

# CAT TALES



Friends of Cats, Inc. | San Diego County, CA

Winter 2024

## Whiskey Wonderland

Friends of Cats, Inc. 2024



Join us!



Saturday, December 7, 2024

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friends of Cats, Inc. Shelter  
15587 Olde Hwy 80 • El Cajon, CA 92021

If you cannot attend, you can still send holiday gifts from our wish lists on Amazon and Chewy.



- Bring a can or bag of any cat food as a gift for the cats
- Shop the Cat Boutique
- Visit with the kitties and meet other cat lovers
- Refreshments provided by volunteers and generous donations from:



Amazon



Chewy

Scan for directions:



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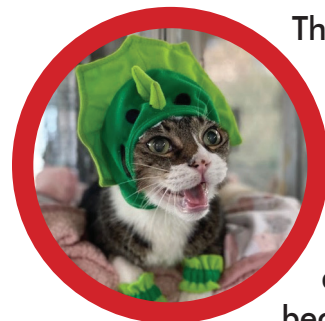


## A Big Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to Faith Naylor, our newly crowned United International Elite California Pre-Teen! Faith's pageant platform is dedicated to supporting cats in shelters, a cause she's deeply passionate about. Recently, she visited Friends of Cats to spread some joy with her wonderful "Kitty Love Boxes," filled with treats, toys, and essentials for our feline friends. Her kindness and generosity truly make a difference, and her enthusiasm inspires everyone around her. We're so grateful to have such a compassionate young advocate supporting our mission. Thank you, Faith, for your dedication to helping cats find happiness and comfort at the shelter!



## Thank You to Our Generous Donors for Making Our October Tricks & Treats Event a Success!



Throughout October, we held our annual Tricks & Treats Event through Chewy, and thanks to the amazing support from donors like you, it was a great success! Your kindness and generosity brought joy, comfort, and supplies to countless cats in our care.



During the month, we received of treats, food, toys, and other essential items from our Chewy wish list, all because of your thoughtfulness. These donations have made a huge impact, helping to keep our cats healthy, happy, and entertained.

We'd like to give a special thank you to those who contributed to our wish list—your support helps us continue to provide for every cat in need, and it allows us to focus on our mission to rescue, care for, and rehome as many cats as possible. From the fun toys that keep our cats active to the high-quality food that keeps them well-nourished, each item is a gift that truly makes a difference.

As the holiday season approaches, we're reminded of how much community support means to us and the cats we care for. Your dedication inspires us every day, and we couldn't do it without you.

Thank you again for making our Tricks & Treats Event a success! We're so grateful to have such a compassionate community supporting us. We look forward to sharing more joyful updates and stories in the months to come.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Do you have experience using Constant Contact to create email announcements? We're seeking a volunteer skilled in using Constant Contact to help with our email newsletter. This role can be done remotely and requires a commitment of about 16 hours per month. If interested, please reach out to us at [catfriends@friendsofcats.org](mailto:catfriends@friendsofcats.org) with the subject line "Volunteer."





# Events of 2024

**9/28 & 9/29 - La Jolla Art and Wine Festival** - We were so happy to be invite back again this year and it was another great event for the shelter! By bringing back our handmade crochet items, hand-painted rocks, and other handmade items too, we are able to raise some great money for the shelter!



**10/19 - Howl-O-Ween Hounds - La Mesa Grossmont Center** - Another great event hosted by our friends at the San Diego Animal Support Foundation.



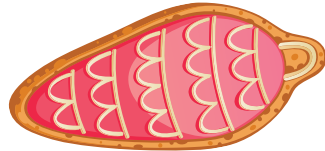
**11/2 - Ramona Art & Wine Festival** - We were thrilled to have this amazing opportunity to fundraise for the shelter! Thanks to the generous donations of unique, handmade art from our board members and Friends of Cats supporters, we raised both funds and awareness for our shelter. A special thank you goes to Elaine from Hatfield Winery, whose support made this event possible. We're incredibly grateful for this chance to further our mission — thank you to everyone who helped make it a success!

## Upcoming Events

**12/7 - Whisker Wonderland** - Join us for one of our most enjoyable fundraising events at the shelter! Come indulge in delicious treats and show your support with donations to help the shelter.

**12/14 - Santa Paws Adoption Event - La Mesa Grossmont Center** - Hosted by our friends at the San Diego Animal Support Foundation

**1/25-1/26 - CFA Cat Show hosted by San Diego Cat Fanciers** - We are looking forward to seeing all the cat lovers and amazing cats! We will also be bringing back our handmade crochet and painted rocks to fundraise for the shelter!



Follow us on Social Media to get notifications and updates on our future events!



# Shelter Stories



## Peacock and Paramount

(now Anza and Zion)

Two of the six “streaming service” kittens, brought to us by a kind woman whose sister’s cat unexpectedly had a litter, were recently adopted! Arielle and Keating, who had visited us regularly, were finally ready to adopt and fell in love with these two kittens right away. Since going home, the kittens have been busy exploring every corner of their new house, with favorite spots including the fridge and sinks! They’re happiest playing with feather toys and are thrilled to have been adopted together, allowing them to keep snuggling up as a pair, as you can see. We’re overjoyed they went home together, and the person who entrusted them to us is equally delighted and still keeps in touch!



## Kona L (now Cody)

Kona came to us in May after being rescued by the compassionate Karen, who sadly couldn’t keep him due to her other cat’s reluctance to share space. Initially stressed by the transition, Kona became a bit withdrawn, so we gave him a quiet space in our cottage for shy and feral cats to help him adjust. After a month, Kona began to relax and was introduced to the other adoptable cats, where he quickly won hearts with his soulful eyes and gentle demeanor. Alex and Ryan fell for him and say that although he was shy at first, he soon warmed up, now taking every chance to snuggle in their laps. Alex and Ryan adore him, and we’re thrilled he’s finally found a loving lap to call his own!





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## Tanya



Now, for a legacy story! Tanya arrived with her mother and siblings as a tiny kitten, just about a week old, back in 2019. Our wonderful medical technician Blythe, then new to our team, spent a lot of time caring for Tanya due to a congenital eye condition and soon fell head over heels for her. Blythe adopted Tanya as soon as she could, and now Tanya reigns as queen of her castle! Beloved and spoiled, she won't let Blythe bring another pet home, but Blythe couldn't be happier with her one and only. Tanya truly couldn't have found a better home!

## Potato and Steve

Potato came to us with her sister, Tomato, but they soon went their separate ways. David and April adopted Potato after David fell in love with her sweet, attention-seeking personality. April, equally charmed, felt drawn to Steve, who had a gentle, laid-back nature and had been on his own since his brother Frank was adopted. After two weeks, with Potato comfortably settled in, April returned to adopt Steve. At home, Steve has made his presence known as the "boss," though April says he and Potato are learning to get along. With Potato finding her voice too, they're optimistic that their friendship will continue to grow. We wish them all the best!





## Donations

Dr. Alfred Aberle, Elaine Alvarez, Patricia Bannister, Dianna Benson, Kyla Black, Diana Blanton, Janet Bock, Kristel Boe, Bonfire, Ka Borowick, Sheri Boshear, Mary Bowman, Peter Buckley, Brooke Canaris, Patricia Clavell, V. Paul Clay, David Coddon, Henry & Hazel Collup, Cosmic Frogs Vinyl, John M. Davis, Rachel Denault, Naomi Diem, Suzanne Dollar, Merina Dorr, Rico Encinas-Sepulveda, Lida Enferad, Susan Finger, Marcy Gerardi, Girl Scout Troop 5248, Jacqueline Glascock, Becky Graul, Jimmy & Kathleen Grigsby, Summer Hartley, Holman Automotive Porsche of San Diego, Connie Iverson, Emme & Reggie Jennings, Jaycee Karl, Margie Kitano, Kroger Co., Susan Lindsey, Sally Loucks, Birgit Luehrsen, Elaine Manning, Linda McLaughlin, Joan & Melvin Miljour, Sandra Morgan, Bettye Neely, Barbara Neff, Jacqueline Noel, Gerry Nordstrom, Jon Olson, Marcia Phelan, Christie Ranney, Joanie Rodgers, Diane Roll, Edward Rose, Christine Sickler, Julie Singleton, Shannon Mary Rose Smail, John Smith, Cheryl Stengel, Barbara & Michael Stringer, Martha & Chuck Stultz, Charles Sweeney, Donald Switzer, Torgerson Family, United Way CA Capital Region, Gloria Van Grove, Stephanie Van Osdoll, Mari Waldron, Donna & Robert Weaver, Elizabeth Weber, Ronald & Jan Weiss, Bonnie Wright, Steven Yerkes, Harriet Zale

## New Members

Maddie Gollin, Drew Gollin, Linda Helms, Tammy Jones, Judith Ortega

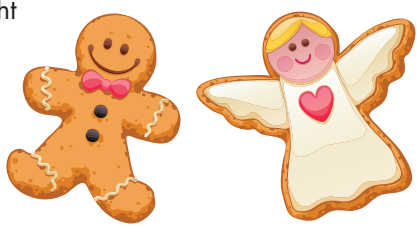


## Renewing Members

Elaine Alvarez, Robert Beard, Michael Bronson, Cinda Caine, Judith Castaneda, Joan Cohen, Ruth Contino, Carole Gase, Jacqueline Glascock, Jimmy & Kathleen Grigsby, Jeffrey Jaeger, Renee Levine, Nona McGowan, Linda McLaughlin, George & Maggie McNeil, Marilyn Mittleholtz, Sandra Morgan, Bettye Neely, Gladys Pearson, Michael Radell, Linda & Michael Ray, Carol Stein, Kimberly Stromberg, Cheryl Troutwine, Jack & Cammie Wagner, Bobbi Weaver, Dolores Woodford

## Pledges

Rob Abrom, Kristen Barnhill, Elaine Barrett, Danielle Bartholomew, Sharyl Beaton, Cecilia Berg, Barbara Blanchard, Terry Carpenter, Anthony Cerone, Robert Clay, Heather Coate, James Colbert, Elizabeth Comer, Carol Culkin, Allyson Darroch, April Decker, Renee Differ, Mike Dodge, Hussain Elhaoui, Carin Elliott, Richard & Melinda Fisher, Catherine Frazier, Nancy Lee Friedlander, Patti Gentes, Sherry Gettmann, Sherry Gilbert, Harriet Goldstein, Teresa Haas, James Hada Jr., Sue Heim, Helene Hoffman, Christine Hogan, Robert Jacobs, Gina James, John Jontry, Bernard Juleson, Edward & Gayle Kane, Jaycee Karl, Rose Keene, Karen & Alan Kent, Rita Koda, Jeannette Landis, Katherine Lazzaro, Nathan Lessani, David Lloyd, Dave & Sally Loucks, Bob Martin, Peter Maxwell, Michele's Musivation, Mindy Miller, Dana Christine Murphy, Ness Commissions, Laurie Orange, Robin Parks, Laura Pederson, Sonia Podvin, Joe Quarles, Patricia Ray, Denise Reesha, Melody Ross, Ruth Rudesill, Marina Ryzhkova, Eleanna Sakoulas, Jill Schaeffer, Danielle Schulte, Virginia Schultz, Noelle Sleder, Teresa Steele, Kathryn Stirlen, Danene Twyman Brown, Barbara VanHorne, Kristine Vickery, Julie & Jeff Walker, Jacqueline Whaley, Darlene Whorley, Robert Wiggins, Wendy Wright



**Memberships, donations, and tributes received after 10/30/2024 will appear in Spring Cat Tales. Cat Tales is edited by Becki Gibson**



## Donations in Honor of the Following People

Ed Rose's 76th Birthday—*Becky Brown*, Bob James, his brother Bill, & Red the cat's hospitality—*Richard Bruns*, FOC Staff & all the work they do for the kitties—*Amanda Jenison*, Joanie—*Mark Shirvell*

## Donations in Honor of the Following Cats



Rug—*Steven Diaz*, Louie—*Orville Esoy*, Zoey—*Louise Ewing*, Zoey—*Lila Ewing*, Annie—*Catherine Frazier*, Lady—*Renee Levine*, Mama Kitty—*Gerry Nordstrom*, Paisley—*Barbara VanHorne*

## Donations in Memory of the Following Cats

Lynx—*Janet Bianchini*, Dee—*Alice Gruber*, Starfire—*Paula Ingram*, Tattoo the Cat—*JayCee Karl*, Gemma Lois, Heifer, Bowie—*Kensington Veterinary*, Moz & Lucas—*Juerie Masters*, Sweetie—*Irene Maule*, Pippi & Rita—*Carol Stein*, Shannon—*Barbara VanHorne*, Duke & Derek—*Jack & Cammie Wagner*

## Donations in Memory of the Following People



Elise Castro—*Trish Kelliher*, Beloved wife, Eileen Quarles—*Joseph Quarles*

# Happy Holidays



to all of our  
Friends  
of Cats  
Family &  
Supporters

# Friends of Cats, Inc.

## NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

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## A Word About Friends of Cats

**FRIENDS OF CATS** is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to providing shelter and medical care for homeless cats. Once their health is assured, we find homes for as many of them as we can. The cats in our care are never euthanized except as a matter of compassion if they are terminally ill. We depend primarily on membership fees, donations, and bequests, to continue our work. Inquiries are welcome and we are always eager for new members. If you would like to join us or to make a tax-deductible contribution, please use the coupon at right. When you become a member of Friends of Cats, you will receive each issue of our newsletter, CAT TALES.



### Shelter Location

15587 Olde Highway 80 El Cajon, CA  
92021 619-561-0361

### Hours

Tues-Sun 10am-4pm  
Closed Monday



### Mailing Address

P.O. Box 1613  
Lakeside, CA 92040

## Membership Coupon



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth: \$5    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining: \$50  |
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Contribution (non-membership): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge Club: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for a minimum of one year.

**Mail to: Friends of Cats, P.O. Box 1613, Lakeside, CA 92040**

*Membership does not guarantee acceptance of a cat by our shelter. Please call for details: 619-561-0361*