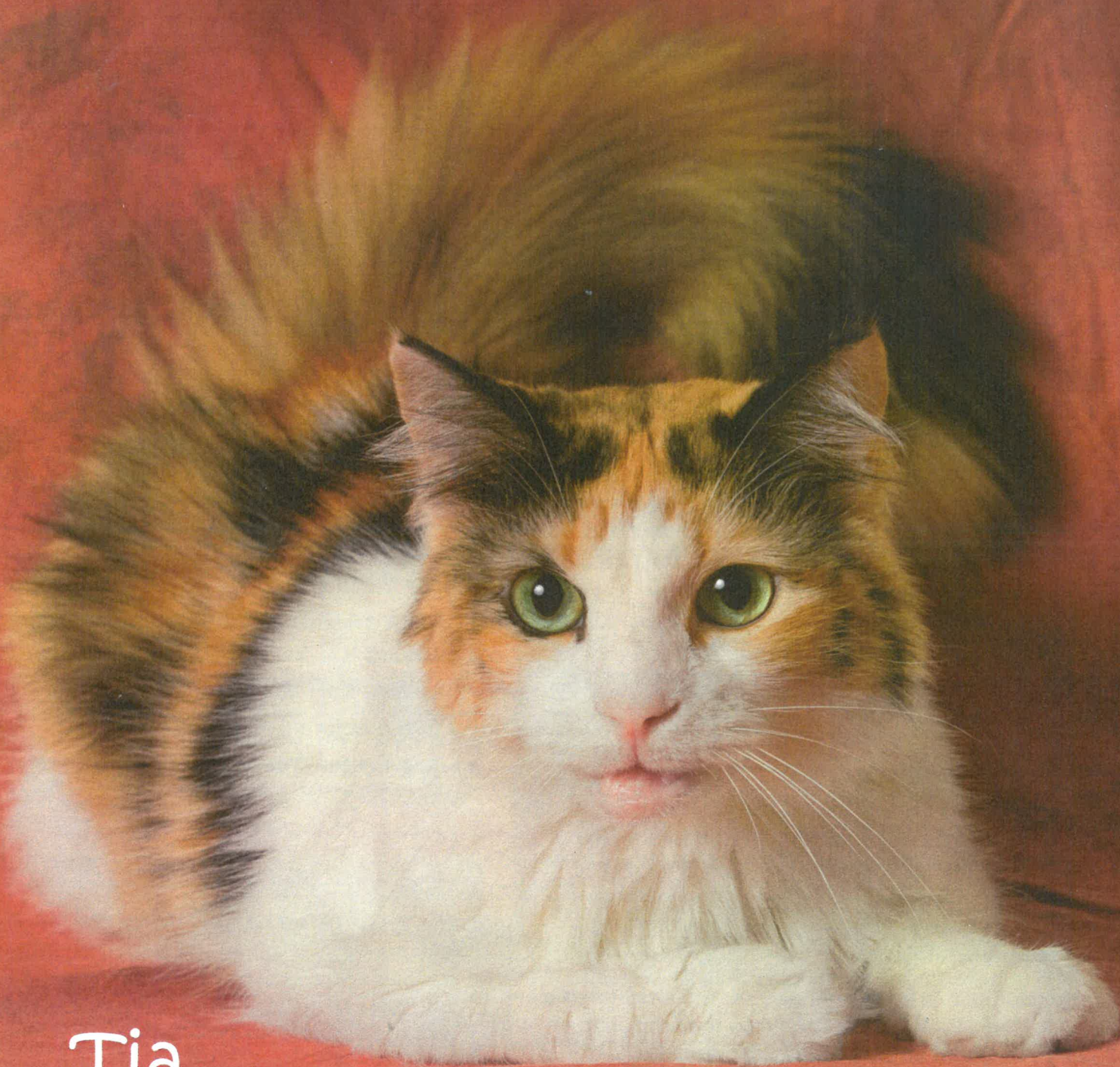




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Fine Feline Florida Welcome: Jackie Ott Jaakola



Founder, Linda Slavin(L) with Jackie

Thank you Cat Depot donors, sponsors, board, staff, and volunteers as well as new friends in the Sarasota community. I am truly honored to be in the company of such great collaborators who value the human-animal connection, and I have sincerely appreciated the warm Sarasota welcome.

Cats are such amazing creatures – they are smart, nimble, resilient, and they make us smile and feel good. I get to celebrate that on a daily basis. At Cat Depot we need to shout that loudly, because cats continue to need our help as they are the most underserved domestic animal in the United States today. We must educate, and enable individuals and communities to help cats.

Through our programs such as TNVR (Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return); our Affordable Care offered at the Rose Durham Cat Care Clinic; our partnership with Sarasota County Animal Services; our adoptions; our volunteers, outreach and educations programs – our reach is amazing. We care for upwards of 1500 cats per year, treat thousands more and serve over 25,000 visitors annually – That's a lot! But we always aspire for more and that's what makes Cat Depot so great... more education programs, more volunteer support, more collaborations and ultimately, more cats and the people who love them served.

I look forward to a new generation of robust public outreach and education programs, reaching schools to cultivate the next generation of animal welfare advocates and creating stewards for the future. We cannot do this without you! Your involvement has grown Cat Depot over the past 15 years and now it is time to provide for our sustainability in serving Sarasota...and beyond.

I am proud of our transparent culture and always have an open door. Together we celebrate the beginning of 2019 and a bright and collaborative future.

My best regards for a spectacular New Year,

Jackie Ott Jaakola

2018 End of Year Numbers

Volunteer

- Number of Volunteers: 461
- Volunteer Hours: 24,002

Rose Durham Cat Care Clinic

- 496 TNVR Surgeries
- 5,110 Client Visits
- 6,347 Patient Visits
- 819 New Clients

Visitor Numbers

- 20,780

Adoption Numbers

- Total Adopted: 1,424
 - Kittens: 968
 - Adult Cats: 450
 - FIV+ Cats: 44
 - Black Cats: 207
 - Save Our Seniors Cats: 57
 - Friends Like Me Cats: 49

Intake Numbers

- Total Intake: 1,483
 - Adults: 448
 - Kittens: 1,035

Food Bank Numbers (Averages)

- Average # of Recipients Each Month: 49
- Average # of Community Cats Each Month: 268
- Average # of Personal Cats Each Month: 205
- Total Pounds of Dry Food: 17,125
- Total Cans of Wet of Food: 7,254



Help Community cats!

Our community cat program is growing and we need your help.

We are looking for volunteers to help with trapping, transporting and community outreach.

Contact: volunteer@catdepot.org

Thank You Dr. Rius - Cat Depot Veterinarian Extraordinaire - by Blinker the Cat



Blinker

Lip commissure to eyelid transposition for repair of feline eyelid agenesis – say again? Apparently, this is the fancy new surgery that the vet said would fix all my eye problems. You see, I was born without upper eyelids. The hair above my right eye was constantly rubbing my cornea, causing ulcers, and it hurt so bad!

When I was discovered at Sarasota County Animal Services in September, it was obvious that I would greatly benefit from the expert care at Cat Depot. I was brought there, and of course, everyone fell in love with me immediately. Who could resist these rugged good looks and my boyish charm?

The surgery itself wasn't exactly fun – they removed the skin around my right eye and then moved the tissue from my cheek and lips from the corner of my

mouth up to my eye. The end result is that my lip became my new eyelid, but more importantly that meant no more painful hairs scratching my eye! It took a little while to heal, which was really no time at all compared to the six years I had lived with this awful condition. Once I healed, I felt like a whole new cat.

And the best part of my story... I was only available for adoption for two weeks before my forever family took me and my buddy Dickens home. We are now known as "Turkey" and "Gravy" and we couldn't be happier. I am so grateful for my friends at Cat Depot and all the generous donors that make it possible to save cats like me.



Dr. Rius



Jacques, a playful two-year-old silver tabby, never wants to grow up! Rescued by his former pet parent's neighbor, he'd prefer to rabble rouse and wrestle anyone game, but can easily be persuaded to lap-sit and be stroked. Add some pixie dust and a full time playmate and Jacques will forever remain happy and young.



Imagine being dropped off on a doorstep while toting kittens in your belly? **Nina**, a solid black mother cat with striking golden eyes was very fortunate that the owner of the home took her and her kids in. Thereafter, Nina, a brave, dedicated Mom was brought to Cat Depot where she now eagerly awaits adoption.

Jordan Bahr is Cat Depot's new **Volunteer and Education Manager**. Lookout cool cats - we've got new programs coming in 2019 such as painting, crafts, expanded yoga classes, birthday parties, field trips, and more! To implement these programs and help support the cats we need you to join our volunteer program.



Jordan also coordinates the volunteers who visit nursing homes with our cats and kittens. She observes that, "Cats are proven to relieve stress, lower blood pressure, and even improve heart health. Monthly, Cat Depot introduces rescued cats and kittens to residents and patients at the Pines of Sarasota, Lamplight of Sarasota, and Heartland Health Care Center. These trips provide an experience that brings joy and companionship for the cats and residents. For many people with Alzheimer's, cats have helped to bring back memories and cultivate lost and forgotten emotions. This commonality of the love for cats between the volunteers, nurses, and patients fosters camaraderie and conversations about pets. Who knew our feline friends could bring so much happiness and healing to our community?"

Working alongside Jordan is **Hilarie King**, our new **Events and Development Manager**. Her energy is contagious – which is great because we've got several BIG events coming up – our Second Annual "Pars for Paws" Golf Tournament as well as our March "Meow Masquerade" Gala. In addition, Cat Depot just wrapped

up participation in several holiday parades: Holidays Around the Ranch, Jingle Paws, and our own Whisker Wonderland adoption event. Hilarie is your go-to if you'd like to join us for any of these events or welcome a Cat Depot representative to your own event. Please stop by any time to meet these two dynamic ladies.

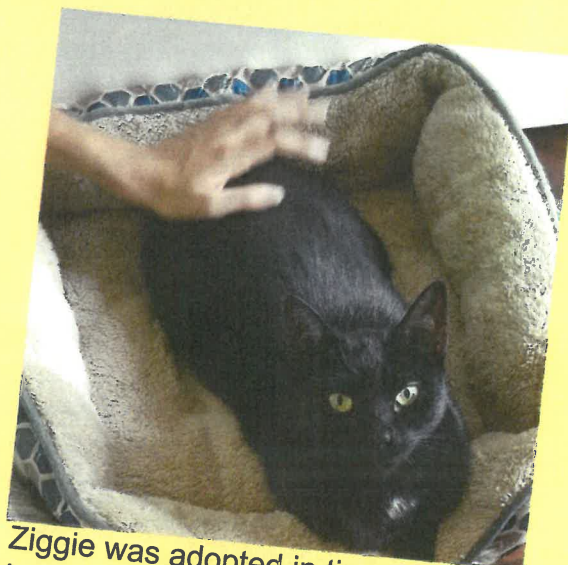


Whisker Wonderland adoption event, December 2018



Five-year-old **Ziggie** gets in your lap, wants to be petted and likes attention. In fact, she likes it so much she prefers to be the only pet in the household. She loves the laser toy and is an expert laser player. She would enjoy watching TV with you and it won't

be long before she will be cuddling in bed.



Ziggie was adopted in time for the holidays!

Leaving a Legacy

If you truly love cats, you know adopting one is a lifelong love affair and commitment. Turn your compassion into a legacy by making a charitable donation or bequest in your will or living trust. Give the gift of life knowing that your passion for felines matters and it will benefit the welfare of many deserving cats and kittens.

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Kittens, Kittens, Kittens: 'Tis the Kitten Season!

Winter is here at Cat Depot! The air is chilly, the nights are longer... and there are kittens everywhere...?



The timing of kitten season is dependent on environmental factors such as daylight duration and temperature, so the exact dates will fluctuate based on location. Cats living in northern, colder climates have a shorter kitten season, while cats who live in tropical climates or indoors may breed year-round. In Sarasota, we experience a long kitten season, with a few "dry" months in the winter when relatively few kittens are born.

In addition to the hundreds of cats and kittens admitted by Cat Depot during 2018, over 200 more were brought into the shelter from local and regional municipal agencies.

On November 20, 2018 there were already 80 kittens in our foster program when 28 kittens were transferred to Cat Depot from Manatee County Animal Services. Most of these kittens were very young and in need of health care. Without the supportive care of the medical team and the commitment of our foster volunteers, many of these kittens would not have survived.

As these kittens transition out of foster homes and into "forever homes", it is important to remember the people who made this possible: the medical and intake staff, foster parents, and every community member, donor, and volunteer who helped Cat Depot develop the resources and the ability to assist so many cats on such short notice.



Nine-year-old **Farah**, Cat Depot's Meow Mayor, was rescued from a horrific hoarding situation and would be happiest if adopted as the only cat. People are superstitious about black cats which may explain why Farah is the longest feline resident currently at the shelter. Looking for a lap-sitting kitty that adores chin scratches? Farah's all love.



Ever wish someone who is exceptionally sweet, loving and looks like **Lenny** would greet you at the door? Consider adopting this two-year-old who was found on someone's porch and brought to Cat Depot. This kitty enjoys companionship and if a feline friend is at the top of your list, Lenny is your guy.



The Cat's Meow

Think your cat's meows, chirps, howls, and purrs are gibberish? Think again. Your cat, if you listen closely, is communicating with you.

Following are some of the more common sounds cats use to express their emotional well-being:

♥ A meow is first uttered by kittens in need of their mothers and mostly used with humans. Much like with their moms, it means they are in need of food, are lonely or ill, but also is used as a welcome hello.

♥ A purr, the most enjoyable, is a deep, hypnotic rumble when nesting in your lap.

♥ A chirp or trill is a birdlike sound used by the mother to get the kitten's attention and may be used for the same reason with humans.

♥ A chatter is often uttered in predatory excitement when staring at a bird outside your window.

♥ A hiss, sounding like steam on a grill is often accompanied by an arched back, puffed hair, flattened ears and indicates a cat is ready to fight.

♥ A yowl, a drawn-out moan, is used cat-to-cat indicating discomfort, worry, or territorial concerns. If incessant, see your veterinarian.

♥ A caterwaul or scream is used by females in heat or during a cat fight.

♥ Snarls and growls are indicative of fear, anger, or territorial threats.

Some cats, by nature or breed, are more talkative but being able to interpret a cat's meows can give you a better understanding of your feline's needs and may allow you a one-on-one cat chat.



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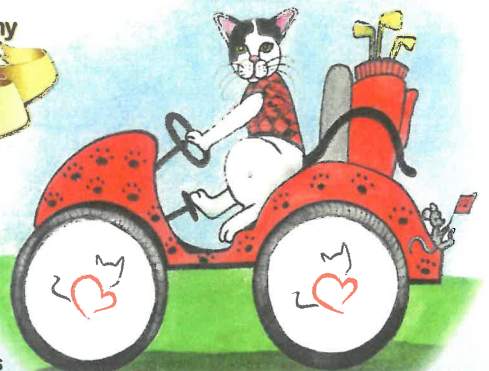
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