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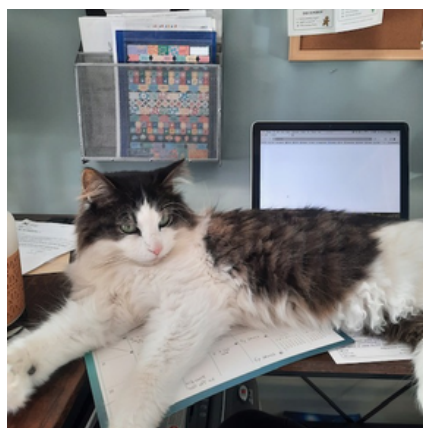
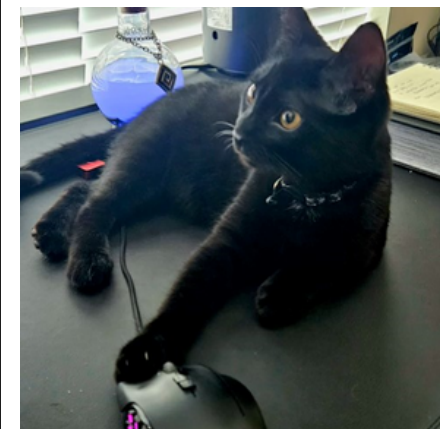
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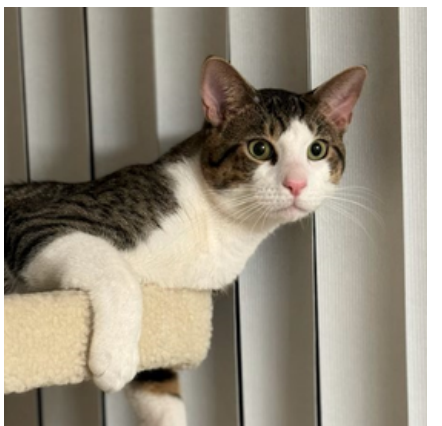
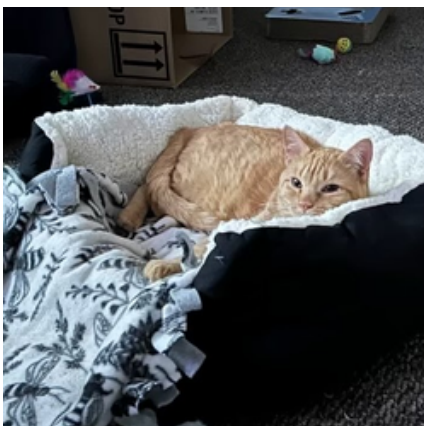
KATHY, THE VOLUNTEERS, AND
RESIDENT CATS WANT TO THANK YOU
FOR HELPING OUT THE SHELTER. WE
CANNOT STAY OPEN WITHOUT YOUR
SUPPORT, FRIENDSHIP, AND LOVE FOR
OUR SHELTER CATS.

CG Alumni Pictures



Cat Guardians had lots of amazing adoptions so far in 2024 with **53** kitties going to loving homes this year!!!! All of the volunteers are so excited to see our cats living their best lives with their families!

CG Alumni Pictures



We had such an abundance of wonderful pictures to share that we needed two pages to showcase all our CG Alumni in their loving homes!

Cat Guardians' 34th Anniversary Party

Come join us on **Saturday, August 24th** from **11 AM to 3PM** for the shelter's 34th Anniversary Party. We will have fabulous raffle prizes, light refreshments and kitties galore for you to enjoy!

Please mark your calendars to stop by and celebrate our shelter kitties with other CG supporters plus our wonderful volunteers. More details regarding the event, raffle prizes and tickets will be on our website and social media.

A SEASON BRIMMING WITH KITTENS

Cat Guardians has fostered **nine groups of kittens** so far this year. We have **four wonderful foster** families that have given the sweet kittens much love and attention, in order to have them thrive. Plus, the cost to care for the kittens and mama cats is approximately **\$1,400 per kitty family for two months** including medical care, spay/neuter surgeries and kitten food. Please consider donating to help us continue caring for the shelter cats and kittens in need.




Volunteer

We are looking for healthy, active, empty nesters, retirees and adults who can assist with the daily shelter operations such as feeding, scooping the litter boxes and general tidying activities.

The shelter is a wonderful place to volunteer and connect with other people who have a love and passion for animals. If you have extra time, and want to be involved in something special, then come meet the kitties and phenomenal volunteers at Cat Guardians. You may find your next best friend, whether it be cat or human, while doing something good and giving back. Get started today by filling out a volunteer interest form at www.catguardians.org/volunteer.

SHELTER WISH LIST

Why not pick up a few things on our wish list and bring them to the shelter. Each donated item reduces shelter expenses and helps us meet our goal of providing a safe and comfortable home for the cats.

- Purina Pro Plan Adult Hairball Management Turkey and Rice
 - Purina Pro Plan Adult Sensitive Skin and Stomach Lamb and Rice
 - Meat Only Baby Food (Turkey or Chicken)
 - Clumping Clay Based Litter- Unscented
 - Feline Pine Wood Litter
 - Gift Cards For: Pet Supplies Plus, Petco, Petsmart, Target, and Walmart
 - Feliway Multicat Calming Diffuser Refill
 - Postage Stamps
 - Paper Towels
 - Liquid Bleach
 - Liquid Laundry Detergent
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A vibrant, colorful border surrounds the text. It features stylized tropical elements: a slice of watermelon at the top center, a pink monstera leaf on the top right, a yellow banana on the top left, and various green and pink leaves and fruit slices along the bottom and sides. There are also small yellow and pink circles scattered throughout the border.

Volunteer Experience

by Heather Parris

I HAVE BEEN VOLUNTEERING AT THE SHELTER FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF, AND I HAVE FOUND IT TO BE SUCH A WELCOMING AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE. EVERY WEEK WE HAVE A NEW ADDITION OR TWO, AND EMILY AND THE ADOPTION TEAM DOES SUCH A GREAT JOB OF GETTING THESE GUYS ADOPTED OUT QUICKLY. WE ALWAYS MISS THEM WHEN THE CATS ARE GONE, BUT IT'S ALSO SATISFYING TO GET UPDATES FROM THE FAMILIES TO SEE HOW THE KITTIES ARE DOING IN THEIR NEW HOME.

THE VOLUNTEERS HERE GO ABOVE AND BEYOND, AND THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS TO VOLUNTEER. IF BEING AT THE SHELTER WEEKLY FOR CLEANING IS TOO MUCH OF A COMMITMENT, YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE BAKE SALES, OR YOU CAN JOIN ONE OF THE COMMITTEES AND HELP WITH ADOPTIONS, OR SOCIAL MEDIA. YOU COULD EVEN VOLUNTEER AS A CAT SOCIALIZER, AND DROP IN AND PLAY WITH THE CATS. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY, LOOK NO FURTHER THAN CAT GUARDIANS!

A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring stylized tropical elements. At the top, there's a slice of watermelon and a bunch of green grapes. The left side is adorned with pink and green palm fronds and a pink flower. The right side shows a large pink monstera leaf and green foliage. The bottom features more watermelon slices, yellow flowers, and green leaves.

Volunteer Recognition

Many thanks & much gratitude to
very dedicated long-term volunteers
who have kindly given over 10 years
of time & effort to help our kitties
(& in some cases 2, & even 3,
decades of devotion to our rescue
felines!)

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RINDIE COKER
KAREN & DANNY HOLLIS
NINA HERNANDEZ

The page is framed by a vibrant, hand-drawn border. At the top, there's a slice of watermelon with pink flesh and black seeds. To the left, a yellow banana and a green leaf are visible. On the right, a large pink monstera leaf and a green leaf are prominent. The bottom of the page features a pink watermelon slice, a yellow paw print, and various green leaves and abstract shapes in yellow, pink, and green.

Volunteer

by Judy Papendorf

Hello, If you are reading this you must have some interest in a good cat story or two. I've been volunteering at the Cat Guardians for a mere 5 years. I did however, adopt a cat in the early 1990's. He was an older ginger cat named Garfield. What a treasure to our family he became. I adopted another older cat in 2020 named Laci. She was my husband's sweet girl and went on her Rainbow journey far to quickly away from our family. Although we have loved and lost, I take great solace in the fact that I can get my kitty fix once a week at the shelter.

I have committed one 2 to 3 hour time slot of my week to cleaning and tidying up the shelter for all the current residents there. Each furry friend greets me with a meow and twirl when I show up to clean. It's gratifying to know that I leave the kitties with a clean place to curl up and nap. I tell my husband each week about the changes that occur there or that a new cat or two has been added to the mix. I am guilty of falling in love with a different one every week. Some of the cats need socialization and also the small ones need play time. If you enjoy fur baby interaction, come visit and consider giving some time to the cats. They give back ten times the love we shower on them. They will surprise you with their antics. You will not be alone as I've met and gotten to know some terrific people who share their passion for helping cats.

Giving my time to the shelter is one of my favorite things that I do now that I am retired. If I miss a week, I find a new set of kittens have arrived or one of our long-term cats has gotten their forever home. It is bittersweet when the cats are adopted, but I know I have made a difference in some small way to their quality of life.

There are many others ways to give to the shelter. Each volunteer has their own set of skills and talents that can benefit the organization's activities in some way. Check out our website for insight into just what the shelter provides for these fine felines.

I'm proud to say I volunteer at the shelter and of the good work we do to ensure the cats and kittens get good homes. Consider volunteering, and you won't regret the time you spend with the fur babies.....

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT



We are thrilled to announce that **Cat Guardians** has partnered with **Lombard and Villa Park Veterinary Hospitals**.

They have done an excellent job taking care of our shelter kitties. We are grateful to their commitment in helping our shelter cats live their best and healthiest lives.

For more information about their veterinary hospitals visit their websites:

lombardvet.com and
villaparkvet.com

Plus, stay tuned to our social media to find out about exciting adoption events and Feline Only Days at Villa Park Veterinary Hospital.



Sponsor a Cat



If you are unable to adopt a cat or just want to help a needy one, you can make a difference by sponsoring one or more Cat Guardians shelter cats. A number of our residents are unlikely to be adopted due to their age or because they have medical or behavioral difficulties.

Funds are needed to provide for these cats, and you can help by sponsoring one of our cats listed under Sponsorship on our website. A \$20 contribution is for a one month sponsorship, which includes:

- Certificate of sponsorship
- Biography and picture of the cat you are sponsoring

As a sponsor, a monthly contribution of \$20 would be greatly appreciated. However, you are under no obligation to make further contributions. To become a sponsor, just fill out and mail in the form below with your donation.

Please enclose your \$20 check payment and return this form to:

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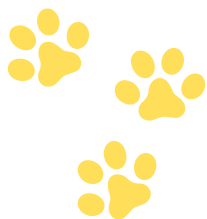
I would like to sponsor:

Name of cat (s) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____





Become a Member of CG



Sign up for:

- Individual - The Cat's Meow \$20.00
- Family - Feline Friends \$35.00
- Donor - Good Samaritan \$50.00
- Subscribing - Best Buddy \$100.00
- Sustaining - Silver Purr - \$250.00
- Patron - Golden Purr \$500.00
- Lifetime - Platinum Purr \$1,000.00
- Senior/Student - Kitty Companion \$10.00
- Your Pet- Play Pal - \$10.00
- Memorial- Any Amount
- Other \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

CG MEMBERS

Lifetime- Platinum Purr

Walter Lindberg

Patron- Golden Purr

Teresa and John Bradley

Ginny Ralph

Jeanne Whiting

Sustaining- Silver Purr

Helmut and Judith Rackl

Subscribing- Best Buddy

Sandra and George Calhoun

Janice Cooper

Vicki and Gary Hebein

Gary and Rita Kroenert

Individual- Cat's Meow

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Senior- Kitty Companion

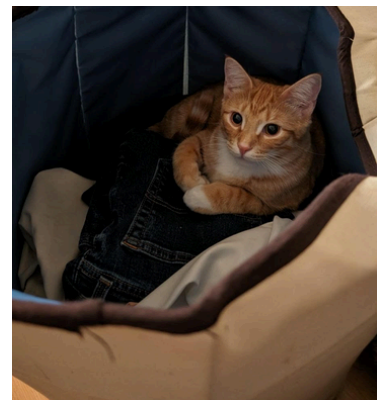
Diane Cipriani

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Barbara Vershure and Debra Curtice

Alumni Corner

WHISPY (TEDDY) IS LOVING AND CURIOUS. HE'S STARTING TO REALLY ENJOY PLAYING WITH HIS DOGGIE FAMILY.



Jesse Raya Memorial



We met Jesse back in the 80's through our friend Pat Lacey. He was this young kid who was so full of life. He had this unique flare & essence about him. Once you met him, you wouldn't forget him. Jesse had this passion for music & there wasn't a band he didn't know. He always knew what the next big trend in music would be and he was always on target. He also had a love for fashion and when he would come over to visit we loved it, because we knew he would forget or intentionally leave a few items and we would inherit some of the coolest & in fashion sweaters from him. He would always make people laugh with his fabulous stories and was just one of the most genuine people you could ever meet. He always made you feel special no matter how much time had passed. Jesse loved getting together over a meal to talk. If he wasn't so into music, his next calling would have been a chef or a pastry baker, for he had a love for sweets. His most favorite expression was "Cookies, cakes, and pie, oh my!" Jesse developed M.S at a very young age, yet he was determined not to let it define his life and he proceeded to live life as he did. Jesse was a big cat lover. He was the neighborhood stray/feral colony caretaker. He would tell us, "Someone needs to take care of them." even as life became harder for him due to his M.S.. Jesse had his own cat called Kitty Kat. She adopted Jesse and was always at his bedside comforting him & nursing him throughout his decline in health. She would do this up until she herself passed away. Jesse was a big supporter of our fundraisers. Jesse helped with many litters of kittens & any injured ones in the name of his Ms. Kitty Kat. Jesse passed on 5/21/24. Just 4 days later a little black kitten would be found who was very frail, tiny and very sick, but she had sass & a will to live just like Jesse had. This tiny kitten wasn't going down without a fight. She reminded us of our friend with his determination to keep fighting. The little black kitten is now named Miss (Jesse) "RAYA". She's a sassy little Diva full of life. On May 21st the world lost a beautiful soul, but the night sky gained one of its brightest stars.

With much love
Sue Sadkowski, Sandy Sadkowski-Gonzalez and Pat Lacey



MEMORIALS



In memory of Barb Sounhein from Maureen and Daniel Kruszynski

In memory of Barb Sounhein from Helmut and Judith Rackl

In memory of Barb Sounhein from Linda Geetersloh

In memory of Barb Sounhein from Diane Mangano

In memory of Barb Sounhein from Susan and Sandra Sadkowski

In memory of Barb Sounhein from Maureen Koziol

In memory of Barb Sounhein from Mercedes Ruiz

In memory of Barb Sounhein from Dan and Karen Hollis

In memory of Barb Sounhein from Elfriede Bachmeier

In memory of Barb Sounhein from Paula Calabrese

In memory of Bill Connors from Lisa Musgrave

In memory of Andrew Kennedy III from Marcia Kaiser

In memory of Kathy Kissner from Harvey Kissner

In memory of Judy Pederson Cormick from Sara Schueler

In memory of Rachel Tucker from Vanesa Zierman

In memory of Rachel Tucker from Elizabeth Wells

In memory of Rachel Tucker from Patricia Jones

In memory of Rachel Tucker from Valerie Craig

In memory of Rachel Tucker from Active Campaign Legal Team

In memory of Rachel Tucker from Steve Kluck

In memory of Rachel Tucker from Thomas Barton

In memory of Rachel Tucker from Chanvavy Kea

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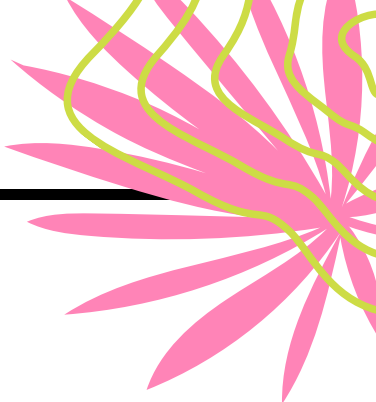
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In memory of Rachel Tucker from Michael Dickman



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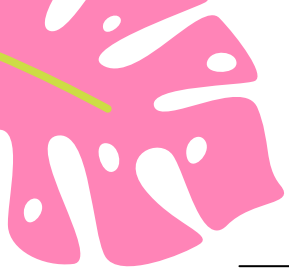


In memory of Rachel Tucker from Lisa Prowker
In memory of Rachel Tucker from Jill A. Smith
In memory of Rachel Tucker from Corrine O'Connor
In memory of Boo Riley from Wendy Riley
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In memory of Joanie Bilut from Susan Ryan
In memory of Eileen Wolff from Mitch and Anne Teich
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In memory of Minnie from Mercedes Ruiz
In memory of Cleo a CG Alumni from Linda Paulsin
In memory of George from Sandra Klice
In memory of King and Prince from Johanna Marks
In memory of Sweet Boy Shane from Shirley Pride Jensen
In memory of Millie from Barbara Vershure and Debra Curtice
In memory of Madisyn Kitten Packard and Mini Kitten Packard Adored,
Companions and Friends of Cher Packard and Rich Morgan
In memory of Frosty, Sam, Vonna and Pooki from Sharon Kouba
In memory of Aggie and Zach from Maureen Koziol
In memory of Cat Guardians Foster Cats Blackhawk, Cindy, Ebony and Toast

Honorings

In honor of Ron Lonn from Deidre Alexander
In honor of Suzanne Bruce from Jeffrey Phillips
In honor of Tom O'Connor from Molly O'Connor- Leroy
In honor Betty Morini from Arlene Cook
In honor of Lonnie and Livey from Maureen Koziol





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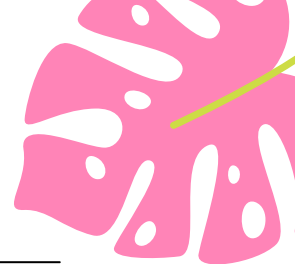


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August 2024

AUGUST 24TH
ANNIVERSARY PARTY
11:00AM - 3:00PM

October 2024

OCTOBER 19TH & 20TH
BAKE SALE & OPEN HOUSE
11:00AM - 3:00PM



September 2024

SEPTEMBER 21ST & 22ND
BAKE SALE & OPEN HOUSE
11:00AM - 3:00PM

December 2024

DECEMBER 14TH
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND RAFFLE
11:00AM - 3:00PM

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TO STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL EVENTS,
LOCATIONS, DATES & TIMES!**

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IN A PARTICULAR CAT PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS GIVEN ON OUR WEBSITE
FOR ADOPTION.

