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HELP US SAVE JASMINE

Many of the cats and kittens we save would normally be put down if they were in a traditional shelter.

At Town Cats we pride ourselves in being able to take even the trickiest cases due to the generosity of our many volunteers who open up their homes to help these little guys get better, but sometimes a cat needs more than love.

Jasmine is a 5 month old kitten that

was born with Eyelid Agenesis, which means her upper eyelid did not properly form. This condition can affect her sight if not treated correctly. Three times a day she must be given eyedrops to keep her healthy, while she awaits surgery to help her survive. Because of this condition, Jasmine's eyelashes are growing inwards. With surgery, Jasmine will be able to live a long, happy life, and be much more comfortable in her kitty life.

 *Just a few hours a week can save a life. Volunteer Today!*

TAKE THE TOWN CAT CHALLENGE

**\$55 SPAYS OR
NEUTERS 1 CAT
IN 2021**



**SPAY A FERAL AND
SAVE GENERATIONS**

Your contribution can spay a female cat and save her the heartache of caring for kittens with no shelter, no clean water, little food and most of all, no love. For more information, contact Chris at 410.600.0523

Adoptions and Spay/Neuter
www.towncats.net/contact
Chris.....(410) 600-0523

Treasurer
Nancy.....(410) 973-1544

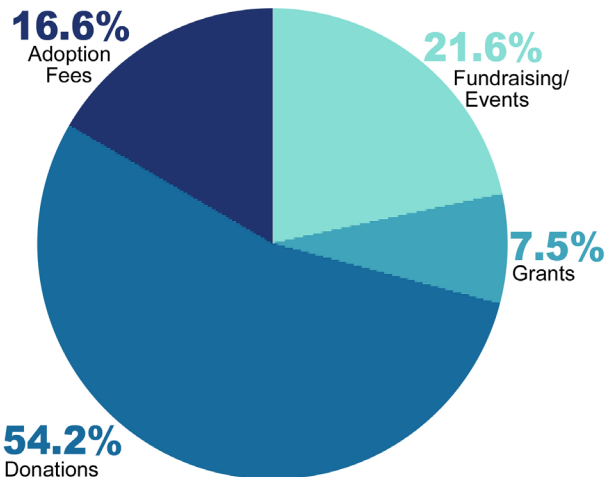
PetSmart Volunteers
Leslie....(410) 608-3025

Volunteers
Karen....(443) 366-7699

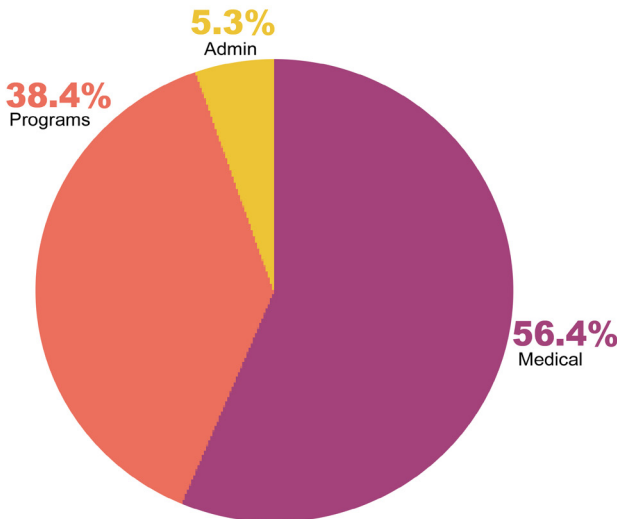


PLEASE DONATE.
EVERY PENNY IS CRUCIAL
IN SAVING CATS' LIVES

2019 INCOME



2019 EXPENSES



*Thank you
Athletes for Animals
for helping us save
more lives!*

MEET COOPER.
YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS
HELPED SAVE HIS LIFE!

Cooper immediately after emergency surgery



Cooper today



When we received the call about Cooper, this badly injured boy—we couldn't say no.

Cooper was cut—literally—end to end. He required extensive surgery and rehab. He miraculously recovered from his traumatic injuries, and although he is understandably shy, this sweet, brave boy is looking for his forever family to pamper and spoil him. If you are interested in giving Cooper a home, please fill out an adoption form on our website at: TownCats.net/adoption-application

PROOF THAT
STRAY CATS MAKE WONDERFUL PETS

By Leslie Binkley

When I moved to Ocean Pines, I brought my SPCA cat with me. As she sometimes goes out, I always leave dry and wet food on the porch.

Shortly after I'd been there a few months, I started to notice some four footed visitors! One of them was a little black cat who sat at the bottom of my front steps and would meow at me for food. After a few weeks of this, I asked the Town Cat folks what I should do? They suggested I set up a trap where I fed him and lo and behold, he fell for it, and was sent off to be neutered and get his first set of shots. As it was now Fall, I decided to keep him in my house in a cage. He adjusted quite nicely and eventually I left the cage door open while I was home. After his initial shock at touching a real floor, he started to investigate the house and decided he rather liked it! He quickly progressed to making my bed his bed. He is quite the snuggler, and I never had a litter box issue with him— it's like he'd always used one.

So if you think that stray cat hanging around your house would never make a good pet, think again!

ADOPT A BARN CAT TODAY!

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We greatly appreciate
your financial contributions!
Make your tax-deductible
donation today.

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ENTER TO WIN OUR 2020 QUILT

This year's quilt, "Garden Cats" was handcrafted by Cathy Good, in multiple brilliant hues of blue, green and white; making it an easy fit with any decor and a great gift for your friend or yourself!

Cathy's friend, Patsy Taylor, completed the "quilting" in a flowers and hearts design.

The finished quilt measures 57.5" x 57" and can be used as a lap quilt or throw.



*Winner to
be drawn at
the end of the
Holiday
Shopper's
Fair*

Above: "Garden Cats" quilt
Left: Close up featuring
quilt design

GET YOUR QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!

**Tickets are \$2 each or 7 tickets for \$5,
15 tickets for \$10, or 20 tickets for \$15.**

The drawing will be held Thanksgiving weekend at the end of the Holiday Shopper's Fair. You can purchase your tickets by mailing a check for the number of desired tickets to Town Cats or donate online at

www.towncats.net/donate

(Please make a special note for "Quilt raffle")
or call Nancy at 410.973.1544



WINTER CARE FOR COMMUNITY CATS

- Shelters can be made from storage totes
- Use straw (not HAY) for bedding
- Add a Snuggle Safe heating disc (available at chewy.com)
- Add kitten food (more calories) and canned food
- Use deeper water bowls or heated water bowls (if electric is available)
- Create an awning or covered feeding station for added protection
- Remove accumulated snow from shelter areas so cats don't get trapped
- Make noise before starting car!

*Have you been feeding
the neighborhood
cats only to find that
there seem to be more
and more of them
depending on you for
their next meal?
WE CAN HELP!*



LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

Town Cats has partnered with clinics that offer us a reduced price of \$55 for the spay or neuter, rabies shot, distemper shot & flea treatment. For more information, please email us through our website at: <https://towncats.net/contact>

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE

Do You Like to Shop on Amazon?

Sign up through Amazon Smile at Smile.Amazon.com & register under Town Cats Inc. in ZIP code 21811 &



receive an automatic donation of 0.05% that goes directly to Town Cats.

COME VISIT US

PetSmart
Adoption Center
Berlin, MD
Open Everyday

Farmer's Market
White Horse Park
Ocean Pines, MD
Every Saturday

Holiday Shopper's Fair
Convention Center
Ocean City, MD
Nov. 27-29

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MY FIRST YEAR OF FOSTERING

By Emily Meadows

We were staying at a house on Assateague with Pip, a sort of stay-cation if you will, when we got the call. There was a little kitten that needed a foster home immediately, and our friend Anita had recommended us to be his temporary family. We had never fostered before, but really wanted to. I don't think Anita knew that, I think she just knew we would help in any way we could.

So we met Chris and Pat, and they handed over a little fluffball- so scared and scrunched in the corner of a carrier. We named him Oliver. He wasn't very old, but he could eat on his own. He was pretty clean, other than the food that he would get stuck all over himself. You learn quick that as little babes are learning how to eat on their own, they often mimic a piglet, pushing food around with their nose, and coming up covered in it. He was so afraid. And so that was our job. Get him to become social so that he could find a family.

Every time we would go to pet him, he would hiss at us, but it wasn't an adult hiss; it was a tiny little kitten whisper of a hiss. It reminded me of when Simba was trying to learn how to roar in The Lion King. Oliver must have thought he was so mighty, but his hiss wasn't scary at all.

The days went by and slowly but surely, little Ollie became our best friend. He would play with Pip, and mimic everything he did. They got along so well, and everyone thought we would "foster-fail"- but I knew, if we kept this little guy then we wouldn't be able to help

the next one that needed us. And so we committed to raising him as our own, until it was time for him to go to his forever home.

The family that adopted Oliver, said that he looked just like the cat they had before, and it was such a gift to have a successor to their beloved cat that had passed. The day Oliver was adopted, we cried so hard and I thought I would be sad for weeks; but that very same day there was another kitten that needed a foster, and so we opened up our home once again, but this time to a whole litter! There was no time for crying. Those five kittens immediately filled our home with so much joy that we could look back at our time with Oliver as such a special period, but there was no reason to be sad.

The new litter we had showed me how unique every single cat is. We watched them grow from teeny-tiny kittens that could all fit around one bowl, to strong juvenile-cats ready to take on the world! Each one truly behaved so uniquely, that I knew we had to keep fostering, because all of these cats, and the cats to come, deserved to be happy, and in loving homes, where they could be themselves.

People always talk about how beautiful this cat is, or how cute that kitten is, but I've learned that often people have very personal connections with the little fluffy kitten they choose to become a part of their family. The kitten you think is going to be adopted right away, is often the one left at the end, all alone.

Leaving Eloise at the PetSmart kitty-condos was so sad, and I still tear up thinking about the night we left her there.

She had stayed in our home for months, but no one had wanted her. She was beautiful, and playful, and an amazing cat, but for some reason she had been overlooked time and time again. And so, she moved into PetSmart so that hopefully more people would see her, and someone would want her.

Within a day she had an application. It was so hard, but so necessary to move her to PetSmart; and that is when I truly learned that you have to take your own feelings out of fostering, and focus on the future of the kittens you are caring for.

More kittens have come and gone in our home, and I remember each of them fondly. Some have been older, and some much younger. Some have been sick, and some very fragile. But each of them is a little soul I will remember forever.

Sure they bite my toes, and sometimes poop on my floor, but they also purr for the first time in their lives on my lap, and hear my voice as the first noise in this world. We watch them find their voice, and make their first meow. And for every little thing they do to make me mad, they do 100 things that make me smile. Each one leaving behind countless stories of their young life, growing and learning, and becoming cats.

They try so hard to make it to the litter box, but their teeny tiny legs only go so fast, and so it happens.

Their instincts are truly a powerful thing to witness, and my life is better because of them.



Emily is Mom to her cats Pip, Natty, and Mowgli. Pip is lovingly known as Pip the Beach Cat here in Ocean City, Maryland, but he shares his home with a rotating roster of fosters. To date they have fostered over 20 cats and use Pip's "fame" to help get them adopted. You can often see their current fosters on Pip's Instagram @ImFeelingPipsy or on his Facebook. To see the adoptables they currently have go to pipthebeachcat.com/fosters

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