

It's May, time to celebrate mom. Please remember cat moms, too, and all of their kittens

What's Been Happening at KittyKind?

As we know, KittyKind is dedicated to helping cats with special needs: the injured, the ill, seniors, and kittens. Other rescue groups know that, too, and they've reached out to KittyKind for extra help during the Covid-19 situation. KittyKind, of course, responded, and you can read some of the rescue stories below.

Coltrane

In March 2020, a teenage boy, carrying an IKEA bag, walked into Petco with an IKEA bag. He told KittyKind volunteers that he'd been on the "L" subway train and had found the bag with a cat inside. No one seemed to know about the cat, and he hoped KittyKind could help.

After much questioning of the teenager, the KittyKind volunteers accepted the cat, finding an immediate foster person to take the cat for testing. A music lover, she named the young cat Coltrane. Coltrane was hungry, friendly, and very sick.

A local veterinarian initially diagnosed Coltrane



as having an upper-respiratory infection. However, Coltrane continued to have labored breathing. Assuming that Coltrane would need extended care, KittyKind transported Coltrane to the KittyKind veterinarian. He removed half a cup of fluid from Coltrane's lungs, and tested him for FIP. The test was negative, but an x-ray showed a diaphragmatic hernia. Most of Coltrane's organs were in his chest cavity, and the pressure was causing fluid to accumulate in
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his lungs. The x-ray revealed that Coltrane had either been kicked or hit by a car. There was a BB-gun pellet lodged in one of his ears.

KittyKind agreed to pay for the surgery to reposition the organs and to repair possible lung damage. Coltrane had a 50/50 chance of survival. He came through much better than expected and is recovering at the veterinarian's office.

Coltrane's initial foster person said she thought the diagnosis was a "death sentence" because of the cost of the operation, over \$5,000, paid on credit. KittyKind pays for the best care it can afford, even when it "can't." Coltrane is now recovering and is being fostered with a person who intends to adopt him!

Bubbles

A local animal shelter asked if KittyKind could take Bubbles, an injured male cat that needed to rest in foster care for a few weeks. Bubbles had a fractured femur, and the shelter vet had put a pin in his leg.



Valerie Vlasaty, the Intake Manager of KittyKind, agreed to take Bubbles, but since this was during Covid 19, no one from KittyKind was able to check Bubbles out first, before going to foster.

The fosterer was not told to crate Bubbles, so Bubbles walked around in the house of the foster parent. There was a sore on Bubble's hip, that had puss. The sore ruptured on the second day of foster, and the pin on Bubble's leg popped out.

KittyKind transported Bubbles to the KittyKind veterinarian. He examined Bubbles, x-rayed his leg, and diagnosed that his pin had migrated and the femur had re-fractured.

After consulting with his surgeon, the KittyKind veterinarian quoted the surgery at about \$4,000. During the surgery, the doctors found that there was significant bony callus at the fracture site and that the leg could heal without further intervention. He also removed the pin. Bubbles is now curling up in foster care, recovering.

KittyKind FundRaising

With increased Intake, KittyKind also has some unanticipated expenses. KittyKind knows, though, that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. And who's tougher than a rescued cat?

Please click on the link below to learn how to double your donation
<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/kittykind-giving-tuesday>

Giving Tuesday May 5, 2020

This year, KittyKind is participating in #GivingTuesdayNow, a new global day of giving and unity that will take place on May 5, 2020 – in addition to the regularly scheduled Dec 1, 2020 #GivingTuesday – as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. But you don't need to wait—you can take action right now! Donate today to contribute to the KittyKind's response to the coronavirus, every dollar goes to saving a life!

GoFundMe Charity will match \$1,000 to qualified nonprofits that raise at least \$1,000 from ten or more donations on GoFundMe Charity.

Please click on the link below for furry wishes. Please remember mom cats, too!

Amazon Wish List : www.kittykind.org/wish/

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A Big Thank You to the Petco Foundation:



KittyKind would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Petco Foundation for our 2020 Grant Award. This will help us continue our shared mission of creating a better world for animals and the people who love and need them. This grant has allowed us to pay for a surgery for a new cat, and we'll be putting some of the grant money toward spaying and neutering while the ASPCA clinic is closed during the Covid-19 crisis, along with keeping all those litters we'll be seeing soon up-to-date on vaccines.

The Petco Foundation has assisted KittyKind for many years. They're a vital partner in our goal of finding great homes for great cats, along with supporting other pet charities throughout the United States.

You can read more about the Petco Foundation at petcofoundation.org.

**And, Other Grant Applications Are Pending.
We'll Keep You Posted.**



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Sheltering at Home. What My Cat Taught Me

Thank you for sharing your lessons. Our cats probably wonder what took so long!



From: Jean Fox, Director of KittyKind

After 5 weeks of Eddy & Pete staring at me, I finally figured out why. I am sitting beside their laser pointer! I love watching them running around in circles.



From: Leighann Terraforte

My cat Richie taught me that he loves to watch “Birds for Cats” on Netflix.



From: Emily Wang

My cat has taught me that being stuck at home isn't too bad after all:

Panda's calmness relieves my anxiety about everything that is going on right now. He loves to cuddle and beg for treats. When he greets me, he'll roll over and shove his muzzle into my palm as I pet him, purring. I look forward to seeing him every day and sharing his cuteness with my friends. Thanks + stay safe

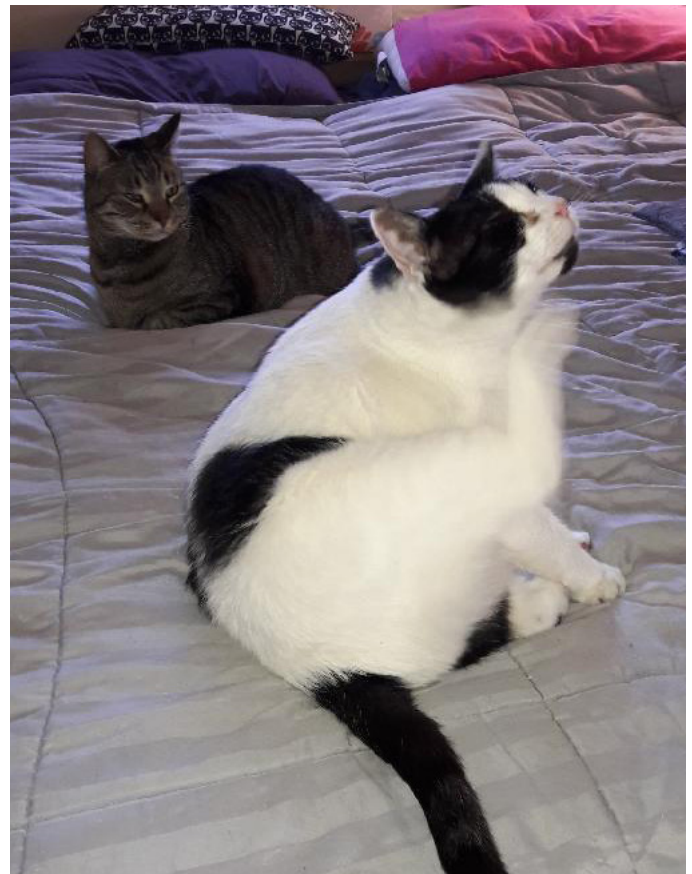
Sheltering at Home. What My Cat Taught Me



From: LM

My cats taught me while it's swell to be kind it's okay to be taken care of, too!

Pictured: Sonny adopted from Brooklyn ACC 1/2014 & JoJo (Jolene, formerly Sake) adopted from KittyKind 9/2018.



From: Marie M

Foster Fail Ninja and KittyKind alum Charley have taught me that it's OK to hang out on the bed all day.



From: Beverly Wilson

My cat Jellybean taught me no bed's too small

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From: Ben Liemer

Ziggy is my other orange male tabby, often overshadowed by my more outgoing, sociable, in your face KittyKind adoption from Jan 2015, Julius (Caesar). This picture captures Ziggy's overall approach to life. Inside my loft, he has no concerns. He sleeps on my pillow or at the foot of my bed every night, very reassuring to be sure. Ziggy approaches each day calmly, with his sweet nature and low key warmth. He has taught me not to worry or be anxious, but to live in the moment.

From: Josie Wang

My cats taught me to keep your loved ones close.



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