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**Maybe YOU can't give them a home...but YOU can help US be around to give them one.**

**A bequest in your Will, or naming Fried's Cat Shelter as a beneficiary in an insurance policy, will help cats long after you are unable to do so. Your loving and lasting commitment to the care of cats will strengthen Fried's Cat Shelter and allow it to continue protecting them. You may also want to consider the care of your pets in the event of your demise. The following is a general form of bequest that can be used:**

**"I give, devise, and bequeath to Fried's Cat Shelter, Inc (FEIN 31-1186292), a non-profit, charitable organization located in Michigan City, Indiana, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and/or (describe property, stock, real estate, etc.)"**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ House # & Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

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June 2020  
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# Fried's Cat Shelter

Dear Loyal Supporters,

We appreciate all the generosity you have shown the shelter during these trying times. All of the gifts you have shared with us has helped us tremendously!

However, adoptions, supplies, and donations were all drastically affected by Covid-19. All monetary donations would be greatly appreciated and needed.

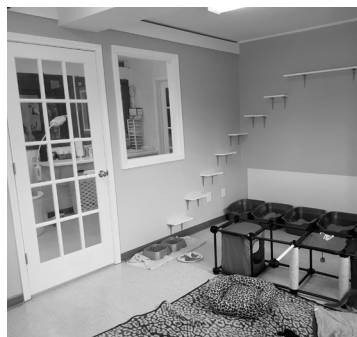
A few exciting things have happened since you last heard from us. We have a new kitten room! The new kittens from this year have shown us they love it. It has awesome fun colors and stairs going up the wall that leads to a cat walk that is suspended from the ceiling!! Sadly, we had to use the gift shop area to achieve this awesome dream.

The shelter has canceled all future Open Houses due to finances. Advertising alone was costing us more than what we were bringing in through sales and adoptions. It was a hard decision to make, but we had to do what was best for us to continue to care for the kitties. We still have some items for sale as usual. At this time, you can visit our website to browse and buy some special gifts for your furry friends.

Thank you all for the continuous support you give. I would like to now introduce to you one of our employees, Ruth Antisdell. She has written an article about our Leukemia Building, which is also known as our special needs building on page 3.

Sincerely,

*Sandra O'Dell*



## Wish List

Canned & dry cat food, scoopable litter, trash bags (13 and 33 gallons), paper towels, paper plates (6" and 9"), Clorox disinfecting wipes, first class postage stamps, computer paper (8 1/2 x 11), laundry detergent (HE perfume & dye free), bleach (household cleaning), Advantage II, Nutrical, large pee pads, and furnace filters (16x25x1 and 16x20x1).

## From the Desk of Charlie, Jr.

Dear Human Friends,

In my last letter I reported about our outside cats. Today I want to introduce some inside critters who are definitely not cats.

Dogs we know - they have been around for years, as visitors or “cleaners” helpers, and we are used to them. But what about rabbits, turtles and even a rat?

There is Gizmo, a Chocolate Dutch rabbit who is about 4 years old. He had been dumped at the vet’s where our human Cyndi saw him and fell in love with him. She finally adopted him and he has been living in her office for the last 2 years.

Then there is Abby, a Chinchilla Netherland Dwarf, age unknown. She came from a hoarder with a bunch of cats, a turtle, and a rat. She has been here since last December. Gizmo and Abbie are best buds. They moved into a new condo recently and hop around the office area whenever they can.

For a while we had another rabbit named Cleo, a Lionhead Polish cross, who came from doc’s. However, she did not get along with Gizmo and Abby, so our humans found her a good home.

Don’t let me forget Senor Tortuga (Mr. Turtle) and Ghostie the Rat who also came to us from the hoarder last December. Senor Tortuga was a Red-Eared Slider, about 16 years old. He was not very friendly to us cats. He told me once not to stick my paw into his aquarium, or he would snap at it. He also made a lot of work for our humans, so they found him a good home.

Finally there was Ghostie, a black-hooded rat. Obviously she could not live with 500+ cats. Our humans found her a good home, and she now lives in a 6 foot condo with several other rats.

Let’s hope the coronavirus situation will abate soon so you can come and visit us again. We miss you!

Sincerely,



*Charlie, Jr.*



**Abby & Gizmo would like  
you to**

### **COME FOR A VISIT**

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### **Our Business hours are:**

Mon - Thurs Closed  
Fri - Sun Noon - 4 pm

### **Driving Directions:**

Coming from Illinois...take I-94 East to Indiana exit 40B (Hwy 20/35 for Michigan City). Take that road till you come to the exit for Hwy 212 North (about 1/2 mile). When on 212 get into the left hand lane. We are on the left side of the road at the end of the curve in the highway.

Coming from Michigan...take I-94 West to exit 40B and follow the above directions.

Coming from South Bend...Take the 80/90 Toll Road West to La Porte Exit 49. When you come off the exit head North (a right turn) on Hwy 39. Go to the traffic light (Hwy 20) and turn left. Take Hwy 20 to the exit for Hwy 212 North (about 5-6 miles). When on 212 get into the left hand lane. We are on the left side of the road at the end of the curve in the highway.

### **Please mail all correspondence to:**

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# Did you know that Fried's has a special needs building?

by: Ruth Antidel

It is not death row! It is a building kept separate so that those cats can get the attention they need. Of course, Leukemia and FIV cats are kept apart so no other cat can be affected by their disease. However, they can still live a long life even if they have to be an only cat or live with another who has the same issue.

Hi, my name is Ruth, and I run the special needs building at Fried's. We have approximately 80 cats in my building alone. We are homing the homeless, loving the throwaways, and feeding the hungry on a daily basis. The special needs building even houses cats with no disease. They have issues such as needing to be an only cat, bullies, litter box issues, and diabetes.

When visiting Fried's Cat Shelter please come see them, they too would love visitors. We appreciate all visitors, volunteers, and donations that keeps us afloat during this pandemic, and all other times.



The following is a translation of a poem written about 1850 by the North German poet Theodor Storm:

## ABOUT CATS

Last May, my cat had six of the cutest kittens,  
May kittens, all white with black tails.  
It was the most beautiful litter!  
But the Cook - cooks are cruel, and mercy does not grow  
in the kitchen - she wanted to drown five of the six.  
Five white, black tailed May kittens,  
this horrible woman wanted to murder!  
I told her where to go! Heaven may bless my kindness!

Within a short time, these dear little kittens grew up  
and walked about house and yard with tails high.  
In spite of the cook's dirty looks they grew up and at  
night exercised their dear little voices in front of her  
window.  
But I, seeing them grown up, praised my benevolence.

A year has gone by, and the kittens are cats.  
And it's May again. How can I describe the picture in  
front of my eyes.

My whole house, basement to attic, every corner con-  
tains a litter. Here lies one, there another young mother.  
In closets, baskets, under tables and stairs. The old one-  
how unspeakable - lies in Cook's virginal bed!  
And each, each one of the seven cats has SEVEN!  
Think, SEVEN kittens, May kittens, all white with black  
tails.

Cook is beside herself: I cannot stop her blind rage.  
She wants to drown all forty-nine!  
Myself, I don't know where to look anymore.  
Oh humanity, how can I protect you!  
What shall I do with fifty-six cats?

Note: The author does not say if he meant his own cat,  
or the neighbor's cat, or the mayor's or even the presi-  
dent's animal. He leaves the solution up to the reader.

Translator's notes: In the 1800's, all middle-class  
households had servants, and it usually fell to one of the  
servants to dispose of unwanted kittens. Veterinarians  
existed, but they usually treated horses and cattle, not  
dogs and cats, so drowning was the standard means of  
disposal.



# Memorials & Honors

Your donation in memory or in honor of loved ones or pets will go a long way to help Fried's Cat Shelter's cats and kittens. When sending memorials or honors please include your wording along with your name and address

**ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER  
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY!**



## In Memory Of



In memory of my Fried's kitties Toonces & Pepsi Cola.

--Elizabeth Konopka

In memory of Genevieve Krawchuk, mother of my good friend, Richard Krawchuk.

--Jame O'Hara

In loving memory of Genevieve Krawchuk.

--Her dear friend, Dorothy Shaxted

In memory of my step-brother, Richard Williamson (Dick), who loved all animals, but especially cats.

--Anne E. Haye

In memory of my friend Toby Sabbia.

--Robert Perry

In memory of Samantha, Krystal & Missy. And, Connie, who loved them, passed away 2/6/18.

--Wayne Wolf

In memory of Jon Clark.

--Marilyn Richardson

In memory of my dearly loved cat Sebastian.

--Joanne and Amy Anderson

In memory of Butterscotch, Magic, Einstein and Callie, the cats, and Cosmo, Gypsy, Rags and Agnes, the dogs. Remembering these among many other fine furry Friends I have had the privilege to know.

--Barbara O'Connell

In memory of Alva Slease, Jr.

--Shirley & Randall Slease

In memory of our sister, Cookie, and the animals she cared for.

--Gail & George Alkovich

In memory of Edward Campion.

--Elaine Campion

In memory of our devoted companions: Rocky, Haggis, Wee Angus, Ceilidh, Hamish and Nessie.

--Michael and Mary Jane Cole

In memory of Ladd and Jarmilla Vosahlik, both of whom were animal lovers.

--Milan G. Oklepek

In loving memory of Dorothy Kennedy. She adored cats and took care of many.

--Lavinia Brown

In memory of Dick Williamson.

--Linda Williamson

In memory of Jack and Shirley Coquillard.

--Gail & Karen Coquillard

In memory of my mother, Doreen Taplin, who rescued stray cats her entire life. She also enjoyed visiting your shelter.

--Alison Taplin

In memory of our dog, Murphy, who brought joy to our lives.

--Ed & Judy Polzin

In memory of Carol Maloney.

--Robert Maloney

In memory of Sharron Riise.

--Milton Riise

In loving memory of three special cats - Cuddles, Harvey and Rocky - forever loved and never forgotten.

--Jeanne Lamping

In memory of my late husband, William E. Wolf, and our girls that met him at the Rainbow Bridge.

--Maria Wolf

In memory of my dog pals Winston and Emma.

--Susan Kittleson

In memory of Carol Maloney.

--Robert Maloney

In memory of Ted Piatek, and all my feline pets.

--Rosemary Piatek

In memory of all the "Little Kitties" I have loved and lost - too many to name.

--Kathleen Kubeck

In memory of Bob Shadbar.

--Karen Shadbar

In memory of Virginia Dainauskas, and all the cats we had.

--John Dainauskas

In memory of our parents and brother...John Sr., Shirley, and John Jr. Coquillard.

--Gail Moon and Karen Brochhausen

In memory of Doris Buck.

--Richard Buck

In memory of Sweetie & Sam. Always so fondly remembered.

--Jane & Pete Faruga

In loving memory of my beautiful wife, Deborah, and all our precious kitties we loved so much for so many years together.

--Michael DeBari

In memory of my beloved kitties: Rocky, Same & White Sox.

--Myra Owczarzak

In memory of our precious pets who have reached Rainbow Bridge. Our dogs - Lady, Tuke, Geraldine, Smokey, Prissy, Queenie and Mindy. And, our cat - Max. We love and miss you.

--Don & Wilma Davis

In memory of Mia, who lost her battle with kidney disease on March 14th.

--Alix Mattingly

In loving memory of Dorothy Tanny, Ziggy, Cleo, Emmy, Sam, Deli, and Boo.

--Pat and Carl Leon

In memory of Carole Werner, my cousin.

--Sharon Fields

In memory of Carole Werner, a long-time member of our organization and an avid pet lover. You were kind enough to admit her cat "Baby" to the shelter last October when it became clear that she would not be able to return home.

--La Porte County Master Gardener Association

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--Terra Verde Garden Club

In loving memory of Mister, Buddy and Mikie.

--Loran & Sherry Sosinski

In loving memory of our son and brother, Ryan Goethals, who passed away on March 16, 2020. Ryan was somewhat of a "Pied Piper" for stray felines in his neighborhood.

--Charlie, Kim & Jakob Goethals

In memory of Mr. Dewey Duff.

--Kim & Debra Krafft and Robert & Joan Duesing

In loving memory of friend & brother-in-law Mike Mikulski.

--Loran & Sherry Sosinski

In memory of my friend Tracy Swanson. She loved her cats and took in many strays.

--Barb

In memory of Erin Jo Sanders.

--Darlene Mannix

In memory of all our deceased fur babies, Murphy, Sean, Bridget, Kelly, Tookie, and Molly.

--Ed and Judy Polzin

In memory of Erin Sanders. Our daughter, who loved cats, recently passed away.

--Ron and Nancy Sanders



## In Honor Of



In honor of Nicholas and Elisabeth Ely.

--Michael Dauscher

In honor of my mother Margaret Panelli for Christmas. She has mothered dozens of cats over her 89 years and loved them all. A wonderful lady!

--Velma Panelli Krupnik

In honor of Sunny & Gus. Lovable additions to our family.

--Jane & Pete Faruga

In honor of the dedicated care givers - and, Xena, who has changed her life for mine.

--Margaret Panelli

In honor of Tina Paluch for her birthday.

--Anne Paluch

In honor of my mother, Debbie Boehm, for Mother's Day.

--Jenny Jones

### THE FOLLOWING CAT FACTS COMES FROM:

**Koppel, D. (1995). *Amazing But True Cat Facts*. Boca Raton, FL: Globe Communications Corp.**



### Do Cats Get Acne?

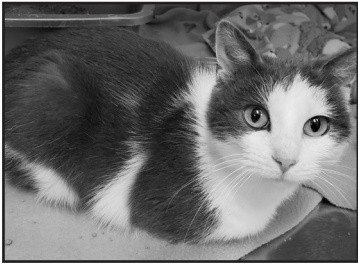
Yes, they do, especially during the autumn and spring shedding seasons, when they have a tendency to develop acne on and under their chins.

Pores become clogged, and those embarrassing pimples appear. However, it's not a serious problem. It just means that there are too many waste products building up in your cat's body, and her organs of excretion are not working as well as they usually do.

Another cause of cat acne is the food which sometimes unintentionally gets left on her chin, an easy spot for even the cleanest feline to miss while grooming. The bacteria from that food turns into acne that looks like little whiteheads or blackheads.

Believe it or not, some cats get acne from eating out of plastic bowls. Here, the cure is obvious. Use a glass or stainless steel bowl. The acne will most likely go away on its own, but if it doesn't, you should consult your veterinarian to make sure it really is acne.

## HOMES NEEDED FOR OUR FELINE FRIENDS



**Advantage**



**Adyn**



**Alfredo**



**Amber**



**Ashley**



**Bullett**



**Delaney**



**Felix**



**Fred**



## HERE ARE SOME PURRFECT COMPANIONS



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**Kiki**



**Luna**



**Major Payne**



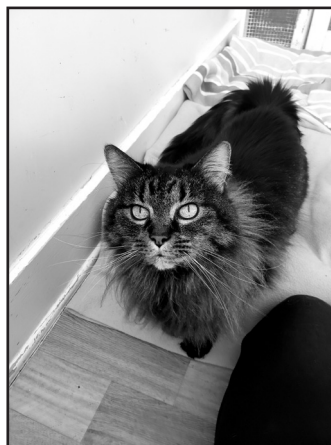
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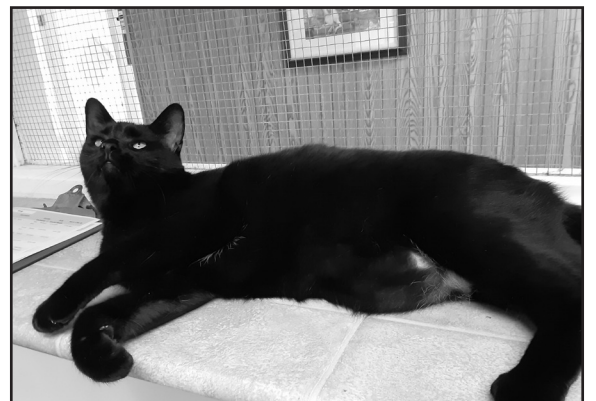
**Nahla**



**Nutter Butter**



**Sarah**



**Tyrone**