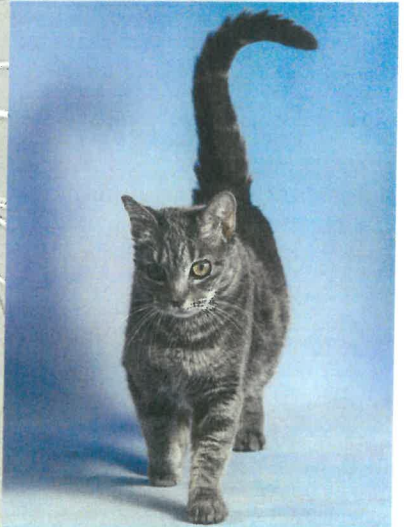




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Boat Yard Kitties

It was a nasty night. Damaging winds and heavy rains challenged the six-month-old mother as she carried her kittens through the swirling water. One-by-one she hauled them into the dry docked boat. Exhausted and hungry, she wrapped her body around the tiny kittens.

Towards morning, boat yard owners, Max and Alise, donned their rain gear to check the yard for damage. It was then they heard the muted cries. Peering into a boat, they saw the little cat, not much larger than



Sunrise and Sunset

her babies. By the time they borrowed a carrier, the mother and kittens were gone.

The couple placed food and water outside in an effort to lure the family back. But it was two weeks before a thin and hungry mother appeared. Max and Alise tried to follow her, but each time she managed to lose them. A week passed, and it continued to storm.

During a downpour, Max again, was checking the yard when he spotted a drenched kitten. His fur and nose were caked with mud. Thanks to a warm bath at Cat Depot, along with a few hardy sneezes, he cleared his nostrils of mud. Zeus, as he was named, breathed easier, and found his appetite.

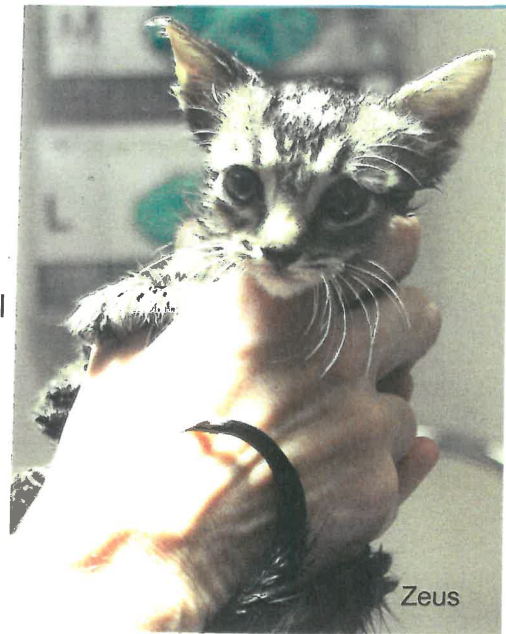
Another agonizing week passed before the familiar cries were heard. Mom and her kittens were back in the boat! This time, Max wasted no time capturing the frail mother and her litter. Zeus, being the same size as the babies, was welcomed into the group.

It had taken more than a month to bring everyone to safety. So Max was astonished when he heard tiny cries two days later. Checking the same boat, he

rushed the dehydrated waif to Cat Depot where he received emergency medical care and love. Shortly thereafter, the little orphan joined his mother and siblings.

Five weeks of dedicated effort produced a happy ending for Mama Dawn and her kittens, Sunrise, Sunset, Cloudy, Lightening and Zeus. All are healthy and ready for a real home with love.

As for Max and Alise? They adopted a 13 year old cat from Cat Depot. And we all hope they live happily ever after.



Zeus

300 Kittens and Counting



Rolo and Kit Kat

Last year, Cat Depot rescued close to 400 kittens. This year is no exception.

Foster parents saved bottle babies and nursed one-day-old kittens back to health. They comforted motherless kittens and young mothers with kittens. Please consider becoming a foster parent; it's a life-saving experience.

For more information on how you can help, email Stacy Johnson at StacyJ@catdepot.org or call

DOT CAT Meet My Friend Ocean



Life was good. I lived happily with my human, Bea, in a delightful condo overlooking the gulf. She called me her little beach bunny because I would routinely sunbathe on her patio in a hammock she made for me.

Unfortunately, humans don't have nine lives and when Bea became very sick, I would sleep next to her, hoping to help her heal. Bea had made provisions for

me with her allergic sister. But after my beloved partner passed, Bea's sister dropped me off at the beach and drove away. I was devastated and scared.

It is true domesticated cats are not skilled in survival when abandoned outdoors. I fought seagulls over discarded food, searched for rain water to drink, got stung by a jellyfish and a tomcat bit me. Skinny and dehydrated, I wandered into a feline feral colony on Manasota Beach. The kind lady feeding ferals realized I was a friendly stray, fed me and sent me to Cat Depot to be spayed.

Upon arrival, I was given the name 'Ocean', indicative of my roots. However, after a thorough medical examination, I was diagnosed FIV positive.

They say I am a beautiful, three-year-old female tortoiseshell, small in stature, but not in heart. Eager to be adopted, I am a 'greeter' when adopters visit. I am comfortable in my own fur and I reserve plenty of playtime to make up for lost time! If I stay healthy and get regular examinations, I can live a long life. Visit me in Donovan's Den. I have an ocean of love to share.

Dot Cat

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is a slow virus that affects a cat's immune system over a period of years. FIV is a cat-only disease and it cannot be spread to humans or other non-felines. FIV+ cats most often live long, healthy and relatively normal lives with no symptoms at all. The virus is not easily passed between cats and cannot be spread through shared litter boxes, shared water or food bowls, mutual grooming or mild aggression. The virus can only be transmitted through serious penetrating bite wounds, which are extremely rare, except in free-roaming, un-neutered tomcats. If properly introduced, a



Ocean



Medical Center

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The Charles H. Leach II Foundation

Philip E. Leone, Trustee

If you visit Cat Depot, you'll see a new sign over the entrance to our Medical Center. The Charles H. Leach II Foundation granted a lifesaving ten-year endowment to help Cat Depot with sick and injured animals. Trustee Philip E. Leone was instrumental in this decision.

We are grateful to the late Mr. Leach for his charitable contribution. Our gratitude extends to his wife Gail, as well as to Philip E. Leone and to Lynn Chancer for introducing Philip and his wife Dorothy to Cat Depot. The Charles H. Leach II Foundation will provide lifesaving care to injured and ill cats and kittens for years to come.

Grant Committee Seeks Support Foundations

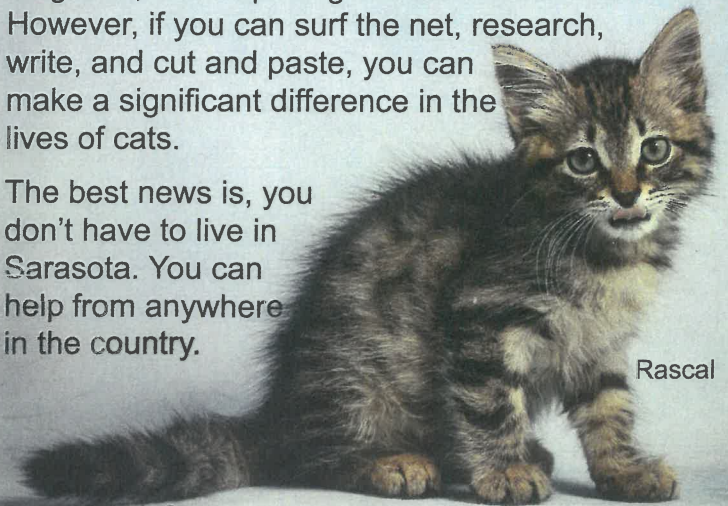
Do you have a family foundation or do you know of one? Precious funds from endowments and grants broaden our reach and increase the number of animals we can help each year. There is no shortage of cats in need, and no better gift than to replace suffering with love.

Grant Writers

It takes only a love of animals to become a great grant writer. Okay - that and a little help from Terri Gagliardi, Cat Depot's grant committee chair. However, if you can surf the net, research, write, and cut and paste, you can make a significant difference in the lives of cats.

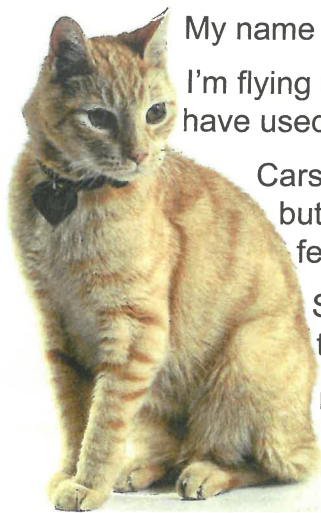
The best news is, you don't have to live in Sarasota. You can help from anywhere in the country.

For more information, contact Terri at TerriG@catdepot.org or call 941.366.2404



Rascal

Friends Like Me



My name is Mighty Lou, and I'm a caped crusader for a new program called Friends Like Me. I'm flying now, but I wasn't always. In fact, I was abandoned on a busy street. I sure could have used a cape that day.

Cars were coming at me in every direction. I dodged the best I could. I wanted to run, but I was dragging my back legs. Fortunately for me, a kind woman swept me off my feet and took me to Cat Depot.

Since everyone thought I'd been hit by a car, they rushed me to emergency. Then they discovered I was diabetic . . . and deaf.

For weeks, I dragged myself around Cat Depot. I wore a Hawaiian lei with a sign that said, "I'm diabetic – no treats." I didn't know what would happen to me. Then one day, a beautiful woman walked in. It was love at first sight; I couldn't take my eyes off her. Little did I know, she would change my life forever.

First, she fostered me. Then she took me to an acupuncturist, and every day she gave me physical therapy. I started to walk; then I ran; and eventually I jumped. She even taught me sign language.

She said I was her hero. But really, she was mine.

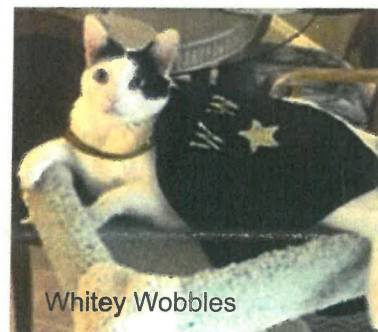
Now, we are a duo. She has a cape, and I do, too. My life will never be the same.

I am Mighty Lou . . . a caped crusader. I go – I do – I help – I save. I love my life, and my mission is to save the lives of Friends Like Me.

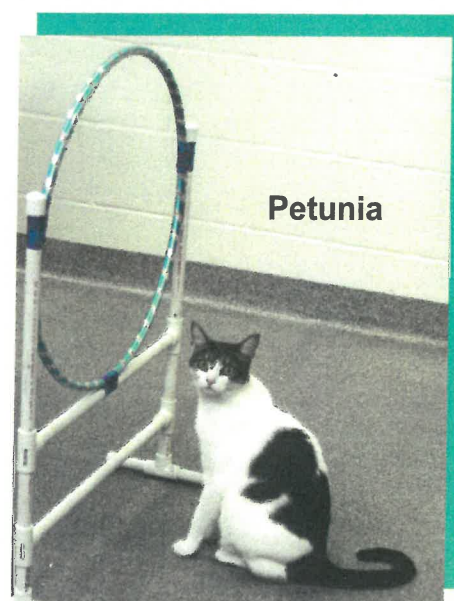
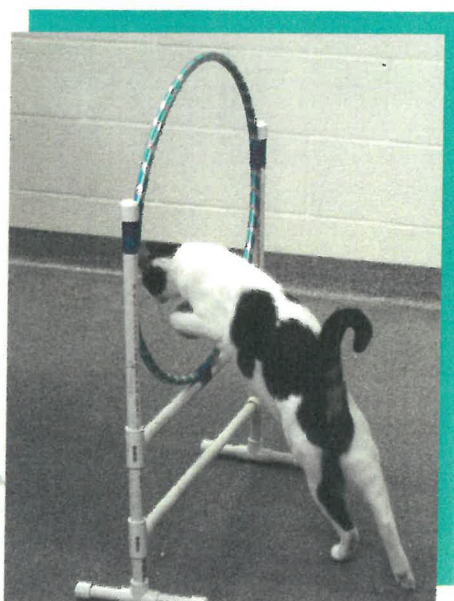
Friends Like Me is a program to provide emergency medical care and treatment for cats and kittens who are sick, injured or have chronic illnesses, such as diabetes.

Mighty Lou is no longer the only caped crusader. Whitey Wobbles has joined the team!

Check them out at www.catdepot.org. Click on "blog" for their latest antics that include a gathering of new friends for their cause.



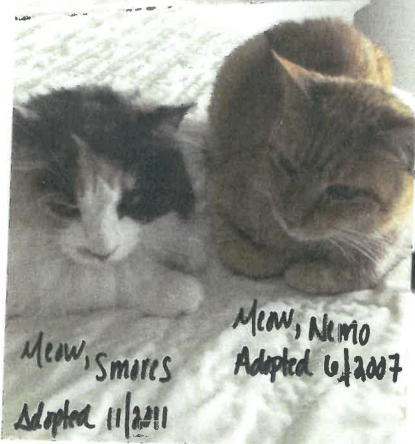
Agility Queen



Stand aside all you purebreds, and make room for Petunia, the wonder girl. If Petunia were a dog, she might be an Australian or German Shepherd. One of the smartest cats we've ever met, this girl has it all - brains, looks, and agility. The only thing she really needs, however, is a home.

Adopted Cats Helping Cats

We hope you'll enjoy the cat tree!



Meow, Smores
Adopted 11/22/11

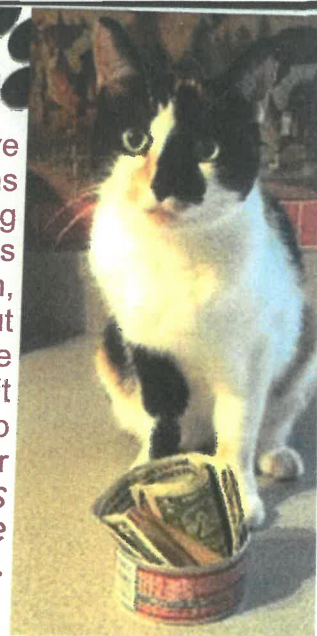
Meow, Nemo
Adopted 6/2007

Smores and Nemo wanted to help Mighty Lou's crusade,

so they donated their climber!



TieDye was stashing his cash, but gave it up for Friends Like Me.



When Charlie was adopted,



his relatives were so happy,



they threw a party and donated gifts to Cat Depot's cats.



THE INSIDE SCOOP

Vaccinating Your Cat

Cat vaccinations consist of core and non-core vaccines. Core vaccines include: distemper, upper respiratory viruses and the rabies vaccine.

Examples of non-core vaccines are feline leukemia (FeLV), feline infectious peritonitis (FIP), and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV). These vaccinations are used when the cat's lifestyle places it at risk for acquiring these diseases.

Traditionally, core vaccines were given yearly, but the American Association of Feline Practitioners has revised their guidelines to recommend the core vaccines every three years for adult cats. This is because it was discovered that some degree of immunity lasts longer than one year.

When deciding to vaccinate your cat, assess the risks of encountering contagious disease. Outdoor cats and younger cats are more vulnerable and may still require a higher protective level than an every-three-year vaccine may convey. Here at Cat Depot, all cats get vaccinated yearly because the risk of infectious disease in a group setting is higher.

Questions to ask yourself when considering the frequency of your cat's vaccination: Does my cat go out on the lanai where it could encounter stray cats through the screen? Does my cat ever board at a kennel? If I work with sick cats, could I bring home infection to my own cats?

For low cost vaccines and other services, go to: www.netprotectfl.com or call 941.914.3220.



Robin Hughes, DVM



Check out these sweetie pies. All are members of Mighty Lou's program . . . Friends Like Me.

Glenda

Gorgeous is a word that comes to mind when you first see Glenda. Poised and reserved, she enjoys life in the slow lane, preferring to lounge rather than play. Glenda takes pleasure in the companionship of humans and enjoys staying close. So why isn't this girl adopted? Perhaps, it's because she is diabetic.



Diabetes strikes 1 in every 400 cats, though recent veterinary studies note that it has become increasingly common. Symptoms in cats are similar to those in humans.

Signs that your cat may be diabetic:

- Change in appetite (increased or decreased)
- Weight loss
- Excessive thirst/increase in water consumption
- Increased urination
- Urinating in areas other than the litter box
- Unusually sweet-smelling breath
- Lethargy
- Dehydration
- unkempt hair coat
- Urinary tract infection

Diabetes is considered a manageable disorder – and many diabetic cats lead happy, healthy lives. Some even go into remission.

Since arriving at Cat Depot, Glenda has lost four pounds (doctor's orders), and Dr. Howard Rand is providing acupuncture treatments in an effort to reduce or eliminate her need for insulin. In the meantime, she continues to take her insulin without fuss and hopes that someone will love her as she is

Lucia

My name, Lucia, means "graceful light," which is very in keeping with my disposition. My caregivers say I am a sweet, endearing, and sensitive gray tabby, four years young. Like my friend Harper, I have struggled to survive. I was rescued from Caboodle Ranch, along with 700 other cats, and arrived at Cat Depot with a painful and chronic ear infection. Even after vigorous treatment, it returned. My surgery is scheduled, thanks to Gulf Coast Gives for posting my story, the generous folks who raised enough money for the surgery, and Dr. Stanton who has agreed to assist Dr. Hughes.



Harper

My name is Harper, and like Lucia, I am also in need of ear ablation surgery. I am a petite, one-year-old, black and white youngster whose kittenhood was very short-lived. At six months old, my belly was bursting at the seams, and luckily Animal Services found me and my babies. However, it was Cat Depot who took us when no one else wanted us. I was weak, undernourished, and unable to provide milk so my four babies were bottle-fed. Only two, Bean and Sprout, survived and, thankfully, have found homes.

Both Lucia and I have been commiserating and eagerly awaiting a pain-free future. Then, that wonderful thing they call 'home' will be within reach.



Ear Canal Ablation

A total ear canal ablation (removal of inner ear) may be warranted in animals with severe, chronic ear infections or cats who have a tumor of the ear canal.

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Ninja

Carter and his mother were visiting Cat Depot Sunday afternoon when the call came in. A kitten was found at an apartment complex and the woman couldn't keep it. In fact, she couldn't drive, and the kitten had vanished in her home.

Two staff members were working, and there were only two other people on the adoption floor – Carter and his mother. So, as the saying goes, it never hurts to ask . . . and we did.

Armed with food and supplies, the two newbie rescuers headed north. After retrieving the kitten from under the kitchen sink, they drove back to Cat Depot. The flea-ridden kitten growled hungrily as she gobbled . . .

her food. Shortly after, they helped give her a bath. It was then, that her front leg flopped in the wrong direction. The two rescuers hurried out the door – but this time, they carried the kitten to emergency care.

Due to the severity of her injuries, they were instructed to take the little bundle to a second facility. It was late that night when they headed home, kitten in tow. The prognosis was not good. Ninja, named by her rescuers, had suffered multiple fractures in two legs. And, it would be touch and go for the little fighter. But, fight she did!

The next morning, they brought Ninja to Cat Depot. From the first day, she would drag herself to the front of the cage to solicit attention. "Pet me," she seemed to say, reaching her good leg through the bars. Her delicate condition made it difficult to do anything but give gentle loving pets and surround her with stuffed toys.

Carter and his mother continued to visit Ninja, and Carter's father also got involved. Although it was their first rescue experience, the family never hesitated to help. And, it was their efforts that saved the little warrior. Ninja is still wearing soft casts on both legs, but she dreams of the day when she can . . . and finally in a home of her own.



Presidential Awards

Eight volunteers received the prestigious President's Volunteer Service Award for 500 or more hours of service. Recipients are Jeff Donahue, Marianna Basile, Martha McKlveen, Corey Roscoe/Volunteer and Education Manager, Bill Clack, Nancy Hambleton, and Mary Budd. Not pictured are Nancy Fox and Marianne Hight.

These devoted volunteers deserve our admiration and praise. They are the backbone for all volunteer efforts.

Adoption Report From The Last Cat Depot Newsletter



Marshmallow
Still Waiting . . .



Jeanne
Adopted!



Blondie
Still Waiting . . .



Flemenco
Adopted!



Fenway
Still Waiting . . .



Lucy Lu
Still Waiting . . .



You Can Help!

Hands down, this is the easiest and fastest sign up process we've ever seen. You simply shop online and Cat Depot gets money, for free.

Some of your favorite 1,304 retailers are:

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Sign up consists of your name, email address, password and favorite charity. That's it! Please sign up

Jackson Galaxy

The Cat Daddy is Coming to Sarasota!

DON'T MISS THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY

Hear America's most sought after cat behaviorist speak about the animals we love – cats!

A cat behaviorist with more than fifteen years of experience – and the host of Animal Planet's hit show **My Cat From Hell** – Galaxy specializes in helping individuals whose "out of control" cats are turning their lives and homes upside down.

Now Jackson is coming to Sarasota to share his "Cat Mojo" with us!

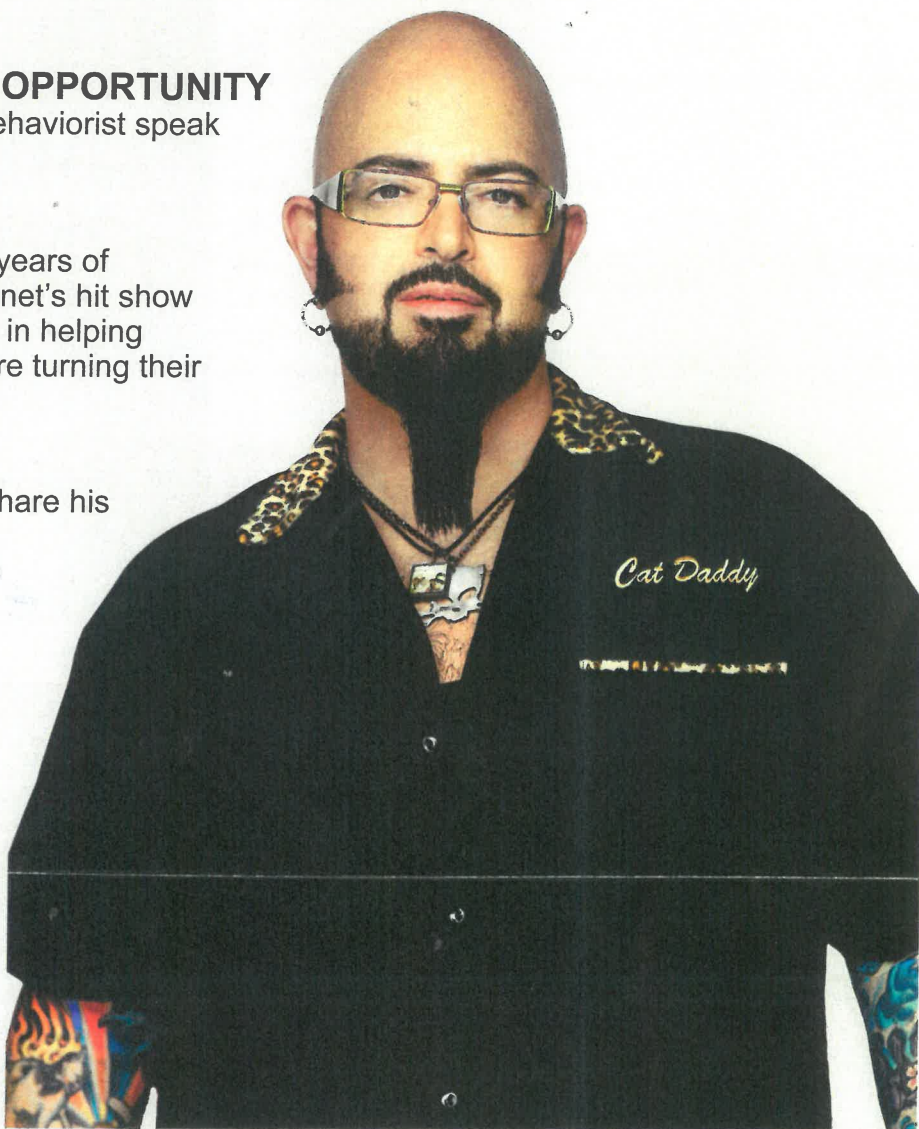


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Jackson "speaks Cat. And cats listen."

Hear Jackson Speak

Date Saturday, September 14
Location Hyatt Regency Sarasota
Time 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ticket & Book Sales, Will Call
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Jackson Galaxy
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Cat Daddy Book Sales & Signing

Tickets 3 Ways

- Reserve at www.catdepot.org
- Purchase at Cat Depot
- Call Cat Depot at 941.366.2404

Prices

\$50.00 – VIP first three rows

\$20.00 – General seating

Seating is limited. Reserve now!

Dinner with Jackson

Bid on one of six places at a private table of ten.

Date Saturday, September 14
Time 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Bidding Starts: Tuesday, September 3, 11 a.m.
Ends: Friday, September 6, 7 p.m.

Starting bid: \$500

Two Ways to Bid

- Online at www.catdepot.org
- Call (941) 366.2404

Proceeds will benefit Cat Depot's **Friends Like Me**, a program to help sick, injured & special needs cats.