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And Their Friends

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**See pg. 2
for our
available cats
for adoption!**



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Your donations are tax-deductible
to the fullest extent of the law.

Happy Half Dozen!

We cannot be more delighted that 6 years later, we are still here and still going strong! In this short time, we have saved over 950 cats and kittens from shelter life (or death. At the time of this writing, it is 965 and will likely be more by the time you are reading this!) This is all possible because we have the best volunteers, fosters, donors, supporters, sponsors and friends and family who rally and give up so much for us to do what we do. We have all thrown so much of ourselves including laughter, hope, love, heartache, blood, sweat and tears into this organization in which we believe 120%.

Rescue cats are special because they always seem to be grateful to the humans who gave them a second chance. There is something amazing about the resiliency of cats—no matter where they came from, or what they've been through, with the patience and love, they are ready to love that person right back! Although they can't talk, when you gaze into your rescued cat's eyes, there is no doubt that they are filled with love and admiration for you.

Saving lives is what we do and it is part of our purpose in life to help those who cannot help themselves. But..... there is so much more needed in our community. We need help with what we do whether it be from fostering and volunteering, donating and education, to help with fundraising and administrative tasks.

The cats and kittens of the Greater Albuquerque area need you and we are asking once again for you to please give a little bit of yourself. You can donate via PayPal using Friends and Family, FatKatzAbq@gmail.com, through our website www.FatKatzAbq.org, through Facebook, www.facebook.com/FatKatzAbq or mail a check to F.A.T. KATZ Inc. P.O. BOX 90394, ABQ., NM 87199-0394.

Rescue Angels:

Tail tucked between your legs,
confusion in your eyes,
I know it's hard to understand
that someone heard your cries.

When loneliness is all you
know and pain is all you feel,
And no one can be trusted and
hunger's all too real.

That's the time we see you and
let you know we're there,
That's when we send our mes-
sengers, the hearts that love
and care.

Yes, rescuers are angels, you cannot see their wings,
They keep them neatly folded as they do their caring things.

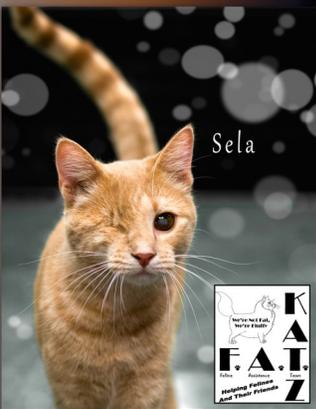
The medicine to make you well, good food to make you strong,
And finally to help you learn that hugs are never wrong.

The perfect place then must be found, the home where you can live,
Secure and safe and happy with joy to get and give.

When you reach your forever home, your place where you feel whole,
The angels smile and off they go to save another soul.

*author unknown

♥ From a broken soul ♥
Ready To Take On The World!

Sela
Sela Hope
Pirate Princess
Adopted December 2015




thank you



Treble

I am a beautiful, 2-year old, black Siamese mix who is VERY sweet, loves attention and to chill. I being petted and loved. I get along with other cats and would likely adjust to a cat-friendly dog too. I am super easy-going and will adjust well in my new home. I would like to have another kitten as a buddy but it isn't necessary. I like catnip, sleep, head and chin rubs and will even give you kisses with my nose to yours.



Barretta & Harrah

We are the cutest and sweetest pair of sisters! Just try to tell us apart. We are very friendly and like to curl up in bed with our people. We get along with other cats, used to be around cat-friendly dogs and would do well in any home. Both of us like to stay low, like bush kitties and like cave-like beds. They love, play and groom each other. Barretta, DOB 5/19/14 - Likes to play with interactive toys and use an exercise wheel. Likes the company of her sister, Harrah.



Harrah, DOB 5/19/15 - Likes things a little more quiet and likes the company of other cats, especially her sister Barretta. We are on the bonded pair special pricing so ask when you come in!

Lindsay

I am a very gentle, sweet girl. I'm 3 years old and need a quiet home. Once I have adjusted, I cannot be stopped! I am a very loving girl who needs a lot of attention and love. I will sleep with you, crawl under the covers, sit on your lap and lay beside you. I love chin scratches and LOVE being petted. I may take a bit to warm up, but you will be repaid greatly for your patience! I would be OK as an only kitty but think I would do OK with another mellow cat.



Luigi

I am a gorgeous 2-year old house panther. I am talkative, loving and very enthusiastic. I am always on the go and need to be kept entertained. I love my cat exercise wheel and all the toys you can give me. I love interactive toys and my cat trees as I like to be higher than you. I am quite large and very confident and will get along with another cat who has a strong personality. I am very outspoken and have a fierce mind of my own. I dare you to challenge me on this!! I am a lover of humans and want to sleep with you when I want to. Please come and visit me at Boofy's Best For Pets during regular business hours and you'll see how amazing I am!



William & Catherine

This is quite the pair of kitties! Both are just adorable!! They are playful, loving and will need a little time to adjust to you. When they settle in, they will want your undivided attention. They are a bonded pair who love each other very much and would LOVE to be adopted together. They sleep, groom and play with each other. They are approx. 3 years old and are great! They love catnip, balls, springs, string wand toys, beds, their cardboard scratchers and you!! Please visit us at Petco, you won't be sorry. We are on the bonded pair special pricing so ask when you come in!



Blinky

I am a shy yet amazing kitty who will need a while to adjust to my new home. I am 2 1/2 years old and am a very gentle boy. I get along with other cats but am kind of a loner. I love your attention but you need to make sure you give it to me as sometimes I won't ask you. I will purr for you and like my belly rubbed too. I don't play with much and would love just to have time in your home and love life looking out the windows.



Knox & Nymeria

We were rescued from a colony of cats in Los Lunas and would love to be adopted together. Knox, DOB 1/30/16—I am a little more outgoing than my sister and love to sit in the window bird-watching. I also love to hang out and have my belly rubbed, like to play with all kinds of toys and enjoy catnip. Nymeria, DOB 7/30/16—I like to snuggle in bed, have a coat as soft as silk and love being petted. I like the laser light and love catnip too. We are on the bonded pair special pricing so ask when you come in!



Fuji

I am a very sweet, 2 year old boy 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!



Odin

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!



Graeby

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!



~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!

Christmas in July with Mr. & Mrs. Santa

Get your pet's (and yours) photos with Mr. & Mrs. Santa while they're on vacation in Albuquerque! **July 15, 11am-4pm at Boofy's Best For Pets, 8201 Golf Course Rd. NW**, stop in to have your photos with Santa and join us for food, photos, adoptable kitties and great pet food sales. All well-behaved, furry or not, human and pet alike are welcome.



Year-Round Recycling Program

You can support the cats all year and help the planet by recycling your cartridges and small electronic gadgets and buying recycled cartridges. Email or call us, FatKatzAbq@gmail.com, 505-293-2830 or visit our page below to see how it works!
www.PlanetGreenRecycle.com/FatKatzAbq

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~Buying remanufactured inkjets reduces landfill which makes the environment greener

~Support an American remanufacturer who is here to stay



Flower McFlower Celebration of Life

In conjunction with our Christmas in July photos, **July 15, 11am-4pm at Boofy's Best For Pets, 8201 Golf Course Rd. NW**, Miss Flower McFlower was loved by so many. She would have been 19 years old this July so it's only fitting that we celebrate her life! Join FAT Katz and Boofy's Best For Pets in this celebration!

Since Flower so loved F.A.T. Katz, there will be a donation bin for food for the cats and kittens and a donation jar for the human food to also benefit the cats medical care. There will be food, drinks, raffle prizes, reminiscing, and Hawaiian Santa photos for a separate donation.

Stop in and meet our newest foster kitty at Boofy's while you're there. He talks. He purrs. He works out regularly on his exercise wheel. He's Luigi! This handsome house panther is a wonderful 2-year-old boy who LOVES to play. He's available for adoption from F.A.T. Katz and you can meet him at Boofy's Best For Pets during regular business hours.



Please check our Facebook page for updates on our continued fundraising efforts.

July 28 - Norwex fundraiser—radically reducing chemicals in our homes by using green products

October—Howl & Growl—Boofy's Best For Pets—8201 Golf Course NW

Nov. 3 - Girl's Day out with approx. 30 vendors—1101 Cardenas Dr. NE

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!



What your donations do.....

We are so happy that you are interested in donating to F.A.T. Katz! Most people wonder where their money goes when they donate. We have decided to give you some ideas of what your money does.

\$10 covers one rabies vaccination

\$25 covers all shots for one cat

\$100 covers complete vetting for one cat

\$150 feeds four cats on special diets for two months

\$300 covers one dental cleaning with some extractions

\$1,000 covers tests and one night hospitalization for an acute, life-threatening condition

\$15 covers one FeLV/FIV test

\$60 covers one spay or neuter

\$130 covers one complete blood panel

\$400 covers one minor eye surgery

We sincerely thank you for all of your donations and support—big or small—and hope you will continue supporting our F.A.T. Katz kitties!

5 Things To Know About Adopting and Bringing Home An Adult Cat

Considering adopting an adult cat? FANTASTIC!! An adult cat poses different challenges than a kitten. Here are a few issues you might encounter when adding an adult cat to your home — and how to overcome them.

Bringing a new adult cat into your home poses different challenges. You need to recognize and manage behaviors and help your new companion to better “feel the love.”



1. Newly adopted cats often hide and shun their new people.

They need to have their own quiet rooms where no other resident animals are allowed. Help him emerge by creating a safe and secure space with boxes to hide in, vertical territory to climb, scratching posts, comfortable sleeping spots, food, water and a litter box.

Never force a shy adult cat to socialize. Leave him alone at least for the first 24 hours so he can explore his space alone. After he’s accustomed to his new space, one person can enter the room and sit on the floor. Make positive associations and connections through food, play, a clean litter box, etc.



2. Resident cats commonly fight with newcomers.

Cats are territorial and understandably don’t readily accept new cats. People often make the mistake of introducing newly adopted cats to the resident pets too quickly. Once a new cat is used to his rooms, introduce him to the resident animals slowly. Often it can take a month or longer.



3. The new cat doesn’t want to be petted.

Never corner, pick up or pet a cat against his will. Instead, crouch at a distance and point your index finger at cat-nose level toward him. If he wants to say hello, he will come to your finger, touch it with his nose and turn his head and rub you with his cheek. If he starts to feel a little insecure, he’ll retreat. Other opportunities will come as he feels more secure. Delicious cat treats and food can be effective persuaders!



4. The new cat won’t eat.

Depending on the level of stress, many cats stop eating when first introduced into the new home. If a cat doesn’t eat for more than 2 days, he needs veterinary intervention. Encourage eating with a good quality, highly aromatic food heated up to room temperature. Find out what treats/food the cat enjoyed before surrendered. Sprinkling the food with dehydrated chicken or another meat sometimes jump-starts an appetite. Place the food bowl in a quiet, easily accessible area. Cats who hide may start eating if their food dish is put at their hiding spot entrance. Give the newbie some privacy; often they will eat when no one is around.



5. What can new owners do to stop unwanted behaviors?

Cats always have reasons for their behaviors — they don’t happen in a vacuum. Many things cause unappreciated behaviors — medical issues, history, poor litter box management, household turmoil, how the cat is approached and handled, inter-cat issues and many others. Any behavior change may require a visit to the veterinary clinic.

Only after all possible medical causes have been ruled out should the problem be approached as behavioral. Change the behavior by identifying its causes and addressing it through environment and behavior modification. Punishing cats for undesirable behaviors causes stress and often escalates behaviors, creates other problem behaviors and strains or breaks the human-animal bond. Veterinary behaviorists and certified cat behavior consultants can help figure out unwanted behaviors and offer solutions.



Send Us Your Pictures!

We need your photos to continue our “Happy Tails” section in our newsletter! 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:

FatKatzAbq@gmail.com

Hayden & Sarah

Winnie & Sasha

Calvin & TC (fka Miles & Leo)

Caesar & Mirage

Happy Tails bonded pair special edition

LOVE

Foster & Volunteer Drive

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

This is a very important time of year to step forward and help! Kitten season is on us and we are always in need of fosters and volunteers! If we have nowhere for the cats or kittens to go, or donations to help cover their medical costs, we can't help.

So..... 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 for more info! 505-293-2830 or FatKatzAbq@gmail.com



Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

An un-spayed female cat, her mate and all of their offspring, producing two litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total:

One Year:	12
Two Years:	67
Three Years:	376
Four Years:	2,107
Five Years:	11,801
Six Years:	66,088
Seven Years:	370,092
Eight Years:	2,072,514
Nine Years:	11,606,077

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 505-293-2830 or email FatKatzAbq@gmail.com if interested.



Volunteer Spotlight

This edition is focused on Madalyn Wilson-Fetrow. When asked why she volunteers, he told us this:

I am not one for parables, but one that has always stuck with me. It is the parable of the old man who was walking down a beach covered in thousands of starfish that had been washed up by the tide. He watched a young boy walking along throwing the starfish back into the water to save them from the sun. The old man said, "Son, there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?" The boy picked up a starfish, gently tossed it into the water and said, "I made a difference to that one!"

While I may not be returning starfish to the ocean, I volunteer with F.A.T. Katz for the same reason the boy saved starfish: I may not be able to save all the cats that need help in this world, but I am very sure I can transform the lives of a few of them. The cats I have fostered, cared for, or even adopted, all have had the trajectory of their lives changed by encountering F.A.T. Katz, bringing happiness and joy into the world, even if it is in our very small corner of

it. Working with this organization has given me a lot in the last two years, but the greatest gift is being able to completely change the life of an animal who before had a bleak outlook. I may not be able to change the world, but I definitely can change one cat's world.

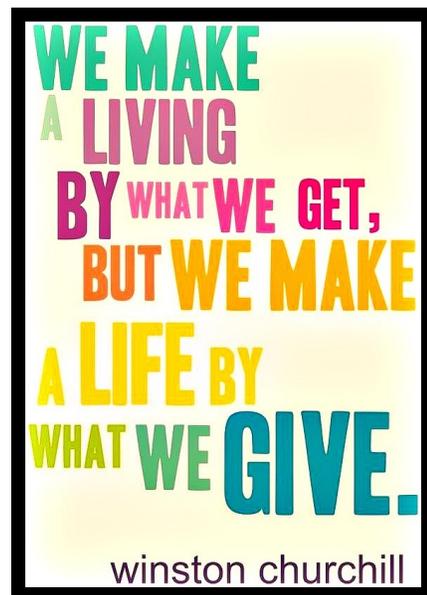
Time to Renew Your Membership (Or Join!)

We would like to takt some time to thank our members and ask for membership renewal fees and additional contributions during kitten season. In return for your contribution, we will not send you address labels, calendars, or other "free gifts." You will simply receive a thank-you card doubling as a tax receipt. As a member of F.A.T. Katz, you will receive our Newsletter and other mailings, and the satisfaction that you have single-handedly helped save cats and kittens in the Albuquerque area.

We know that there are many worthy causes that appeal strongly to your generosity. But our well-loved foster cats need your support.

The numbers tell the story. In fiscal year 2017, our total revenue was \$47,009.51, and our total expenses were \$49,281.80. We were actually in the negative this past year. So far this year, our expenses have outweighed our revenue with emergency surgeries and extra medical care needed. So... we need your support to keep going and to save more lives.

The membership form is on the last page and explains briefly how you can contribute to special programs if you wish. We're looking forward to sending you that Thank You!!



**Adoption events are held every weekend at Petco
6300 San Mateo NE
Saturdays 11:30am-5pm
& Sundays 12-4pm**

Churchill & Paddy (Padraic) living the good life together forever!



WISH LIST

Cat litter - clumping and non-clumping
Toys, catnip
Cat beds
Foaming, non-alcohol hand sanitizer
Copy paper, printable address labels
First-class stamps
Volunteers for adoption or special events
Sponsor a newsletter
Commercial printing services

Canned & dry foods
Antibacterial dish soap
Towels
Small garbage bags
Printer ink
Foster homes
Scratching posts, trees & cardboard scratchers
Sponsor a newspaper advertisement
Gift cards - Revival Animal, Petco, PetSmart, WalMart or Zoetis

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 below!

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

If you are interested in an email version of the newsletter, please email us at 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)
- Star (\$500)
- Hero (\$250)
- Friend (\$100)
- Sponsor or Family (\$50)
- Individual (\$30)
- Active Volunteers (\$10)
- Student, Seniors, Low Income (\$10)

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!

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E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

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