



CATConnection

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Because of You, Chai is Thriving

It's hard to imagine the sweet, gentle Chai once huddled in the walls of a collapsing house, struggling just to survive. Today, thanks to your generosity, Chai is thriving at Cat Depot. Her once-dull fur now gleams, her brilliant blue eyes sparkle with life, and she's healthy, happy, and ready for her forever home.

But just a short time ago, Chai was one of more than 200 cats and kittens living in horrific conditions trapped in a home packed with garbage, without access to proper food, water, or care. To escape the chaos, these true survivors built a maze of tunnels inside the walls. It was the only safety they had.

When a concerned neighbor raised the alarm, rescues across Florida mobilized. Cat Depot's Medical Director, Dr. Cunningham, led a courageous team into the wreckage rescuing 39 cats and kittens from that heartbreaking situation. And behind every step they took... was you.

You made this rescue possible.

Your donations provided the medical care, nutrition, and patient rehabilitation these cats desperately needed. Many, like Chai, were traumatized and unfamiliar with human kindness. They were known as the "P" cats, a nod to their quiet perseverance and they required time, trust, and healing.



And because of your gift, Cat Depot could give them that time.

Weeks turned into months, and slowly, the "P" cats began to trust. They played. They purred. They healed.

Chai's transformation is your impact in action.

Every glossy coat, every wagging tail, every happy adoption story you made possible.

Happy Tails...

Lives Saved Because of You



Scooter

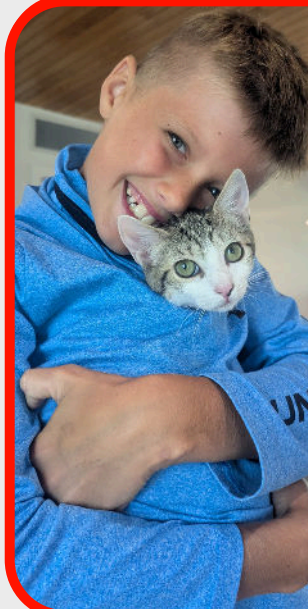
From Hiding in the Shadows to Playing at Dawn

“ After losing both of our senior cats that we had for the past 15-16 years, our home felt empty. My husband decided that he wanted to adopt another Siamese like his very first cat he adopted 50 years ago. That is what led us to Macciato, or as he is now known as Scooter. He and our other cat, Yogi, have become good friends. They share meals, take naps together, and true to cat form, they have epic 4 a.m. play sessions. All these cats need is someone who is willing to be patient, kind and understanding. ”



Spooky McMarmalade (formally Skipper)

“ He is doing so well! He is running around playing with his best friend Rowdy (adopted from Cat Depot last December) and is always curious about what I'm doing! ”



Elliott

“ I just want to thank you all so much for providing such a wonderful home and adoption path for our sweet little Elliott. This little boy has moved into our home and hearts. ”

Neo
(formally Sable) The first “P” cat to be adopted.

“ He's doing well acclimating. He's eating regularly, drinking lots of water, and using his litter box. He likes to be held (lots of purrs), prefers to be wrapped in a blanket, or sleep in his cat cube or the sink. We're slowly letting him get used to different areas of the house at his own pace. ”



Spotlight on Community Cats

Nearly 600 Community Cats Helped This Year!



Cat Depot is committed to saving lives - not just of adoptable cats, but also of community cats who live outdoors and aren't suited for life as pets. Through our Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) program, we've helped nearly **600 community cats this year alone**.

TNVR is a humane, effective approach: cats are trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, ear-tipped for identification, and returned to their outdoor homes. This prevents unwanted litters and improves the cats' overall health and safety.

TNVR works and thanks to your support, it's making a lasting impact on feline overpopulation in our community.

Spotlight on Community Engagement

Reading to Rescues

Kids and cats make a purr-fect pair with benefits beyond cute moments.

Studies have shown that when children read to animals, it not only helps reduce their heart rate and blood pressure, but also boosts confidence, focus, and self-esteem. **At Cat Depot, we're bringing those benefits to life.**

This year, we launched a heartwarming new reading program with first graders at **Gocio Elementary School**.

With a purring companion by their side, students are more motivated to sound out words, stay engaged, and build their reading skills in a low-pressure environment. The kittens? They're



captivated by the voices and snuggles while soaking up the socialization that helps prepare them for adoption.

Students have even started picking out **cat-themed books** to read, deepening their connection to the animals and the experience.

Thank you to Gocio's students and staff for organizing a donation drive, collecting **dozens of much-needed items** to support our mission.

For more information about Reading to Rescues at Cat Depot visit catdepot.org/our-events/

Community Safety Net Program

Because Families Should Stay Together

At Cat Depot, we believe that no one should have to give up a beloved pet because of temporary hardship. Our Safety Net Program is designed to provide critical support for pet owners in crisis, helping families stay together and keeping cats out of shelters.

Whether facing financial strain, housing insecurity, or unexpected emergencies, we are here to help with compassionate, comprehensive care.

Core Services of the Safety Net Program Include:

- **Pet Food Bank** – Providing free cat food and supplies to families struggling to meet basic needs.
- **Financial Assistance** – Offering support for veterinary expenses through our Cat Care Clinic.
- **Temporary Cat Housing** – Assisting in situations like eviction, hospitalization, or displacement to ensure cats remain safe and cared for.

- **Low- or No-Cost Spay/Neuter Services** – Preventing overpopulation and supporting community cat caregivers.
- **Preventive Care** – Providing vaccinations and microchipping to promote long-term cat health and safety.

Together, these services address both urgent needs and long-term barriers to pet ownership, with a focus on underserved communities and vulnerable families.

113,000+
THOUSAND

CATS FED
SINCE 2014

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FOOD
PROVIDED SINCE 2014



252,306 lbs

132,688 cans



Personal Cats:
30,169



Community Cats:
82,898



Colonies:
1,627

About the Pet Food Bank

Cat Depot's Pet Food Bank is a cornerstone of our Safety Net Program. By providing nutritious food and essential supplies, we help pet owners facing difficult times keep their cats well-fed and healthy.

This vital resource supports hundreds of families each year and reduces the number of cats surrendered to shelters due to financial hardship.

Thanks to generous donors and community partners, our shelves stay stocked and our impact continues to grow.

Scan the QR code for
information on ways to
donate and support Cat
Depot's Food Bank



FOOD
BANK

About Cat Depot

At Cat Depot, we're more than a shelter we're a lifeline. Our 11,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility is a free-roaming, managed admissions cat adoption and resource center located in Sarasota, Florida.

We rescue and rehome more than 1,200 cats and kittens each year,
many from urgent and dire circumstances.

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

Take Action for Cats & Kittens



ADOPT

2025 has been one of our **best years yet**. While shelters across the country are struggling to make progress, **Cat Depot has increased its lifesaving by 10%**, that's over 100 more cats and kittens who received a second chance this year.

Get started today at catdepot.org



FOSTER

In 2025, more than **400 vulnerable kittens** received the round-the-clock care they needed to survive, grow, and thrive **thanks to Cat Depot's dedicated foster network**.

Our foster families also provide homes for cats recovering from serious medical issues and provide peace, comfort, and love while they heal.



VOLUNTEER

With up to 150 cats on site daily, tasks like laundry may seem small but they're essential to maintaining the clean, comforting environment our cats deserve. So far this year, **over 250 volunteers contributed more than 22,000 hours** to support our mission. Their dedication allows us to provide the personalized care that sets Cat Depot apart.

Fall at Cat Depot

EVENTS

✓ READING TO RESCUES

✓ NAMASTRAY YOGA

✓ PURR & POUR

✓ UTC SANTA'S ARRIVAL PARADE



Don't miss a single event! catdepot.org/our-events/



Your purchase saves lives!

Shop for a Cause this Holiday Season!

ENJOY 15% OFF

Your Retail Purchase at Cat Depot's Supply & Gift Store

Thank you for supporting Cat Depot – your holiday shopping helps provide care, shelter, and love to cats in need.

Excludes cat food and litter
Coupon Expires: January 2, 2026
Must Present Coupon at Checkout

Redeem in-store at
2542 17th St, Sarasota FL 34234

OPEN DAILY
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Holiday Toy & Pet Food Drive

Help fill Cat Depot's Wishlist this season!

This holiday, you can bring joy, comfort, and care to the cats and kittens at Cat Depot.

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING
THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER
FOR CATS LIKE GEM!**



What's on our wishlist?

- Cat Toys & Treats
- Wet & Dry Food
- Beds & Blankets
- Enrichment Items
- Litter & Litter Boxes
- Cat Carriers - Hard-Sided, Top-Loading
- Foster Kitten Supplies & More!

Drop off donations at Cat Depot.

Daily 10 AM - 6 PM
2542 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34234



Scan the QR code to view the full wishlist and shop online.

GIVING TUESDAY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DECEMBER 2ND

This GivingTuesday, choose hope for kittens.

Cat Depot rescues hundreds of kittens every year, many just days old who need round-the-clock care, specialized medical treatment, love, and a home to grow. These fragile lives can't wait... and they can't survive without you.

Your gift gives kittens a safe path to their forever homes!

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Thanks to a generous match, all donations will be **matched dollar for dollar—up to \$7,000!**

TINY PAWS, BIG HOPE



Donate at catdepot.org
or scan the QR Code



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