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Letter From the President

Hello Cat Lovers!

Happy summer! We wanted to let you know what we've been doing this year. We've had a phenomenal year so far. Our mission has reached far and wide and because of that, we've taken in 5 cats from Chicago and one from California. Meanwhile, the overall amount of phone calls we receive requesting help has increased dramatically. The number of senior cats in need is great and we must expand our mission to be able to help more of them. To find out how you can help see our "Growing Pains" article on page 2. If you are able to support our mission, you can donate through PayPalaccount #junescats@q.com or you can send a check



Janet with Fifi who came from California

to JSCR, PO Box 16521, Albuquerque, NM 87191.

With Gratitude,

une's Seníor Cat Rescue

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Janet Philippsen



Our paint night in May was a TON of fun!! We had a wonderful turn out for our seniors and raised almost \$1,200!!! Thank you to everyone who came and painted!! We are so thankful for your love and support! YOU enable us to save lives, and we couldn't be more grateful!! We also want to thank everyone who donated to make this event possible: <u>Humble Coffee Company</u>, <u>Albuquerque Iso-</u> topes, Indi Yoga Studio, <u>Kathleen O'Keefe</u>, <u>Dawn Mitchell Fen-</u> <u>ner</u>, <u>Kelli Hemmingsson</u>, <u>Mikey Montalvo</u>, Cindy Edwards, Mary Bowen, and Mary Beth Bowen. And finally, a huge thank you to <u>Painting with a Twist</u> for making this event possible and for donating half of the ticket sales to June's!! You all made this event amazing! If you missed it, we are doing another one on October 2nd. You can register at

https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/albuquerque-nm/event/1877971/



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Tigger's Story by Heather Jones

My story with Tigger began Jan-

Tigger 👹

Tigger in photo on the left in the Chicago shelter. Tigger in photo on the right in his home with Heather.



Fifi, 16, from California



Felix, the inspiration for the Felix Legacy Fund.



uary 25, the night before my birthday. Back in the Fall I'd already decided I wanted a cat and was online looking for one - envisioning a

Tortoiseshell with a luxurious coat... but all that went out the window when I saw a Facebook post about Tigger, the stowaway tabby from Chicago with sad forest green eyes, bruised and bloodied nose, who was escaping euthanasia and scheduled to begin his travels to New Mexico and hopes for a new life the next day, my birthday. I can't explain why,

but I instantly wanted him to be my cat. Maybe it's because like him I'm also a and have lived in the Windy City before.

After a home inspection from Janet and Sarah, with June's Senior Cat Rescue, on February 7. I'm so grateful for the timing of when he came because the very next day I got the heartbreaking news one of my friends lost their year-long battle with cancer. I was so grateful Tigger was here. Without him I would have become Eevore that day, lost in grief.

If you've ever considered fostering or adopting a senior cat, I encourage you to go for it. In transplant from the Midwest my experience, seniors give so much more than they take, and they're so grateful for a second chance at having a home.

Special thanks to the animal shelter staff in Cook County Tigger came to live with me who spared his life, Yulia in Chicago for fostering him before he came to me, and most of all to the people who donated time and/or money soTigger could be transported all the way to New Mexico. He and I will be forever grateful. Thank you, thank you, thank you ♥ We can never repay you, but will do our best.

Growing Pains

When we first started our senior cat rescue 5 years ago, we never imagined that we would be getting calls from all over the U.S. from people wanting us to take their senior cats, but it has now become a reality. We used to get a couple calls a month but now we get calls everyday asking for our help. This year, we took in five cats from Chicago, like Tigger and a petite, affectionate 16 year old named Fifi from California. We are at a point where we need to expand in order to assist the many senior cats who need our help. To make this happen, we created the Felix Legacy Fund.

Donations to the Felix Legacy Fund will help us create a senior cat sanctuary where senior cats can live out their days in luxury, enjoying the indoors as well as safe outdoor areas. Having a sanctuary would enable us to help more cats than ever before, while also allowing us to open our doors to the community for things like education!

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 facility, so that 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.