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# The Scratching Post

## F.O.G.'s (Fluffy Old Gents)

We would like to introduce you to Franklin and Andrea. They came to us via Valencia County Animal Shelter. Animal Control was called out to a woman's home who was sick and not able to care for her two cats. Her home was filthy and when the shelter workers arrived, they found two F.O.G.'s who had been neglected for a while. They were brought to the shelter and were networked like crazy to get them to safety. This is where a foster home with F.A.T. Katz came forward. They are now safe within our program and will live their lives as they so deserve.



FDR, take it away.....

Hello. My name is Franklin. I have been asked to introduce myself. I am named after FDR, who, despite severe mobility issues from having polio, was much loved by many. Like FDR, I have a hard time maintaining my posture and balance, yet I am much loved. I think it is my magnificent mug (see photo).

I am a bit loopy on catnip right now, but will nonetheless tell my story as best I may. Please excuse any memory lapses. Seventeen years ago, I was born somewhere. My earliest memory is ... two weeks ago. (On second thought, maybe I am falling down drunk on catnip. Oh well.)

I awoke in an animal shelter. Although the shelter was "open-admission," some kindly, astute person noticed that I was special and called F.A.T. Katz. Or maybe it was my brother, Andrea, who got us noticed. Andrea sings tenor as beautifully as his namesake (Mr. Bocelli). Regardless, we were chosen for a second chance at life and spirited off into the dark of night. (Or maybe it was day; I don't see too well.)

Baby Bro' (Andrea is a youngster at 13) and I next visited the veterinarian—for 18 hours! Gaah! Needles and blood tests, oh my! The veterinarians and their helpers must have also seen how special we were, because although they kept shaking their heads and looking very serious, they let us go "home" with a stranger. Or maybe F.A.T. Katz came by in the night again and helped us escape. I don't remember.



So now here I am. The photo of me, right, is with my homemade catnip ball, a gift from F.A.T. Katz. I am lying on my heated bed, also a gift from F.A.T. Katz. I am served only the most delectable foods, because my kidneys are failing so I am *even more picky than the average feline*. I cannot see much, as I have cataracts, but the nose knows—I eat what smells good, and disdain the rest. And that is how it should be.

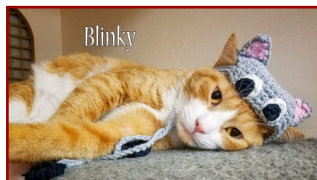
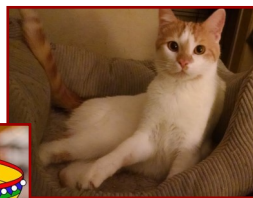
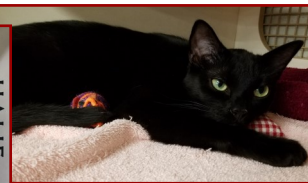


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Join us **Sat. 3/17 & Sun. 3/18** to find your Irish kitty(s) during our **Lucky In Love Adoption Event** by adopting a bonded pair of kitties at half off the adoption fee for both cats. There are several pictured here (the bonded pairs are any of the kitties whose pictures are touching or overlapped.) They are grouped together as different pairs and options. If you are only looking for one set of Irish eyes, wear something green and receive \$10 off your adoption fee. Black cats 6 months older are also half off the adoption fee. Change their luck and yours!

**Nuance****Treble****Konah****Lindsay****Luigi****Sunny****Blondie****Nyota****Blinky****Ayden  
Calliope****Jeremiah  
Nomad****Dizzy****JEREMIAH****HALIE****Halie  
Semper Fi  
Koralina****Odin****Odin  
Tanner  
Connor****Tanner****William  
Catherine****Nymeria  
Knox****Pru  
Jazz****Billie  
Graeby  
Thelonius**

***All of our cats are spayed/neutered, current on vaccines and are tested negative for Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) prior to adoption!***

***Visit our adoptable kitties at our adoption center at  
Petco, 6300 San Mateo NE, weekly,  
Saturdays 11:30am-5:30pm & Sundays 12-4pm.***

***Ask us about our adoption fee specials!***



## Volunteer Spotlight

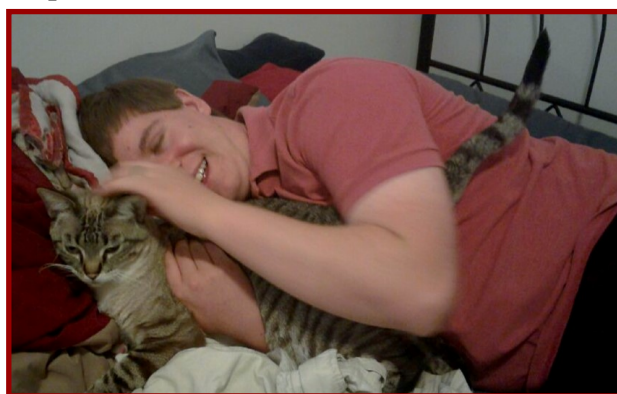
This edition is focused on Zacary Wilson-Fetrow. When asked why he volunteers, he told us this:

I began volunteering with F.A.T. Katz with my wife, Madalyn, in Aug. 2016, when we also began as fosters. Being a volunteer for F.A.T. Katz is one of the happiest experiences in my life, but is also a great responsibility and an honor:

Volunteering is a responsibility to care diligently for our cats, small souls who, after abuse and neglect, depend on us for food, warmth and companionship. To these ends, as a volunteer, I have worn many hats. I have cleaned cages, managed event booths and started fundraisers; any manner of duties to ensure our cats receive the healthiest care possible.

Responsibility means there is no job beneath a volunteer; all allow us to provide better care for even more cats in desperate need.

While we sometimes refer to rescue cats as receiving their “second chance,” it is us volunteers who earn another opportunity. We are privileged to earn our cats’ trust after others have abandoned them and earn our cats’ love after others have starved them. We only offset mankind’s failure once each cat finds the safe, forever home they so desperately deserve. As a volunteer, the chance to show a caring face and earn the forgiveness of a cat once terribly betrayed is the greatest, warmest and purriest honor I could desire.



F.A.T. Katz, Inc., and the 130 +/- cats we care for, can only survive with the support of its dedicated volunteers. To make a difference for so many cats’ lives, and to work with so many fine volunteers is, by far, the most fulfilling part of my week.



### **F.O.G.’s (Fluffy Old Gents) - Cont. fm. pg. 1**

My story has a happy middle (I’m not ready for the ending just yet!). A few weeks ago I was covered with matted fur, skin lesions from the mats, and I weighed a meager 5 pounds. My ears were full of goopy stuff, and I was pretty sure no one cared. But now look at me! I am 5 pounds and 2 ounces, growing by leaps and bounds! I’ve had two baths (my non-functional rear leg muscles limit my self-grooming to my front half, only) and several fabulous haircuts. I am a new man.



My brother, Andrea, would tell you his own story but he is not as outgoing as I am. He mostly likes to sing. Suffice it to say, his story is similar. A week ago he was one big mat of fur—so much so that he had a big hole in his side and many other mat-related wounds. His toenails were so long, he could hardly walk. (Me, too, but there are other reasons I can hardly walk!) Blind and deaf, he longed for stimulation to his three favorite senses: smell, taste, and touch. And now we have four kinds of food to choose from, with new stuff every day! And catnip to sniff! And, best of all, lots and LOTS of touch. I’ve never purred so much in my life. I never knew humans were so full of goodness.

It’s true that neither of us will live a very long time, because we have crappy kidneys and several other things that don’t work so well. We were both resigned to ending our days as malnourished, sickly, unwanted mats of fur lacking dignity or love. But that’s not what happened. F.A.T. Katz rescued us, proclaimed us “hospice cats,” and started spoiling us with food, medications, warm beds, and lots of love. Thank you, F.A.T. Katz volunteers, and all the other kind folks who made this happen.

(Can I stop now? I think the ‘nip is wearing off and the last thing I need right now is clarity of mind. Can I have some more catnip, please?)



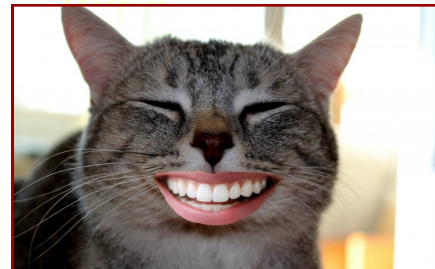
### **3 Common Dental Diseases in Cats and What You Can Do About Them**

Here's what every feline parent needs to know about dental diseases in cats, like stomatitis, periodontal disease and tooth resorption.

Dental diseases in cats are common — but hard to diagnose. While agonizing pain might get you to run to the dentist, cats in pain just carry on. For a cat to signal “my mouth hurts,” the pain has to be over-the-top excruciating. At this point, many cats refuse food, but it's not because they're finicky — it's because eating hurts.

When there's bacteria at and around the gum line, that bacteria soon travels through the cat's system, potentially affecting kidney and even heart function. Certainly, it's not healthy to have an unhealthy mouth.

There are many types and variations of dental disease in cats but there are three dental diseases in cats which are especially important to know about.



#### **1. Tooth resorption in cats**

Cavities (common in people) are created from the outside in. Tooth resorption begins at the root and travels up.

Leave it to cats to be different. Tooth resorption is rare in people; it's increasingly diagnosed in dogs (mostly because veterinarians have begun to look for it and have X-ray equipment to find it), though the issue is far more common in cats.

Unlike so many illnesses in cats, this is one owners might be able to diagnose. While cats aren't going to typically tell you, ‘It hurts,’ take a [cotton swab] and gently go over the gum line. If the cat winces, it's a good guess tooth resorption is going on.

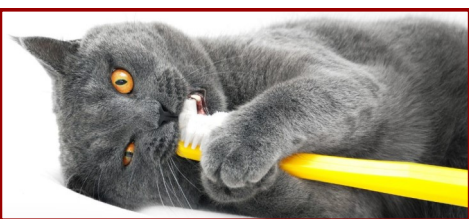
Prevention is best — except that no one knows how to prevent it. At one time, diet was thought to be responsible, but that's not the case. One thing we know: Cats who've had the calici virus are predisposed to tooth resorption.

If one tooth is affected, there's a 75 percent chance that at least one other tooth and often several teeth are affected. Obviously a wincing cat is a hurting cat. The only way to effectively remove the pain is to remove the affected teeth.



#### **2. Stomatitis in cats**

Again, leave it to cats. This condition occurs when cats seem to become allergic to their own teeth. Despite the fact that Stomatitis is common, relatively little is known about this immune-mediated disease.



Cats develop a hypersensitivity to their own plaque. Even if and when owners brush, the reality is that no matter how often and how carefully you brush your cats' teeth, there will still be some plaque. Dental care won't prevent stomatitis (or tooth resorption) for cats that are predisposed.

Stomatitis is often diagnosed by veterinarians observing a crazily inflamed bright red mouth. Some veterinarians deal with the inflammation using steroids and an antibiotic. This can temporarily make a cat more comfortable, but it's hardly a very long-term solution.

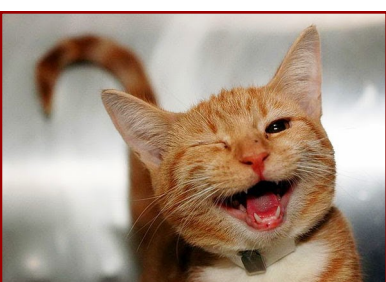
Before long, the cat requires a higher steroid dose to control the inflammation and eventually can develop diabetes (as a side effect of the steroid). And some cats become resistant to one antibiotic, so another has to be tried.

To resolve stomatitis, the right treatment is full mouth extraction. After the teeth are gone, the pain goes away, and miserable cats are happy again. They eat fine without teeth on a combined diet of dry food and moist.



#### **3. Periodontal disease in cats**

This is all about prevention so not nearly as much plaque, tartar and accompanying bacteria form. While brushing cats' teeth is helpful, most guardians aren't about to do that. However, there are a myriad of products that are easy to use. Here are a few:



**Sanos veterinary dental sealant:** This one-step application by a veterinarian helps keep the sub-gingival gum line of cats (and dogs) clean. Sanos is applied after every professional dental cleaning.

**Wipes:** Choose a product with chlorhexidine and sodium metaphosphate.

**Water supplements:** Just as the name suggests, you add these to your cat's water. Some water supplements are clinically proven to reduce plaque by a remarkable 85 percent to 88 percent in cats.

While February is Pet Dental Health Month, Cats don't know that — and their mouths can have problems any time of the year. ~Catster





**Eggs & Beggin' Easter Event****When: Sat. Mar 24, 10am-2pm****Where: Cabezon Park,****2307 Cabezon Blvd. SE, Rio Rancho**

Join us for a day of family fun!

Food vendors, pet adoptions, raffles, music, low-cost vaccine clinic and more!

**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 and celebrate Flower McFlower's 19th birthday. Join us for food, photos, adoptable kitties and great pet food sales. All well-behaved furry or not, human and pet alike are welcome.

**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](mailto:FatKatzAbq@gmail.com) if interested.

**LOVE**

Zoe (fka déjà vu)



Eddie



Kili



Rocco &amp; Ruby (fka Anika)

**Happy Tails**

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:

[FatKatzAbq@gmail.com](mailto:FatKatzAbq@gmail.com)

Mia &amp; Ellie



Mia

Ellie

**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](mailto:FatKatzAbq@gmail.com) and we can provide you with all the info you need!

**Year-Round Recycling Program**

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**When you recycle...**

We receive funds from Planet Green for collecting and sending in these recyclables!

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~You save up to 70% buying high quality remanufactured inkjet cartridges vs. the original brand

~Buying remanufactured inkjets reduces landfill which makes the environment greener

~Support an American remanufacturer who is here to stay

**Send Us Your Pictures!**

"Over a year ago, I decided I would give myself a birthday present, a kitten. I had looked at the cats with F.A.T. Katz each time I went to the pet store. This time I was ready to bring someone home. That day I met Ellie (fka Kaa), a beautiful long-haired, healthy tortoiseshell and I was in love. I adopted her and brought her home to another kitty and two dogs. It took a little time but Ellie took her place in our home. Ellie was fun and active, just as you'd expect from a kitten. So much so that when I was in the pet store a few months later, I was told about another tortoiseshell kitten who needed a home and I knew I had to meet her. Mia was a very shy kitten who had an accident and was now a tripod. She was very sweet so home we went. All of the volunteers with F.A.T. Katz are great. They work very conscientiously to assure their cats and kittens find the right homes. Their cats are all healthy and are as loving as they are lovable. If my two are an example, I am sure the others are fantastic too. Ellie and Mia are great pals now and they make every day more fun. I don't expect to adopt another cat any time soon but when I do, I will be returning to F.A.T. Katz. I have already and will continue to refer friends to F.A.T. Katz.

~Sandy"

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

Mischka, Nancy and  
Desmond., best of friends.  
Love to sleep together and  
will be 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,  
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are interested in donating, volunteering or  
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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!

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