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LAWRENCE OF ARCADIA



Ever wonder what your cat sees while honing in on Animal Planet? Cats, like humans, have “binocular” vision, which allows them to focus on a single image using both eyes. As predators, it provides them with more accurate depth perception and the ability to see in 3D.

It is a myth that cats can see in total darkness. However, felines are endowed with “elliptical pupils” that open and close six times faster than a human’s, giving them better night vision. Cats are also considered to be nearsighted. This may explain why cats often splash water outside their bowls to judge its depth and to avoid saturating their faces.



So, do cats see color? You bet. But because the intensity and brightness of colors is saturated, they can’t always differentiate between them. Felines have the equivalent of red/green color blindness, so they respond to the colors blue, purple and yellow best. Red, orange, green and brown may appear gray.

The following colors can be used to stimulate and promote an animal’s natural healing ability:

Blue/Green: Encourages calmness and emotional balance. Use for water bowls and blankets.

Orange/Gold: Promotes warmth and appetite. Use for bedding and training shy animals.

Lavender/Pink: Soothes, nurtures and promotes rest. Use for animal blankets.

Red: Motivates and energizes pets. Avoid use with aggressive pets or pets with inflammation.

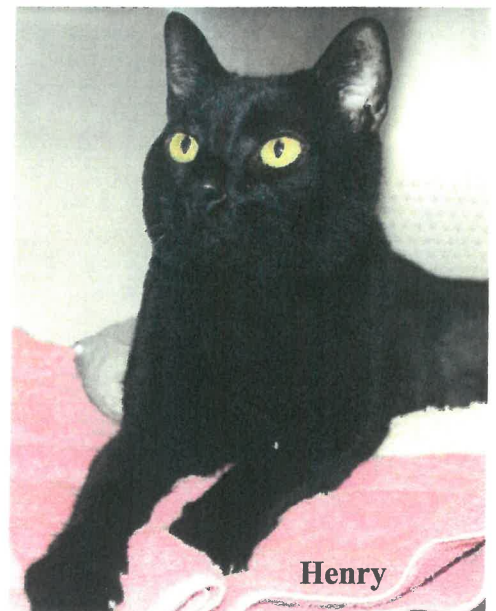
So, now that you have learned what a cat sees and how you can help them to heal, consider purchasing pet products in colors that will soothe, nurture or energize your pet. Most importantly, be sure to color their world with love. **Dot Cat**

Saving Henry

Carolyn Michel and her niece were strolling around St. Armands Circle in Sarasota when they spotted a sleek black cat who had tangled with a car. The ladies brought the injured adult male to Cat Depot, only to discover he needed emergency veterinary care to mend three breaks in his pelvic bone.

Before returning full circle to Cat Depot, the cat, now named Henry, endured emergency surgery, a two week rehab with a veterinarian and cage rest. As a result of the accident, Henry has some permanent tendon damage and is wobbly when he walks. But, he is using his litter box and improving daily.

Thanks to a single act of kindness and, a small platoon of resources, Henry purrs loudly, gives head butts to everyone he meets, and is available for adoption.



News Flash

Exceptional kitties holding passports are now cleared for immediate adoption at Cat Depot.



Maxine is a dainty feline who arrived as a kitten and has never known the happiness of a home. She plays well with other cats, loves

attention and is always enthusiastic about her nightly treats. Though not a lap cat, yet, given time and a loving family, who knows what Maxine can do. Please give her a stamp on her passport by giving her a home.



Blackie is eager to have his passport stamped with your address. His calm and affectionate demeanor is indicative of his willingness to

please. Being a clever boy, he knows his name and pays attention when you speak. Blackie loves to rub up against your legs, adapts well to change, and will make a loving addition to any family.

Kristine touts a passport stamped with attributes that prove she can fit in anywhere. This pretty girl loves to explore high places but will come down to earth quickly for a chance to curl up in your lap. Good natured and tolerant, she enjoys the company of both cats and dogs.



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Here at Cat Depot, they call me Larry. It's kind of an odd name for a cat, but there are worse things in life, like being without a home. But, for the sake of finding another one, I am okay with them calling me anything, like Lawrence of Arcadia . . . as long as I don't have to ride atop of any camels.

At one time, I had a loving home with an older gentleman, Jeb, who lived alone in a trailer park in Arcadia. He was proud of having served his country but he had lost his leg. I think I helped to alleviate some of his pain by jumping in his lap, purring up a storm, and, being a good listener. We were buddies, and other than a few concerned neighbors, he had no one else... and, for that matter, neither did I. Meals-On-Wheels would help us with groceries but, when there wasn't enough for two, Jeb would give me his portion. That's when I knew he truly loved me.

One day, Jeb didn't wake up, didn't call me over to sit on his lap, and didn't feed me. A nice neighbor took me in, but when she could no longer care for me, she told me about a place that helps cats find that special someone. I was learning that good things don't last forever, but I remained hopeful.



The folks here at Cat Depot are very kind and accommodating. One volunteer named Jeff is especially nice to me. He carries me around the shelter to show me off to potential adopters. He seems to understand that when you lose your home, it can also break your heart.

My feline roommates tell me that Cat Depot gives all of its temporary residents a second chance. So, if you are looking for a handsome gray and white cat, very sweet, but a wee bit shy, ask for me, Larry . . . or as they affectionately call me, Lawrence of Arcadia.



Memorialize Your Loved One in the Halls of Cat Depot

THE INSIDE SCOOP

Many of us have been deeply loved by one special cat that touched our heart and can never be replaced. Now, you can memorialize your loved one by naming a free-roaming pod or suite in their name.

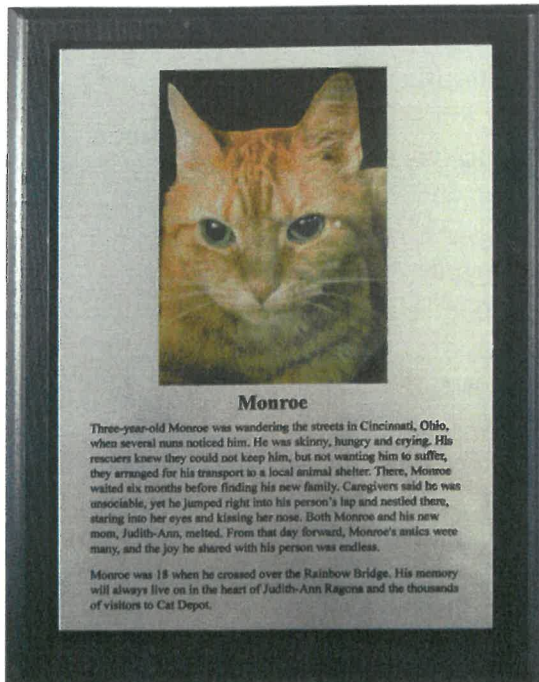
Monroe, a cherished feline family member of Judith-Ann Ragona will forever more be memorialized as "Suite Monroe," residing over the home of the chubby cats.

Monroe's name plate, along with a photo and story about him will adorn the doorway and wall.

Named Suite \$7,500

Named Pod \$5,000

Donated funds will help homeless cats with daily care and medical expenses.



Cat Depot Honored in Reader's Choice Awards

Each year, the Sarasota Herald Tribune asks the community to vote on local businesses to recognize their commitment and dedication to both service and the community.



Volunteer Jordan
Royal and Teddy

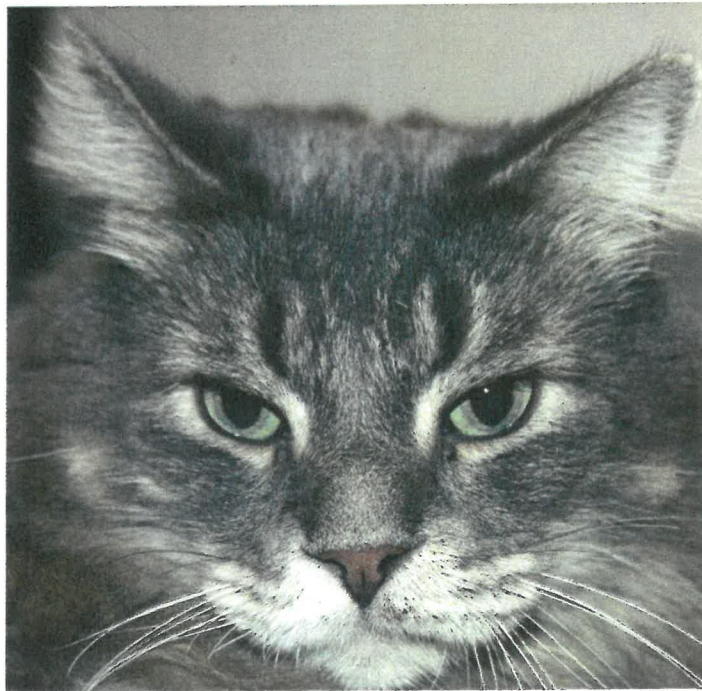
This year, in the nonprofit category, the Salvation Army was the winner and Cat Depot and Goodwill Industries were voted the two finalists!

Thank you fellow animal lovers for honoring Cat Depot with this title.



Lucy Lu

A smoky colored coat and alert green eyes, Lucy Lu was at one time an abused kitty. Lots of patience and kindness are what she needs to gain the security she craves. Lucy Lu is looking for a human angel to help her work through her fears.



CC

A handsome and regal fellow, CC is a Maine Coon with a princely attitude. He loves to pose for pictures and spend time with you. CC enjoys being petted but, too much stimulation may cause him to respond with a nip. CC is working to overcome his excitement.



Circle of Love

Sgt. Major, Heathcliff, and Susie were relinquished to Cat Depot when their dad passed away in April. All three cats live in harmony and should remain together.

Burt Bershon, their pet parent was a long term volunteer at Cat Depot. He loved cats, especially ginger colored ones. Proud of his feline family, they accompanied him everywhere. A pilot, Burt would take Sgt. Major on flights with him. Heathcliff, a bit more grounded, loved to be pushed in a stroller and was often seen in parades. Burt spent weeks with Susie, successfully helping her through physical therapy after her two leg operations.

At Burt's memorial service, his pastor requested that all three of his feline family members be present.

There was not a dry eye in the house when the cats were wheeled on stage in their individual strollers.

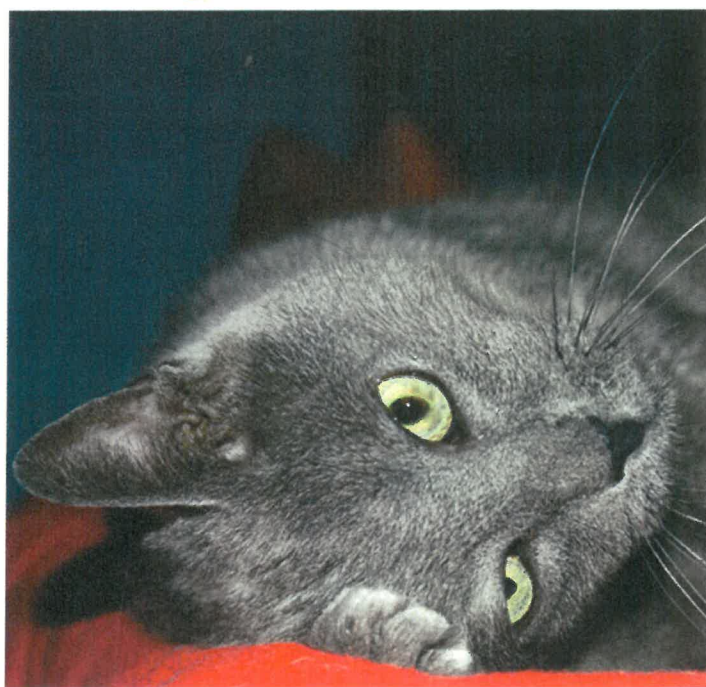
It is a very tall order to adopt all three cats together, but their loss would be far more tragic if this beautiful circle of love was broken.

If you are interested in adopting all three cats, contact adoption counselor, Michelle Furci at 941-366-2404.



Kaybee

Abandoned, Kaybee has grown into an engaging, friendly feline who enjoys being petted. To entertain visitors, Kaybee gives a high five with her paw. Visit with Kaybee and she will respond to your kind words with a "silent meow" and a lifetime of affection.



Cloudy

Cloudy is a sweet cat who prefers to approach humans rather than being approached. He loves to play with a feather wand and laser light and is comfortable with dogs and cats. Light up his life by giving him the joy that only a home of his own can offer.

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