

Dear Friends,

As we step into our 29th year and prepare to sprint into an incredible 30 years of service to our local Texas community and well beyond, we pause to reflect. We have achieved so much in our decades of devoted, hard work, but there is always, always so much to be done. And the need has never been greater.

We exist to fill a need that is rarely met. We exist to serve our community and improve the outcomes of special needs cats across the country and even farther. We educate, we sympathize, and we advocate for those that have voices and are so often cast aside in our society. Even still, our reach extends outside of the confines of the sanctuary, and touch the lives of local community cats through our One Life Fund and TNR Clinics.

It is your support that has made all of this possible, and for that, we are incredibly grateful. But without your continued support, we cannot continue to do what it is we do, which is such a finite resource to begin with. If you are passionate about TNR, community cats, and cats with special needs getting the chance at a positive outcome where they'd otherwise be subject to euthanasia, please know that our future depends on your support.

During our 29 years, Shadow Cats has achieved significant accomplishments including:

- Over 40,000 cats were sterilized with spay & neuter ordinances being changed in many cities
- The gas chamber was removed in Taylor, Texas
- Through the One Life Fund, since its start 2013 we have distributed over \$425,000 donor-designated dollars to good Samaritans and non-profits to save thousands of critically ill and injured community cats
- The One Life Fund has also funded 7 TNR clinics since 2023, 650 cats sterilized and vaccinated in our local community, with plans to expand this program in 2026.
- Developed a Sponsor-a-Cat program, the backbone of our organization
- Invested in a permanent home for our sanctuary cats on their own property and a community room on-site for continued educational opportunities and to host our TNR clinics
- Provided a loving home and dedicated care to thousands of special needs cats, who had the incredible chance to live out their lives having known the love and care they always deserved but never got. Our precious cats are loved and cared for everyday by wonderful skilled and compassionate staff
- Grew a strong volunteer program filled with the most caring and dedicated individuals, including our youth program and outreach to other local organizations like UT's Meow Mates
- Nurtured a nationwide network of like-minded and passionate rescue friends



While our reach is far, our primary focus lies in the work at our sanctuary, where we house the most medically fragile cats. Our work gives cats like Kibble the forever home and chance he never had. Kibble lived life in a cage, adopted a total of three times and returned each time due to his medical needs. Struggling with a neurogenic bladder, chronic urine retention and bladder cysts, getting him adopted seemed like an impossible barrier to mount despite his sweet, loving and playful personality.

But that's exactly why Shadow Cats exists. When Kibble came to Shadow Cats, we poured time, resources, and care into him. He received 2 major surgeries due to his incontinence, and we did it because he deserves a chance and because we have people like you supporting us in our mission.

Petunia came to us in July of 2025, but it feels like she's been here for so much longer. You'd never think this sweet, starry-eyed girl lived through the horrors that she had. She was rescued from one situation with the promise of a forever home, only to land in the barn of a hoarder, trapped in a hallway with roughly 60 other cats. Petunia, incontinent with rear legs paralyzed, requires special care daily...instead, she was trapped and neglected.



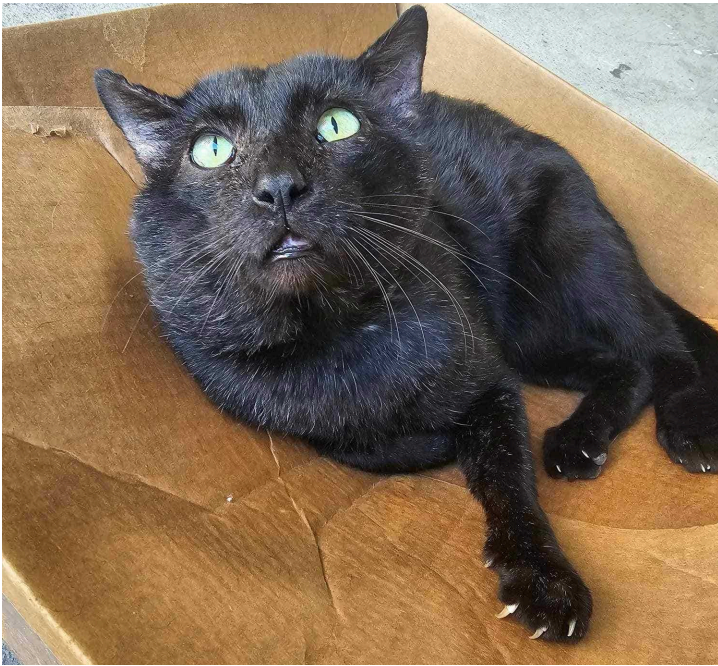
We opened our arms to Petunia when she was rescued from that place, promising her that she would never have to worry again. That she would always be provided a clean, warm, loving place to live out the rest of her days. And that is because you believe in us, because you share, you like, you support, you donate, and you give us the means to help the cats that so desperately need us.



Suzy, a beloved community cat of 11 years, cared for and treasured, faced an uncertain future. Congenitally blind in one eye, she lost her other eye in a vicious snake attack. She could no longer defend herself with the loss of her sight, and had to find a home. Suzy came to us hesitant, fearful, unsure of herself without the ability to see. Now, she owns Oasis patio and meows with a toy in her mouth as she scampers across the living room.



This is the kind of life we can provide the cats most desperately in need through, and only through, your continued support. Theodore, once living outside in a cold, worn cardboard box, now knows the comfort of a forever home with one of our lovely staff members.



Stitch, after overcoming mange, and living with a double positive diagnosis, now prances across Cookie's Cove like he owns the place.

Yzma, matted, malnourished, and abandoned to a life in the cold outside, is slowly gaining weight and becoming healthier with the tender touch of our wonderful staff and veterinary care.

Barney, sentenced to euthanasia for the crime of being feline leukemia positive, moved from circling a Family Dollar store to circling around the legs of staff and volunteers who adore him.

All of this and more is possible because of you. It's as simple as that. And to continue this important work that we do, we need your continued support. We know, in these unprecedented times, that so many are vying for your support. As veterinary costs increase, operation costs increase, and medical needs rise, your support is even more valuable, more meaningful, than ever before. And we are so grateful for each and every dollar you give to Shadow Cats.

So we ask, please remember Shadow Cats in your giving this Holiday Season, it would mean the world to a Shadow Cat.

It is you who gives us the wonderful opportunity to do what we do. You are the reason for our success, for the happy outcomes we have provided and will continue to provide to the cats that need us the most. Thank you, from the bottom of all of our hearts, for all that you do. The kitties, as always, and in their own way, say thank you too."

From all of us at Shadow Cats we wish you peace, joy, happiness, and good health this Holiday Season.

