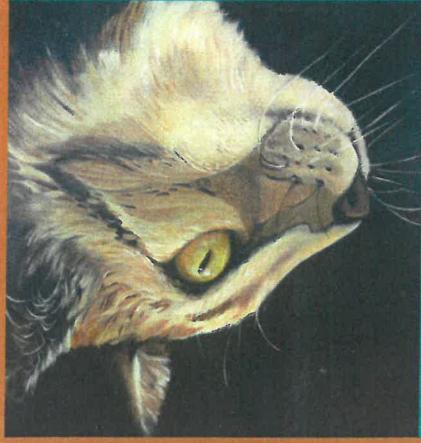


Something for Everyone  
Cat Depot has expanded its store and new items are arriving every day! Check out our latest books and gift selection. Please consider Cat Depot for all your gift needs. It's guiltless shopping that helps the animals.

Two-day animal disaster training with American Humane on November 20. For more information about living difference, contact Cat Depot executive director Shelly Thayer at 941.366.2404 or email shellyT@catdepot.org.

Join and teach kindness to animals. If education is the key to creating a better tomorrow, then let the learning begin! Soming up: The center will host a two-day animal disaster training with American Humane on November 20. For more information about living difference, contact Cat Depot executive director Shelly Thayer at 941.366.2404 or email shellyT@catdepot.org.

Presented included FL Panther Police K9 Unit and HSSC Pet Therapy, the Slavins, Living Legacy is already a name a few.





So, to enrich your life, Simon Sez consider adopting a pet. If you can't adopt, try spending some time socializing with rescued animals. Doing so improves their chances of adoption and it might help cure what ails you.

Animals who might otherwise have been used with inmates; the animals, unconditional love and kids. Animal-assisted therapy is also being developed by issues, saving the lives of both pets and gives them someone to confide in, hug and hold. Animal can make them more receptive to treatment forced to relinquish their pets, the presence of anxiety and agitation. For seniors who have been can reduce and even eliminate their symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. Regular contact with pets therapy is being used with seniors diagnosed with hospitals and private homes, animal-assisted nursing home facilities, daycare centers, and elsewhere in their lives.

In nursing facilities, daycare centers, as part of a therapy program. The term "pet therapy" was coined in 1964 by Boris Levinson, a child psychologist who used dogs in sessions when he saw speech improvement in nonverbal children. Today, using a variety of animals, occupational speech and physical therapists help clients gain a sense of trust and control, something they may not have elsewhere in their lives.

Simon Sez: SAVE A LIFE!

If you are looking to make a difference and you believe that love conquers all, call Cat Depot at 941-366-2404.

Did you know that studies done at the Berlin Institute of Longevity suggest that cats add 4,000 Minnesota Stroke Institute, which followed 4,000 cat owners over 10 years, suggests that people who have had cats since childhood have a longer average of 10.3 years to the lives of folks who have had cats since childhood? A 2010 study by the Institute of Longevity suggests that cats can add responsiveness to animals. Having a pet also nurtures kindness to animals. Having a pet also responds kindly for others, and how to allergies and asthma. Pet therapy sessions help infants exposed to cats develop resilience to help skills.

Children growing up with animals learn with autism to focus better, establish eye contact with children who have been abused or are diagnosed with asthma. Pet therapy sessions help children grow through life traumas and deaths; helps children through life traumas and deaths; children exposed to cats develop resilience to attack.

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## INCUDING YOUR OWN!



Hi, I'm Simon, a handsome feline affectionately known as Blue Eyes, Butterball or Little Meadow.

If you are looking to make a difference and you believe that love conquers all, call Cat Depot at 941-366-2404.

Just doesn't know it yet!"

Michele, our adoption coordinator, "Lucky is ready to take his social skills to a higher level. He really is a lap cat; he everyday household. Lucky and Dusty, who also have limited self-confidence need foster homes. According to

But hope springs eternal. A kind volunteer is fostering Ned to see if he can adapt to the sights and sounds of an everyday household. Lucky and Dusty, who also have limited self-confidence need foster homes. According to

All three have adorable faces, long, luan-like legs, soft grey and white markings and sweet dispositions, so what's not to like? The

white drawback with these cats is that they're shy, which can affect their chances of getting noticed when 10 other cats in their pod are clamoring for the attention of visitors.

When Ned, Lucky and Dusty, all front-page cover cats, didn't get adopted after their debut in Cat Depot's spring newsletter, we took

The Three Amigos Update





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Warner  
941.366.2404. Ask for Marilyn  
needs pet sterilization, please call  
If you or someone you know  
community cats and family pets.  
services for both, free roaming  
residents with FREE or low cost  
which will help community  
Cat Depot was awarded the  
FL Animal Friend, Inc. Spay  
& Neuter License Plate Grant  
Cat Depot was one of three Florida  
ASPCA partner agencies to place the first  
homes for 132 cats and the ASPCA  
reached out to regional organizations and  
ASPCA partners to find the rest  
of the cats.

### Spay and Neuter FREE and Low Cost

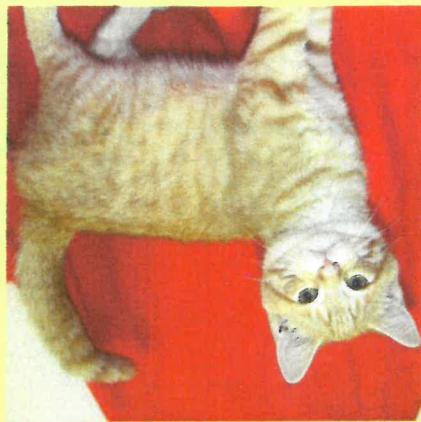
in need.  
Even the smallest donation can  
make a difference to an animal  
giving whatever you can spare.  
help us change their destiny by  
,"street life" behind them. Please  
like Violet arrive every day and  
There is no time to wait. Cats  
will you help me?



Max a home where they can live out their lives in a safe and loving  
environment. Arlie and Max are purring.  
separate home, have finally found their paradise. Beyond Design  
Contracting, Inc. of Sarasota, led the efforts to build Arlie and  
sweet cats to the generosity of a few caring individuals, two very  
sweet cats with long term medical problems and a need for a

### Arlie and Max Find a Home

Pennsylvania kitties. Your reward could be endless devotion and love.  
That their long journey will find them a wonderful life! Please visit the  
Of the dozen cats taken in by Cat Depot, four remain. Their hope?  
Pennsylvania rescues.

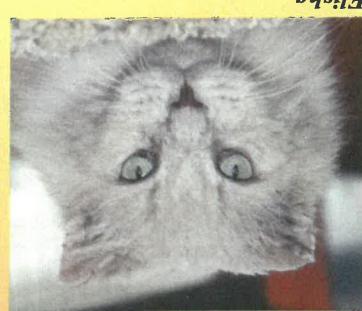


Donovan

A community adoption event found  
overcrowding.  
ASPCA partner agencies to place the first  
homes for 132 cats and the ASPCA  
reached out to regional organizations and  
ASPCA partners to find the rest  
of the cats.

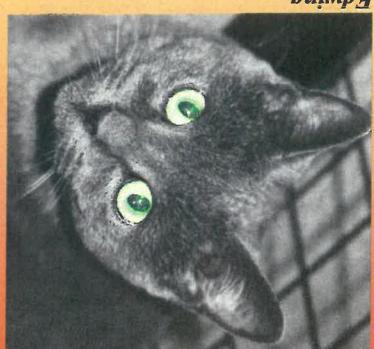


Davina



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The cats, including kittens, had been  
housed in a single overcrowded  
commercial building managed by the  
Animal Friends of Elk and Cameron  
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suffering from a variety of untreated  
medical problems — the result of severe  
overcrowding.



Edwina

Nearly 65 rescue workers from the  
ASPCA Field Investigations and  
Response Team, American Humane  
Services and PetSmart Charities  
assisted in the initial seizure, sheltering  
cats from unsanitary and overcrowded  
conditions in St. Marys, Pennsylvania.  
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### From Philly Cheesesteaks To Florida Fish Sandwiches

All proceeds go to Cat Depot to help abandoned, homeless and injured cats and kittens with medical care, food and love.

WHEN: Saturday, November 13, 2010 - 6:30 - 11pm  
WHERE: G.WIZ - The Science Museum, 1001 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota  
ATTIRE: Reach into the back of your closet and grab that old frock or ragsie'dy pants. Please don't buy anything new. If you feel like need to splurge, please do so at the Partypur's Ball.



RSVP: 366-2404  
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Only \$46.50



# PAWPUR'S BALL

*Don't miss out on this amazing night of fun!*

**One Event You Won't Want to Miss!**

Puss," Boots and the Marguis invite you to attend the Pawpurr's Ball, an enchanting evening of delightful surprises from beginning to end, all to benefit homeless animals. Dimer, dancing, silent and live auctions, and a trip through Merlin's inventions will have you asking, "Where did the time go, and how did it magically happen for only \$46.50 per person?"

In 2011, we hope to increase the fun and save even more lives when we step back in time to an era of renewed prosperity, when automobiles, moving pictures and radio proliferated — the Roaring Twenties. The distinctive sounds of jazz music will greet you as you step up to the speakeasy to wet your whistle and then throw down the dice. So, don your fedora, pearl beads or happier attire for a night of gambling tables, delicious dining, a silent auction, raffles and a roll of the dice to benefit unwanted and abandoned families.

Below the blues away!

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Join this red hot committee and swing to the beat of cool jazz in the era of The Great Gatsby.

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