

FEATURED CAT Bronco Billy

Bronco Billy has been through a lot in the two years he's been in our care. He had a number of health challenges and has patiently endured all the treatments necessary to repair the damage from his early life on the harsh streets. Now that he finally feels like "top cat" again, his charming and quirky personality has emerged and he's ready for the lush life he deserves. Billy has endeared himself to all his caregivers (we all adore him!) but now it's time to find him a forever family and get started on his happily ever after.

Billy is a goofy and social guy, and has been known to ham it up in a crowd. His foster mom finds him endlessly amusing—every day reveals another facet of his sparkling personality. His plush coat is also very unusual: each hair is black at the top and white at the bottom, giving him a very striking appearance.



He gets along with (most) other cats, and has enjoyed being "Uncle Billy" to the foster kittens in

his home. We think the best match would be another mellow, confident cat, but Billy also wouldn't mind being an only cat. He loves being the center of attention, hanging out with his people, playing with toys, and watching wildlife outside his windows. He really wants to be part of a family who thinks a cat's place is everywhere he wants to be—curled up in bed, draped around shoulders, sorting through cabinet contents, or supervising laundry folding. Billy will be a devoted and cherished companion to the lucky family who takes him home.

Bronco Billy is about three years old. He has been neutered, microchipped, and is up-to-date on vaccines. He has tested negative for FeLV/FIV. His adoption fee is \$80. To learn more about Bronco Billy or any of our cats for adoption, please call 503-402-8692, email arcf@pdx-petadoption.org, or visit www.pdx-petadoption.org.



FEATURED DOG Sammy

Even though Sammy isn't ready for adoption yet, we want to tell you about this special little guy in the care of our friends at My Way Home Dog Rescue.

Sammy was surrendered to a no-kill shelter because of medical issues his previous family was not able or willing to treat. He spent a year at that shelter, but his symptoms were baffling, and never properly diagnosed or resolved. The shelter asked MWH to take Sammy, knowing he would get the necessary care for his condition and very careful consideration in choosing his adoptive family.

Sammy's medical care is turning out to be quite a challenge, and the total tab is going to be much higher than expected. His platelet count is low, which causes lots of other things to go wrong, and diagnosing the cause is tricky. He has an excellent doctor in charge of his care, and if anyone can figure it out, it's Dr. Val.

His foster mom says Sammy is a fantastic little dude who will be a wonderful addition to the family who chooses him. He appears to be a Maltese-Chihuahua mix, about seven years old and weighs less than 10 lbs. Sammy loves to be around people, especially people with laps! He gets along fine with other dogs, but gets too excited around cats and little humans. Bigger kids are fine.

If you'd like to know more about Sammy or make a donation toward his medical care, email mywayhomedogrescue@gmail.com or call 503-974-4944.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

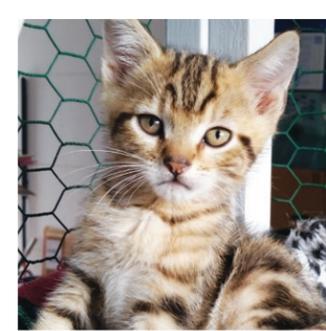
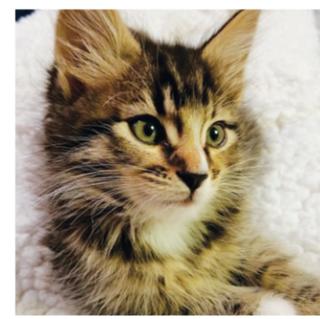
The highlight of our spring was "Art from the Heart." This fundraiser helped us raise \$3600 towards providing Bronco Billy with the full-mouth extraction surgery he needed to relieve severe pain and allow him to eat again. Combined with the generous donations made to us directly for Billy's care, we were able to pay for his surgery and have a reserve for the next special cat with an extraordinary need. Our sincere and lasting thanks go out to the artists who donated 40 fabulous pieces, the auction bidders and winners, and Cat Hospital of Portland for hosting our event. Special thanks to our friend, Joey Macca, who recruited many of his talented friends and family members to donate art to our cause.

This time of year can be overwhelming in cat rescue; so many unwanted kittens and never enough homes. A typical call came from Harry, who found newborn kittens and their mom under a couch on his front porch. He puts out food regularly, thinking he was feeding a couple of stray cats in his yard. He didn't have any idea what to do with the new family but he started making phone calls and the network led him to us.

Our trapping volunteer, Courtney, sprang into action and quickly had momcat **Helen** and babies **Harold** and **Heidi** in custody. She also trapped eight other adult cats, much to Harry's surprise. Three of the

adult cats turned out to be nursing moms, so Courtney checked back regularly until the other litters appeared, and they are all now safely enrolled in our kitten boot camp. Harry is willing to feed the community cats, but with our help, the colony will stop growing and he'll know how to control feeding so he can monitor the population and let us know when newcomers appear.

We help as many as possible and when we can squeeze in a few more, we help rescues in other areas of the state where low-cost spay/neuter services are scarce and potential cat adopters are few. So far this year, we've accepted about 10 litters from Cat Utopia in Pendleton, including **Kipper** of the "K" litter, being given away free at the Dollar Store, and **Prince** of the "P" litter. Our first litter of the year was the "A" litter, and by



TOP ROW: HELEN AND BABIES, KIPPER
BOTTOM ROW: PRINCE, PAPA GOAT RIP TIDE WITH HIS DAUGHTERS

the time you read this, we'll probably be on our second round through the alphabet this year.

We usually confine our rescue operations to cats and kittens, but once in a while we provide logistical support to our neighborhood herd, The Belmont Goats. Recently after helping deliver a load of hay, I was about to leave when a young woman rushed toward the gate, apologized for interrupting, and asked if I knew of a goat rescue. Someone she knew was being pressured to give up three pet goats by neighbors who wanted a one-goat-limit city ordinance enforced. I didn't have an immediate solution, but we exchanged information. By the time I got home, I thought of someone in my very own family who had recently moved to a piece of idyllic property in the country. Phone calls and texts were exchanged and a few days later long-haired papa goat **Rip Tide** and his daughters **Xena** and **Gabrielle** were happily noshing on pasture grass at the home of Tina Draper and Cason Franklin.

In addition to finding home for pets in need, we also help reunite pets with their people. In three recent incidents, cats we helped were quickly returned to their families because of microchips. Summer is when many indoor pets go missing and panicked families call us for help. Kids are home from school, friends come over, and the doors don't always get

closed. Families go on vacation and the cat dashes out when the neighbor comes to feed. Windows are open and screens get pushed out by cats attempting to catch a bug. Please make sure all your pets have chips! Ask your vet to scan the chip to confirm the number, and then call the chip company to make sure they have your current contact information. Taking a few minutes now could save you and your pet a lot of grief if he or she becomes lost.

As always, your generous support makes our work possible, and on behalf of the animals, we thank you.

Happy Summer!

— **Carma Crimins**
PRESIDENT

CANINE CORNER

Since ARCF does not currently have a dog adoption program, we are working with other local dog rescue groups who share our goals and philosophies of animal welfare and rescue.

MY WAY HOME DOG RESCUE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Fergus

About a year and a half ago, we shared the story of funny-faced Fergus, a little guy with a big heart and a small personal problem: a bit of incontinence and wobbly back legs, due to an old injury. Fergus had fallen off a bed and hurt his back so his owners chose to surrender him to a high-kill shelter. He wasn't a great candidate for adoption in that environment so his days were definitely numbered. But Fergus made an impression on shelter staff, who took the initiative to contact My Way Home Dog Rescue and ask for help finding him a home.

His foster mom picks up the story from there:

I was asked to foster Bambi (his name at the time—which we quickly changed to Fergus). As someone with a three-legged dog and a one-eyed Chihuahua, Fergus' problems didn't bother me at all. When he arrived, his back legs were wrapped in gauze tape because he had been dragging them around for so long. Normally with a new foster dog,



there is an adjustment period. Not so with Fergus! He walked right into my house like he'd always lived here. He was, hands down, the easiest foster I've ever had. He rarely barked and got along great with my dogs (one of

my dogs is kind of a jerk). He spent his hours lounging around noshing on his adored chewies or sitting next to my mom while she read a book. He followed her everywhere. We started him on hydrotherapy and Mom started taking him on daily walks which really helped his back legs. They're still wonky and he's incontinent, but he gets around just fine.

Since he was such an easy dog, I figured I would just keep fostering him until he got adopted. I really could not understand why he wasn't adopted. I mean, seriously, look at that hair—it's awesome! People met him but they were always put off by his need for a diaper to contain the dribbles.

They saw him as broken, which he isn't—he's just a little different. After a year and a half, I thought about adopting him. What cinched it was when I had surgery and was basically bedridden for six weeks. Fergus was the little Chinese Crested nurse who stayed by my side the entire time, even more cuddly than usual. Mom and I talked it over and decided that we couldn't live without fantastic Fergus.

He loves our walks but he can't make it too far without running out of steam. We've been using a stroller, but he really wants to be on the ground where all the good smells are, so we're going to get him a doggie wheelchair so he can pull himself along on his front legs, which work just fine.

— **Denise Stidmon**

My Way Home Dog Rescue specializes in saving senior dogs from high-kill shelters, providing all necessary medical care, including heartworm tests for each incoming dog, and fostering all dogs in loving homes until their permanent forever families find them. Senior dogs naturally have more health and medical challenges. Those that end up in open-intake public shelters often have chronic conditions that were neglected for years. Bringing these dogs back to good health takes time and money, and a commitment to providing as much care as each one needs. If you'd like to foster, adopt, or donate towards the care of a senior dog, please contact mywayhomedogrescue@gmail.com.



George & Harriet
(formerly Cooper & Charlotte)

Last spring we responded to an ad posted by a young woman in a small town not far from Salem who was trying to give away a litter of tiny sick kittens. She wanted them to have proper care but wasn't in a position to provide it. She was reluctant to let us take the momcat along with them, but we knew they needed to be with mama for a few more weeks. We promised to take care of the whole family and return mama once the babies were weaned and she was spayed. Sadly, one of the kittens didn't survive, but the other four recovered quickly and showed the same sweet, playful nature as their mom.

They became the "C" litter and it wasn't long before we heard from Chelsea Catto, whose family, including a gentle, towhead four-year-old boy, was mourning the loss of their beloved Selma kitty. They were ready to adopt a kitten (or two) to help fill the void. The family met the four little Cs and soon went home with Cooper and Charlotte, now known as George and Harriet:

George Plumbean and Harriet Wolfe are the cat's meow! Also known as The Purr-Monsters, they took no time at all making themselves at home (about 30 minutes, to be exact). When they're not snuggled up on a lap or annoying our 13-year-old cat, they're tearing around the house chasing real and imaginary foes.

They love to keep us company during bath and story time and have yet to meet a catnip mouse they don't like. They're the best kitten-siblings a boy could ever have. We love them!

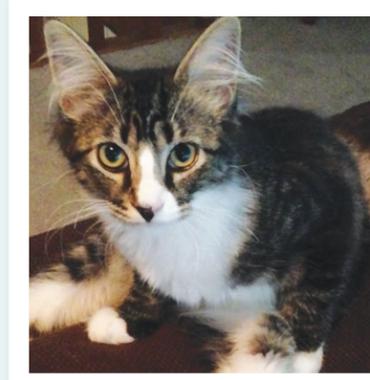
— Chelsea Catto

Taco & Paloma
(formerly Cash & Calista)

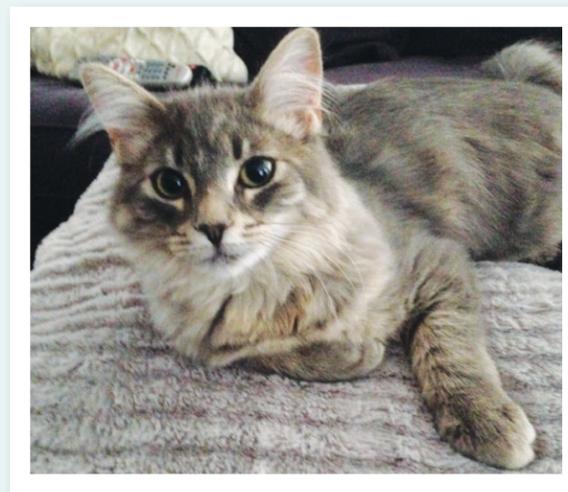
Soon after George and Harriet left for Chelsea's home, we received an application from Susan Whittaker. Her family includes two youngsters, and they also were looking for a pair of kittens to complete their household. They came to meet Cash and Calista, and you know what happened next!

Our kittens are doing great! Taco always wants to play—he has such a personality. We made a train set for the kids and he loves swatting at the train when it passes him on the track. He lets my youngest scoot him around in the laundry basket and he has found a favorite spot on the couch to take his naps. He has a certain blanket that he likes to lie on and knead before going to sleep. Paloma is not as social as her brother, but she is affectionate and enjoys our attention. She is a great fly catcher—she loves chasing random insects that sneak into the house. They roll around and chase each other—so entertaining to watch! We are so happy to have them. I don't think we could have gotten a better pair.

— Susan Whittaker



TACO



PALOMA

Arkose
(formerly Simon)

Last summer a young woman told us she had found a mom and five tiny kittens "in a hole in the road" near her home. The exact circumstances were never clear, but she was in a county with no public cat shelter and all the private shelters were full, so she didn't know where else to turn. We took them in and they became the "S" litter. Four of the kittens were soon adopted, and we thought Simone and her remaining baby Simon would make a nice pair. But as Simon became a teenager, we realized that Simone had something else in mind: she was tired of being a mom and really wanted him to move on without her.

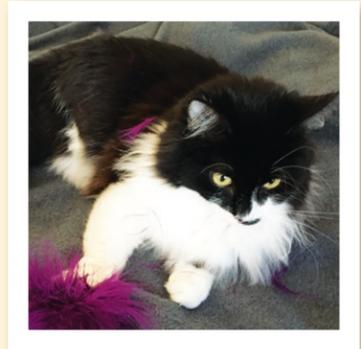
Soon after that we heard from Matt and Melanie, who were looking for a good-natured young cat to be a friend to their young tuxedo kitty Onyx, who was missing her recently departed companion. The coat color scheme was already a match! As it turned out, Simon's personality was a good match too. He is now known as Arkose and here's a recent update:

Arkose has been doing very well and quickly making our home his home. When he first came into our lives he weighed only a few pounds and most of it was fur. Now he is more than 12 lbs. and has the softest, fluffiest coat of our cats.

— Matt Klym and Melanie McCandless



BABY ARKOSE



GROWNUP ARKOSE

Arkose is getting more rambunctious each day and gets along well with Onyx, our other young tuxedo kitty. With the coming of summer, Arkose has developed auburn highlights and a hunger for fresh catnip from our patio. When he is not impatiently waiting for food, he loves to play with just about anything. Lasers, rope, cardboard boxes, or a hand in the wrong place at the right time—he loves them all! He is very gentle and rarely uses claws. When he isn't sleeping in various locations, he follows us around "meeping" and "mooping" for us to play with him, pet him, or snuggle up on our chests. Arkose has been a wonderful addition to our family and we are so glad to have him in our lives.

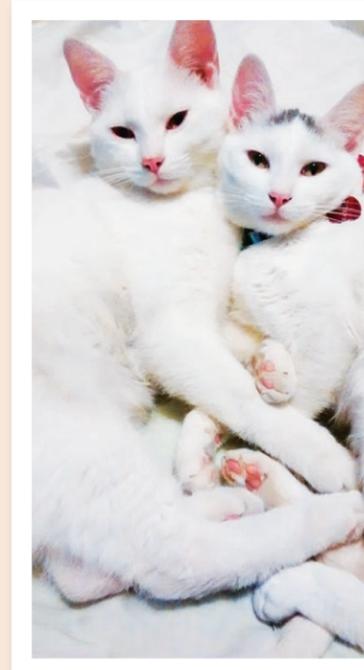
Tommy & Charlie
(formerly Andrew & Alexa)

These beautiful kittens were being advertised online by their people who were moving to Texas and didn't want to bring them along. They turned out to be soft as cotton balls and sweet as cotton candy. About that time, Amy Scott sent us an application looking for a pair of kittens for her young family. We invited them to come meet these gorgeous young siblings. It was love at first sight—no surprise! Off they went to Amy's home, where they soon had a big adventure discovering the long-unused but still sooty fireplace in the basement. White kitties turned gray! Baths were in order, which they graciously accepted and soon all was forgiven. Here's the latest update:

The Wild Cats (also known as The Kitten Twins, Snuggle-Paws, and InsomniCats when playing all night) are doing extremely well! They are perhaps the sweetest cats I've ever met. Cuddly, playful, talkative—they ask for attention with little chirrups and mer-ows. They both do "The Flop" when a human walks toward them—flopped onto their backs, curled into a "C" with the pet-my-belly eyes. They are super curious, sneaking into rooms and closets when doors are opened momentarily and then calling to the sibling so we find them plaintively meowing to each other from either side of the door. They still have kitten craziness, racing around stalking and pouncing but they love to adorably nap with each other, too. We are vigilant about doors because they would both really like to get outside!

Thank you so much for bringing them into our family!

— Amy, Michael, Eilish and Declan



TOMMY (LEFT) & CHARLIE

King Bertram Echbert III
(formerly Bert)

As much as we love to see the kittens settled and happy in their new homes, nothing warms the heart like seeing our more “experienced” clients find the loving retirement homes they all deserve.

Bert came to us about a year ago when he was trapped with a colony of community cats we helped. He was just a rack of bones with a big tomcat head and his eyes were continually weepy and almost permanently closed by a painful condition called entropion. His lower eyelids were rolled inward,



causing the eyelashes to rub against the eyeball. This appeared to be a genetic condition in his case, so poor Bert had been suffering his entire life, probably about 10 years. Otherwise Bert was in good health so we committed to providing surgery to correct Bert's entropion.

Although he wasn't eager for close human contact, Bert was not completely anti-social and his vision was still too compromised for him to make it on his own back with the colony. So we made him comfortable in our outdoor enclosure where

over time he became more comfortable with his caregivers, and even began to enjoy being petted and brushed. Javis and Ping and their kids had the opportunity to meet him and thought Bert would be a fine addition to their family.

For the first couple of weeks Bert was friendly but shy, and the slightest movement or noise would send him running. Now he is not shy at all and when he hears someone coming home, he runs over to the door to see who it is. As soon as they come in the door, he “attacks” them with cat hugs.

He is also playing a lot! He likes his toy mice, a scrunchy plastic thing that makes a lot of noise, and making himself into a burrito with bed sheets. He's also venturing around the house, finding new places to explore.

We are really happy that Bert is living with us. And thank you for all the starting items for Bert (food, litter box, toys). They were much appreciated, and used every day.

— Javis Jones, Ping Hsaio, Gabriel and Jacob



Valentina
(formerly Simone)

After her kittens were all adopted, Simone was ready to leave mom life behind and live as a pampered princess in a home of her own. Soon Michelle came to meet her, and just like in a fairy tale, Simone's dream came true! Her new name is Valentina.

Valentina is a playful and loving cat who really enjoys cuddling and sleeping between us. She even takes over my pillow when we are sleeping but I don't mind. She is very calm and gentle. I love her so much and I'm glad we found her. I did intense research on pet adoption organizations and when I stumbled upon her picture and description I instantly fell in love and wanted to meet her as soon as I could. When I did, I felt that she was perfect and I just wanted to take her home with me right away.

Thank you for saving her.

— Michelle Wisner

We received a donation from Rachel Krokus in memory of her beautiful cat Goldie, adopted from ARCF in 2011 when her name was Jewel. Rachel included this note:

Goldie Hawn Cat (aka Goldie, GHC, Golden, Meow Meow, Bob Cat, Sherry Bobbins) died peacefully at the age of six after a short battle with cancer. We are heartbroken and so grateful we got the opportunity to love this wonderful cat.

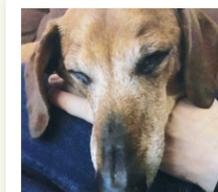
Goldie was curious, friendly, and intelligent. She loved lying by heaters, rubbing on stinky shoes, clawing at expensive furniture, and climbing into boxes, drawers, and closets. She was a kind and patient big sister to Mario Catotelli. She was clever and funny and cool.

Goldie was infamous for interrupting people to announce the arrival of her “baby” to the room. She valued togetherness over solitary concentration. If you would like to honor the life of GHC, please interrupt someone who is trying to focus today. — Rachel Krokus



GOLDIE

Patricia Boyle made a generous donation in memory of **Meezer**, the beloved cat of her neighbors Maggie Wright, Greg Tomlinson, and their daughter Sloan.



OTTO

Prior to 2010, ARCF had a dog foster program. This note recently arrived from the family of **Otto**, a Dachshund we rescued in 2007.

In 2007 we saw Otto on your website and had to have him. We're sorry to share the news that Otto succumbed to an adrenal tumor just short of his 14th birthday. We had an amazing life and still find it hard to get in the car and not have him with us. He was always by our side and greatly loved. Otto was a dog of many names and many moods. He

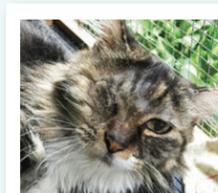
learned to talk and always made us laugh. Thanks again for bringing this wonderful little guy to us. — Jill and James Mounger

Tina Draper is heartbroken at the loss of her precious **Odin** kitty to a fast-growing cancer. Their 14 years together included some rough patches along with the good times, and Odin was a true blue and loving companion through it all. He was handsome, charming, and affectionate, and adored by all who had the good fortune to meet him. His loss leaves a huge hole in his family, which includes his feline siblings Luna and Nietzsche, and his canine siblings Daisy and Gimli.



ODIN

Judy Dancer sent a donation in memory of **Georgie Kitty**, a wonderful boy who is deeply missed by Andrea Stone.



MAČKA

Nena Baker worked hard to rescue a cat who appeared through the shrubbery near a colony of community cats in SE Portland last winter. The colony has been watched over for many years by the “cat posse,” a dedicated group of individuals who organized themselves with the goal of providing daily food, water, and shelter to their well-loved charges. **Mačka** needed veterinary care to remove a badly injured eye. He recovered from that surgery and with much TLC from Nena and Patti, began to show the sweet nature hiding under that gruff exterior. Sadly, years of neglect had left him with a multitude of serious medical conditions. Although Mačka had only a few weeks in his new home, they were filled with loving attention, delicious meals, and a warm, plush bed.

ANIMAL PLACEMENTS

March-April-May: We placed 16 cats in loving, responsible homes. Major expenses were:

Veterinary \$8,241.94 (includes special surgery for Bronco Billy)

Food/Supplies \$1,571.50

Fundraising \$1,297.27

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SUCCESS STORIES

Eartha

Beautiful Eartha was found with her newborn babies on a street corner in Eastern Oregon. Our friends at Cat Utopia in Pendleton rescued her there and asked for our help. Her life had obviously been rough and tumble up to that point, but Eartha was a very good mama for being just a teenager herself and could not have been any sweeter. Once her kittens didn't need her anymore, she began to luxuriate in her new life of leisure. She deserved the perfect home where she could enjoy the carefree kittenhood she had missed.

Melinda Miller had recently lost her beloved Ripple kitty to a sudden illness and she wanted to fill that empty space in her heart and her home. Of course her favorite breed is "Rescued," so she came to meet Eartha and shortly after that, took her home to meet Nova, the other kitty in the family. We recently received this note from Eartha, who apparently counts typing among her many skills:

I've grown very fond of Melinda. In fact, sometimes I even come when she calls me. I follow her around, even when she's cleaning or going up and down the stairs a lot. Sometimes I purposely get in her way so she has to stop and pet me. However, I'm not so sure Melinda is very bright. I am trying to teach her a trick where she gives me wet food each and every time she walks in the kitchen, but she doesn't seem to get the hang of it. Despite my cutest and most persistent efforts, I can only get her to do the trick twice a day. I keep trying though!

Anyhoo, I've been playing all morning and need to go take a nap until dinner time. Thank you so much for helping take care of my kittens. I feel so much better and have tons of energy now. I know not all of the kitties you save get to write you, but I know they are as grateful as I am for helping us on our journeys to our forever homes.

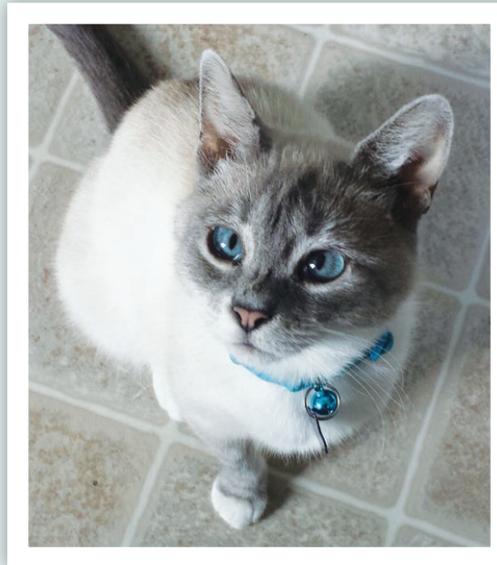
I'll never forget you.

Purrs and headbutts and toe bites,

— Eartha Kitty Louise Miller



FIRST DAY RESCUED, WITH BABIES



IN HER NEW HOME

YES! I want to help

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