

TOWN CATS



Saving Homeless Cats

TOWN CATS IS DESPERATELY SEEKING FOSTERS



**The smallest
among us
need us
the most**

**Become a
kitten foster**

***Open Your Home
to a Foster Cat or
Kitten Today. They
Will Fill Your
Heart With Joy!***

We get calls almost daily to come trap and rescue stray or abandoned kittens. Having to explain to someone that we are already at maximum capacity is absolutely heartbreaking on so many levels—but, unfortunately, most of our fosters are already out of room in their homes.

More education and awareness is needed regarding fostering. Fostering kittens is not difficult, and it can be so rewarding. It can also teach children compassion and responsibility, as well as a respect and value for life.

Fostering is a great way to experience a lot of the best things kittens have to offer, without the long-term responsibility of adoption. This works out great for a lot of people and in most cases, you'll only foster the kittens until they're old enough to get adopted. This can also be a good way to get a feel for what it's

like to live with and care for a kitten if you're on the fence about adopting one.

Please consider helping out some of our adorable kittens. They don't need much—just a temporary placement until they can be adopted out to their forever homes through our system, or until another foster arrangement becomes available. All you need is a small space with a flat surface that can hold a 2' x 3' cage. It could be a table, a bathroom, or even a warm corner in your home away from your pets.

Town Cats takes care of all scheduled medical treatments such as shots, deworming, blood tests, flea treatments, spay/neuter and any other medical issues that may arise. Won't you open your home and heart today to help foster kittens? If you are interested, please fill out a volunteer application at www.towncats.net/volunteer-application today.



"Hi there! My name is Ashley and I have been fostering for Town Cats since April '21. This is my first time fostering and to say the experience has been rewarding is an understatement. The whole experience has been so much fun, not only for me, but for my family and those around me. The group is very supportive and has a genuine love and drive for rescuing and helping all cats that are in need. I feel so very thankful for being able to be part of such a great group of people (and kitties!)."

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

Treasurer
Nancy (410) 973-1544

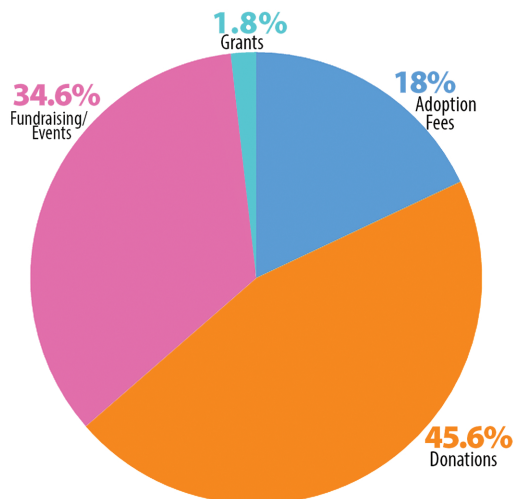
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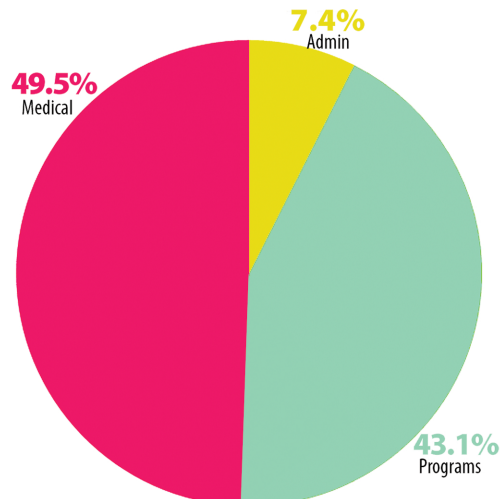


EVERY PENNY IS CRUCIAL IN SAVING CATS' LIVES

2020 INCOME



2020 EXPENSES



TOWN CATS IS IN NEED OF LOCAL PROPERTY FOR A CAT SANCTUARY

Do you or someone you know have property that you are currently not using? Do you have a small section of property that you would be willing to share with Town Cats?

We are looking for a few good acres to provide homeless, abandoned, and abused felines with a safe and loving place to stay where shelter, food, rehab and medical needs are provided.

Over the years, Town Cats has acquired numerous cats that are less adoptable for a variety of reasons, and it is our goal to locate and secure property for the continued care of all cats that will be or are currently in our system. Our vision is to provide a safe landing or a permanent home where they can live out the remainder of their natural lives with love, hope and a second chance.

If you have any ideas about obtaining land for a sanctuary (that is 100% tax deductible and can potentially save hundreds of kitties' lives), please contact us at Chaument0805@yahoo.com or message us through Facebook.



URGENT: COLONY CATS NEED BARN HOMES ASAP!

When Town Cats rescues unsocialized or feral cats, sometimes we have to consider non-traditional adoption placement.

We believe these kitties don't deserve to die simply because they can't go into a typical home environment. We recognize that they deserve shelter, access to food and water, and the stimulation of "critter hunting" that a barn placement provides.

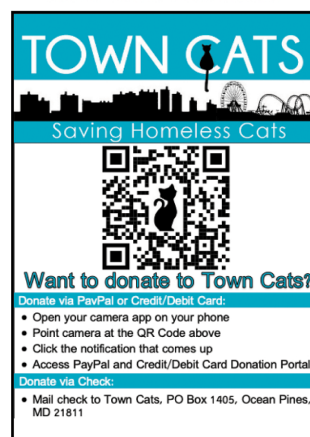
These cats are healthy, sterilized, vaccinated, and in need of a new rural outdoor home, such as a barn, stable, garage, or warehouse. Barn Cats are working cats, former free roaming cats who are used to outdoor life, prefer minimal to no human contact, and who will happily tend to any mouse, mole, chipmunk, or pesky critter problems for the small cost of a bowl of food and water set out daily, as needed

veterinary care and shelter in a garage or barn.

And because we spay/neuter these cats before they leave Town Cats, adopters never need to worry about endless litters of kittens!

If you are interested in hiring a Town Cats Barn Cat or two, please go to our website: www.TownCats.net and click on the Barn Cats tab and complete an application, or you can message us through Facebook for more information.

Help Us Combat Animal Cruelty and Suffering. Your Donation is a Priceless Gift to the Most Vulnerable Cats and Kittens.





We greatly appreciate
your financial contributions!
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donation today.

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JUNO'S JOURNEY

Juno started out in a warm, comfy home until her cruel, neglectful owner threw her out into the streets to fend for herself...

She found herself wandering the streets and fields looking for food and shelter. Juno scavenged for what little food she could find just to maintain her strength and warmth during the cold winter days. Although the leftover scraps of raw chicken she found eased her belly pain at the time, the nourishment she sought in the tossed scraps caused her to contract deadly C. Diff—a serious infection that progressed quickly to a life threatening disease.

She hid under steps and in crawl spaces wondering if the hunger pains would stop. Would she find the warmth of a soft bed? Would she make it to a safe loving home? She continued to walk the streets and fields looking for food and shelter.

And then Jess found Juno! Jess—a Town Cats volunteer—immediately snatched Juno from the snowbank on the side of a lonely road and took her to a foster home where she received much needed warmth, nutrition and hope.

But Juno's journey was not easy. Each day she was enjoying her foster home, but was still battling severe diarrhea, and nothing seemed to be working. Sadly, after many tests and treatments, Juno's condition continued to worsen. It was with a heavy heart that the decision to let Juno find her final peace and be free was made by our compassionate and caring vets. We were grief-stricken to let her go, but relieved knowing she did not have to die from starvation or exposure. Help came too late for Juno.

Juno's journey doesn't have to be in vain. As we enjoy time indoors with our family, surrounded by love and warmth this winter, please remember all of the homeless cats who are left to suffer because of human neglect and indifference.

You can help! This year you have the opportunity to give hope back and make a difference.

Take the Town Cat Challenge and help us to continue to provide the resources needed to help stop the suffering of cats and kittens like Juno and give them a happy ending before it's too late. With your help a second chance is possible!

TAKE THE TOWN CAT CHALLENGE

\$5 Provides a flea bath, first vaccine & deworming for a kitten

\$15 Provides a winter shelter protecting homeless cats from harsh winter weather

\$35 Provides flea medications for a litter of kittens

\$50 Provides vaccinations and FELV/FIV/Heartworm testing

\$150 Provides the spay/neuter (includes rabies, distemper & parasite treatment) of one female & one male cat, preventing the births of over 65 cats in 2 years

\$500 Provides basic urgent care for cats in critical need (bloodwork, urinalysis, X-ray, physical exam)

\$1000 Covers 24 hour hospital stay for critically ill cats

Please use the self-addressed enclosed envelope or our QR Donation Code to send your tax deductible second chance



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A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DONORS, VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS

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Winter Fundraisers

ENTER TO WIN OUR BEACH-THEMED 2021 QUILT!



This year's quilt entitled "At The Beach" was hand crafted by Cathy Good and quilted in a waves and shells design by her friend Patsy Taylor. The finished quilt measures 53" x 72" and can be used as a lap quilt or wall hanging.

This quilt features a peaceful center scene showing a beachscape with a path through the dunes. The beach pulls you into the picture feeling as if you are walking across a sand dune while surrounded by shades of sage and olive green dune grasses. After crossing the dune, you see the lively waves crashing onto the beach with a brilliant blue sky and white clouds overhead. This beautiful beach scene is framed by a deep tan quilted "window frame," surrounded by a cream "window frame" featuring light blue corner embellishments. All are framed by a lovely sage green background.

This remarkable beach quilt would make a lovely gift for a friend or family member.

GET YOUR QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!

Tickets are \$2 each
7 tickets for \$5
15 tickets for \$10

The drawing will be held after 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").

Visit Us at PetSmart in Berlin, MD 7 Days/week & the Farmer's Market in Ocean Pines every Saturday (weather permitting)

Our Biggest Seller— Town Cats Apparel!

Zip Up Hoodie \$35 Sweatshirt \$30
Long Sleeve Tees \$28 Short Sleeve Tee \$25



Mugs \$8 Magnets \$2

 Give the Gift of
Hope and Love
for Cats in Need

Sign up through Amazon Smile at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) & register under Town Cats Inc. in ZIP code 21811 & receive an automatic donation of 0.05% that goes directly to Town Cats every time you shop on Amazon.com!


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To purchase these items, send us a Message on [Facebook.com/TownCatsofOceanCity](https://www.facebook.com/TownCatsofOceanCity)



A SPECIAL HOME NEEDED FOR TWO SPECIAL GIRLS



MEET SASHA & LILA

They were found "by accident" by a young lady who moved a cat off the road after it had been hit. Upon further inspection, she noticed she was a nursing momma cat. After looking around, the young lady had found 10 kittens. All the kittens were sick, but with the right love and care, their upper respiratory infections were cured! The kittens were taken to get combo tested, and two of the kittens tested positive for FeLV. This is how these lovely girls became Town Cats!

They are just as sweet, cuddly, and playful as your "average" kitten! I was lucky enough to spend time with them earlier and they were so much fun to watch! They chase their toys, they play wrestle, and yes, THEY WALK ON A LEASH!!

So what is FeLV? Colleen Hickman of Colorado Animal Rescue gives wonderful information:

"Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) is a retrovirus that causes a variety of diseases in cats by invading and replicating itself inside of living cells, making it impossible to cure. In most infected cats, FeLV results in a weaker immune system, making them more vulnerable against common infections.

FeLV is exclusive to cats – only found in 1-2% of cats worldwide – and does not pose a risk to other types of animals or people. New research suggests that adult cats are naturally immune to retroviruses like FeLV. The most common transmission is from mom to kittens and from deep, penetrating bite wounds from other cats. Outdoor cats tend to be at a greater risk of exposure due to their lifestyle.

DESPITE HOW SCARY FELV MAY SOUND, IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT AN FELV CAT CAN LIVE A NORMAL LIFE FOR MANY YEARS WITHOUT ILLNESS.

Cats with FeLV will live normal, healthy and active lives for prolonged periods of time, living up to 4 years or more after diagnosis. They will have their own unique personality for you to learn all about, and want to play, snuggle, eat and sleep just like any other cat.

The best situation for an FeLV-infected cat is to live in a clean, indoor-only environment and be the only cat in the household. You can, however, easily enjoy a multi-pet household since FeLV+ cats can live with other species – so no worries if you have a home with dogs, bunnies, birds and so on because they are not susceptible to the FeLV virus."

What does it mean to have a FeLV+ cat? Ms. Hickman provides insight to this as well: "FeLV+ cats . . . can live a happy life just like any other cat, and deserve just as much love, if not more. Many people who adopt and care for FeLV+ cats find it to be an incredibly positive and rewarding experience, and often stick to adopting FeLV+ cats for this reason."

Do you have the purr-fect home for a FeLV+ cat? Ask yourself these questions:

1. Do you have a home without any other cats?
2. If you have another cat, are they also FeLV+?
3. Can you support regular vet visits and bills?

4. Can you access and provide a nutritionally balanced diet?
 5. Are you able to provide an indoor-only, clean environment?
 6. Are you willing to make time for play and affection?
- If you answered "yes" to the above questions, you should consider adopting a FeLV+ cat!

Finally, Ms. Hickman provides one more important piece of advice: "Many people falsely assume that FeLV+ cats are sick and dying, and that they have no quality of life. Because of this misunderstanding, FeLV+ cats are often overlooked among other cats at the time of adoption. The reality is, however, that cats who are FeLV+ can remain healthy for years after their diagnosis. So, if you are considering adoption and meet a cat with a wonderful personality, don't let FeLV stop you from taking your furry partner in crime home. Whatever length their life ends up being, they are just as deserving of one that is filled with love." (emphasis added)



**PLEASE MAKE THEIR
JOURNEY COMPLETE
BY ADOPTING
THEM TODAY!**

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**Want to submit an
Adoption Application?**

- Open your camera app on your phone
- Point camera at the QR Code above
- Click the notification that comes up
- Access the Online Adoption Application



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PIP THE BEACH CAT'S KITTEN EMPORIUM



Feeling Pipsy? Pip's store is located in the South Gate of Ocean Pines at 11310 Manklin Creek Drive Unit 4 in Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811, 7 days a week from 11-6.

Pip the Beach Cat, a local favorite, has been helping out the Town Cats with many of their foster kittens. Emily and Jack, Pip's parents, work tirelessly helping to trap, foster, promote and adopt out Pip's foster kittens.

Now, he has his own store! You will find all kinds of fun items there for you and your cat, including gift items, cat toys, books and even stuffed Pip toys.

While you're there, you can also meet and greet Pip's adorable fosters. If you want to adopt one, you can fill out an application, and when they're ready to go they can be a wonderful new addition to your family.



Pip high-fives a visitor at his new store

 **Stop by for a Meet and Greet!**

WINTER TIPS FOR COMMUNITY CATS



- Shelters can be made from storage totes. You can buy one from Town Cats or make one of your own
- Use straw (not HAY) for bedding
- Add a Snuggle Safe heating disc (available at chewy.com)
- Add kitten food (more calories) and canned food (easier to digest)
- 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!



A LETTER FROM SUSAN MOHLER

PRESIDENT, TOWN CATS, INC.

I would like to begin by thanking all of the Town Cats donors and supporters who have helped us through 2021. We couldn't have made it without you.

2021 has been a challenging year for Town Cats. The Pandemic of 2020 caused a backup of the spay/neuter runs due to the clinics being closed or hours being severely reduced. We are finally catching up with the backlog of cats requiring this service.

In April, we learned of an urgent situation where 20+ cats needed to be trapped and rescued. Six of the cats were pregnant, resulting in 28 kittens being born shortly after trapping. Our amazing Town Cat Volunteers stepped up to foster these cats in their own homes, since Town cats does not have a physical location such as many rescue groups have. Many of these cats and kittens were adopted during the July and September Petsmart adoption event. These cats were just part of the close to 200 cats that Town Cats has rescued so far this year. This is why spaying and neutering is so important, and together we can stop the cycle of the cat overpopulation and the suffering they endure.

All cats placed for adoption (whether in a home, as barn cats, or returned to a colony) have been spayed/neutered, given all necessary vaccines, flea treatment, dewormed, combo tested and any other medical care that is necessary. The basic medical cost for each cat is approximately \$150.

Town Cats would not be able to provide the care given to these cats if it were not for the generosity of our donors. They support us in many ways, from making a purchase/donation at the Town Cats table located at the Ocean Pines Farmer's Market every Saturday, to taking a chance on the quilt raffle tickets (always a big hit). Our annual events, such as the twice yearly yard sales and the Convention Center Expos are always popular fundraisers, as well. Donations of food/supplies are always welcome.

I, personally, would like to thank the Town Cat Volunteers for the tireless work they do. Whether it be trapping, transporting cats on the spay/neuter runs/medical visits, fostering or taking care of the cats up for adoption at Petsmart—the volunteers give of their personal time and expense, and we couldn't do it without them. There's always an ongoing need for additional volunteer support. You can help make a difference in a cat's life in 2022 and beyond!

Through the generosity of our donors, volunteers and fosters, these cats have been given a chance at a better life they otherwise may not have had. You have changed their world!

Thank you again for all of the support and words of encouragement. We couldn't do what we do without everyone's help.

Here's to a successful 2022!

—Susan