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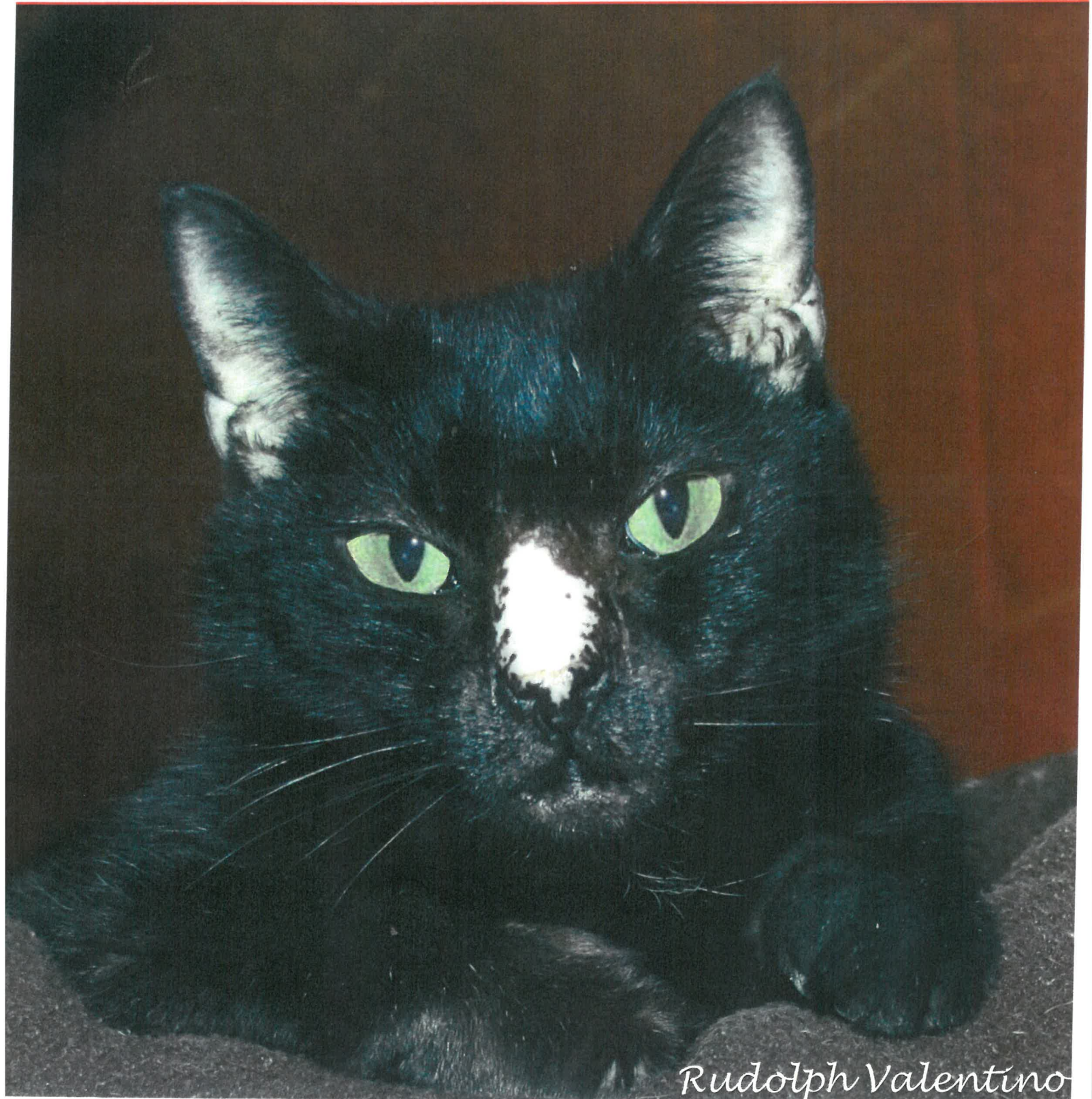
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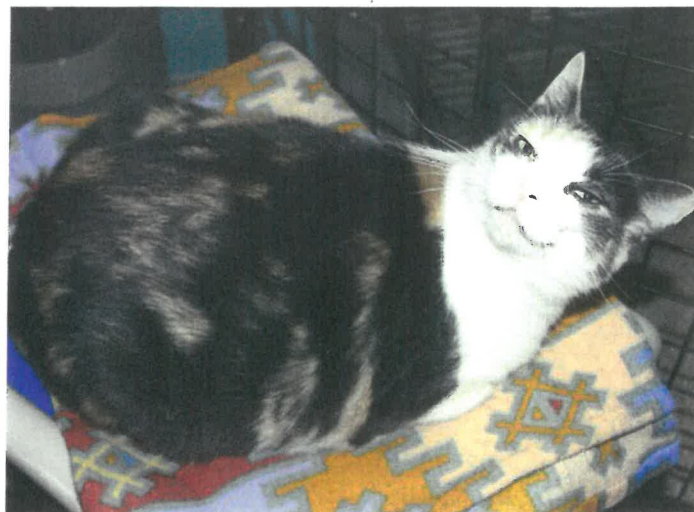
Rudolph Valentino



Many folks laugh when they see Cat Depot's Chubby Cat Pod, a free-roaming area named Suite Monroe. But, in fact, body weight that is 20% or more above a cat's normal weight is the most frequently observed nutritional disorder

seen by veterinarians in domestic cats. According to Dr. Carolyn McDaniel at Cornell's University's College of Veterinary Medicine, 50% of cats seen today are considered overweight, if not obese. This growing trend is troubling because more pets are now affected by weight-related diseases like arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and kidney disease.

In their natural habitat, felines physically exert themselves in search of prey. We, as pet owners, eliminate their need to hunt which requires physical exertion. So, unless your cat is sneaking into the



Crosley smiles for the camera

kitchen and making himself a ham and cheese sandwich, we are ultimately responsible for their weight gain. Simply put, weight gain results from consuming more calories than they burn.

Rather than allowing your cat to "free feed" on dry food, provide canned food which has more protein than carbohydrates, and contains 90% water. Wet food is recommended for good digestion, and it increases your cat's fluid intake. Beware of treats that are high in carbohydrates. If you can't stop the urge to splurge, inquire about interactive treat balls that make kitty work for food. Treat balls are available for purchase in Cat Depot's store.

A thorough physical exam by your veterinarian is the first step in resolving obesity. With a gradual weight loss program, your cat will live longer and become more active and alert.

Dot Cat



Tootsie exercises with an interactive feather toy

Volunteer Appreciation Event • Saturday, April 21

Last year, volunteers averaged 25 hours per day (equivalent to 3 full time employees), 771 hours per month, and 9,259.5 hours for the year! This includes off-site adoption, tabling events, emergency transport, in-and-out of state rescue efforts, foster care, kitten bottle feeding, adoption assistance, special needs care, event committees, coin bank collection, grant writing, education trainers, Ambassador Greeters and - well, the list goes on.

On Saturday, April 21, from 6-9 PM, to show our appreciation for saving and improving the lives of homeless animals, Cat Depot's staff will serve our esteemed volunteers savory appetizers and a light dinner. Enjoy music and the company of like-minded friends while we honor the giving individuals who make Cat Depot great!



Nancy Fox, one of many dedicated Cat Depot volunteers

Rudolph Valentino



Rudy gives a hug

“Beggars can’t be choosers . . .” I used to hear Jake, my seasoned fisherman friend, bark out as he finished cutting up and icing his daily fresh catch down at the wharf. As far back as I can remember, I’ve greeted Jake as he hauled his nets, filled with oodles of shiny, scaled fish onto the docks. Wharf cats, like me, surrounded him, waiting for handouts as he prepared his catch to be served to customers dining at the restaurant next door. But, I was lucky. I became one of Jake’s favorites after an incident changed my life forever . . .

One cold night, after enjoying the fish Jake shared with his feline army of admirers, I found a warm spot in the restaurant’s kitchen that invited me to take a short cat nap. That is, until the chef discovered me on his premises. As he shooed me out the back door, he doused me with a liquid that burnt my skin. Later, I realized I had lost fur on my chest, front legs, and on my nose.

When I arrived late at the wharf the next day, I saw a concerned look in Jake’s eyes. He tried to pet me, but I moved away in pain. Being an all black cat, the absence of fur on my nose made it appear very red, so it was no surprise when Jake began calling me Rudolph. But, when my fur did not grow back, and I stopped coming down to the wharf for dinner, Jake came looking for me. He knew of a place called Cat Depot that could provide medical attention, love, and a second chance for community cats like me.

Although I miss Jake and my buddies at the fishing wharf, Cat Depot has taken good care of me. I no longer have to compete for food; I’ve learned a fun, interactive exchange called ‘play;’ and I am told that I am good with the ladies and very affectionate with visitors. Jake has called a number of times to check on me. A good friend is always there to cheer you up when you are having a few dog days.

With the arrival of the New Year, I am happy that 95% percent of my hair has grown back. The five percent that hasn’t is on my nose. Getting through the holidays with everyone calling me Rudolph was not easy. But, the kind folks at Cat Depot, knowing my reputation with the ladies, call me Rudolph Valentino. They tell me he was one of the world’s greatest lovers. Stop by Cat Depot and see for yourself.

Chip



Chip in her “fixator”

Chip is a lucky girl. A guardian angel found her limping and brought her to Cat Depot. Fearing she had a broken leg, Cat Depot rushed her to emergency care. Upon examination, it was discovered that she had broken her leg sometime earlier, and it had healed improperly. Fixing the break to alleviate the stress was imperative.

Chip underwent delicate surgery, and while she was healing, she wrapped her paw around a little cat nip toy and held it close. During the weeks that followed, she wore her “fixator” to immobilize her leg, allowing for proper alignment as the bones healed.

Limping around her cage she still managed to delight visitors by extending her good paw in greeting. Chip’s fixator has since been removed and she is ready for a home with, of course, her catnip friend who never left her side.



The Hughes's Playhouse, Maloneys' Least Wanted, and Donovan's Den

THE INSIDE SCOOP It won't be long before the words "suites and pods," the free-roaming areas where the cats reside, will become passé at Cat Depot. Now, if you are looking for a cat, you can check one of our previously donated suites, Casa de Pablo or Suite Monroe. And, thanks to John Hughes and his family, the man who made "scoopable" cat litter a household word, cats now enjoy a suite called The Hughes Playhouse.

Maloney's Least Wanted suite, generously donated by Diana and Pat Maloney, comes with a story all its own and why the "least wanted" are the most deserving. And, the newest member of the pack, Donovan's Den, sponsored by his loving "mother" Rose Durham, is the second suite she has purchased. She will tell you that Donovan owned her!



Portrait of Donovan by award-winning watercolor artist Nancy Colby

All five of the suites and pods donated, come with a flat screen TV for educational purposes, signage above the door, a plaque with a photo to commemorate their story, and a remote control for the cats to tune into their favorite programs.

News flash - one more of the suites just sold thanks to the Maloneys! Tuna treats on the house tonight! Better hurry, only four naming opportunities left. immortalize the one you love.

For information on how you can honor that special someone, contact info@catdepot.org.

Recycled Goods



Sarasota Waste Management called Cat Depot when three, one and a half week old kittens were found in one of their garbage trucks at 5:30 a.m. The premise was that someone had thrown them into their garbage can like common trash.

But, there is nothing common about these tiny survivors who miraculously survived the trucks compacting blade. A slight movement caught the eye of an alert employee who stopped everything to investigate. When he found the three tiny felines he filled a small box full of leaves and placed the kittens inside.

All three kittens are with a loving foster parent who is teaching them the ropes of bottle feeding. They are safe, eating, and reportedly doing well. Their names? Miracle, Marvel and Magic.

Miracle, Marvel or Magic?



Visit us on the internet at www.catdepot.org

Cat Depot Critter Camp 2012

Looking for a new, yet memorable, interactive learning experience for your children this summer? Cat Depot's Critter Camp will offer youngsters 2nd-5th grades a hands-on opportunity to learn more about a variety of animals (dogs, cats, miniature ponies, rabbits and wildlife), how to handle, help and respect them, and the challenges facing homeless animals in our community. Presenters will include local vets, vet techs, animal humane organizations, and other professionals who will share the necessity for spay/neuter, responsible pet care, pet first aid, and the purpose for K-9, therapy, and guide dogs. Every day is action packed with exciting and meaningful activities for the adventuresome child.



Rock-A-Bye Kitty

Critter Camp's sessions of 16 campers will run for 5 days, Monday-Friday, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Camp fee: \$200 per session

Session 1, June 18-22

(Co-ed, Open to youth entering 2nd and 3rd Grades)

Session 2, June 25-29

(Co-ed, Open to youth entering 2nd and 3rd Grades)

Session 3, July 9-13

(Girls only, Open to youth entering 4th and 5th Grades)

Teach your child the value of animals in your community and your home, in a fun learning environment. Interested? Contact Corey at coreyr@catdepot.org or call 941.366.2404.



Sharing the Love

Nestle

Think sweet and non-fattening. Nestle may be the closest thing to heaven on earth as you can get. This furry five-pound, four-year-old male Himalayan would like nothing better than to be carried around all day like an accessory. Talk about a marshmallow!

Nestle loves to stay close, which may be because he has trouble hearing. Polyps in both ears are causing the problem. Surgery is scheduled to relieve his discomfort, but it will also leave him deaf.

Toys will be a welcome diversion, and laser play can be used to call Nestle for dinner! More than anything, however, he will want to cuddle with you. Brushing should be a daily routine for this boy, who would like nothing better than to be pampered.

How fortunate for Nestle that the language of love can be expressed in so many ways.



Nestle, a 5 pound, male Himalayan

New to Cat'sino!

Not a Gambler?

Just like Vegas! Enjoy all-night entertainment.

- Torch Singers • Dancers • Tarot Card Readers • Piano music by Rod Keiser

Featured Guest:

Eugene "Mercury" Morris,
Former running back
for the Miami Dolphins.

- 3x Super Bowl
- 3x Pro Bowl

Special Appearance:

- Buccaneer Cheerleaders



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Cat'sino Catsablanca Gala

"As Time Goes By"

Join us for an elegant evening in an upscale night club reminiscent of the 1940s, with professional gaming tables, open bar, a fabulous buffet, entertainment, live and silent auctions, and raffle prizes.

Games: Texas Hold'em, Blackjack, Roulette, Poker and Craps

RSVP by March 18, 2012

- Call 941.366.2404 to reserve with a credit card
- Go to www.catdepot.org, Events, Cat'sino Catsablanca Gala
- Make check payable to: Cat Depot, for Cat'sino Catsablanca Gala, Cat Depot, 2542 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234
(Please include your phone number and the name of every attendee)

Laurel Oak Country Club

2700 Gary Player Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34240
Complimentary Valet Parking

6:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M., Saturday, March 24, 2012

Donation: \$150.00

Price includes \$2,500.00 in casino chips for gambling, palm and card reading, and raffle items.

Attire: Cocktail

Arthur C. Murray Charitable Foundation

