

# Tabby's Place®

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## A CAT SANCTUARY



**Editor's Note:** If you're behind on your New Year's resolutions, the cats have you covered. This issue is a cozy quilt of cat-approved tips for a joyous 2025. But all their advice comes down to this: Please be their Valentine!

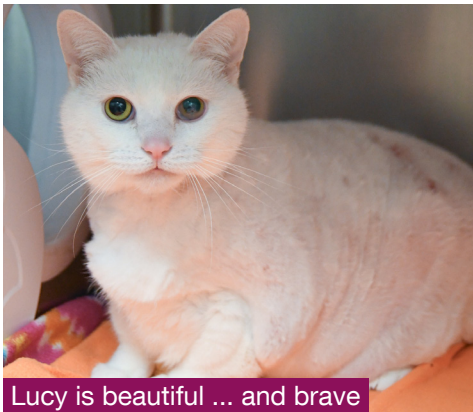
## New Beginnings: Lucy

Angela Townsend, Development Director

Soft as powdered sugar, with cherub cheeks and dancing eyes, Lucy looks like the cover of a calendar. You might assume she's led a life of ease.

But turn the page, and a sadder story tumbles out.

Lucy's little snowball feet turned



Lucy is beautiful ... and brave

Resolution:  
*Seek Beauty*

rough through winters outdoors. Her soft body was ragged and raw from severe skin disease.

Life had not been lovely for our snow angel. But Lucy never stopped seeking beauty.

The day she came to Tabby's Place, Lucy's eyes filled with wonder. Every face smiled upon her with love! Our vet team relieved Lucy's pain, and soon Lucy felt comfortable in her own skin.

Yes, Lucy is lovely. But look a little deeper, and you will see that she is brave. It takes courage to believe life can be sweet after so much sadness ...



Lucy

but at Tabby's Place, every beautiful dream comes true.

**Breaking News:**  
Lucy has just been adopted!

## 2024 Financial Report

Jonathan Rosenberg, Founder & Executive Director

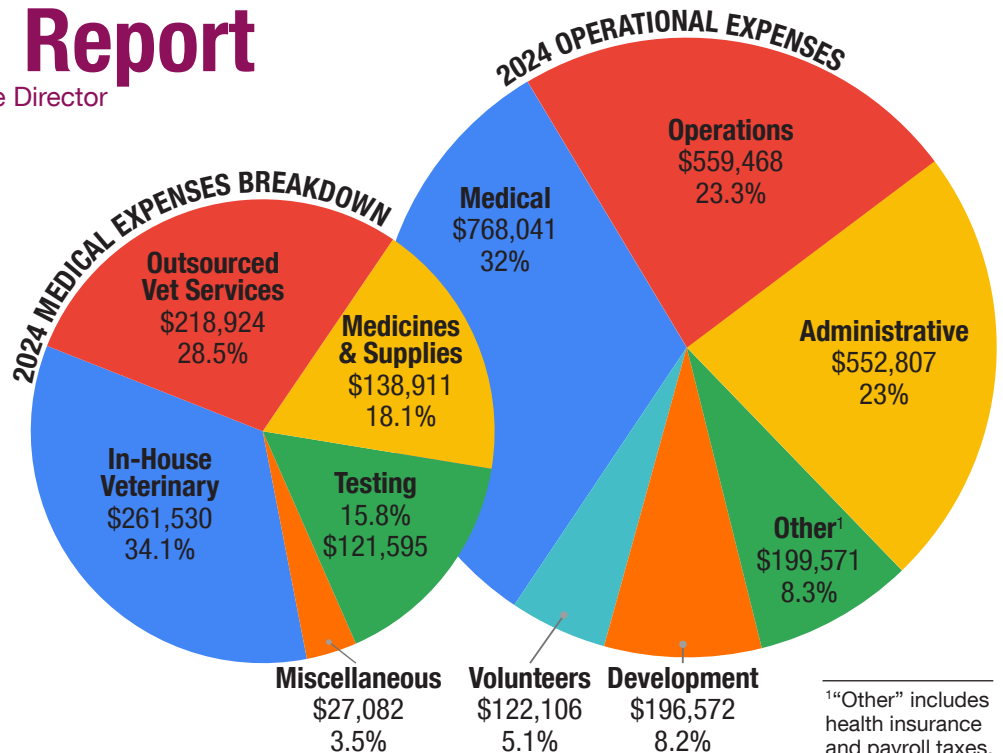
Resolution:  
*Give from the Heart*

After 21 years, we should be used to your generosity and devotion to the cats. But, to be honest, you floored us in 2024.

Our 2024 finances were aided by the fact that expenses grew by a mere 7% from 2023. But the real hero in this story is you: our donations grew by 49% from the previous year.

	2024	2023	% Change
Income	\$3,058,080	\$2,045,674	49%
Expenses	\$2,404,846	\$2,250,000	7%

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This left the cats with a tasty \$653,234 in net income. In addition to propelling us comfortably into 2025, we are now able to position Tabby's Place for long-term sustainability, with much needed reserve funds:

- The Operating Reserve will allow us to weather unforeseen emergencies,

and to take advantage of unique opportunities (such as discounts for large volume purchases).

- The Capital Reserve will cover both the replacement of equipment and capital improvements.

You can see the breakdown of expenses in the chart on the previous page.

As usual, medical costs were our

largest category, taking over 30% of our total expenses.

I am honored to work with you to save even more cats who need the unique love that Tabby's Place can give. I look forward to keeping you posted on some exciting projects and improvements we have in the works.

Thank you for your monumental generosity. It means the world to all of us!

## Fostering Kindness

When you support Tabby's Place, every one of our cats is part of your family. You are here with us every day: brushing Fergie in her solarium, giving Dewie his insulin in Quinn's Corner ... and falling asleep with kittens on your forehead.

Wait, what?

At any given time, over 30 Tabby's Place cats live "off campus" in our foster network. This enables us to help *more* cats, and to provide a higher



Fragile kittens like Lilo start their journey in skilled foster homes

Resolution:  
*Be Hospitable*

level of *individualized care* for cats on life's margins.

Our Foster Program includes:

- **Kitten Fosters:** Fragile babies need 'round-the-clock care. Without a skilled cadre of foster families, Tabby's Place would have to turn away newborns and orphans like Lilo. But your giving supports a robust training program. In 2024, foster families nurtured 186 kittens into secure, healthy toddlers ready for adoption.
- **Forever Fosters:** Some of our cats have extraordinary needs best served by our world-class vet team. Forever Fosters provide them with the comfort of a home, plus lifelong medical care at Tabby's Place.
- **Hospice Fosters:** Once a cat comes to Tabby's Place, they join



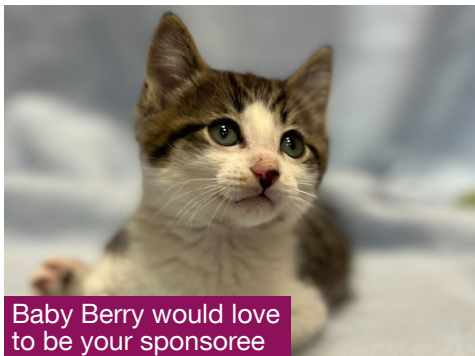
Gus and Gaia, who live with severe cerebellar hypoplasia, flourish in a forever foster home

a family where love never ends. No cat faces terminal illness alone, and some spend their final chapter in the fairytale setting of a home. Hospice Foster families know they will face the sorrow of goodbye. Yet greater still is the joy of being a cat's heaven on earth.

Your generosity provides the training, support, and medical care for foster cats and kittens every day. If you're interested in fostering, please contact Foster Coordinator Tiana Thomas at [tt@tabbysplace.org](mailto:tt@tabbysplace.org). **AT**

## Advanced Needs

You're a "Tabby's Place person."  
Your heart is a haven for cats with big



Baby Berry would love to be your sponsoree

Resolution:  
*Build A Kinder World*

hearts, big needs, and nowhere else to turn.

The helpless newborn kitten, the senior calico abandoned by her family, and the paraplegic in her polka-dot diaper are *your cats*.

You can build a kinder world by sponsoring an Advanced Needs cat. In thanks for your monthly donation, you'll receive monthly updates and



Will you change the world for a cat like Regina?

photos, and you can even give a gift sponsorship. Click [here](#) to choose a sweetie who would love to be yours.

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# Marco's Journey

Bewildered and bedraggled, Marco was lost in a war-torn city. Heroes pulled Marco from Beirut's streets, but his medical issues were severe. Tabby's Place was his only hope.

We take 5% of our cats from overseas, focusing on those with nowhere else to turn. With a life-threatening liver shunt, Marco needed us.



Marco traveled 5,000 miles to find hope at Tabby's Place

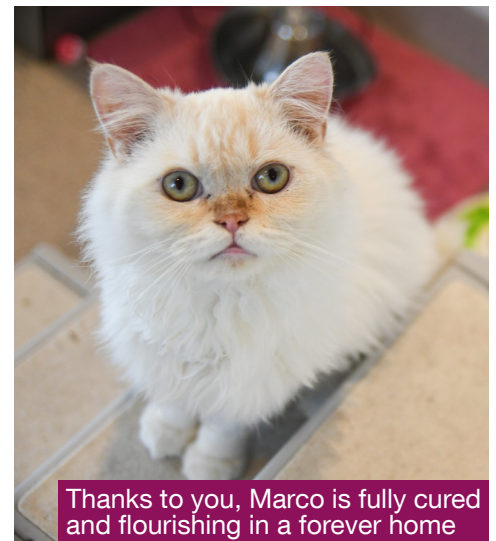
Resolution:  
*Make Someone the  
Center of Your World*

But the little Persian seemed to know the world needed him, too.

Despite his illness, Marco made it his mission to lavish everyone with love. Whether clowning around with feline friends, or melting like a marshmallow in a volunteer's arms, Marco made everyone feel like the center of the world.

And from four corners of the globe, people like you returned the favor.

Thanks to the Tabby's Place family, Marco received cutting-edge surgery. Given the severity of his liver shunt, he also required intensive care over an extended



Thanks to you, Marco is fully cured and flourishing in a forever home

period.

But today, Marco is fully cured and thriving in his forever home. Whatever we've given Marco, we've received back a millionfold. That's what happens when you make a cat the center of your world. **AT**

*You can help save the next Marco with a donation to Tabby's Place. Click here to make your gift in honor or memory of someone special.*

## Behavior Corner

Anxious, aggressive, or traumatized cats often have fewer options than cats with physical ailments. These distressed cats may be first to be euthanized at public shelters.

But Tabby's Place has a Behavior Team who never gives up on a cat. That's a life-saving promise for friends

Bacon has thrived at Tabby's Place for over a decade, thanks to a meticulous behavior plan

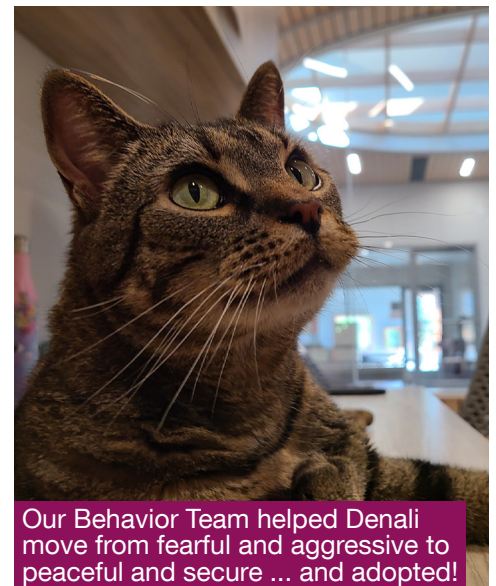


Resolution:  
*Never Give  
Up On Anyone*

like Bacon, whose rare neurological disorder has made him a ten-year resident. With meticulous behavioral interventions, Bacon lives a peaceful life of dignity.

While Tabby's Place is Bacon's home for life, most cats in our behavior program go on to be adopted. Our skilled team worked with Denali over the course of eleven months, applying cutting edge research to craft a custom behavior program. As Denali felt secure, she outgrew her aggressive tendencies, going on to find an adoring forever home.

Your generosity is the only reason Tabby's Place



Our Behavior Team helped Denali move from fearful and aggressive to peaceful and secure ... and adopted!

can devote these resources to every cat.

Would you like to be part of our Behavior Team? Donate to help support this one-of-a-kind support system. Thank you for never giving up on any cat. **AT**

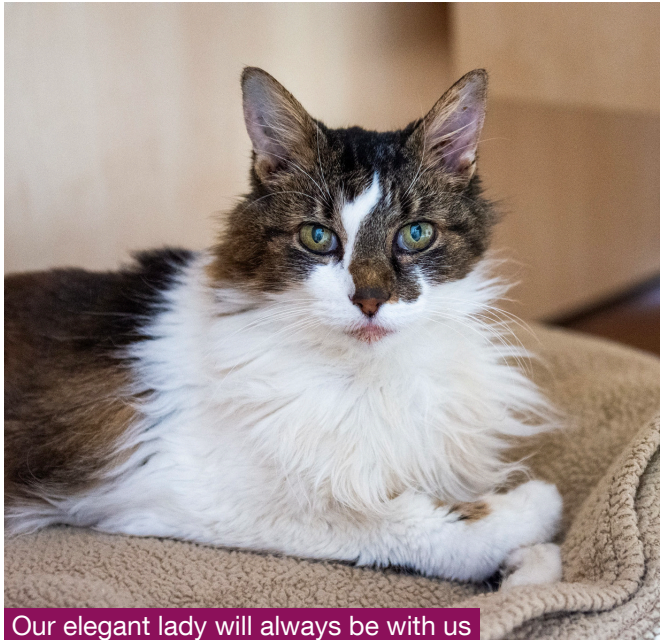




# Forever Loved: Cora

Jonathan Rosenberg, Founder & Executive Director

Cora reminded me of a demure, gracefully aging Southern belle. She kept up appearances at all costs: her long fur was the crinoline hoop skirt, her facial markings the (over-applied) makeup. She sat with crossed paws as if carefully positioning her gloved hands for proper effect. She was always gentle and kind and would partake in a delicate petit four (Friskies Party Mix) now and then.



Our elegant lady will always be with us

Resolution:  
♥ Carry Love's ♥  
Light Forward

The only thing that spoiled this was, excuse my language, her “poopy butt.” Cora had chronic diarrhea and a habit of squatting a little too low when using the “facilities.” Combined with her long fur ... you get the picture. Because of this, she needed daily butt baths, a not-uncommon requirement at Tabby's Place.

But no one minded, as it meant spending extra time with her. She was also a doll for daily subcutaneous fluids and insulin injections (required for her failing kidneys and diabetes).

Living in our Lobby, Cora basked in the attention of visitors, attracted by her beauty and gentle attitude. In a Lobby of misfits and troublemakers, she



Cora, forever loved

managed to fit

right in. Never “bothered” another cat. Never drew their ire (no small feat).

We knew she was on borrowed time. It seems Cora did, too. Together, we appreciated every day.

Cora declined rapidly, which was a blessing for all. It still hit me like a ton of bricks. I couldn't imagine not seeing her beautiful face lighting up the Lobby. She gently left this world surrounded by her many admirers.

RIP, Baby Girl. Save me a place.

## New Ways To Save Cats

Your love for the cats knows no limit ... but you yearn to do more. Now you can. We're grateful to announce that Tabby's Place can accept a variety of gifts that help both the cats and you.

With just a few clicks, you can now give:

- Donor-Advised Funds
- Stock
- Retirement Assets
- Cryptocurrency

You can make a monumental impact for cats, while also lowering your tax burden. Your gift will save cats who would otherwise never have the

chance to be loved.

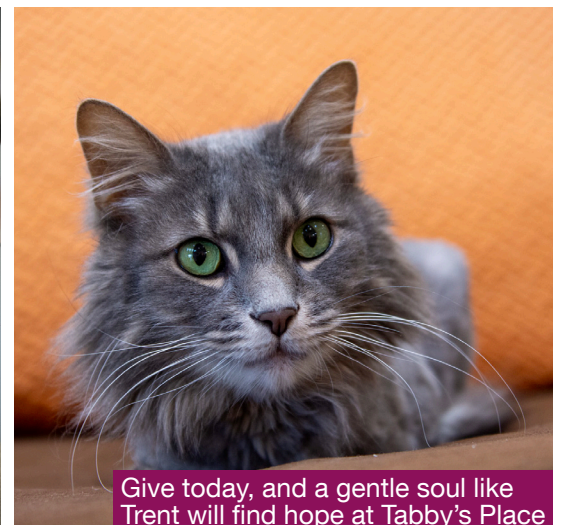
Please help ensure we can be here for cats like Rori. Taking care of one



Your giving means life itself to cats like Rori

Resolution:  
♥ Give Smart ♥

another is what we're all about in the Tabby's Place family. **AT**



Give today, and a gentle soul like Trent will find hope at Tabby's Place



# Aged to Purrfection

Friends don't let friends stress about age ... and Taylor Ham's best friends can be found from kindergarten to the nursing home.

As one of our certified therapy



Taylor Ham is on a mission of compassion to children and seniors

Resolution:  
*Stay Forever Young*

cats, Taylor hits the road on a mission of comfort and cheer. Whether he's lovestruck in the lap of a young reader or listening to life stories from a senior citizen, Taylor makes everyone feel adored.

Taylor and several fellow felines, all with Advanced Needs of their own, are the sweethearts of our Paws to Read and Aged to Purrfection programs.

In Paws to Read, children find courage to read aloud to our cats, while Aged to Purrfection brings Taylor and friends to nursing care centers to



No matter how much we give, we can never repay cats like Taylor for their love

comfort seniors. Riding in his green stroller, Taylor is a traveling "sanctuary" for everyone in need of unconditional love.

To support our Paws to Read and Aged to Purrfection programs, please [donate](#) today! [AT](#)

## Positively Loved: Mr. Man

If you've ever felt nervous about cats with feline leukemia virus (FeLV), you're not alone. Visitors sometimes hesitate to enter our Quinn's Corner wing, afraid they'll be heartbroken at the sight of frail cats.

Allow us to introduce you to Mr. Man.

Built like a sharp-dressed walrus, Mr. Man is a one-cat conga line whose music never stops. Our tubby tuxedo's biggest problem is deciding whether to snuggle the nearest cat or human.

He also happens to be FeLV+. Allow Mr. Man to help you bust some myths:



Mr. Man is living large with FeLV

Resolution:  
*Bust Myths*

- **Myth:** FeLV+ cats are frail and sickly.  
**FACT:** Most FeLV+ cats enjoy good health. They are more susceptible to infections (such as upper respiratory viruses) and certain forms of lymphoma. But these zesty cats can live long, "normal" lives. They are generally not sick until their final illness, at which time palliative care is advised.
- **Myth:** If you pet FeLV+ cats, you can bring the virus home.  
**FACT:** FeLV is spread by casual contact between cats, such as mutual grooming and sharing bowls. There is no way you can transmit it to your cats at home.
- **Myth:** FeLV is expensive to care for.  
**FACT:** Most FeLV+ cats do not require "extra" care, other than a high-quality diet, low-stress environment, and regular veterinary visits (like any other cat).
- **Myth:** FeLV is a form of cancer.  
**FACT:** Although it has the word "leukemia" in the name, FeLV is a retrovirus (like FIV), which attacks



Every living creature is a Mr. Man fan! (Pictured here is the late, loved Checkers.)

the immune system.

- **Myth:** FeLV+ cats should not be available for adoption.  
**FACT:** These phenomenal cats are as affectionate, goofy, and tenderhearted as any others, and they thrive in loving homes. In 2024 alone, Tabby's Place adopted out seven FeLV+ cats. Although they should not be integrated with uninfected cats, FeLV+ cats live safely with other species, or with fellow FeLV+ cats. Why not adopt two?

The letters F-E-L-V are far less interesting than L-O-V-E.

If you love FeLV+ cats but can't adopt right now, consider sponsoring our [FeLV Fund](#). You'll receive updates on all our "Felvies," including the magnificent Mr. Man, every month. [AT](#)



# Happy Endings: Salami, Hummus & Gouda

Claudia Monahan, Sanctuary Associate

Six months ago, if you told me my life would be changed by *hummus* and *salami*, I would probably be confused.

It was my first day working at Tabby's Place. The first cage I had to clean was inhabited by *Hummus*, our newest colony rescue. A bit overwhelmed with mastering the protocol, I almost didn't pay him any mind, focused on providing him clean amenities and fresh food.



Once struggling in a sickly colony, today Salami and Hummus feast on joy



Best friends forever, Salami and Hummus

Resolution:  
*Never Give Up*

Almost.

The silent bundle of black and white sat in the corner of his cage, staring me down with narrowed eyes and flat, airplane ears. But there was no violence in his heart. I thought to myself, *"this is the cutest cat ever. I'm sure I'll see more cute cats as I work here, though."*

None were cuter to me than Hummus.

The cage below was occupied by none other than Salami, a shy, gray lump who hid under his blankets, but raised for scratches. My heart melted as I watched his timid exterior crack under love.

I realized both these boys—and the others from this colony—just needed time and love.

Weeks later, I found Hummus in a pile of blankets in his suite, snug as a bug. He accepted pets with soft uncertainty. I scratched under his chin and realized, *"I might be the first person who ever pet him."*

I applied to adopt him minutes



Salami is sweet, silly, and adored at last

later. A connection was carved in stone. I knew in my quiet, patient household, he would grow to become a sweet and loving companion.

Hummus pairs great with Salami, though, so I made sure to bring him home too, after his miraculous victory against FIP.

They became inseparable. Pets, cuddles, and playtime are met with unbridled jubilation.

It fills my heart every day to know they are home, safe, happy, and loved.

*Life is a sweet smorgasbord for Hummus and Salami, and we're full of gratitude to Claudia ... and to you, for helping to make this possible! Your support gives homeless cats a place at love's table. Thank you for your generosity to cats like Salami and Hummus.*

## Ambassadors Needed

If your heart is overflowing with love, grab your phone or open your laptop. One of the best ways you can help the cats is by becoming their ambassador!

You have loved ones who adore cats but don't know about Tabby's Place. Please share this newsletter. Point them at our blog. Ask for a

Resolution:  
*Speak for the Weak*

donation the next time your birthday rolls around. Best of all, bring them to visit!

If you're proud to be part of this community of love, shine your light for the cats today. **AT**



Please use your voice on behalf of little ones like Leia!