

Dear Friends of Shadow Cats,

We have many things to share from this year. Because you care, we are able to do so much.

As we reflect on over twenty-one years of life saving work and thousands of cats impacted, it is because of you, our wonderful friends and supporters, that we are able to continue to improve the lives of community cats throughout Central Texas and beyond and care for our special needs cats at our Sanctuary.

Because of your unwavering support, we continue to impact cats that are deemed less than perfect; we continue to help those considered "less than".

We are committed to the highest standards of care and will keep our promises made over twenty-one years ago to help cats live their "best lives" under our care. Our mission continues stronger than ever.

As of 2018, Shadow Cats has sterilized over 9,000 community cats, adopted out over 600 cats and over 500 cats have lived out their "best lives" at the Sanctuary. We feed or provide food for hundreds of cats in different communities. These are the cats that most often fall through the cracks. We are their safety net.

Sometimes it not a simple fix - it's Trap Neuter Return (TNR), it's URIs, injured paws, eyes and tails, bad teeth, and everything in between.



Remember Rilee, a very sick cat? He had mange, was extremely malnourished, and was trapped in Downtown Austin. Not a simple TNR. He could not be returned as he needed care and medical treatment. After several weeks of tender loving care and being nursed back to health, he was ready to be relocated to his forever home. Thanks to amazing friends, Rilee

is living his "best life".

Remember Street Cat Jack, rescued off the streets with mange and a host of other issues? With the assist of Shadow Cats and caring neighbors, this boy is now a pampered house cat living his "best life".



Although we are a small group, we do mighty work. Our work is impactful. We are so proud of all that we can achieve through our One Life Fund (OLF) with your support. Started at the end of 2013, the OLF assists cats beyond Shadow Cats direct care. You, our generous supporters, have enabled us to date to disperse over \$70,000 and impact over 2500 cats coast to coast.

Just this year alone, thanks to a major life saving gift and support from so many caring friends, we will be able to disperse over \$25,000 and save upwards of 500 cats.

Serious health or behavioral issues are the norm for the cats who call our sanctuary home, with conditions such as feline leukemia, stomatitis, stages of renal failure, hospice care and the ever-increasing age of our residents. We provide the highest possible care and quality of life which requires most of our efforts and resources.



Remember Bette? She was found through our TNR work, blind, deaf, feral and pregnant. A little bitty thing herself, only a teenager, we gave her time and space to recover and get to know us. She is loved and cared for every day. She is living “her best life”. We can pet her and hold her in our arms. She is a beautiful sassy girl, and she will always be safe with us.

Rescue is not about one person or one organization. It is all of us coming together, friends networking, forging lasting relationships, helping each other. We are stronger when we all work together, build each other up and support one another.

We strongly believe that Rescue has no Boundaries.

For all the cats we have been able to help this year in the community and at our sanctuary, it is your support that makes it all possible. You will always be the key to Shadow Cats’ success.

So as the Holidays approach, we kindly ask you to remember Shadow Cats in your holiday giving, to further our mission and help even more, near and far, in 2019.

We stand ready to do the hard work necessary and to meet the challenges of a coming year.

From all of us at Shadow Cats,

We wish peace, love and joy to you and your family this Holiday season.



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