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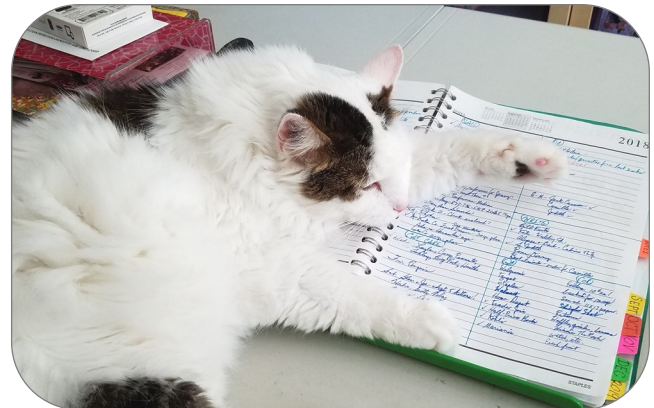
Family celebrations, graduations, future-planning, weddings, national holidays, gardens, nature's beauty, concerts, travel — a time of **HOPE, DREAMS, PLANS, RENEWAL, ENERGY.**



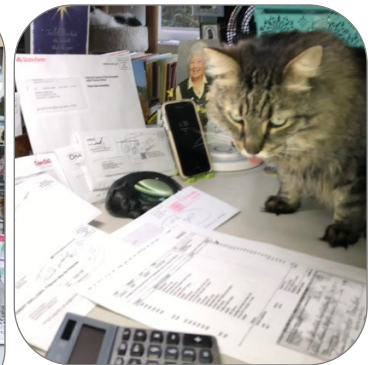
Summer is...

- **End of TBA fiscal year** — prep of annual taxes and 990 report
- **Midyear Board meeting** to assess financial reports & future viability
- **Evaluation** of accomplishments, goals, and finances

Summer is **CRITICAL BANK ACCOUNT DROUGHT** Time :-)



My office cats helping and conferring, especially when they sense I am worried.



- How can we **BETTER SERVE** our **UNIQUE MISSION** of helping people with their pets?
- How can we engage **DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS** to double (or even triple) the undertakings of our small staff?
- How can we **RAISE OUR PROFILE** so that more new people will hear our stories and **SUPPORT TBA's MISSION and FUTURE COMMITMENTS?**

Media coverage?

Social Media Postings?

Petco, Petsmart, Pet People stores?

Booths at Neighborhood Summer Festivals?

Farmers Markets?

Plan & Host small Fundraising Events?

Will YOU be our one-event PR AMBASSADOR? Our cats need NEW FRIENDS to share their stories. And we need new IDEAS!

June is...GRADUATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to our GRADUATES moving on to new homes...

Valedictorian:
THYME



Senior Class
President: **ORION**



Teacher's Pet: **EFFIE**



Best Groomed: **MILO**

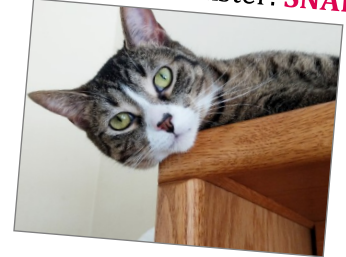


Highest GPA (Great
Purring Attitude):
ROSEMARY



Best of Class —
Gymnastic: **SHADOW**

Biggest Prankster: **SNAP**



June is...SUMMER SCHOOL

...for those who take their places in **CATS-ARE-PURRSONS-TOO PREP SCHOOL** learning successful **LIFETIME** careers...



Protective
Babysitter



Healing,
Comforting



Office Helper

June is...SCHOLARSHIP GIVING TIME

Our GRATITUDE to the VERY GENEROUS DONORS who let their hearts be TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL to SPONSOR the “tuition cost” of deserving newcomers.

Initial exam, deworming (2X), vaccinations & boosters, spay/neuter, microchip, FL/FIV testing: **\$300**

Kittens for minimum three (3) months before adoption age: **\$300 each + special food & care**

Adult cat who has had little or no previous vet care: **\$500++**

Geriatric cat (over 10 yrs) usually needs dental & complete blood workup: **\$800++**

Cat with special needs, injury: **\$1000+++**

As every college student and parents know — basic tuition is only one part of anticipated costs. Still needed will be room & board, fees, books, activities, clothing, unforeseen happenings. Cats are purrsons too, so we must anticipate equivalent budgeting when we accept each new feline. We hope it graduates to a new home soon, but if it doesn't, our commitment is for lifetime residency.

CAN YOU PROVIDE a FULL or PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP to one needy, deserving cat?

Summer is...DREAM HOME RELOCATION MONTH

Sometimes a rescued cat needs **long sessions** — even weeks or months — with our staff & volunteer Special Ed tutors giving patient, reassuring **TLC** before it's ready for its **BIG MOVE** to its **LIFETIME LOVING PERSON/FAMILY**.

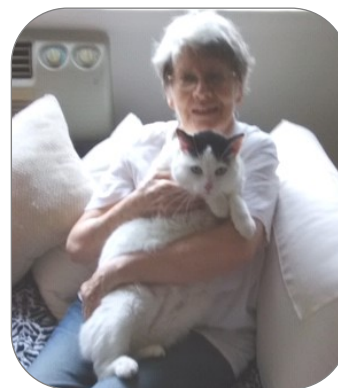


BEFORE: Expectant mother **May**, nervous and frightened, when she first arrived at TBA.

AFTER: **May** is more relaxed after giving birth as she cares for her bundles of joy.



Adopter **Esmeralda**, who volunteers weekly, cuddles **Rosemary**, one of our young adult kitties.



Longtime supporter and volunteer **Carol** spends time with **Domino** at the TBA house before deciding to take him home, even with his disability. Domino currently resides at Carol's home, where she showers him with extra TLC.

Sweet **Bella** poses for the camera with her personal caregiver (our very own Director of Opurrations), **Sue**. Bella requires special care for her special needs.



She must be fed through a feeding tube several times a day.

Summer is... **FATHER'S DAY,**
CONTINUOUS MOTHERS DAYS,
NEWBORN KITTENS' BIRTH DAYS

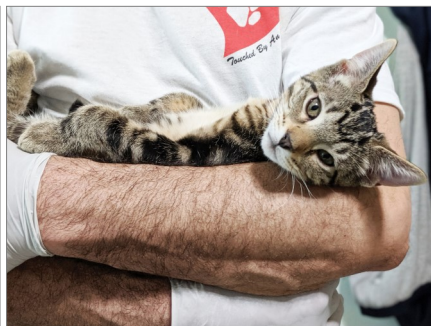
Mother's Day merges with June's Father's Day and **ongoing summer**
"kitten season" of needed **RESCUES.**



May (left) and **Marvel** (right) were rescued by a kind firefighter from Chicago's South Side. May, now a proud mother, sustained paw and tail injuries, but is more relaxed after her kittens arrived. Marvel enjoys the perks of the TBA home while he waits for his perfect purrson to take him home.



New mom **Opal** came from a high kill shelter with her six newborn kittens. They are in the safety and comfort of TBA while awaiting their lifetime homes.



Blossom (left) and **Bud** (right), also known as "The Twins," were brought to us by a local rescuer who knew we could provide one-on-one care for the 5-week-old kittens. They were left on her front porch in the still-cold-as-winter Spring season but are now safe and warm and provide tons of hilarious laughs and entertainment for TBA staff.



Effie hid in a car engine during the chilly month of April. A neighbor pulled her from the engine and begged us to save her. She is still a hitchhiker with a safer mode of transportation.

Summer is... **BARBECUES, PICNICS, PARTIES, and abundance of food & fellowship — except for those who do not have the Blessings but have the courage — or an advocate — to ask for help.**



Monthly Cat Food Bills: **\$1510.96**

PLUS Specialty veterinary prescription foods
PLUS Foods we supply monthly to financially-strapped people



Thank You celebrations to staff and volunteers with our cats in the screenhouse looking out.

Summer is... **WEDDINGS, COMMITMENTS, FUTURE LIFETIME DREAMS**

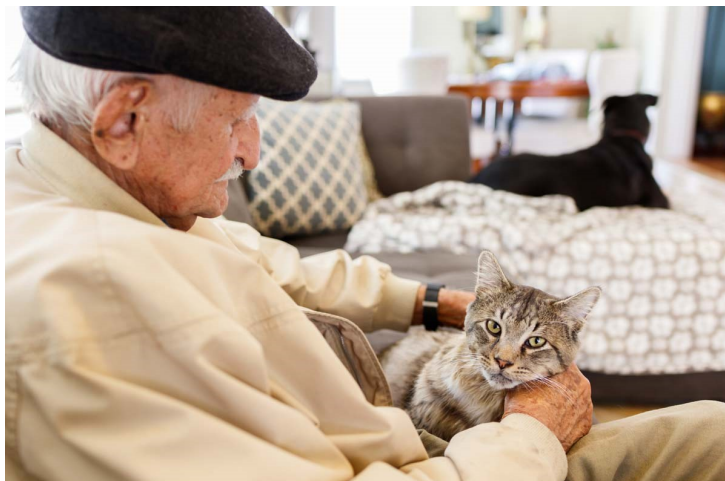
We celebrate the “I DO” **commitments...**



...of tightly bonded cats/kittens who want “to grow old together.” We carefully interview adopters who will take them **TOGETHER** and recognize and enjoy their unique **COMPANIONSHIP**.

...of well-intentioned people who have or adopt a pet for its lifetime, but years later encounter hardships — financial or health — that threaten separation.

It is our unique **PRIMARY MISSION** to help these people **KEEP** their beloved pets. When clearly not possible, we will commit to honor their promise “in sickness or in health” for the rest of the animal’s life, arranging visits and safeguarding their bond.



June is...SUMMER CAMPS

Hooray for **INTERACTIVE SUMMER CAMP** now that our very popular screenhouse is reopened —



Students from Whitney M. Young Magnet High School socialize our kitties.



— a perfect venue for **VOLUNTEER “CAMP COUNSELORS”** to schedule regular and purposeful teaching sessions for competitive, playful felines.

Summer is...BLOOMING GARDENS, HAPPY BIRDS, BUSY BUTTERFLIES & BEE POLLINATORS



Indoor family felines are quite content to observe their constantly changing live show outside their comfy, temp-controlled, **SAFE** home where food, beds, pleasing humans, undisturbed naptimes, and loving care are always abundant for them.

Summer is... **UNCERTAIN WEATHER**

...ranging from sunny and bright to **uncomfortable, melting, scorching, draining energy, unbearable, even unsustainable** for long —

And so is our bank account now **urgently seeking relief.**

At what **critical balance total** must we stop all new callers with a sympathetic but resolute **NO** —

We **cannot** help — we have **barely enough to support** the cats now in our care?

Or **NO** to a lifesaving surgery for our 4 year old sweet cat boarding for a destitute rehab patient (estimate range at specialty vet \$1780-\$2500) with weeks of aftercare by a volunteer (who?) or staff take-home?

Ah — but I feel some air conditioning blowing our way — Checking our mail and bank text alerts I see cooling **DONATION HAILSTONES** — large and small, breaking the unbeatable heat — so welcome for NOW.

THANK YOU to all who responded so quickly and generously to our June **URGENT NEED** e-mail.

And **THANK YOU** for sending a **COOLING DONATION** in the enclosed envelope.



Summer is... **S'MORES**

We know that cooling summer downpours are short-lived — and followed by l-o-n-g droughts, so...

WILL YOU send **S'MORE \$\$\$** and new friends, volunteer help, and ideas?

We know we will have s'more lovable cats and heartwarming stories for our next newsletter!



“Can you share your S'MORE?”



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Summer is... **MEMORY-MAKING CELEBRATIONS
and OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES**



*I am Me
I am just Me
I'm a little like other
cats
But mostly
I am just
Me*