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YOUR TIME TO SHINE: DONATIONS DOUBLED THROUGH NEW YEAR'S EVE!

You keep our cats safe and cozy ... and, now through 12/31, <u>your kindness will be doubled</u>. We have the amazing chance at \$265,000 in matching funds, so please let love be your guide.

New Beginnings: Willow Angela Townsend, Development Director

Willow's life began on rocky ground. Our little silver belle was born paralyzed, and then her mother vanished.

Your love will help Willow grow strong

Local Animal Control couldn't imagine who would want such a "broken" baby. But someone suggested a nest called Tabby's Place, where cats in need are blessings, not burdens.

And today, the cat who can't climb is the star of our family tree.

Thanks to you, Willow has no reason to weep. If anyone expresses pity, Willow frolics around their ankles until they are laughing out loud. If a nearby cat seems grumpy, Willow branches out to befriend them.

Miracles grow where you least expect them, and you give our cats the strength to thrive. Because of you, Willow's first winter will be a wonderland of love.

This Willow is not weeping ... she's rejoicing, thanks to you!

If you'd like to be here for Willow, please sign up as one of her first sponsors.



Angela Townsend, Development Director

Have you ever lost everything ... but found love on the far side of grief? Pibb understands.

Languishing in a hoarding situation, Pibb never felt peace. Maybe, somewhere, other cats were cozy and well-fed. But Pibb could only press her nose to the window of that sweet life.

Still, Pibb had one comfort: Goodwin. Pibb's brother was devoted to his little sis. As long as they had each other, they could survive any sorrow.

Tabby's Place joined a team effort, rescuing the most delicate cats from the house. Pibb found warmth and tenderness beyond her wildest dreams. So why did she seem so heartbroken?

Goodwin had gone to another rescue.

As soon as we learned that Pibb had a soulmate, we scrambled to find

Coming to Tabby's Place brought

Pibb from darkness to light

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him. Their reunion would be all too brief. Weakened by hunger, Goodwin fell ill and slipped away.

Staff and volunteers rallied around our grieving girl. Pibb learned that love has many faces ... including her new adopter. Now, she will never stand outside of hope again.

It's because of you that Tabby's Place can welcome cats like Pibb ... and give them the time they need to heal in body and spirit.

Please give today, while your gift will be doubled.



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the line, let

compassion be

Ask the Adorable Snowman

Do you have a special gift for the cats ... but you're not sure if Tabby's Place can accept it? Our resident Adorable Snowman, Hips, has answers to your donation questions.

Can Tabby's Place take ...

- Stock? YES! Click here to give.
- Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)?
 YES! Click here to give.
- IRA disbursements? YES!
 Click here to give so your gift qualifies as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (OCD).
- Cryptocurrency? YES! Click here to give.
- Seven billion cheeseburgers? Uh ... Hips, let's discuss this one.



Sponsorship Season

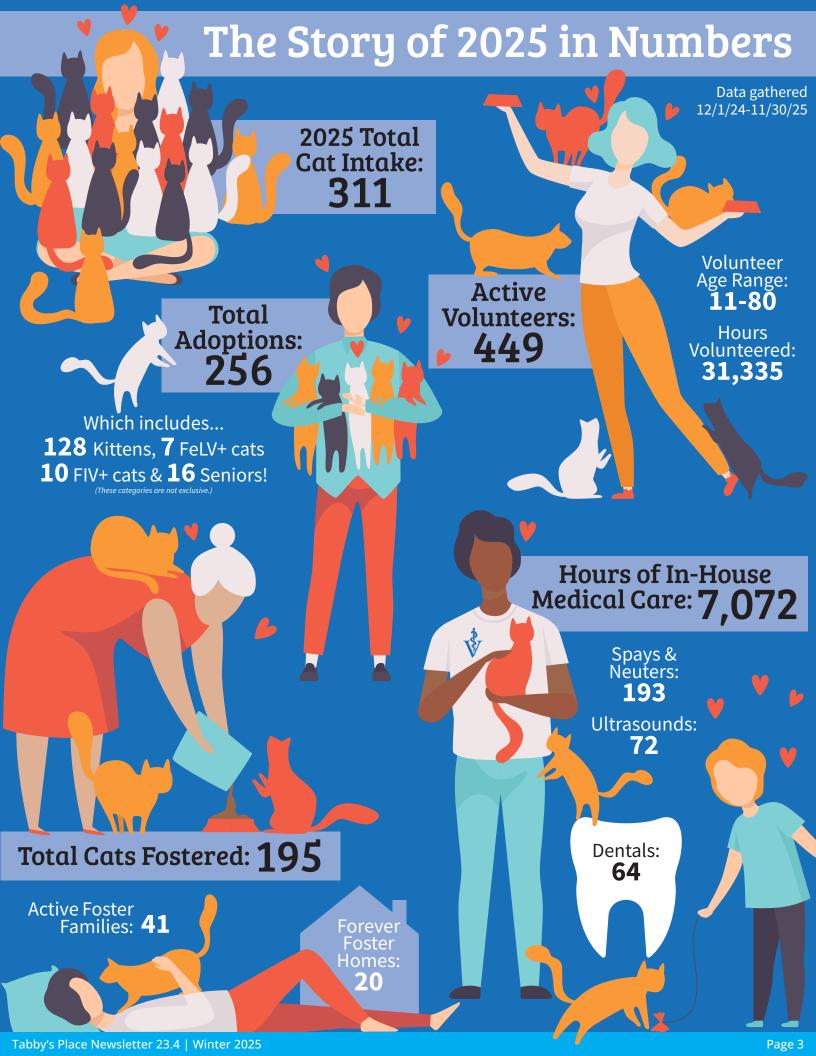


Do we hear something purring on your wish list? Now through 12/31, you can sponsor the cat of your dreams for just \$7/month.

Cats like <u>Chester</u> and <u>Rori</u> are a bit harder to adopt due to their Advanced Needs, but you'll reassure them they are easy to love.

You can even share this priceless gift with someone special. Give a Gift Sponsorship, and we'll send updates on your kitty to both you and your loved one.





Love Cats, Love People: Gifts that Give

Make this the year your gifts last longer than fruitcake. When you donate to Tabby's Place, your loved one will receive a keepsake card, and you'll care for a cat who would not be

here without you.

Instead of a cardigan, you'll wrap a cat like Mikey in tender care.

Instead of a blank journal,

you'll fill Polka's days with hope.

This can be the year you step outside the ordinary and change the world, one gentle gift at a time.





The Thomas Society

If you have too much love for one lifetime, Tabby's Place invites you to join the amazing people listed below. Each of these dear friends has pledged to include our cats in their will.

You can make sure you're always here for the little ones who need you, too. Click <u>here</u> or contact Lisa Lauria at <u>ll@tabbysplace.org</u> or 908-237-5300 ext 602 to make your promise to the cats.

THE THOMAS SOCIETY MEMBERS

THANK YOU FOR BUILDING A LEGACY OF LOVE FOR THE CATS!

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*indicates new members for 2025 as of 12/04/25



Flights of Love

Tabby's Place may be in New Jersey, but "Tabby's Place cats" are found worldwide ... and no journey is too far to save them.

When the sweetest stray in Missouri was paralyzed by a car, he needed hope...fast. <u>Peabody</u> was a time zone away, but miles are no match for mercy. Thanks to you, our happy-go-lucky paraplegic is now the heart of the Tabby's Place family.

Meanwhile in Baltimore, Braveheart stumbled all alone. Blind and infected with feline leukemia virus (FeLV), he tried to follow people into their apartments, but every door closed in his face. Defeated, he slept in the middle of the street. But love reached Braveheart just in time, and today, he thrives in our Quinn's Corner wing for FeLV+ kitties.

Our traveler of the year is Julien. At sixteen, he only wanted to be near his Mom, Gisele. But when frail health meant Gisele had to move

back to France, their lifeline was nearly broken. A veterinarian advised Gisele that Julien would not survive

the flight. Since she loved him more than her own happiness, she brought him to Tabby's Place, weeping.

But no cat's story should end in sorrow. Our medical team determined that Julien was robust ... just brokenhearted. Thus began the greatest reunion in Tabby's Place history. Volunteer Beth, a pilot, personally chaperoned Julien home to Gisele's door in France. By the power of the Tabby's Place family, Julien returned to his maman's arms

Love cannot be measured in miles, only miracles.



And thanks to you, Tabby's Place can go the distance for every cat who needs us.





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Forever Loved: Quinn

Jonathan Rosenberg, Founder & Executive Director

"Come all without, come all within You'll not see nothing like the mighty Quinn" Quinn the Eskimo (The Mighty Quinn) - Bob Dylan

I like to think that Quinn's name is a reference to the Eskimo in the Dylan song, as Quinn was named by a kind stranger who found her frozen in the snow.

Although Quinn appeared too far gone, her rescuer rushed her to Tabby's Place, knowing our reputation for "saving cats from hopeless situations."

Quinn made a miraculous recovery. But delight turned to dismay when bloodwork revealed she was infected with the feline leukemia virus (FeLV¹). At the time, this was tantamount to a death sentence, as the general opinion was that an FeLV+ cat could only live a few months.

But this is Tabby's Place, so we cobbled together a space for Quinn to spend her final days in comfort.

Just a few weeks after Quinn

joined the Tabby's
Place family, a donor
declared she wanted
"the cat who was least
likely to be adopted
and most needed a

home."

Quinn fit the bill, but who would want a cat with such a grim prognosis? We explained Quinn's situation. The woman was smitten and announced that this was just the cat for her. We repeated the direness of Quinn's condition, but her new Mom had made up her mind. Quinn had a home.

Months rolled by, and Quinn's Mom kept us posted on how her girl was thriving. After a year, we were approaching astonishment. Two years had us believing in miracles. But the biggest surprise was yet to come.

Quinn's Mom announced her desire to change the world for FeLV+ cats. And, once again, she meant what she said. She was ready, willing, and able to fund an expansion for cats like

Her daring dream turned into Quinn's Corner, a first-of-its-kind haven for FeLV+ cats. We opened this expansion in

2023, ensuring no cat is "too far gone" to join the Tabby's Place family.

Since 2023, we have saved 40 FeLV+ cats (10 of whom have also had FIV), including several also living with diabetes, paraplegia, and other advanced needs. Quinn enabled us to turn hopelessness into "lifefulness" for FeLV+ cats.

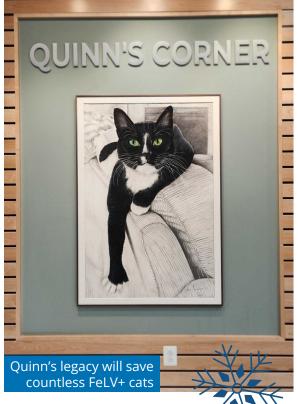
¹Infection with FeLV severely compromises a cat's immune system (https://www.vet.cornell.edu/departments/cornell-feline-health-center/health-information/feline-health-topics/feline-leukemia-virus).

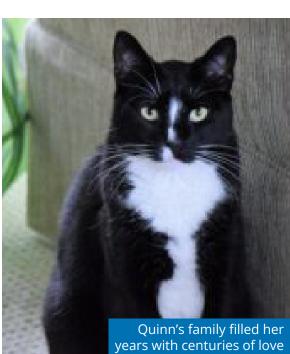


Quinn thrived for 11 joyful years. But, in October 2025, we received the news that she had succumbed to cancer. We were all shattered. But she was loved greatly ... and changed the world for cats forever.

So, you see, Quinn was MIGHTY. She always knew this, of course, but it took us humans a few years to catch on.

So, you see, Quinn was truly MIGHTY. RIP, Baby Girl. We will never forget you.





Angels for Angelica

The littlest angel had no wings to break her fall. Separated from her mama, Angelica sustained critical



injuries outdoors. A kitten's immune system is as delicate as a snowflake, and infection overtook her.

But the darkest hour is when love rises to the challenge. Angelica became a Tabby's Place cat!

You were hope's heralds in those delicate hours, providing emergency and intensive care. World-class specialists soothed Angelica's pain and treated her injuries before it was too late.

Today, Angelica basks in a halo of love. Although she lost her leg, she is full of merry mischief. We wouldn't be surprised to see her climbing to the top of the tree in her forever home.



To the world, a lonely kitten looks like a lump of coal. But under your wings, she knows she is a gift. Thank you for saving Angelica!



Never Too Late

If you've ever shushed your wishes because they seemed impossible, we hope you'll listen to two middle-aged, "hard-to-adopt" cats.

Oram was lucky just to be alive. A rowdy comedian with feline leukemia virus (FeLV), he came to Tabby's Place from a public shelter. But our little black bear hugged an impossible dream he would not let go.

Meanwhile, Alessia acquired many

admirers, but no adopters. A feather boa on four legs, she sashayed with queenly glamour and a short fuse. She'd come to us having nearly died defending her kittens on the streets of Beirut. We all fell in love with her, and volunteers competed over who would get to take her on her daily stroller walk.

Oram and Alessia's lives at Tabby's Place were beautiful.

But love is always dreaming big ... and Oram and Alessia will each spend this holiday season in forever homes all their own.

Oram found his wonderland with a family devoted to FeLV+ cats. Meanwhile, Alessia is inseparable from an adopter who adores her just the way she is.

What miracles await "unlikely" cats in the year ahead? That part is up to you. Please give as generously as you can, so the next dreamer can find love.







IRAs for CATs

You may have outgrown sitting in Santa's lap. But you could *be* just the right age to be the gift on a cat's wish list.



Once you turn 73.5, you need to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA ... so why not make it a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), which will satisfy your requirement, provide you with tax benefits, and save cats like Kitty and Leonardo?

Not long ago, these sweet siblings faced a grim "alphabet soup." Feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) is a formidable diagnosis for any cat. But Leonardo and Kitty were born with feline leukemia virus (FeLV), which suppresses their immune systems. With soaring fevers and no strength in their little bodies, Kitty and Leo could not fight FIP alone.

With the help of donors like you, Tabby's Place does not give up

on any cat. You were their strength through weeks of delicate care. And today, Leonardo and Kitty are bringing joy to the world again.



What Can Happen in a Year...

Your whole life can change in the course of a year. Just ask best friends Berry and Peabody.

This time last year, Berry was born in a terrible jam. His sister Holly was "normal," but Berry's legs were as curved as candy canes.

Two thousand miles away, a merry gentleman faced the harshest winter of his life. Peabody never saw the car skidding his way. He was paralyzed instantly, clinging to the gift of life.

Like little misfit toys, Berry and Peabody could not find a place on

anyone's wish list. The newborn with spina bifida and the paraplegic stray would need tender care for the rest of their lives.

But there is peace on Earth, in the place where every cat is cherished.

At Tabby's Place, cats like Peabody and Berry are perfect, **just the way they are.**

But not even Santa could predict what happened next.

The

moment they met, Berry and Peabody's eyes filled with light. Like long-lost brothers in a Hallmark Christmas movie, they bonded instantly. Today, they are each other's comfort and joy ... and we can't keep up with their giddy, goofy shenanigans.

When love turns the calendar, the worst day of your life can lead to the best. Thank you for making this miracle possible!







Remembering our Loved Ones



If the holiday season has you homesick for someone you love, you are not alone.

They were not "just a cat." They were your heart and your home.

And as the days grow short and the world is all holly-jolly, grief and love are never far apart.

If you would like to remember a soulmate in a way that saves a life, consider a brick on our <u>Memorial</u> <u>Walkway</u>. We hope this beautiful tribute will bring you comfort, and we



are offering a <u>discount price of \$250</u> (reduced from \$500) through the end of December.

We would be honored to see your loved one's name among the cats and people we have adored. Good can come from our grief, and together, we can keep love alive forever.

Happy Endings: Polly

Sometimes you can't envision how your miracle will come ... so you have to see it with the eyes of your heart.

Polly lost her sight and became infected with FIV as a street kitten in Beirut. A compassionate woman made it possible for Polly to come to Tabby's Place, but the fearful cat's journey had only begun.



Polly's courage and dignity captured our hearts. Few could touch her, but for three years, we spoke her "love languages" of squeeze-treats and soft voices.

Some might say an eyeless, FIV+ cat who shrinks from human touch is "unadoptable." But Polly was just waiting for someone with eyes to see a living treasure.

And her forever family was worth the wait. They write:

"We wanted to adopt a cat who truly needed a home, and seeing Polly was a senior, blind, and FIV+, we knew we had to meet her.

Since joining our family, she's come so far. In the first few weeks, she hid in her carrier and was so nervous. We gave her the space she needed and plenty of yummy food. Now, she spends most of her time in our living room, becoming more confident each day. She listens carefully and perks up when anyone enters the kitchen. She's even found

her voice and meows non-stop when we prepare her meals.

Despite being blind, she loves

climbing trees and playing with toys. She gets the zoomies just like any other cat, and sometimes we even forget she's blind.

We are so excited to continue seeing her grow each day and so grateful to have her home!"

Click here for a special video of Polly and her furry family members!



Polly is on top of the world with siblings Pancake and Pickles!

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