



Rescue
Adoption
Education
Resource Center



cat depot connection

Issue 20
2542 17th Street,
Sarasota, Florida 34234
info@catdepot.org
www.catdepot.org
941.366.2404

®

Stayin' Alive, ah . . . ha . . .

★ Lover Boy Blues

I'm Thai, and I should let you know that I have a reputation at Cat Depot. I'm known as the lover boy around here.

Sounds pretty macho, doesn't it? You might think that my baby blues have all the girl kitties following me around. I wish! Truth is, I'm just a big cuddle bunny. Nothing very manly about it.

When I spot a visitor, I strut on over (ok, I don't really strut, I practically skip like a kitten) and vie for attention. And, if a visitor sits down – look out! That lap is mine! So when you take a seat near me, plan on spending some time there. You may even want to bring a good book, and be prepared to give plenty of chin scratches.

I am a FIV-positive kitty who loves walking on a leash. And I actually *do* strut when I'm on my leash. The rest of the time, I'm just a big teddy bear who loves to be held. Give me attention, and this Casanova will sweep you off your feet.

FIV stands for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. It's a lentivirus, meaning that it progresses very slowly, gradually affecting a cat's immune system. It is passed through blood transfusions and through serious, penetrating bite wounds - mainly by stray, intact tom cats. The most well-known lentivirus in humans is HIV. But the two are not at all the same, and you can't get FIV from a cat. In fact, the only thing about FIV that you can catch is a bad case of the rumors. Despite what many people think, cats with this condition can live perfectly long, happy, healthy lives.



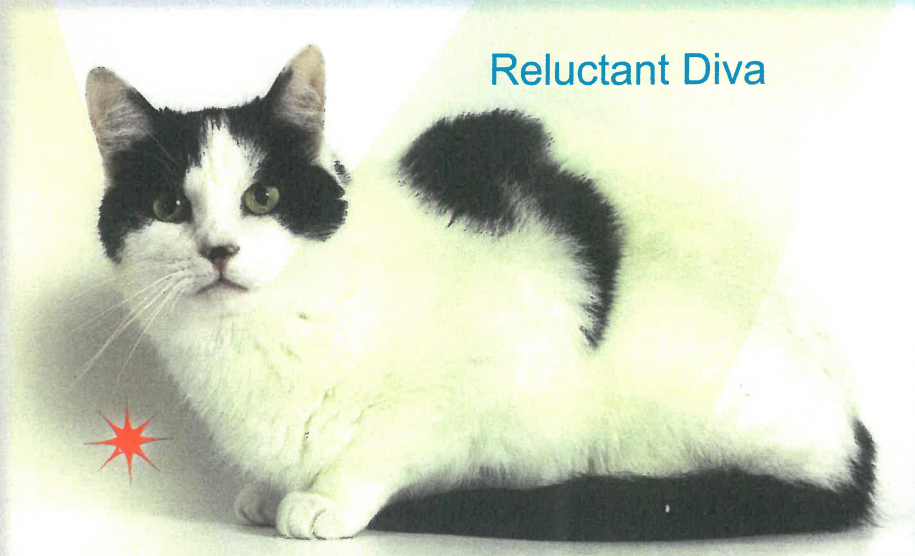
★ Loves to walk on a leash

Stepping Out

My name is Dottie, and I'm somewhat of a loner. Talking about myself is difficult for me because I'm not into self-promotion. But, I need to let my guard down if I want someone to love me.

I'm almost 4 years old. When I was a kitten, I had a home. But when I grew up, I was tossed outside. People may tell you that cats can take care of themselves, but when you're hungry and don't know where to sleep, it can be scary. One day, I was taken to Animal Services. When they could no longer keep me, I came to Cat Depot. Some say I've had a rough start; others think I'm a Diva. The truth is, I'm simply a quiet girl, not a party animal.

I want more than anything to find a family of my own. And, if I seem a bit shy at first, it's simply my nature. I know I can blossom in your home. I'm putting myself out there and asking you to take a chance on me.



★ Reluctant Diva

ha . . . ha . . . Stayin' Alive

Door Greeter

My name is Blink, and I'm a social butterfly. I get along with everyone – people, cats, dogs, you name it. Unlike some of the shy kitties around here, I like to be involved. Don't try to leave me out of a conversation, because I want to be included.

It's easy to find me because I keep my eye on the door of my suite and reach out to visitors as they pass by. I love it when people stop to talk to me. I can really keep up my end of the conversation, and I'm well versed in many subjects.

I love to play and I like adventure. I will entertain you for hours with my antics and keep you smiling when I stick my tongue out at you. I'm a low maintenance diabetic kitty; no insulin for me, just special food.

Are you looking for a companion who will provide you with undying love and scintillating conversation? Look no further, I'm your kitty.



Social Butterfly

Lap or Laptop? Crystal wants both



Unforgettable Face

My name is Crystal, and I was brought to Cat Depot as a stray. I had three beautiful daughters who all found their true loves and went to their forever homes. Now, it's my turn to find a place of my own.

I wait by the door of my suite everyday trying to catch someone's eye. People visit and say I'm cute. Some say I have a squished face like Grumpy Cat. I do have some Persian in my bloodline, and I think my face is adorable and unusual.

Curious about those comments, I hopped onto a computer and Googled Grumpy Cat. While I wasn't impressed with her face, I think my adorable face could make an internet sensation. There may be a future in social media for me!

Are you in need of a charming, petite want-to-be celebrity? If so, write to me on Facebook or visit me at Cat Depot. Even rising stars need love and lifetime companionship.

Yours truly, The Next Grumpy Cat

Newsletter Contributors

Editors: Linda Slavin, Shelley Thayer
Articles: Terri Gagliardi, Shelley Thayer
Photography: Connie Summers
Layout & Design: Fran Topp
Proofreader: Meighan Monroe



Stayin' Alive In 2014



Your donation will change a cat's tomorrow

Participate

- **Caturday Night Fever**
 - Saturday, March 15
Hyatt Regency Sarasota
- **24 Hour Giving Challenge**
 - May 6 & 7
- **Friends of Cat Depot Luncheon**
 - Thursday, October 16
Michael's on East
- **Pawpurr's Walk & Jingle Paws Jubilee**
 - Sunday, December 7



Donate

- ❖ Every dollar makes a difference
- ❖ In-kind donations appreciated

Gulf Coast Gives

- ❖ Go to www.gulfcoastgives.org to donate to Cat Depot projects

Friends Like Me

- ❖ Funds for medical care

Purchase a Paw Print

- ❖ Place a paw on our wall with your message

Sponsor A Cat

- ❖ Fund their adoption fee

Membership

- ❖ It's lifesaving

Recognition Heart Plaque

- ❖ Your name forever on our walls

Planned Giving

- ❖ Donations, trusts, foundations, bequests

Lifetime Care

- ❖ Secures your cat's future upon your passing

Coin Bank

- ❖ Place one at your business

Cat Depot Supply and Gift Store

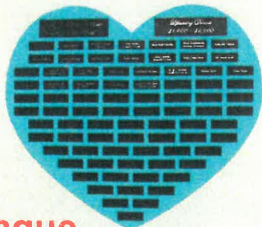
- ❖ The more you buy, the more cats saved

Donate a Vehicle

- ❖ Anything goes

Women's Exchange Partnership

- ❖ Bring us items to sell



Wish List

- ❖ Test for heartworm, Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus per cat \$15
- ❖ Sterilize one cat, provide Rabies vaccine \$50
- ❖ Kitten Kit with formula, nursing kit, heat disc, aspirator, thermometer, weight scale \$105
- ❖ Save a life with sterilization, vaccinations, flea treatment, vet exam, microchip, tests for parasites and contagious diseases \$150
- ❖ Dental radiography machine \$8,000
- ❖ X-ray machine (kitty toes crossed) \$70,000

Volunteer

- ❖ Cat care, socialization, committees, administration, transportation, and much more!

Adopt

- ❖ A love for a lifetime

2013 donations saved lives

- 846 cats adopted
- 12 Feline Immunodeficiency Virus cats adopted
- 2 dogs (cat testers) adopted
- 956 cats rescued, 115 from other organizations
- Distributed food to community cats (pets, free roaming, feral)
 - 4,809 cats fed/400 cats per month
 - 11,606 lbs. dry food/8,879 cans wet food
- 360 cats and kittens fostered
- 10,085 Cat Depot visitors
- 18,553 volunteer hours
- 1,015 attendees; education classes and summer camp
- Pet Store purchases helped homeless cats

You made this happen. Thank you!