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And Their Friends

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We are an all volunteer organization so your donations go directly to the cats in our care!

Please consider becoming a member or a sponsor today! See the membership form on page six!



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Hank The Hero!!

Meet Hank! He is one of 10 kitties rescued from Valencia County Shelter on Feb. 5, 2015. He is such a sweet guy and is so thankful to have been rescued. Just one and a half-years old and he has cataracts already.....

He has had them removed so now he will have a long life with good vision. Cats do extremely well with cataract surgery so we are VERY happy about that!



VCA Veterinary Care & Emergency Center performed the surgery on Tues. Mar. 3rd. He did very well although he did have one minor complication causing him to stay another night with more costs involved.

Recovery time will be approx. 3 months with several follow up appointments and LOADS of different eye drops and medications. We are so thankful that his foster parents are so experienced with scheduling medications because this will be a difficult task.

His surgery was \$3,600.00 and we would love a sponsor (or several) for him. We have already had some angel sponsors

who have felt the need to help this homeless kitty and we can't thank them enough!

Please donate to Hank either by clicking the "Donate Now" on our Facebook page or by clicking the "Donate" button on our website: www.FatKatzAbq.org.

After he is healed, he will be available for adoption. If you would like more info about Hank, please call 505-293-2830 or email FatKatzAbq@Gmail.com.



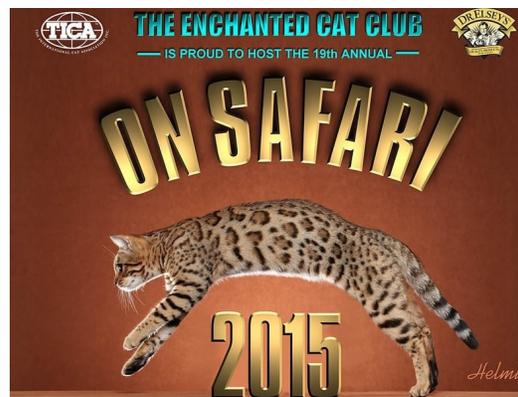
On Safari!!

The Enchanted Cat Club is hosting On Safari 2015, a cat show featuring the Bengal Cat. The event, which changes locations each year, will take place at the Albuquerque Convention Center, March 27-29, 2015. The show will offer exhibitors 12 rings of judging, with judges traveling to Albuquerque from around the United States, France and Brazil.

In addition to many beautiful spotted and marbled Bengals, visitors to the show will be treated to a variety of the other beautiful breeds recognized by The International Cat Association, Inc. (TICA). A cat agility ring will allow owners and their feline friends some fun time away from the serious business of impressing judges, and vendors with all things "cat" will delight cat lovers.

Show hours to the public for March 28 and 29 are 9 to 4 each day. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$2 for children (under 12).

F.A.T. Katz will be on hand with cats and kittens for adoption.



Homes Needed!

Teddy



I am a beautiful, 2-year old, brown tabby who is VERY sweet, loves attention and to play. Give me a shiny ball or even a cat sized tennis ball and my FAVORITE wand toy, my best buddy Rascal and I am a happy camper. I also like my down time being petted and loved. I get along with VERY mellow cats (I have a little PTSD so if they growl at me I will likely chase), I am super friendly with people and will adjust well in my new home. I must be adopted with my buddy Rascal and would probably be OK with a kitten or another VERY easy going cat.

Eddie



I am an amazing kitty who will need a little time to adjust to my new home. I am almost 1 year old and have the cutest meow. I will purr for you and play with catnip and like my belly rubbed too. I get along with other cats and if you're looking for two kitties, my sister Cami or my sister Viv would be perfect with me!

Cami



I am a beautiful and shy girl and will need time to adjust but it will be worth it for you! I have lots of love to give and I am becoming more outgoing as time passes. I just want attention, petting and love. I like my cat tree and know how to use it. I get along with other cats and need to have another kitty in the home to pal around with. My brother and sister and I take care of each other and if you're looking for two kitties together, my brother Eddie or my sister Viv would love to come home with you too!

Vivian



I am a sweet girl that will ask you for attention. At first, I will be shy and cautious but once I realize you're OK, I will be your best friend! I am almost 2-years old and such a good girl. I need a FOREVER home where I can prove what a great girl I am! I love to sleep with my foster mom, like petting and like catnip and treats. I use my scratching post and get along with other cats too!

Rascal



I am not at all shy, I am cute and, oh so sweet. I love to play, am curious and love to be held. I am very friendly and like to curl up in bed with my people. I get along very well with other cats, and would do well in any home. I need to go with my best buddy Teddy as I am his favorite companion! I love human contact and being petted. I love to play and explore, and like laser, furry, feather or wand toys. I am not afraid of much and am VERY outgoing. You can see that I am the most handsome kitten around! I haven't been around dogs but I think I would do OK with a small or mellow super cat-friendly dog.

Linus



I am not related to any of my foster family but I fit in just fine! I'm a year-and-a-half old and am an active young guy who'll need a lot of attention and play. I get along with other cats, and love to play chase up and down the hall with my foster siblings in my home. I may take a bit to warm up, but you will be repaid greatly for your patience! I am very friendly and am used to small dogs as well.

Eridani



I am a sweet, playful 1 1/2 year-old calico girl. I am best buds with my mom. Star, and love to play. I will sit with you and cuddle. I like being up high and love keeping warm in the winter. I will take a little time and patience to adjust to my new home. I am very affectionate and will tolerate being held. I would love to go to a home with my mom and would love to meet you!

Midas



I am a gorgeous Snowshoe, approx. 2 1/2 years old. I am talkative, loving and want love more than I want to play. I am quite large and get along with just small cats and kittens. I am very outspoken and have a fierce mind of my own. I dare you to challenge me on this!! I am a lover and want to sleep with you and be slung over your shoulder. I'm not fond of most cats but would love to be adopted with my favorite girl Heidi. Please come and visit me at Petco and you'll see how amazing I am!

Star



As you can see, I am a super star!! I am sweet, talkative, playful and get along with other cats. I am not terribly fond of dogs and would prefer a home without them. I would be good as a pair, adopted with my daughter, Eridani, or would be OK on my own. I am a great girl who likes to talk, likes high places and my people. I would love to meet you and take your application to see if you are the right family for me!

Nomad & Jeremiah

This is quite the pair of kitties! Both black and white and both just adorable!! They are playful, loving and will need a little time to adjust to you. When they settle in, they will sleep with you and want your attention. They are a bonded pair who love each other very much and would LOVE to be adopted together. They are approx. 2 years old and are great! They love catnip, their basket beds, their cardboard scratchers and you!!



~All of our cats are spayed/neutered, current on their shots and are Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) negative prior to adoption!

~Visit our adoption center at Petco, 6300 San Mateo NE, weekly, Saturdays & Sundays 11am-5pm.

~Ask us about our adoption fee specials!

Eggs & Beggin' Easter Event

Sat. Mar. 28, 10am-2pm we will be at **Cabazon Park in Rio Rancho** for Pet Food Gone Wild's Easter event! There will be adoptions, food, family fun, raffles, and vendors! We will be at the party accepting donations, selling raffle tickets, have some cat related gift items for sale and having a great time! Hope to see you there!

For Peep's Sake

We will once again have Easter photos at **Petco, 6300 San Mateo NE!** Sat. Apr. 4, 12-4pm, join us to have your photos taken with your Easter honey! Furry, bald, scaly, cold, warm, whoever they are. Baked goods and giveaways too! See you there!

Fundraising always welcome!

Want to raise funds with a lemonade stand, yard sale or car wash? Just collecting spare change? Maybe with your girl scout troop, church, friends, neighbors, etc.? If you are interested in doing an independent fundraiser, please contact us at 505-293-2830 or FatKatzAbq@gmail.com and we can provide you with all the info you need!

Walk For Wolves

The 3rd Annual Walk for Wolves is at **Tigues Park, 1800 Mountain Rd NW, Sat. Apr. 25, 11am-2pm**, will have different organizations present to provide educational information to everyone. The highlight will be the representation from Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary, complete with ambassador wolf-dogs. Appearances by supportive politicians are in the works. This will be a free, family event!

**Fetch and Release**

This multi-organization adoption event and pet expo will bring together rescues & shelters from throughout New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona for a two day adoption event. There will be animal friendly vendors with items for sale and information. The event will promote safe animal handling, responsible ownership, positive rewards training and good nutrition. **Join us Sat. May 30, 10am-4pm & Sun., May 31, 10am-3pm at Balloon Fiesta Park.** The purpose of this event is to reduce the euthanasia rates in New Mexico and surrounding states by providing a large audience of potential adopters for small rescues, and rural shelters.

**For The Love Of Cats**

In February, along with Hank, we rescued a total of 12 cats and kittens from Valencia County Animal Shelter. Several of these kitties were in need of additional medical care when pulled to safety,



Cicero, an adult male, Himalayan mix, drooling, appearing to have an upper respiratory infection was examined. It was found he had so many ulcers on his tongue which were making it impossible for him to eat. He needed a feeding tube to bypass his mouth to get nutrition into him. Marlon, a large adult male, long hair flame point Siamese mix, came to us with a cracked fang tooth, completely matted and with an ear infection. Marlon was shaved, had a dental procedure done and medication for the ear infection. Ponce, LeeLoo, Emile, Winnie & Sasha all had upper respiratory infections which needed medication to get them over their illnesses and all these kitties needed to be tested for FeLV/FIV, vaccinated, sterilized and microchipped.



For most of these cats, this is their last chance for a good life. They have been neglected, abused, and abandoned. With YOUR help, we can change that. We can give them everything they deserve and MORE! If we weren't there for them, they might not be here now.

We know that there are many worthy causes that appeal strongly to your generosity. But our well-loved foster cats need your support. Adoption fees only cover the actual cost of standard medical care for F.A.T. Katz cats and kittens. Therefore, we are dependent on donations and fundraising events to support our programs and allow us to take in cats for adoption with normal or major medical problems.



The numbers tell the story. In fiscal year 2014, our total revenue was \$36,803.30, and our total expenses were \$41,878.06. We did have a bit of a cushion from the previous year but not a plump one. This year, so far, our expenses have outweighed our revenue with emergency surgeries and extra medical care. So... we need your support to keep going and to restore that cushion.

Through your dues and donations, you are assisting us in helping our cats and kittens and many of the abandoned, orphaned and homeless cats in the Albuquerque metropolitan area. If you would like to become a member or make a donation, please visit our website and donate via PayPal or use the membership form on the last page. The membership form explains briefly how you can contribute to special programs if you wish. Also, consider giving of your time to help us raise funds, at our adoption events, transporting to and from the vet, from the shelter, doing laundry (towels and beds), hold your own fundraisers, foster a kitty or two, or helping with administrative tasks. We have a variety of activities, and invite and encourage you to support our efforts to achieve our mission.

Please call 505-293-2830 or email FatKatzAbq@gmail.com for donation info and we're looking forward to sending you that Thank You!



Facts About Your Cats Paws

Have you ever given your cat a foot massage? My cats seem to find the act of being rubbed between the toes and having their claws gently extended to be quite relaxing. I can't say I blame them, I love a foot massage too! But what's really cool is that in addition to being cute, cats' feet are an amazing anatomical achievement.

1. Cats have the same legs as we do, but in different proportions

Compared to us, a cat's rear feet are huge in proportion to his legs. If our legs were built the same way as cats' back legs are, our feet would be as long as our shins.

2. Cats walk on their tiptoes

Cats are digitigrade walkers, which means that instead of walking on the heels and the balls of the feet like we do, they walk on the balls of the feet and the fingertips.



3. Cats' claws aren't like our fingernails

Our fingernails grow out of the flesh at the end of our fingers, but cats' claws actually grow out of the bones at the end of the paws. That's why declawing is much more than just "trimming the nails." In order for a cat's claws to be removed, the last bone in every paw is amputated -- and that's just one of the many reasons I believe declawing is cruel and unnecessary.

4. Those cute little jellybeans are key to the cat's survival

Cats' paw pads are thick and contain a lot of fatty tissue. This allows the paw pads to serve as shock absorbers when cats jump and means that cats can walk almost silently when stalking their prey. The paw pads also insulate the feet and serve as the housing for the claws when they're not in use.

5. Scratching is like graffiti tagging for cats

Cats have glands tucked between their paw pads that secrete oil with a scent only cats can detect. When cats scratch surfaces such as scratching posts, trees or furniture, they deposit their scent, which tells other cats, "Hey, I was here!"

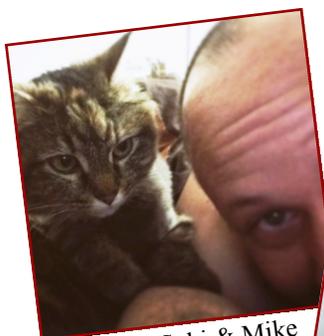
6. Cats sweat through their paw pads

The paws are the only part of a cat's body that has sweat glands. Although the paw pads don't have enough surface area to do much in the way of controlling a cat's body temperature, a nervous cat can certainly leave little sweaty pawprints on the exam table at the vet's office.

7. Paw pad color is related to fur color

Black cats have black pads, white cats usually have light-pink pads, orange cats have orange pads, tabbies may have brick red or gray pads, and so on. If your cat is multicolored, the odds are good that his pads are multicolored, too. In solid-colored cats and in some purebreds, the color of the paw pads matches the color of the nose leather.

~Catster



Sadie aka Suki & Mike



Mattie & Cielita aka Cleo

Happy Tails



Arlo aka London & Britian



Cleo & Binx

Maddie



Send Us Your Pictures!

We plan to continue our "Happy Tails" section in our newsletter but can't do it without your updated pics! We invite those of you who have adopted a cat from us to submit a photo labeled with the pet's name and date adopted to our e-mail address: FatKatzAbq@gmail.com

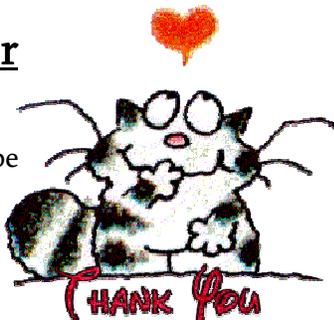
Thank You

- ~Academy Pet Hospital
- ~Barnes & Noble for hosting gift wrapping
- ~Boofy's Best for Pets for their continuous support in donating food, hosting fundraisers and events
- ~Pet Food Gone Wild for Facebook contests, fundraisers and events
- ~Petco our amazing adoption partner
- ~Second Hand Treasures for inviting us to their 4th anniversary party
- ~VCA Wyoming Animal Hospital
- ~VCA Vet Care
- ~All of our volunteers, sponsors and donors throughout the year

Foster & Volunteer

Drive

Do you love cats? Want to be involved with the kitties? Not in a position to donate funds? Need to volunteer from home? Don't want to work directly with the cats? Well, you're in luck! There are so many ways you can help the homeless cats and kittens of the Greater Albuquerque Area.



This is a very important time of year to step forward and help! Kitten season is almost upon us and we are always in need of fosters and volunteers! If we have nowhere for the kitties to go, we can't help.

Please consider giving of your time to help us raise funds, at our adoption events, transporting to and from the vet, from the shelter, doing laundry (towels and beds), hold your own fundraisers, foster a kitty or two, or administrative tasks.

Call or email F.A.T. Katz for more info! 505-293-2830 or FatKatzAbq@gmail.com.

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

There are two reasons to spay or neuter your pet. First, there are significant health benefits. Spaying females prior to their first heat cycle nearly eliminates the risk of breast cancer and helps prevent uterine infections and uterine cancer. It also eliminates the constant crying and nervous pacing of a female cat in heat.

Neutering males prevents testicular cancer and enlargement of the prostate gland and greatly reduces their risk for perianal tumors. Neutering of male cats (and dogs) can prevent certain undesirable sexual behaviors, such as urine marking, humping, male aggression and the urge to roam. If you have more than one pet in your household, all the pets will generally get along better if they are neutered.

Second, there are so many cats (and dogs) that shelters and private rescues are desperately searching for homes for. Having your pet spayed or neutered ensures that you will not be adding to this tremendous burden.

Through our low-cost spay/neuter program, we will help you obtain the surgery at a fraction of the regular cost. We have no income requirements, so this program is available to everyone and their cats!

Please call 293-2830 or email FatKatzAbq@gmail.com if interested.

Events, Fundraising, Crafts, Blood Drives & More!

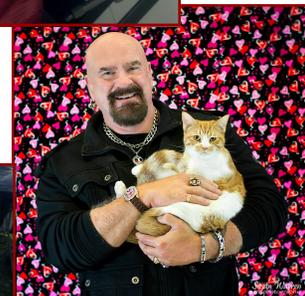
As we mentioned before, there are so many things you can do to help the kitties already in our program and those who are not yet with us but will be someday. It's not just adoptions at Petco but fundraising events too. If you are crafty, you could make stuff, like the dog collars and leashes, cat toys and bunk beds pictured below.



The events we attend are so diverse. Blood drives, anniversary parties, photo events, adoption events, bake sales, cat shows and more. Look at some of the pictures from some of the events and we hope you will find it in your schedule to volunteer for or come out and support some of our events. Call **505-293-2830** or email FatKatzAbq@gmail.com for info and how you can help.



Your donations of food, litter, crafts and baked goods to sell and anything to help is MUCH appreciated!



**Adoption events are held
every weekend at Petco
6300 San Mateo NE
Saturdays & Sundays
11am-5pm**



Fostering is a wonderful opportunity to provide a safe place for a cat in need who comes from unknown circumstances. Being a foster allows you to watch a cat blossom from a scared, timid state to one of trust and loving as they get the support and love they need before they are in their forever home.
Maribeth & Chris

WISH LIST

- Cat litter - clumping and non-clumping
- Canned & dry foods
- Toys, catnip
- Scratching posts, trees & cardboard scratchers
- Cat beds
- Towels
- Foaming, non-alcohol hand sanitizer
- Small garbage bags
- Copy paper, printable address labels
- Printable postcards (4 to a pg), printer ink
- Stamps - postcard and first-class
- Foster homes
- Volunteers for adoption or special events
- Gift cards - Revival Animal, Petco, PetSmart, WalMart or Idexx
- Sponsor a newsletter
- Sponsor a newspaper advertisement
- Commercial printing services

A huge thanks to all of our volunteers, fosters, donors, members and sponsors! If you are interested in donating, volunteering or becoming a member, please complete the form below, call 505-293-2830 or email FatKatzAbq@Gmail.com

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Yes, I would like to become a member of F.A.T. KATZ in the following category (checks or money orders made payable to FAT KATZ):

- Guardian Angel (\$1000 or more)
- Friend (\$100)
- Active Volunteers (\$10)
- Star (\$500)
- Sponsor or Family (\$50)
- Student, Seniors, Low Income (\$10)
- Hero (\$250)
- Individual (\$30)

Sponsor-A-Cat, Name of cat and amount _____
 See Facebook or web page for pictures and the list of adoptable cats

Microchip program sponsor amount _____

F.A.T. KATZ also has a PayPal account! You can donate through PayPal with your credit card using our email address listed above!

You can also donate straight from your paycheck using United Way. Please visit their website <http://www.uwcnm.org/> to find out how!

Please check here for information on volunteering or fostering - you must provide email address or phone # for this!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

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