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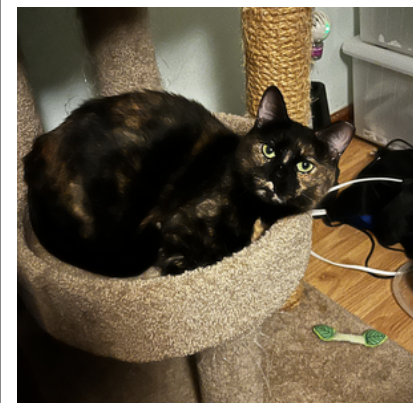
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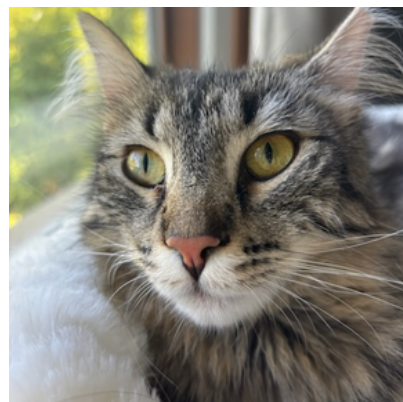
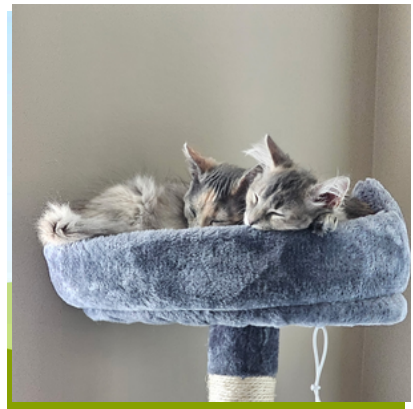
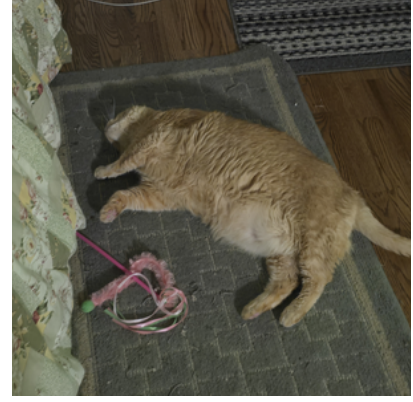
CG Alumni Pictures



Cat Guardians has had so many amazing adoptions in the first part of 2025 with **47** kitties going to loving homes since January!!!! We are incredibly proud of the work we do at CG for the cats!



CG Alumni Pictures



We had so many wonderful pictures to share that we needed two pages to showcase all our CG Alumni living their best lives!

Alumni Corner



IZZY

IT ALL STARTED WITH A POST



One day I opened Facebook and read Izzy's story. He had lost his beloved mom Pat and was living at Cat Guardians. We had lost our beloved Boo in 2024. Our stories seemed intertwined, and we knew this was our guy.

We brought Izzy home, and he immediately hid. We couldn't find him anywhere! Within a few minutes and after a full house search, we found he had crawled up into our recliner where he stayed for a day. As he started exploring, he found his way behind our washing machine. After we "convinced" him to come out he headed under the middle of the bed just out of reach! An early turning point was learning how much he loves being brushed. Reaching under the bed to brush him was a bit of a challenge but soon he could be lured out with the sight of his brush. Izzy is so affectionate and quite vocal. He has the best purr which warms our hearts.

Izzy is a fish boy. He loves any cat food with tuna. Initially Izzy felt more comfortable being nocturnal when he first came home. Now he is up early eating breakfast, doing his rounds checking the front and back yards, napping in the afternoon, cuddling in the evening and announces when we should head upstairs to bed.

Izzy has been enjoying his new toys and is very playful. We have busy reading instructions and putting toys together. Izzy's favorite pastime is looking out the front window or back door watching birds, squirrels and bunnies.

The post said Izzy is a love bug and we agree. We are so grateful to Pat who loved Izzy first and to Beth and Cat Guardians who cared for him when he needed it most. We believe we were meant to find each other, and it all started with a post.



🎉 You're Invited: Cat Guardians' 35th Anniversary Celebration! 🎉

Saturday, August 23rd | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

We're throwing a paws-itively fabulous celebration — and you're invited! Join us on Saturday, August 23rd from 11 AM to 3 PM as we celebrate 35 amazing years of rescuing and caring for cats and kittens in need. 🐾

Whether you're a longtime supporter or just discovering Cat Guardians for the first time, this is the purr-fect opportunity to see what makes our shelter so special. You'll get the chance to:

🐱 Meet dozens of adorable, adoptable cats and kittens who are looking for their forever homes

🎁 Enter to win fantastic raffle prizes

☕ Enjoy refreshments

💬 Chat with fellow cat lovers and our amazing volunteers

😻 Experience the ultimate purr therapy with sweet kitties

Come spend a feel-good Saturday afternoon with us, surrounded by love, whiskers, and plenty of heartwarming moments. Help us honor our past, celebrate our present, and look ahead to a future filled with more tails of rescue and hope.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



📍 Cat Guardians Shelter
932 E. St Charles Road, Lombard
📅 **17** Saturday, August 23rd
🕒 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Let's make it a day to remember — for the cats, and for you! 🐾❤️

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** or **scan the QR code to direct you to Cat Guardians' PayPal donation page**. Then, return this form to:

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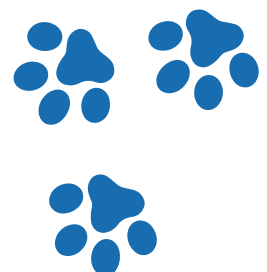
I would like to sponsor:

Name of cat (s) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____





Lombard Veterinary Hospital: A Purr-fect Partner to Our Shelter

We're proud to recognize Lombard Veterinary Hospital as our trusted veterinary partner—and what an incredible partner they are! Their compassionate veterinary and support staff consistently go above and beyond in caring for both our shelter kitties and our own beloved pets. Exciting news: Lombard Veterinary Hospital has returned to its original location at **244 E. St. Charles Road in Lombard**, now housed in a brand-new, state-of-the-art facility that reflects the high level of care they provide.

We're also thrilled to share that they're hosting two Kitty Yoga sessions for Cat Guardians, led by their very own Dr. Grace! These events combine wellness and whiskers for an experience that benefits both people and pets.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support, generosity, and love the entire Lombard Veterinary Hospital team shows to the Cat Guardians community. Thank you for being such an essential part of our mission!



Find Your Zen... with a Side of Purrs!

Are you looking for a fun, relaxing way to de-stress while spending time with adorable, adoptable kitties? Look no further—Cat Guardians Cat Yoga is just what you need!

We're excited to offer several upcoming Cat Yoga sessions, where you can flow through gentle poses as sweet shelter cats roam the room, adding charm, cuddles, and the occasional curious paw. It's the perfect blend of wellness and whiskers!

Our first summer sessions will be held at **Lombard Veterinary Hospital** and led by the amazing Dr. Grace:

📅 **Saturday, July 12**

🕒 Session One: 9:00 AM

🕒 Session Two: 10:00 AM

Looking ahead to fall, we're bringing the fun to **The Hinsdale Community House** with two more opportunities to get your purrs and poses in:

📅 **Saturday, September 20**

📅 **Saturday, October 18**

🕒 Each session: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

All classes are open to every skill level and promise a one-of-a-kind experience filled with laughter, movement, and feline affection.

We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events—don't miss out on this purrfect opportunity to stretch, smile, and maybe even meet your new best friend!





Volunteer

We are looking for adults who can assist with the daily shelter operations such as feeding, scooping the litter boxes and general tidying activities. The time commitment can vary, starting at an hour a week 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

Zero to Five Cats Within a Week; Our Experience Fostering a Mother Cat



We've been volunteering at Cat Guardians for a little under a year. My daughters (age 10/12) wanted a cat, but we needed some time around kitties to figure it out.

Eight weeks ago, a notification was sent out of a pregnant calico, Callie, needing a foster home for birth and kitten care. Seven weeks ago, we picked her up. Six weeks ago, the kittens were born. Callie was a sweet and incredibly timid cat, who would not spend time around us at first.

Cat Guardians provided a crate. However, to destress Callie, we let her out within two closed off rooms. She chose to spend the first week under a couch. We fed her adjacent, and she would gradually let us pet her under the couch. She used the litter box and was a clean cat. She never growled or scratched at us; she was sweet and showed some desire to be pet.

The girls and I built a cat den out of 4' circular children's wading pool, a 2' wide by 1' tall by 2' deep box, and a comforter over the top. It had an entrance and allowed easy contained access for observation and cleaning. Callie found the cat den and moved in the night before birth. We found her, because she growled at us when we came close. This was unusual, but she deserved compassion for what she had gone through to this point. We then heard a small 'mew', and discovered she had born the first kitten, which was stumbling on its feet, still wet from birth.

Around 15 minutes later, Callie let out a shrieking growl by herself. We found the second kitten to have been born. We watched her lick the kitten clean, then eat the afterbirth and umbilical cord. Kittens three and four came around an hour apart thereafter. Callie licked the kittens and cat den clean. There were stains as evidence of birth, but nothing else. All kittens went straight to feeding and falling asleep, repeating within periods of 30min-1 hour.

For the first two weeks, the blind kittens clumsily dragged themselves around the cat den, always going back to mom for feeding. Callie would growl at us when we came near, but she would ultimately calm down and let us pet them all. Never a bite nor scratch.

On occasion, we'd find Callie away from the den, where the kittens slept together in a ball. We had concerns that the kittens were not feeding enough, but their bellies were always full. Callie appeared to be stressed and would sometimes hyperventilate during feeding. This is normal for a new mother. Ultimately, she needed to get the kittens onto a better feeding schedule, so being away forced this. She always went back.

When the kittens opened their eyes, one kitten had a stuck lid. We took it to the Lombard Veterinary Hospital, which is Cat Guardians' vet, and they opened the eye and provided medication. After applying meds for two days, the issue was resolved.

The kittens stayed within the cat den for another two weeks, without desire to explore. Each developed a personality- the talker, the sweet one, the curious one, and the sleepy one.

At 4 weeks old, they began to interact with each other and play. They would not go more than a few feet away from the cat den. We never found kitten droppings because Callie would eat them to obtain the rich calories.

At 5 weeks old, they began to wrestle. They explored the 12'x12' room but would not go further. They began to eat hard kibble food but still took milk from mom. They'd go to the den to sleep. Mama Callie would make trilling noises to call them over. She'd clean them when they returned.

When the kittens began eating hard food, Callie stopped eating their droppings. So, we'd find messes in shoes, under chairs and wherever they had been. A shallow pan of non-clumping kitty litter was put out and the kittens learned to use it on their own within the week.

At 6 weeks old, they are now exploring wherever they have access. Chairs are to be climbed and fallen off of. Zoomies and chases and biting boxes and cords. They fall asleep wherever they tire but often go to cuddle with each other or mom.

That is where we are today, a home full of scampering pitter patters. Thanks to Cat Guardians for allowing us this wonderful experience! All of the cat/kittens' needs have been provided for by the shelter. We've fed them and cleaned the space. Otherwise Callie did all the work!





EAGLE SCOUT CALVIN BUILDS DREAM CUBBY FOR CG KITTIES!

We're sending a huge thank you to Eagle Scout Calvin for his outstanding contribution to our shelter! Calvin designed and built a custom cat cubby structure that features separate cozy compartments and a playful set of stairs—providing the purr-fect space for our kitties to climb, explore, and relax.

This thoughtful and beautifully crafted project is already a favorite among our feline residents, and it will continue to bring joy and comfort to countless shelter cats for years to come. Calvin, we're incredibly grateful for your hard work, creativity, and compassion. Thank you for making such a lasting impact on our furry friends!



Convergint Team Makes a Big Impact at Cat Guardians!

We're sending our heartfelt thanks to the incredible team at Convergint for your hard work, generosity, and dedication to improving our shelter! Your recent volunteer day made a huge difference—from sprucing up our outdoor space with beautiful new bushes, to giving our hallway a fresh, welcoming coat of paint, to organizing our storage shed for easier access and functionality.

Your efforts have truly brightened up our space and created a more comfortable, efficient environment for both our volunteers and our beloved cats. We're so grateful for your support and the heart you bring to everything you do. Thank you for helping us make Cat Guardians a better place for all!



MEMORIALS

In memory of Cat Guardians' Kitties: Elvis, Raven, Lila and Falcor
In memory of Chaser Mociuk from Christina Mociuk
In memory of King and Prince from Johanna Marks
In memory of Michael Most from Chad Peterson
In memory of Sugar from Karen McClure
In memory of Andrew J. Kennedy III from Marcia Kaiser
In memory of Sophia Sammis from Christopher Sammis
In memory of Luci from Adrienne Segovia
In memory of Jennifer Clutter from GW Berkheimer
In memory of Frosty, Vanna, Sam and Pooki from Shari Kouba
In memory of Dephne Gail White from Gregory and Joanne Stopka
In memory of Pat Egofske from Wendy Riley
In memory of Pat Egofske from Beth and Brian Egofske
In memory of Pat Egofske from Kathy Blackwell
In memory of Jennette Mociuk from Christina Mociuk
In memory of Gary Hanney from Roxane Hanney
In memory of Gary Hanney from Lori Viereckl
In memory of Gary Hanney from Richard Hanney
In memory of Kathleen Brackett from Roberta Matula
In memory of Judy Patterson from Kathy Blackwell
In memory of Stanley Blackwell from Sue and Sandra Sadkowski
In memory of Stanley and Gloria Blackwell the beloved parents of Cat Guardians'
Founder Kathy Blackwell

Honorings

In honor of Ron Lonn from Deidre Alexander
In honor of Suzanne Bruce from Jeffrey Phillips
In honor Sue Sadt from Kimberly Kuman
In honor of Kay Vandiver from Sharon Paluch
In honor of Henry from Charles and Sandra Kliche
In honor of Angela Pusateri from Mary Priya Roberts
In honor of Gayle Schwarz from Alisha Bhimji





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

Mary Gannon

Christina Mociuk

Helmut and Judy Rackl

Jeanne Whiting

Subscribing- Best Buddy

Susan Crowell and KC Cooke

Gary and Vicki Hebein

Rita and Gary Kroenert

Deborah Loeber

Janice Maliska

Karen McClure

Pamela and Daniel Mitchell

David Parta and Mary

Derwinski

Joseph and Kathryn Swiger

Donor- Good Samaritan

George and Sandra Calhoun

Candace Dornquast and Cheryl Packard

Margaret and Kenneth Dumas

Shari Kouba

Rebecca Martin

Family- Feline Friend

Mark and Stella Jelinek

Shirley and Eric Jensen

Kathleen and Richard Kalivoda

Lisa Occhipinti

Senior- Kitty Companion

Diane Cipriani

Gayle Kankovsky

Individual- Cat's Meow

Pauline Gambill

Joan Salvato





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Calendar of Events

August 2025

**AUGUST 23RD
ANNIVERSARY PARTY
11:00AM - 3:00PM**

October 2025

**OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH
BAKE SALE & OPEN HOUSE
11:00AM - 3:00PM**

December 2025

**DECEMBER 13TH
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
AND RAFFLE
11:00AM - 3:00PM**

**PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK TO STAY UP TO
DATE ON ALL EVENTS, LOCATIONS, DATES & TIMES!**

