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## Letter From the President

On March 17, 2013 we became a 501c3 non-profit. We started with my mother's cat, Ninety Nine, who had nowhere to go after my mother passed away. Since that time, 5 years ago, over 200 senior cats have come through our doors to find sanctuary. This milestone has us reflecting where we have been as well as where we want to go. While we have helped so many cats, we have had to turn away many, many

more who need our help.

June's Senior Cat Rescue has done much with our eight foster homes and limited resources, but we know to make a bigger difference, we need to become a sanctuary for the hospice cats who have nowhere to go. To start we created Felix Legacy Fund where our supporters, can make an enormous



Janet and Jimmy

impact in our senior cat's lives by leaving us a gift in their will or trust. Please read more about Felix's Legacy Program on page 2.

Together we can make a difference.

With Gratitude,

Janet Philippsen

## A True Superhero

We all want to believe in superheroes; those amazing characters who possess immeasurable strength, conquer all obstacles, and inspire us to be bigger, better people. They are wonderful to dream about, but I didn't believe they existed beyond comic books and movies, until I met Felix. Felix came to June's as a very sick 19 year-old kitty. For one reason or another, he was surrendered to the local shelter where he contracted an upper respiratory infection. He lost two pounds and was scared, depressed, and confused.

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Felix enjoying life superhero style.



## A True Superhero, cont.

His entire life had been turned upside-down and he didn't understand why, but his world, and mine, were about to change. Felix came into my home as a hospice foster through June's. My thought was, I'd nurse him back to health and let him enjoy his remaining months in peace and comfort. I felt I was doing him a favor by helping him have a happy ending. I didn't realize then, but it was actually Felix who would be doing me the favor.

It's been over a year now and Felix is thriving in my home. He enjoys sunbathing, snuggling, chasing toys, and bossing the dogs around (cats rule, dogs drool after all). He is full of character and charm, and he

is anything but "old". He uses his superhero strength and determination to overcome life-threatening obstacles including: a tooth abscess, surgery to remove rotten teeth, severe arthritis in his back, and kidney disease. He refuses to let anything keep him from living life on his terms. He simply isn't done living, and no one, vet or otherwise, will tell him when he's done.

Over the last year Felix has become one of my greatest teachers. He has taught me to live in the moment, like soaking up the morning sun, and to enjoy the small things, like chasing butterflies. He has taught me to never to give up, no matter how big the

obstacle or how bad the odds. But most importantly, he has taught me to love deeply and completely, as only someone with superhuman strength can. Through this journey, I've realized that a little bit of faith can take one further than they ever imagined. Felix is now 20 years old, and continues to prove to the world that determination, love, and faith can truly move mountains, as well as save lives.

I am incredibly grateful to June's for allowing me the chance to experience the wonderful lessons that are best taught by our furry friends. The newly created Felix Legacy Fund will extend far beyond Felix's living years. It will benefit many senior cats and humans alike. He is nothing short of a living legend: a true superhero.

## You Can Be a Superhero too!

A gift in your will or trust, beneficiary designation on a retirement fund, life insurance policy, banking or investment account, as well as donation of land or a facility so we can build a cage-free sanctuary are just some of the ways you can continue your life-changing help for senior cats like Felix. For more information about the Felix Legacy Fund please contact us at [junescats@q.com](mailto:junescats@q.com).

# Why I foster for June's Senior Cat Rescue

I love cats. Anyone that knows me can attest to that! I would love to have many more cats of my own, but any cat owner of a senior cat can tell you that sometimes, the vet bills can be daunting. Fostering for June's is the best of both worlds. I get to have more cats, and I don't have to pay the vet bills. That's a win-win in my book!

As I get older, I understand how it must feel for the senior kitties we care for to lose the only family they have ever known, and end up in a small cage in a noisy, scary animal shelter. Change is so hard for them! I love to watch the new arrivals at my home become

comfortable with their new surroundings. Some start out timidly exploring and peeking out of their safe rooms, then dashing back in when a scary dog goes by, or an unexpected noise startles them. Then they get more and more comfortable, until they become part of their new temporary family. Some just take over the house from the first day!

Once they are comfortable, they select a favorite toy, and maybe make new friends with the other cats or the dogs that live here. Then their personalities really begin to shine!

People ask me how I can stand to give them up when someone comes to adopt them. I have to say when they leave, it tugs at my heart, but I love that they have a new forever home where they will be loved the rest of their days! It is hard to give them up, but I keep the memory of that special little creature in my heart forever.

Proud Foster Mom for June's Senior Cat Rescue,

Michele



## Cats for Adoption



Sweetie Pie, 11 year old spayed female



Tinsel, 11 year old spayed female



Ginger, 11 year old spayed female with only 3 legs.



Tinker, 15 year old spayed Female



Pavi, 10 year old spayed female



Chiquita, 12 year old spayed Female



**Helping to keep the senior years golden.**



Dini adopted in 2018.

## Volunteers Needed

- Many of the cats we take in are sanctuary/hospice cats and will live the rest of their lives with us. To be able to continue our mission of rescuing senior cats, we need additional foster homes. We offer two foster programs, one for adoptable cats and one for hospice cats. Medical bills are paid for by the rescue, you just provide the food, litter, and love!
- We also need volunteers to help with event planning, grant writing, transportation, web development, and newsletter writing.
- If you are interested in becoming a foster or volunteer please contact us at 505-220-3528.



Available at  
**amazon**

We can always use donations for our senior kitties. Here is a partial list of items from our Amazon wish list:

- Monetary donations
- Clumping cat litter
- Canned pate cat food.
- Feliway plug-ins
- PetSmart gift cards
- Rescue Remedy for pets

We also have a wish list on Amazon.com just look us up in the wish list tab.

Additionally, you can register with us on Amazon Smile. XXXX (include amazon smile registration information)

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