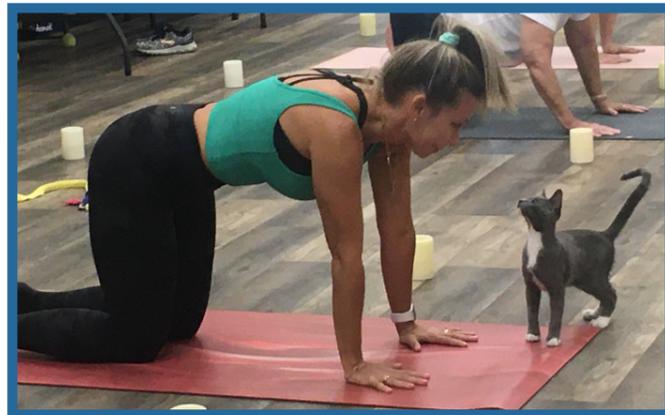




Home to Home

We are happy to announce that we are now partnering with Home to Home! Unfortunately, cats sometimes need a new home. We understand. Home to Home is a new way to help find your pet a new home without having it enter a shelter. Pets go from one home into another, because there is no place like home!

To find a new home for your pet or to adopt a new pet and keep it from entering a shelter, visit catdepot.home-home.org!



We've missed you here at Cat Depot! We are happy to announce that we have resumed some of our in-person activities and classes.

So far, we have been excited to bring back Namastay Yoga and begin partnering with Painting with a Twist! We know yoga and painting are fun, but we think we can all agree that they are better with cats!

To find out more information about our upcoming programming opportunities, please visit us at catdepot.org/our-events.

Forever Friends

Forever Friends make the ultimate difference in the lives of the homeless, sick, and injured cats and kittens. Cat Depot assists each year as a member of our monthly giving program.

What better way to give back this holiday season than by becoming a Forever Friend - a gift that keeps on giving.

Recurring gifts are special as they immediately go to work in supporting the care of the thousands of felines we assist each year through our rescue, adoption, and community cat programs. To learn more about the Forever Friend monthly giving program and the special perks of joining, visit us at catdepot.org!



Holiday Shopping

Are you looking for the purr-fect gift for that special cat or cat person in your life? Stop by the Cat Depot Supply and Gift Store! We have everything from cat toys and fluffy beds to purses, wallets, socks, and more! We are open 10am-6pm Monday thru Sunday for your shopping pleasure.



Cat Depot Connection



Cover Kitty: Sesame Jack is Available for Adoption

Cat Depot's mission is to save lives, find loving homes, and provide resources and education to improve the destiny of homeless cats.

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Thank You For Giving!

By: Andie Antonik, Development Specialist

On behalf of everyone at Cat Depot, we would like to say **thank you for giving!** Thank you for giving your time by volunteering, for giving items and funds needed for the cats, for giving your photos and stories to us on social media, for giving your love to these homeless cats, and for so much more. We would not be here without the generous support we receive from our community.

We would like to highlight a few extra special people who have gone above and beyond at Cat Depot, especially during this last year.



John and Dilia

John and Dilia have been volunteering at Cat Depot for just under six years! During that time, they have volunteered in almost every possible way. They are always willing to help with outreach events and fundraising. John is the first to volunteer to attend an event and dress up as our mascot, Petunia! He is always enthusiastic and excited about assignments that come up. John has also helped as a handyman whenever projects pop up at Cat Depot and has volunteered to help transport cats when needed both near and far. Dilia has been incredibly helpful with many of our fundraising campaigns, research projects, and has helped us keep a lot

of our information up to date. Her organization and reliability is always so appreciated. And, if you have ever been to one of our galas you have seen her incredible work on display in our silent auction baskets!

Together, they also volunteer at our Community Food Bank, they help feed the shelter cats when needed, they serve as Ambassadors on the adoption floor to answer questions and give tours to guests, they work with cats that may need a little more assistance than others, and they even foster! John and Dilia are always willing to step up and help out!

We are so thankful to have John and Dilia as a part of our Cat Depot family and we cannot wait to see the continued impact they have on the lives of homeless, injured, and sick cats and kittens in our community. Thank you, John and Dilia!

Maria Molnar

We would like to say thank you to our long-time donor **Maria Molnar!** Maria has always been a supporter of our mission and has donated both her time and money to helping homeless, sick, and injured cats.

Maria is very caring and always looks to the cats who have been at Cat Depot the longest or may have a hard time getting adopted. She finds ways to help them get adopted whether that be by donating items to go home with the kitty or donating to help assist with a cat's medical expenses, like she did for Cato. This year, she also was our matching donor for our Help Meowt Day of Giving. It has been an incredibly tough year for a lot of organizations, and we are so grateful to have her support!

We are honored to have Maria as a member of the Cat Depot family! Our staff and our kitties are very thankful for everything she has done and will continue to do to support our mission. Thank you, Maria!



Staff Highlight: Bender!

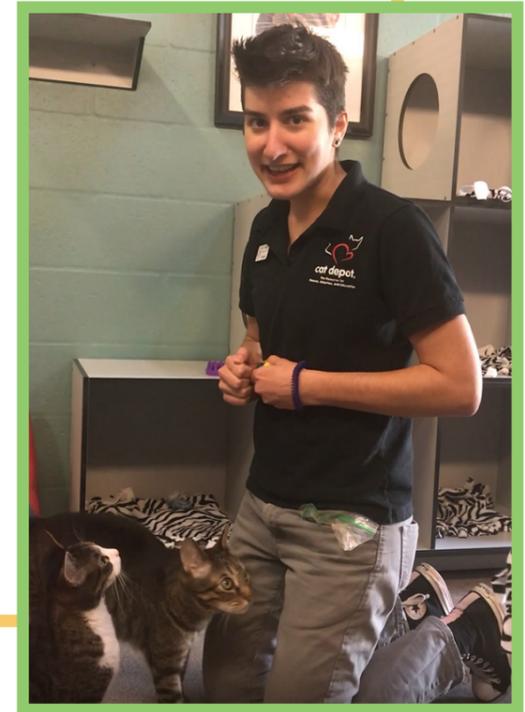
Along with recognizing our volunteers, we would like to say thank you to one of our staff members as well. The featured staff member was nominated by the rest of the Cat Depot staff! This staff member was nominated because our staff felt they overall represented Cat Depot's passion for what we do.

Bender is an Adoption Counselor and has been working at Cat Depot for over five years. Bender has a huge heart when it comes to the cats, the employees, and the adopters. They genuinely care about the wellbeing of every cat and have even opened their home to cats in need in their community. When Bender was nominated, their coworkers had nothing but nice things to say:

"Bender is always super kind to everyone as well as the cats. When I first started, I was scared to get to know people but Bender has always been a welcoming person. I know I can go to Bender with any cat adoption questions and they are so happy to help. Bender is also an amazing adoption counselor who has taken the time to get to know each and every cat."

"It is very obvious that Bender cares so much about the cats and finding their forever homes. They take the extra time needed to learn the cats' personalities and fun quirks, which really helps adopters find the perfect addition to their family. Bender is also an incredibly kind person and is always willing to help and offer advice whenever they can."

We are so grateful to have Bender in our Cat Depot family. Their hard work, dedication, and love to both our team and our cats really shows in their actions every day. Thank you, Bender for everything you do for Cat Depot! The cats and the staff appreciate you, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for you at Cat Depot!



Double Your Impact for Cat Depot this Season!

Thanks to the generosity we have received, we have been able to help thousands of cats get the care they needed.

Grant, a very sweet one-year-old tuxedo cat, was able to receive cryotherapy on both of his eyelids to keep his hairs from rubbing on his eye. Venus, a cuddly two-year-old tabby, was able to have her leg amputated after an awful fracture. Buddy, a talkative three-year-old tabby, was able to receive four balloon dilation procedures to reopen his esophagus after an allergic reaction. Baldur, a playful four-month-old kitten pictured here, was able to have his left eye removed to prevent further health issues.

All of these cats and kittens were able to receive life-altering care thanks to all of our generous donors. Please consider donating today to help more cats in need. **All donations made via our Fall 2021 Newsletter will be matched up to \$500!**

If you would like to make your end of year contribution go even further, we are happy and most grateful to be partnering with the Flanzer Philanthropic Trust this year! **Your gift for Cat Depot will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$500.** The purpose of the Flanzer Matching Gift Program is to inspire locals across the Suncoast to make a difference in their communities through meaningful gifts to key nonprofit organizations. **To double your impact this season, please visit www.flanzertrust.org/make-a-donation/ or scan the QR code and select Cat Depot from the dropdown list.**

