



Cherish the Kittens

Like tiny buttercups, baby cats are blooming everywhere. But the littlest flowers have the biggest needs...and all too often, no place in the sun.

That's where you come in.

Through May 15th, your gift to the Cherish the Kittens Fund Drive will be doubled! You'll take a newborn in the palm of your hand and promise he will be safe. You'll comfort a frightened orphan in his moment of need. **And you'll help build a world-class Kitten Nursery.**



Your Donation Doubled!

The little ones are counting on you. Please Cherish the Kittens!

This is your chance to save orphans like Scrabble

Build the Kitten Nursery

Like a daisy in the wind, an orphan kitten is utterly helpless. But you can personally be their warmth. Your donation will help build a Kitten Nursery



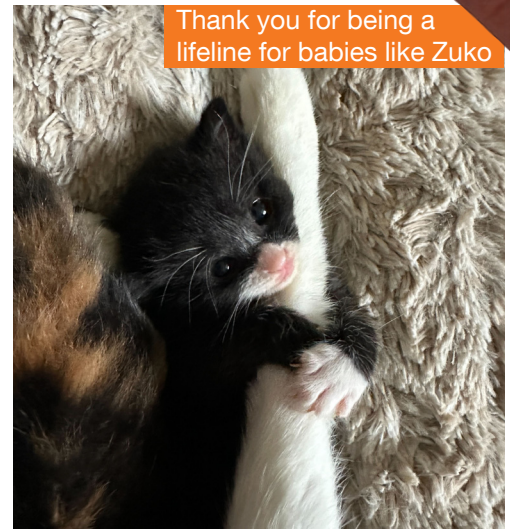
You can build a Kitten Nursery where mothers and kittens will thrive

for fragile newborns.

You'll provide comprehensive care for babies who others consider "hopeless," including...

- Incubators for infants who cannot maintain body heat
- Quiet spaces to feed orphans
- Specialized housing for nursing mothers and their litters
- A "toddler room" and adoption showcase for kittens bouncing back to health

We've yearned to build a Kitten Nursery at Tabby's Place, and this is our moment – your moment. Please don't



Thank you for being a lifeline for babies like Zuko

miss the chance to save kittens who slip through the cracks. You are their champion and their warmth. **AT**

New Beginnings: Scrabble

Angela Townsend, Development Director

When you're small and helpless, you need someone strong and kind to spell out H-O-P-E. For newborn Scrabble, that hero was Y-O-U.

Shivering and wounded, the tabby baby was running out of time. An abandoned orphan will not survive more

than a few hours without help.

But thanks to you, the lonely kitten was not alone.

Animal control rushed Scrabble to Tabby's Place, knowing we would not give up on him. In a real way, you were

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Your gift will be doubled for the next newborn

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there as our team nurtured him through the night.

The tiniest tabby survived ... and as he grows, you can hold him in the palm of your hand.

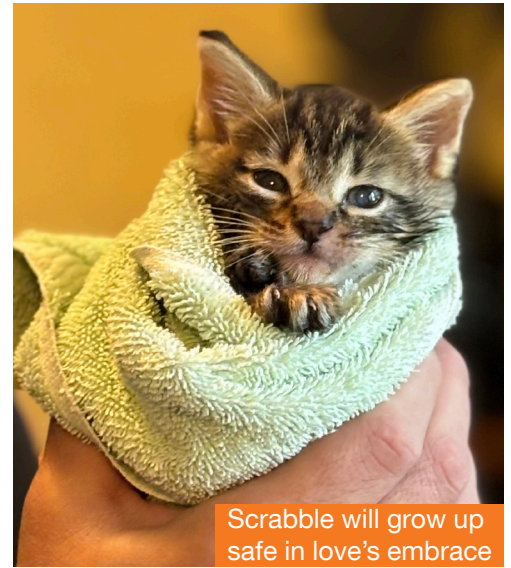


Your gift today will help provide specialty care for Scrabble. Although he is as fearless as a tiger cub, Scrabble has advanced needs. At eight months of age, he is still under two pounds. Our

brave, blind kitten depends on devotion that goes the distance.

But with your help, Scrabble will have everything he needs. When you Cherish the Kittens, you'll

be here for each baby who can't spell H-O-P-E without you.



Timid, Treasured Babies

It takes a gentle hero to adopt a fearful kitten. Certain special adopters peer over the heads of giddy kittens to



the shy puff of fur in the corner, or the tip of a tail twitching under a blanket. They choose the babies who can't return the favor ... yet.

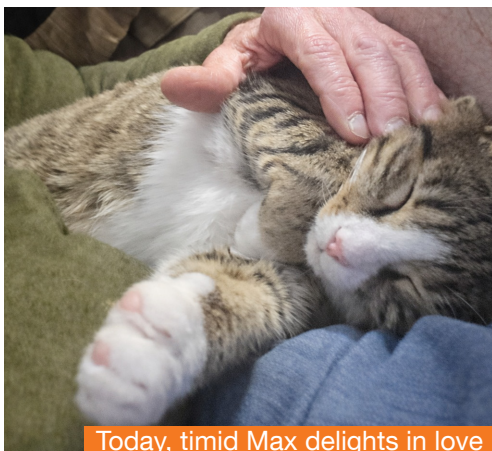
These adopters' unconditional love changes everything.

For Scooby and Shortbread, love came "late." Rescued past the age of easy socialization, the boys shrank from petting. But adopters Myron and Barbara determined to give them a home where they could acclimate at their own pace. They renamed them Pippin (for the *Lord of the Rings* Hobbit) and Max.

To paraphrase Gandalf from the same novels, "Love is never late, nor is it early. It arrives precisely when it means to." Today, Max and Pippin trust their new family deeply.

And they're not the only ones thriving thanks to patient adopters. Orphans Firebird, Supra, Charger, and Mustang were once stalled in fear when they lost their mother and the wheels came off their world.

But when they met Ray and Linda, they found a family willing to go their speed. Love set the pace, and today,



the fab four are cruising the happiness highway.

Whether shy or high-flying, all kittens are lovable kittens at Tabby's Place. Thank you for helping to give the time and tenderness they deserve...and the people who will love them just the way they are. **AT**

Counting Kittens

When you Cherish the Kittens, you join a dream team of compassionate people. By supporting our skilled vet staff, devoted foster parents, and adoring adopters, you'll help carry newborns into a happy, romping future! **AT**

Please join the dream team saving newborns like 2-day-old Rosemary



In 2025, Tabby's Place saved...

140 Kittens

and **135 Kittens**

were adopted!

We recruited and trained...

43 Foster Families

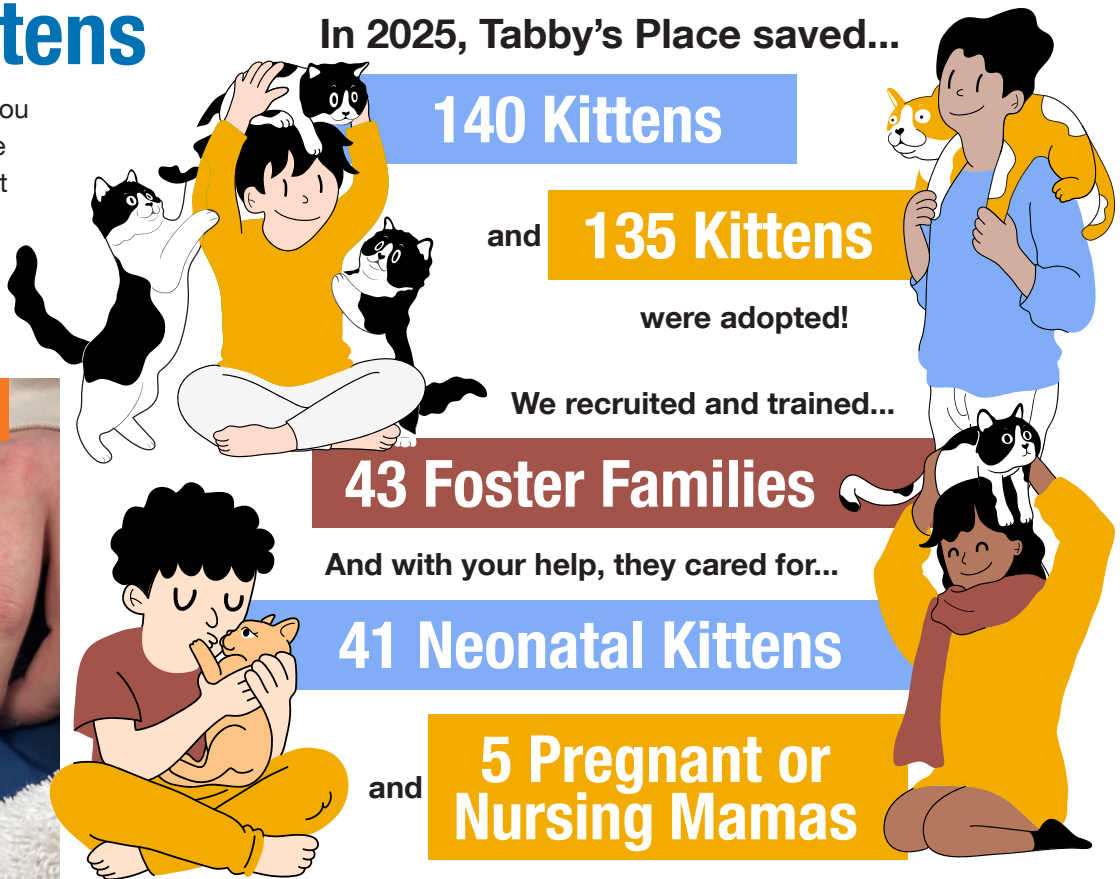
And with your help, they cared for...

41 Neonatal Kittens

and

5 Pregnant or Nursing Mamas

Behind each number is the innocent face of a kitten, gazing at you. Please give today so the kittens of 2026 can count on you.



Yo-Yo the Swimmer

Tiny as a toy, Yo-Yo had no time for fun. As the only surviving kitten in his litter, he was dangling from a thread of hope.



Today, even bathtime is playtime for Yo-Yo

Yo-Yo was born with "swimmer's syndrome," in which a kitten's legs splay laterally, forcing him to "paddle" on his belly.

Without delicate treatment, Yo-Yo faced a lifetime of pain, paralysis, and even fatal complications from being forced to lay flat.

But our little 'swimmer' was not adrift. He found a life preserver at Tabby's Place. And if you gave to last year's Cherish the Kittens Fund Drive, you were an angel who gave him water wings.

You helped fund a daily regimen of physical therapy, teaching Yo-Yo to crawl. An experienced vet tech walked Yo-Yo



Baby Yo-Yo the day he arrived

through range-of-motion exercises to retrain his little body.

Yo-Yo's legs began to unfurl ... and so did his future. Now, fully recovered, our bouncy boy is making up for lost playtime. You might say he's got the world on a string.

Your gift will save the next Yo-Yo from the deep water of despair. Please give from the goodness in your heart. **AT**

Slim Chances, Big Love

The odds were slim that the bony tabby would survive. Malnourished and faint, he suffered a catastrophic injury to his tail.

But the kitten called Slim had a sturdy promise: your love.

If you've ever supported Cherish the



Slim arrived sickly and solemn

Kittens, you were there to hear Slim's yelp. You held him close to your heart. You reassured him this would not be the end.

And thanks to you, Slim came to Tabby's Place.

We had never seen a kitten so solemn. Slim looked like a frowning stuffed animal, and he had reason for his grimace. His tail was in agony, and he'd never had reason to trust anyone.

But Slim's future was plump with promises. He received life-saving surgery and waterfalls of kisses to wash away his fears.

Tailless but thriving, the stoic kitten with the worried face turned lighthearted and lovestruck.

The odds may not have been in Slim's favor, but Slim was in your hands. And when you Cherish the Kittens, you'll reach into the future to lift the next "hopeless" baby to your heart. Tell them Slim sent you. **AT**



But today, our brave baby is growing in strength and courage

Cheers for the Cherishers: Foster Families

Behind the bright eyes of every happy kitten is a sleep-deprived hero. Seeking no praise other than a tiny purr, these volunteers open their homes to babies in dire need.



Chef Boyardee, Spam, and Spaghetti-O learned to trust in foster Dad Jeff's care

Your donations provide their training in neonatal care, from tube-feeding kittens too weak for a bottle to shepherding sick babies through long nights.

But take it from these foster phenoms: this mission of mercy is its own reward. As foster dad Jeff writes, "I foster kittens because it gives me an opportunity to provide a safe and nurturing environment for them while helping them to develop into great companions. As an added bonus, I get to have cute kittens around on a regular basis. It is very rewarding to know that I have been an integral part of preparing many kittens

for adoption."

Thank you for giving kittens the sweet, strong start they need. For the rest of their lives, they will always be part of the first family that loved them ... and that includes you. **AT**



Foster grads Lexa, Jaxa, and Roan

Corduroy's Golden Thread of Hope

When tragedy tugged Corduroy from his mother, the little tabby felt threadbare.

By the time a passerby spotted



Your love was a warm quilt for Corduroy

the orange orphan, it was nearly too late. Not only was Corduroy cold and famished, but seizures threw him to the ground. No matter how many times he mustered his strength to get up, he kept coming apart at the seams.

But thanks to you, Tabby's



Our orange orphan will never be lonely again

Place is a haven for kittens with “no hope.” Corduroy came to our door, where your generosity provided intensive care to save his life. We worked with a gifted neurologist to treat Corduroy's epilepsy, and we promised to be here for him ... no matter what.

Today, love is the golden thread through Corduroy's days. He charges through our Lobby with fearless zest, leading a pack of feline besties like paraplegic Willow, another “hopeless” kitten. Corduroy will always need delicate care, but he is nestled in the blanket of your love.

Please help save the next kitten with Advanced Needs, like Corduroy. When you Cherish the Kittens, you'll knit a frail baby back into the fabric of life. **AT**

Inseparable Siblings, Unstoppable Love

Born with severe cerebellar hypoplasia (CH), snuggly Gus and Gaia could neither walk nor control their bladders. Their care would be challenging, and “just too much” for most.

But despite their disability, Gaia



Gaia and Gus may not walk, but joy runs through their days

and Gus could wiggle, wobble, and warm the whole world with their sunny dispositions ... if only they were given the chance.

Most of the world has little patience for kittens whose quirks call for constant care. Fortunately, you've made Tabby's Place a world unto itself, where “different” kittens are our hearts' delight.

It's an honor, not a burden, to meet Gaia and Gus's needs. These affectionate siblings remind us that love, not “perfection,” makes life worth living. Inseparable and exuberant, they are nearly always touching each other ... and the hearts of all they meet.

Thanks to you, Gus and Gaia flourish in a devoted Forever Foster



Inseparable Gus and Gaia know the meaning of love

home with our Director of Volunteers, Karina. As Karina notes, “They give the best hugs ever, and I just love holding them and having them lean into me. It is the meaning of pure love.”

Your gift will provide specialized training and exquisite medical care for the next tiny kitten who is “too much” for the world ... but just the right size to be cherished. **AT**

Four Little Orphans

When you're smaller than a chipmunk, life can change fast. One moment, Squirrel and his siblings purred in their mama's arms. But in an instant, dogs chased her away, never to return.



You were here for the orphans, who grew plump and purry

The babies' hopes were as weak as a mouse's squeak. But someone was about to become their strength: you.

All four newborns could fit in one hand, and you helped to gather them just in time. Through your donations, you brought them to Tabby's Place, where no kitten is too small to become the center of our world.

With unique expertise to save newborns "past the point of hope," our vet team worked tirelessly on Squirrel, Rufus, Bobbi, and Moose. Thanks to you, all four survived, overcoming hypothermia and



Moose, Rufus, Squirrel, and Bobbi were helpless without their mother

respiratory infections.

And today, the jubilant quadruplets are purring in their forever homes. **AT**

Your gift today will scoop up the next shivering siblings. Please Cherish the Kittens while there's time.

The Bravest Mama Ever

A mama cat would go to the ends of the Earth for her babies. But what happens when she reaches the end of her strength ... and needs to be cherished like a kitten herself?

Weakened by cancer, mama Shirley mustered the courage to care for her newborns. Little Gladys and Leodis were



Gladys and Leodis are only here because you gave

her priority, even if she had to give her last breath.

But at Tabby's Place, you are never too young or too old for a new beginning.

Mama Shirley found the same warm welcome as her kittens. With Leodis and Gladys safe at last, Shirley could lay down her bravery and be "babied" for the first time in her life.

Sadly, it was clear Shirley did not have much time. We promised to lavish her with treats and tenderness, and we treasure each day together. The selfless little mama settled



For the first time, mama Shirley is as cherished as a kitten

into a world without fear. Today, Gladys and Leodis have forever homes in their future, while Shirley is living out her days adored at Tabby's Place.

You were here for Shirley, Leodis, and Gladys. And, when you Cherish the Kittens this year, you'll help build a Kitten Nursery where nursing mamas and babies have their own "maternity ward." Please honor Shirley with a gift to comfort another brave mother. **AT**

Happy Endings: Lotus & Marigold

C.C., Adopter

Editor's note: *Marigold and Lotus were the littlest survivors of a hoarding situation. Separated from her soulmate brother in the chaos, Marigold fell critically ill. But thanks to you, Marigold received intensive care, a miraculous reunion with Lotus, and, now, the home of her dreams. The following was written by Marigold and Lotus's adopter.*

It all began with a photograph falling out of a "thank you" note from Tabby's Place. Two small orange kittens, a boy and a girl! The little girl had the tell-tale shave-down of medical care, and their story was amazing.

We were enchanted. Although we live five hours from Tabby's Place, we just knew these little ones were meant

to be ours. We submitted an application and heard from the Adoptions Team right away.

When we picked Marigold and Lotus up, we saw the essence of Tabby's Place: unconditional love and care for the most challenged, and teams of staff and volunteers eager to

make successful adoptions happen for "last chance" cats. With all this preparation, our new orange sibs made the trip to our Pittsburgh home easily.

Shy at first, big bro Lotus led the way for his little sis to find her confidence. Of course, they still spend a lot of time together, sleeping and playing, but they're growing into



Marigold as she arrived at Tabby's Place

new roles. Marigold helps solve jigsaw puzzles, and Lotus rides around on shoulders. We know our orange tabby adventure is just beginning!



Lotus and Marigold are as inseparable as ever



Please help give the next hopeless kitten a life of love

Please Cherish the Kittens today, and have your donation doubled for the next brave baby.

Follow us online to meet our cats, see their stories, and stay updated on adoptions, events, and ways to help!



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