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HOBBO

The Christmas Kitties

Christmas is a time for miracles and in Sarasota, there were two. A jogger running through a local park spotted two abandoned kittens. Worried for their welfare, he ran home and returned with food and water.

Shortly after the jogger's discovery, two other park visitors - Angelina and her daughter - found the same two kittens. Angelina's daughter was highly allergic to cats and they couldn't take the kittens home, so they called Cat Depot for help.

Unfortunately, it was after hours, but one employee stayed late and answered the call. She knew about a woman who cared for a small cat colony in the park, and phoned the caregiver, Pat.

"It's pitch dark," Pat said, "but I'll go look."

Nearly an hour passed before the call came. "I've got them!"



Flashlight and carriers in hand, Pat headed for Cat Depot where food and soft beds waited. The five-month-old kittens who clung to each other were named Angel and Halo. The next day they were seen by a veterinarian for health checkups, vaccines, spay, and neutering.



Thanks to these diligent individuals, both Christmas kittens found homes - together - for the holidays.

Feline Diabetes

Cookie is a gentle diabetic cat whose only wish is for a family. Recently she was transferred to a loving foster home to receive proper diet, timely insulin, and visits to a local veterinarian for acupuncture treatments.



Holistic medicine and acupuncture specifically has been practiced on animals for nearly 4000 years. Alternative medicine is not intended to replace traditional veterinary care, but it can produce optimal health results. In some cases the combination of proper diet and acupuncture treatments has reduced or eliminated the need for insulin.

Cookie is hoping the acupuncture will help her diabetes and that her wish for a family will come true. And why not? Cookie is currently residing with her foster parent and Bow-Tie, spokescat for "Friends Like Me." This Cat Depot program helps provide emergency medical care and treatment to cats who are sick, injured or have chronic illnesses, such as diabetes.



Adorable Adoptables

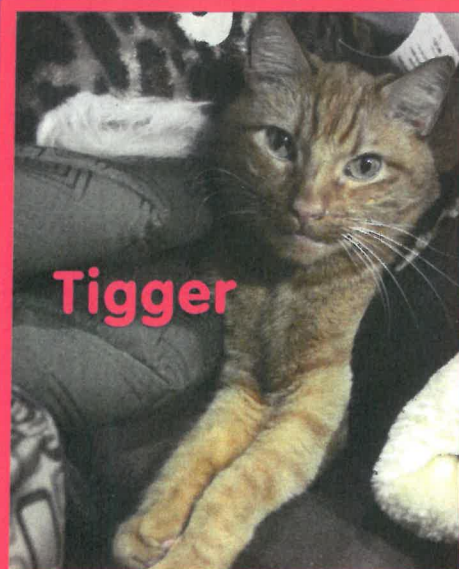
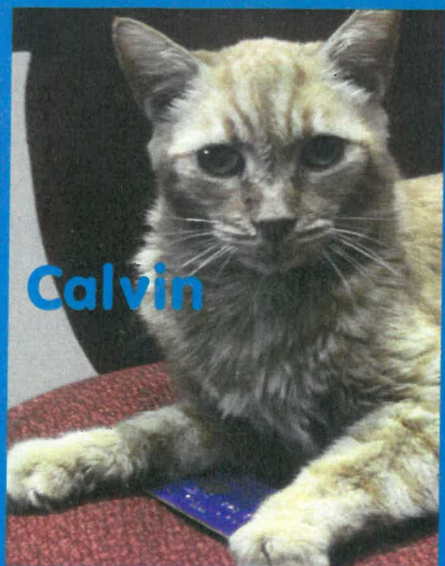
I'm Calvin and this is my buddy Tigger.

I was abandoned on the road at the not-so-tender age of 14. When I was brought to Cat Depot, I was nervous and shy because of all the new faces and tails. But then I met Tigger who is only eleven but full of mischief.

Tigger and I snuck in the Cat Depot store where he checked out the comfy beds and begged me to buy one for him. Since we had no money, we borrowed a volunteer's credit card. I don't think she will mind. We needed lots of toys.

We both love being held, petted, and

brushed, and we're certified purr-machines. Two lap cats must be better than one, right?



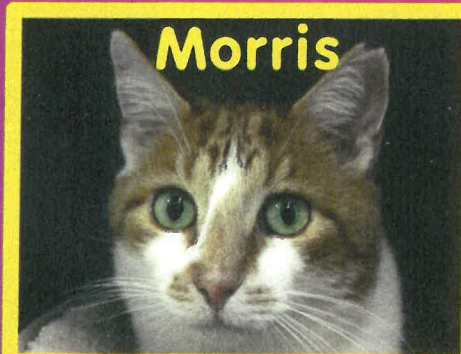
Lots of orange cats today, but I'm the one you want. I came to Cat Depot when my owner died, and since then I live in the Executive Director's office. 🐾



🐾 Why? Because I'm special. When she's away, I make the decisions. I just ordered catnip and anchovies for everyone. Party next Thursday! At eleven years old, I'm still young at heart and love to play.



I'm a foodie and a diva. I don't like opera, but they named me Carmen anyway. I'm on a diet because they think it's tough for me to get around on three legs. Heck, I can jump like everyone else. Bust me out and bring food!



I'm Blaze, a confident young cuddler in search of a new place to live. My owners lost their home, and suddenly I was homeless too. I'm friendly and play well with others. My priorities include getting your attention, playing scrabble, dancing on your keyboard and blazing a trail to your home.



I was originally part of a colony and arrived with my girl friend, Mama T. We were separated after our veterinary exams when it was discovered that I was FIV positive. We reside in different suites and volunteers pass notes for us. Come get us before we waste any more paper. Note: FIV and non FIV positive cats can live together.

Dear Friends,

Typically, we save this space for stories about cats, but 2015 was a "hold onto your hat" wild and momentous year of **MILESTONES**. We wanted to share the results that blew us away!

2015 MILESTONES

Rescued

- ♥ Total cats **1,430**
 - Adults 443
 - Kittens 987
 - (13 shy of 1,000)



Fostered

- ♥ Active Parents **93**



Adopted

- ♥ 2014 Total **1,048**
- ♥ 2015 Total **1,332**

For the first time in the history of Cat Depot, every cat who was with us for more than one year found a home. This is legendary for any shelter, especially for those like Cat Depot who take in older, fearful and special needs cats.



Rose Durham Cat Care Clinic

- ♥ Spay/Neuter Total **1,648**
 - ♥ FREE Neuters (free roaming/ income qualified) **670**
 - ♥ FREE Spays (free roaming/ income qualified) **608**



Community Cat Program

- ♥ Monthly
 - ♥ Personal Pets Fed (income qualified) **233**
 - ♥ Colony Cats Fed **494**
- ♥ Annual
 - ♥ Distributed Dry Food **19,522 pounds**
 - ♥ Distributed Wet Food **8,757 cans**

Volunteers

- ♥ Per Month (Average)
 - ♥ 2014 **154**
 - ♥ 2015 **179**
- ♥ Hours Per Month
 - ♥ 2014 **1,577**
 - ♥ 2015 **1,824**



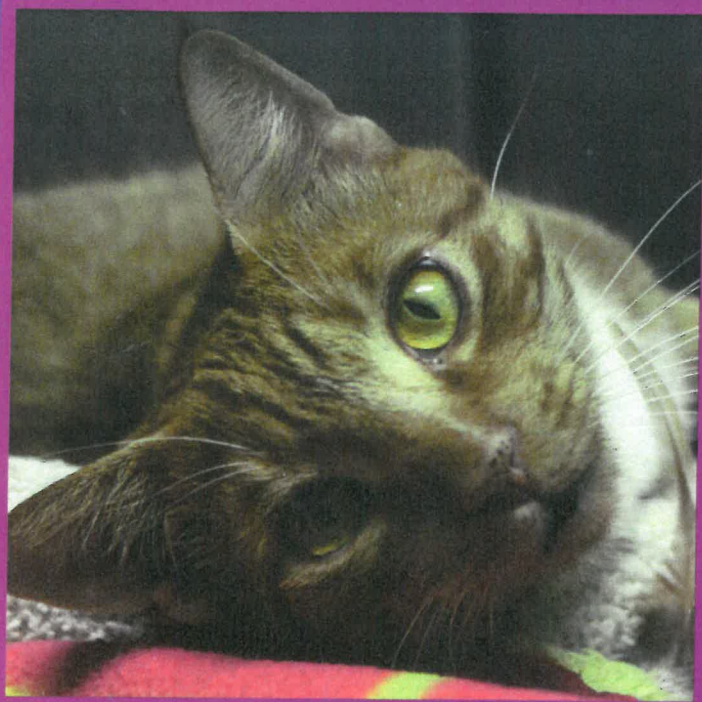
Communications

- ♥ Visitors
 - ♥ 2014 **14,620**
 - ♥ 2015 **18,192**

Volunteers, fosters and donors stepped it up early in the year and maintained a driving commitment that held right up until December 31. The results were miraculous, and the winners were homeless cats!

HOBO'S STORY

As told by rescuer, Sandy Coppa



After finishing our late night holiday shopping at Ellenton Outlet Mall, my daughter approached a cat hiding in the shadows of the busy parking lot. He immediately began purring and rubbing up against her leg. We stopped a security guard to inquire about a late night shelter, but none were open. He recognized the cat as one of the strays the workers often fed. To prevent the unthinkable from happening, our only option was to take the cat home and to call a shelter in the morning. We named the cat Hobo and so began Hobo's journey.

We tried unsuccessfully to capture and keep Hobo from jumping out of our vehicle. Needing assistance, we stopped a police officer and explained our intent. Officer Sarah put Hobo in the back of her police car and we followed her to a nearby store. We purchased a carrier and Hobo willingly allowed Officer Sarah to

transfer him to the crate. He appeared very appreciative of the joint effort.

That evening, Hobo was fed and made comfortable in our home. Afterwards, he jumped into my lap and placed his head against my neck as if he was giving me a hug. My husband suggested that when something jumps into your lap, it was meant to be. We were hopeful Hobo would soon have a place to call his own.

Due to Cat Depot's devotion to cats, we called them the following day. They admitted Hobo, but because he was not microchipped, he was held for seven days. I called daily and was delighted the day I visited to find Officer Sarah also checking on his welfare. We hugged each other and shared in the happiness we felt about rescuing little Hobo.

I am so grateful for people like Officer Sarah who go beyond the call of duty. I hope my story will inspire people to help rescue pets at risk. There is no greater feeling than knowing you helped save a life.

Hobo's journey ended happily when my family chose to adopt him.



CHANCE DRAWING

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to London, England

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- Airfare
from any U.S. International Airport
- Four night stay at a 5-star hotel
in bustling London
- \$4,600 value



Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100

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or at Cat Depot

Can't attend?

You can still purchase
chance drawing tickets.

They make great gifts!

Proceeds will benefit homeless
cats and kittens



March 5, 2016

Hyatt Regency Sarasota

Dinner, Live Beatle Music, Auctions

Tickets \$175 each
(if purchased before February 12, 2016)

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\$10,000	Abbey Road
\$5,000	Magical Mystery Tour
\$2,500	Let it Be
\$1,000	Sgt. Pepper
\$500	Yellow Submarine



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Lifetime Care Program

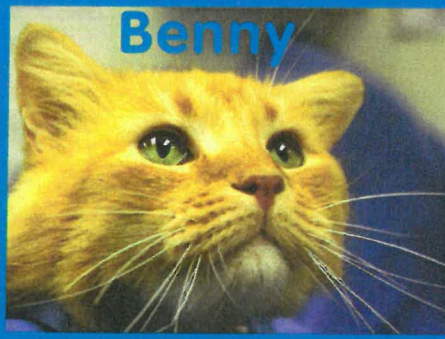
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today for the ones you love.

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your furry
family
members
become a
euthanasia
statistic.



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Program and rest easy, knowing your
companion animals will have a long
and loving future.

For more information,
call 941.366.2404 or
email info@catdepot.org
and ask for a free brochure.



Benny loves everyone and can't wait to
experience the "good life." He enjoys being
carried like a baby, loves being petted, and
has an extraordinarily loud purr which is all
the more reason to love him.

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Benny was born July 4, 2008
and resided in a hoarder's house
in Alabama until rescued by the
ASPCA.

On July 21, 2015 he was
transferred to Cat Depot. Benny
suffered from a nasty neck
wound and has been in our
hospital ever since.

