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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!



F.A.T. KATZ is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit. Your donations are tax-deductible

The Scratching Post

F.A.T. Katz is 2 Years Old!

You may or may not know this but on June 10th, F.A.T. Katz celebrated its two year anniversary!

We are so proud of our accomplishments and have had many ups and downs along the way. We primarily rescue from high-kill shelters and with that have come some tragedies but so much more happiness and we wouldn't trade it for the world!

In those two years we have rescued over 250 cats and kittens and are so grateful to be able to do so. It couldn't be done without the help of everyone along the way from fosters to donors, and sponsors to followers.

Thank you for everything and we are still going strong! We couldn't be happier and thank you for all you do in every way possible!



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 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 kitties to go, 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 F.A.T. Katz for more info!
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Time to Renew Your Membership (Or Join!)

It's that time of year when non-profit, charitable organizations thank their members and ask for membership renewal fees and additional contributions during kitten season. In return for your fee or 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 2013, our total revenue was \$44,712.65, and our total expenses were \$31,591.93. We did have a bit of a cushion, just not a plump one. This year, so far, our expenses have outweighed our revenue with emergency surgeries and extra medical care needed. So... we need your support to keep going and to restore that cushion.

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!!

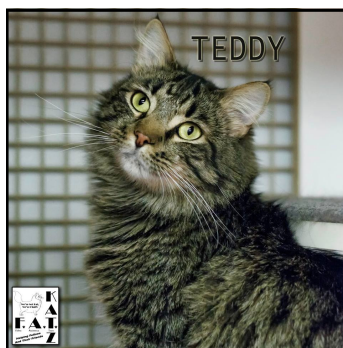


Homes Needed!

The Scratching Post

Teddy

I am a beautiful, 1 1/2 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 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 might chase), I am super friendly with people and will likely adjust well in my new home. I would do well with a kitten or very easy going cat.



Linus

I am not related to any of my foster family but I fit in just fine! I'm a little over a year 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 also take a bit

to warm up, but will likely turn out very outgoing and friendly quickly.

Sela

I am a very attractive, buff, rambunctious, 9 month-old, one-eyed girl. I took a little while to become comfortable in my foster home while trying to adjust to one eye. I am good pals with my foster family and love to play. Not much on being held but I will learn to sit on your lap and cuddle. I was rescued from Clovis with a **BAD** eye infection which caused my eye to rupture and had to be removed. I will take a little time and patience to become comfortable in my new home. I am very affectionate on my own terms, though, and tolerate being handled if I have to be.



Suki

I am a beautiful pastel tortoiseshell tuxedo a little over a year old. My personality is very sweet and a little shy but when I get used to a new home and new people, I will be very affectionate. I love lying on the bed, am very playful, and get along with other cats. I would do very well adopted with my sister, Aiko, and likely with any other cat. I love my deep, soft bed and sleeping with you and believe in my own comfort of

course. Rescued from a high-kill shelter, I have been looking for my forever home and would love to come home with you.

Aiko

I am not at all shy, I am cute and, oh so sweet. I love to play, am curious and love to walk on your shoulders. I am very friendly and like to curl up in bed with my people. I get along very well with most other cats, and would do well adopted as part of a pair. I would also bond well with you as an only kitty. I love human contact and being petted. I love to play and explore, and like laser toys. If you are looking for two kitties, I would be awesome with my sister Suki or any other kitties. I haven't been around dogs but I think I would do OK with a small or mellow super cat-friendly dog.



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!



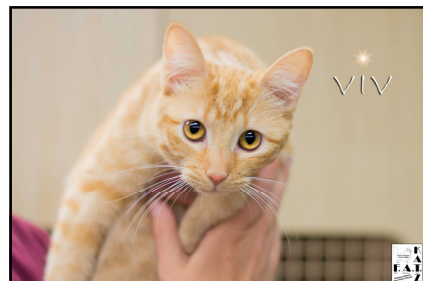
Cami

I am pretty shy 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 a year 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.

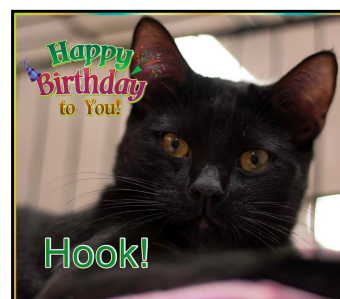


Thomasina

Hi, I'm Thomasina! I am a very mellow, not very active, friendly girl who just had my first birthday. OK being held but **LOVE** my chin scratched. I'll sleep with you and use a tall sisal scratching post because I love stretching while scratching. My favorite toy is a feather wand! I would do well in a home where there are other cats or also OK by myself. If you are looking for two cats who already know each other, my brother, Hook and I would love to go together. What I really, really wants is a whole lotta love and a home to call my own!

Hook

I am a high-energy boy just over a year old. I am sweet, talkative, playful and a great boy! I got my name because I was born with a kink in my tail that gives me extra personality (as if I need it). I get along with other kitties, I would adjust to a cat-friendly dog too. I would be good as a pair, adopted with my sister Thomasina or on my own. I am a great guy and would love to come home with you today!



~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.

Fundraisers/Events

Yard Sale

On Sat. Aug. 23 & Sun. Aug. 24, 7am-2pm both days, 2612 Morris NE, we will be holding our annual yard sale. We are still collecting so you can drop off your donations the morning of the sale between 5-7am. We cannot thank everyone enough for your generosity and we are looking forward to this sale being a great

NM Desert Fest

Join us for an amazing car show/fundraiser on Sat. 8/30, 6-10:30pm, Hoffman-town Church, 8888 Harper NE. We will have our info table, vendors and amazing cars on display! All to help the animals of the greater Albuquerque area.

Pooch Plunge

Pet Food Gone Wild is celebrating their 3 year anniversary and they have invited us to attend the party! It will be Sat. 9/6, 10am-3pm, Haynes Park, Rio Rancho. Bring your pooches for a swim, visit the vendors and rescues and have a great time!

Bark In The Park

The 15th annual Bark In The Park will be held Sat. 9/13, 10am-2pm at Olympus Park, Rio Rancho. Adoptable pets, vendors, food, dog agility course and more! See you there!

K9 Klenz

We invite you to bring your dirty dogs to **Boofy's Best For Pets, 8201 Golf Course NW, Sun. 9/14, 12-4pm** for a dog wash extraordinaire! We will be washing dogs, holding a raffle and selling stuff. Come meet Clementine & the Creamsicles and find out how you can help the kitties of ABQ!

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

Sponsor Opportunities!

1st opportunity - Microchipping. Nearly 10 million pets get lost each year and without ID, 90% will never be reunited with their families again. Because of this fact, we micro-chip all of our foster cats and kittens! To avoid raising our adoption fees, we are seeking sponsors for our microchips.

2nd opportunity - Sponsor-a-cat. We are always in need of cat food and litter and extra funds for medical care. We have a lot of kitties in our program that would love sponsors! Some of those kitties are listed on page 2.

YOUR generosity & love is what keeps us going & continuing to save so many little lives! Your donations are tax-deductible too!

Painful Bladder Syndrome (PBS) in Cats

Painful bladder syndrome is a urinary condition that affects cats. It is a condition that causes symptoms of straining to urinate, crying when urinating, frequent urination, bloody urine and inappropriate urination (urinating outside of the litter box).

It is recognized as much by what it is as what it isn't. With this condition, the urinary symptoms are neither caused by stones nor are they caused by infections.

There are several terms that have been used in the past to describe recurrent urinary symptoms that were not caused by infection or stones. Some terms include Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease (FLUTD), Feline Urologic Syndrome (FUS), and Feline Interstitial Cystitis (FIC). Painful bladder syndrome appears to be another term to describe these vague and difficult signs.

Many specialists have researched this urinary problem in cats. Most recently they believe that a large percentage of cats with this problem have an underlying bladder inflammation or that the symptoms stem from a stress related response on the bladder. Essentially, they believe that some cats over-react to stress.

The same thing can happen to people. Some people seem oblivious to stress and only show it internally, some incessantly talk and complain, some have nervous breakdowns, and others seem to thrive on it. Cats seem to be the same. Some can hyper-react to simple things such as company, a new cat in the home or even seeing a new cat outside. And some of these cats can respond to their stress with urinary symptoms as described above.

Treatment for painful bladder syndrome evolves around the following factors:

Plenty of fresh clean water
Canned food (with some dry)
A large clean litter box with appealing litter
Positive reinforcement (no punishment based training)

Minimal stress
Environmental enrichment opportunities
Plenty of Playtime

If the symptoms persist for more than a day, please seek medical care for your cat because urinary issues are to be taken seriously!





Volunteer Spotlight

This edition is focused on Eileen Zamora.

When asked why she volunteers, she told us this:

I became a foster mama as a fluke.... ABC Friends as we were known before becoming F.A.T. KATZ was looking for fosters help save some lives from the Valencia County shelter. I stalked their page, liking comments and sharing but one day I decided, why can't it be me? So I sent a message asking what I needed to do. I met the criteria to become a foster and was sent pictures of kittens that needed fostering. I started with 3 and to date I've fostered 28 kitties (not all

at once, mind you) since October 2012. I'm a cat person and wanted to help. I sometimes have a hard time saying no, when a kitty needs, help.... but I help when I can. Volunteering gives me a sense of accomplishment and makes me feel good, too. I love volunteering and fostering! It's sometimes hard to let the foster babies go to their forever home, but knowing I helped to socialize and save a life is all worth it!

That is why I volunteer!

~ Eileen Zamora ~Eileen is pictured here with her foster kitty, Aiko, who is available for adoption.



~Boofy's Best for Pets for their continuous support in donating food, fostering and hosting fundraisers

~The Enchanted Cat Club and TICA for hosting us at the cat shows twice a year

~Pet Food Gone Wild for Facebook contests and fundraisers

~Academy Pet Hospital

~VCA Wyoming Animal Hospital

~VCA Vet Care

~Justice Great Dane for coordinating the Fetch and Release

~Petco our amazing adoption partner

~Long Leash on Life for their support through the To The Rescue Yard Sale

~Clark's Pet Emporium and Paws To People for hosting and sponsoring the Carnival of Hope

~Veterinary Emergency Specialty Center for hosting the pet & human blood drive

~All of our volunteers, sponsors and donors throughout the year



Verde aka Sherry



Diego



Jasmine



Mr. Kitty and Reba

Happy Tails

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



FOSTER HOMES CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!! THEY ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR LIFE-SAVING WORK!

Without a safe, loving environment for needy cats, we are unable to remove them from the situations they are currently in. Becoming a foster parent also provides a great opportunity to have a cat in your home if you are considering adoption but aren't yet ready for a full-time commitment!



They have been neglected, abused, and abandoned. With YOUR help, we can change that. We can give them everything they deserve and MORE! You provide the love, kindness, security and sometimes food and litter and F.A.T. KATZ WILL PROVIDE THE REST!



While we work hard to find them a permanent home, you provide a safe, patient and loving temporary home. The rewards are PRICELESS! Please consider becoming a member of our RESCUE family today!



JOIN US AND BRING JOY INTO YOUR HOME WHILE SAVING A CAT'S LIFE!



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.

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

Merrie and Maddie!



WISH LIST

Cat litter - clumping and non-clumping
Canned & dry foods
Toys, catnip
Scratching posts, trees & cardboard scratchers
Cat beds from Pet Edge (call for details)
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



Happy Tails

It gives us great joy to know that our kitties are doing well in their forever homes! If you have adopted a kitty or kitties from us, we'd love to hear from you! Please send updates and photos to FatKatzAbq@Gmail.com or www.Facebook.com/FatKatzAbq

A huge thanks to all of our volunteers, fosters, donors, members and sponsors! If you are interested in donating or becoming a member, please see below, and if interested in volunteering, 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):

<input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Angel (\$1000 or more)	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend (\$100)	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Volunteers (\$10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Star (\$500)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor or Family (\$50)	<input type="checkbox"/> Student, Seniors, Low Income (\$10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hero (\$250)	<input type="checkbox"/> 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!

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