



Newsletter, Holiday Season 2020

## Home for the Holidays A KittyKind Special Edition

*This year, many of us long to go home for the holidays, but none more so than some special cats at KittyKind. They asked us to tell you a little bit about themselves. They said it's okay for their foster parents to chime in., too. With a little help, they hope to go home, soon.*

*The cats say: Please cross post our stories with friends and family (and include [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org)) We'll be happy to share more (well, when we're in the mood). Then you can be part of our story, too!*

### **TURTLE, transferred from Brooklyn Animal Care and Control, age 8**



*It's Friday night? What are your plans?*

**Turtle: Your lap and Netflix.**

*Favorite movie genre?*

**Turtle: Action-adventure, with a hot romance.**

*Favorite dance?*

**Turtle: The tango. I cut quite a figure in my day.**

*What is your favorite day of the year?*

**Turtle: Today. I once heard: "Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift." Will you be my present?**

TURTLE IS GIANT. At eight years old, this dude is 15 pounds of pure love and snacks. He loves to sleep on your lap. He's like a tiny, weighted blanket! So perfect for winter, and also spring, summer and fall. He's a gentle giant who loves to get petted. He's shy around new people, but once he knows you, he loves you.

Turtle likes a quiet home, so he can sleep on your lap. He also occasionally gets the zoomies. He's FIV and FeLV negative, neutered, and up to date on shots. Turtle is currently in foster care.

*Email [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org) to find your lap cushion.*

## CINNABUN and TIGRESS, Oldies but Goodies, age 11 and 10

**From Foster Carisa K.:**

**Hello and Happy Holidays!**

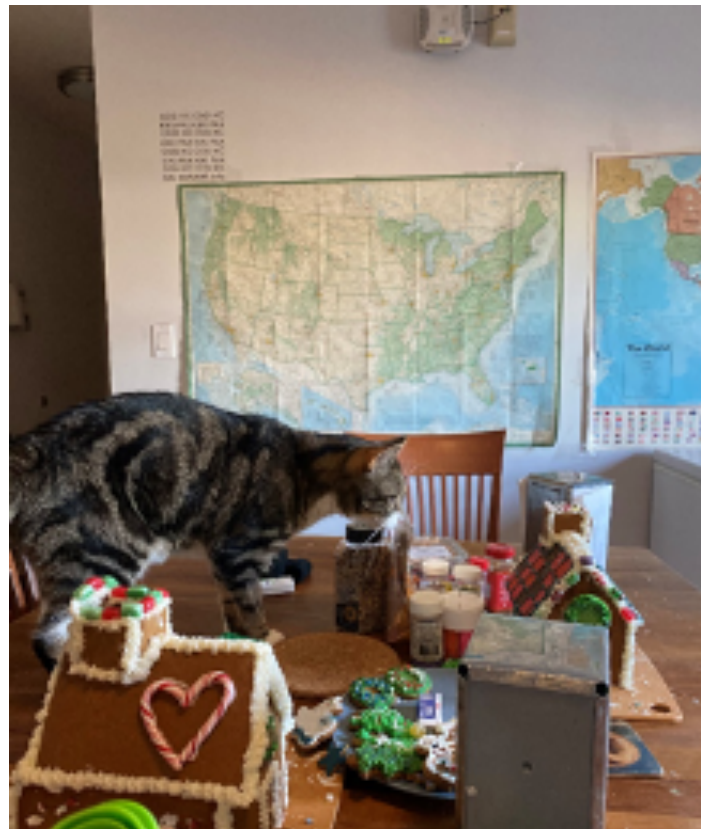
*Here are some vignettes about our two foster kitties, Cinnabun and Tigress*

When this pair first came into our home, they were cautious and quiet, spending most of the time snuggled together in hidden spots. It didn't take long for Cinnabun to warm up to his new environment, coming out regularly to enjoy mealtime and seafood treats. We noticed that Tigress followed Cinnabun's lead but stayed out for briefer periods of time. One evening after most of the family had gone to bed, one of us went into the living room to find Cinnabun and Tigress partying together, batting around legos and climbing on the furniture (they had thought we were all asleep!). Week to week they have revealed more about their personalities. They have a funny banter when together relaxing, Tigress exploring in a perimeter within a foot or two of Cinnabun, chirping at him or grooming him, with Cinnabun stretched out napping. They both enjoy drinking from human cups and mugs, fresh cool water preferred!

Cinnabun has particular interest in mealtime, trotting

like a miniature horse alongside his primary human caretaker glancing up with excited expectation about the upcoming meal choice (favorites include tuna, whitefish, salmon, and shrimp), and he really digs in! Tigress is quiet and stealthy, gently lapping up water and preferring the crunch of dry food. What hasn't changed over time is their connection to each other--they are rarely apart!

Cinnabun and Tigress are the purr-fect pair! If you are feel-ine that you don't have enough kitties in your home, then these are the two furr-iends for you! Cinnabun has thick, luxurious fur with his trademark cinnamon swirl pattern on his right side. He is quite social, following his primary human from room to room around the apartment. He becomes particularly talkative at mealtime and is fond of anything seafood. He has been seen exploring gingerbread neighborhoods and is quite chatty with its residents. Tigress is a quiet, cautious kitty--until she's not! She loves exploring the apartment with her long-time partner Cinnabun (typically when only one or two humans are in the room), purring, chirping and meowing to Cinnabun. She loves being petted and brushed by her humans.





*If you were a dessert, what would you be?*

**Cinnabun:** Key Lime Pie (a little cinnamon spice in the crust, super sweet)

**Tigress:** glazed raised donut--classic, simple

*What is your favorite school subject?*

**Cinnabun:** Litter-ature

**Tigress:** American Hiss-tory

*What is your favorite show?*

**Cinnabun:** Fur-iends

**Tigress:** Wheel of Fur-tune.

*It's Friday night...what are your plans?*

**Cinnabun:** Listening to meow-sic

**Tigress:** Doing something furr-miliar

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**Cinnabun's Joke of the Day:**

**What is a cat's favorite car to drive?**

**Answer:** A Fur-rari



Cinnabun and Tigress are currently in foster care. Cinnabun and Tigress are FIV and FeLV negative, neutered, and up to date on shots. Email us at [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org) to apply for this cuddly duo!



## **LIZZIE, Elite Athlete, age 3**

**From foster Jonathan L.**

Even though Lizzie is only 3 years old, her 101-year-old owner recently passed away. She's mourning her person and the low-key life she knew, but she has been adjusting well to her new life. She loves conversation and will happily chirp and meow back to you while you talk about food, birds, politics--she doesn't care what you're saying, as long as you're saying it in a friendly way.

Until recently, Lizzie's foster family knew her as just a sweet, cardboard box loving, animal video watching cat. **But Lizzie has now come to reveal her super-power and true passion: the Cat Dancer toy.** Training with intensity and dedication, Lizzie has achieved ninja skills with the Cat Dancer, inventing new techniques for chasing, jumping and stalking the toy that – especially now that she has started a YouTube Channel dedicated to the art form – will be admired and imitated by kitties far and wide. Lizzie is now looking for an owner (and potential talent agent) to help her with her Cat Dancer training... especially one that likes snuggles :)



*Intense focus during Cat Dancer training.*

## Q&As

*Favorite place to do videoconference calls?*

**While I usually love to sit next to my human on the couch, when Zooming with my Kitty Krew, I can be found on my magnificent corrugated cardboard throne (also known as my cat scratcher bed).**

*Playtime, Sleep time or Tik Tok?*

**I think the better approach is playtime, then sleep time. Who needs Tik Tok when there are catnip toys to cuddle?**

Lizzie is FIV and FeLV negative, spayed, and up to date on shots. Email us at [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org) to apply for this smart, adaptable, thoughtful lady!

## MYE, Vivacious Fashionista, age 6

I'd love to tell you my story, but that will take a book (which I'm working on right now! Look for my memoir, *Oh Mye Mye*, (coming in 2021!). The brief version is I was sadly forced to have litters of adorable kittens that were then sold! I'm now spayed and really enjoying my retirement! I know I'm very young to be retired—that's the good part of my story. But I know the best parts are yet to come.

I'm looking for a new home that will let me hang out and do my writing. I can be a little shy at first, but I know we're going to love each other after a little while. I love to play, and I also love to nap and think. I get along with other cats, and I can also be the only cat in your home.

*Who's your favorite celebrity?*

**Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge, a mom and glamorous, like me.**

*What's your favorite color?*

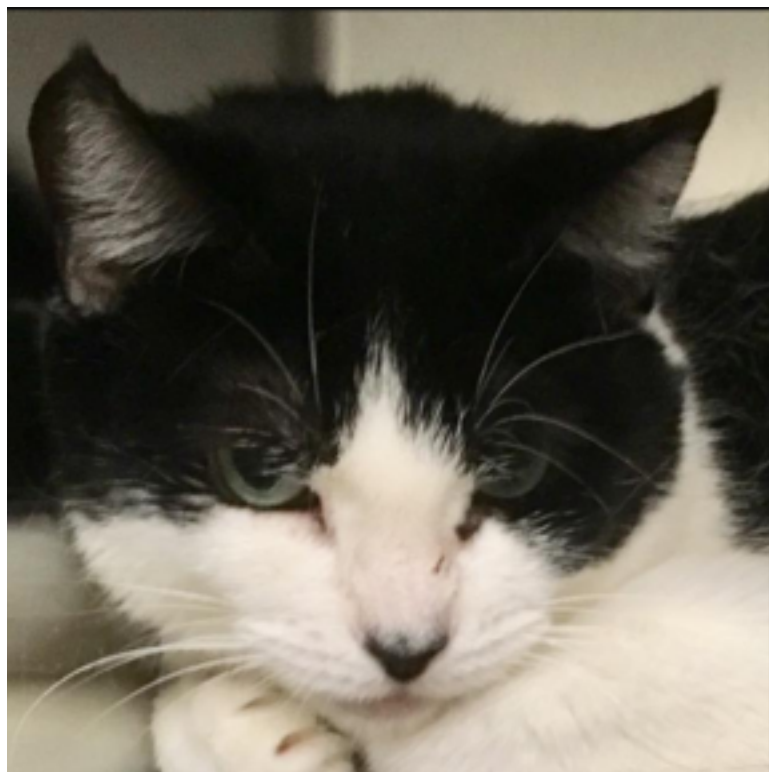
**Two: Black and white, so chic, like me.**

*Favorite television show?*

**Dancing with the Stars. Those clothes. Those moves—I taught them.**

**What's your number? ADOPT ME!**

Yes, I'm FIV and FeLV negative, spayed, and up to date on shots. Email me at [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org) and let's hang out!







## **LUNA, Graceful Gourmet, age 4**

Calling this gorgeous girl a tabby is like calling the Hope Diamond a rock. Her lustrous blue coat shimmers, and her accent stripes are a warm buff. She looks like a fancy pampered pet. But a few short months ago, she was living outside in Passaic, NJ, hugely pregnant and quite hungry. Rescued by a good Samaritan, she was fortunate enough to give birth indoors to a clowder of healthy kittens. They're all adopted, and now it's mom's turn!

Luna is an affectionate young lady who can be a little reserved when you first meet her. She's also independent and can make her own fun while you're out of the house. Luna gets along with other cats after being properly introduced, but she'd be a great single cat too.

### **From foster Gabrielle C.**

I had a great few weeks with Luna. When bringing her home her personality was definitely more dominant in the beginning as it took a few days for her to adjust and relax which I figured was normal. She's very curious and loves to roam around the apartment. She very good at keeping herself busy that way. Yet at the

same time she is very calm and likes to nap on the couch next to her humans throughout the day. Important to note she does not do well with dogs as far as I know. She's funny and will make you laugh. She loves her meals and looks forward to breakfast and dinner! She gets really excited when she smells my home cooking and she'll sometimes put on a show for when she wants more food. She's independent and only likes to be held sometimes when she's in the mood, but when she is, she loves a good belly rub. She'll greet you when you come home, give you all the feels, and will easily bond with you. Sometimes she'll give you a little love bite, but doesn't mean any harm.

She'd be a great pet for many, and she will be truly missed when she's gone!



### **Q&As**

*What's your love language?*

**Physical touch. Belly rubs are my weakness.**

*What's your perfect day?*

**I love to go for long walks around the apartment. In the mornings after a breakfast, I like to stare out the window at the birds and the bee's. It's my happy time.**

*Friday night activity?*

**I'm more at the stay-at-home type with a good Netflix binge, and snacks. Can't forget the snacks.**

Luna is FIV and FeLV negative, spayed, and up to date on shots. Let's discuss menus at [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org)

## KIWI, A Loaf of Marble Rye, age 3

Kiwi was found as a neighborhood stray with infected ears and a hurt paw which caused him to slightly limp. He showed up in our backyard and hung out on our patio furniture regularly for about three days straight prior to us determining he needed a helping hand and taking him in. He seemed intimidated by the local feral cats and was very comfortable being around us. Due to his affectionate nature, preference for being indoors, and his affinity for humans, we believe Kiwi was at one point a house cat who was put outside and left to fend for himself. He has since been neutered, treated for his paw and infections, and is ready to go to a loving forever home.

Kiwi will be quick to win you over with his big green eyes and sweet and quirky personality. He loves to run, jump, and play! Despite his



bursts of energetic playfulness, he will quickly revert to a calm state. When he isn't folding himself into a loaf, he likes to knead the closest thing he can with his little white mittens (couch, pillow, human, you name it!)

Kiwi was surprisingly affectionate for a kitty in a strange new home and became more and more cuddly as he got comfortable with us. He will sometimes even ask us to rub his soft white belly!

Watching him play is sure to provide loads of entertainment. He can be clumsy at times but always shakes it off and keeps on going, treating the world as his own personal jungle gym! He loves to chase and hunt his toys. The best part is his little butt wiggle right before he leaps after something! He is especially fond of tennis balls and will hop all over the place kicking them back and forth. Oddly enough, he also enjoys playing in and hanging out in his cat carrier – he is always down for a car ride!

Kiwi has hilarious facial expressions that are sure to keep you laughing. He likes to be around people and can usually be found curled up against someone trying to catch some zzz's.

Kiwi is very food motivated and will do anything for a good snack!

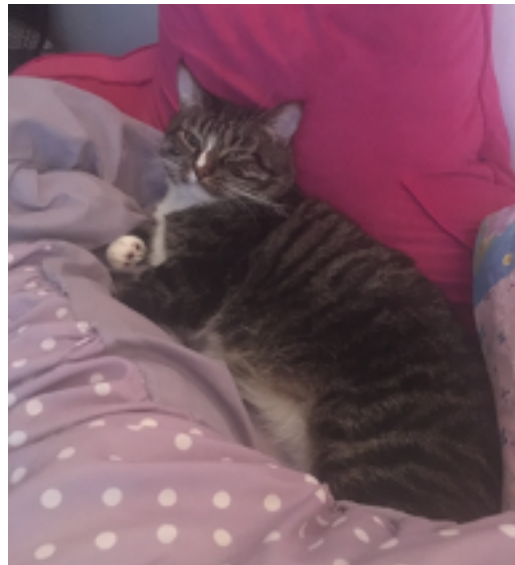
### Interview:

*If you were a dessert, would you be?*

**Kiwi souffle. A squeeze of sweet, a touch of tart.**

*Squeaky of bouncy – what do you look for in a toy?*

**In a toy? Food.**





*What do you value most in a friendship?*

**Laughter, lots of it.**

**More about Kiwi, from foster Linnea M.**

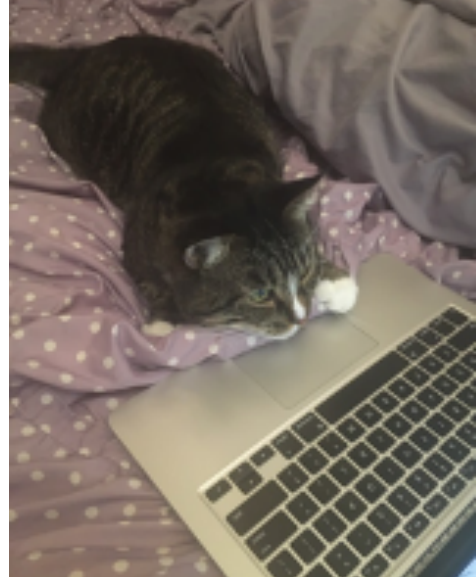
The very second Kiwi entered our apartment he made himself at home. While he's a bit mischievous and likes to get into places he shouldn't (like closets and counters) his shining personality makes up for it all. He loves to be nearby to his humans and will meow at you to let you know he's ready for more attention. You'll often find him lounging near you, where you're cooking, lying in bed or just working on your computer. He loves his pets and to be brushed and will roll around for you to let you know how happy he is. He loves to watch bird videos and will slow blink at you to let you know he appreciates you. He loves to play and can be a bit feisty during it, but he really is an awesome love bug of a cat.

Kiwi is **FIV positive and FeLV negative**. Feline

Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is a lentivirus, like HIV, that affects cats around the world. FIV is only contagious among cats and difficult to transmit. It is also slow-acting, so cats generally do not show any symptoms until years after being infected. The amount of time it takes for the virus to make a cat become immune compromised

can vary, but once symptomatic, FIV positive cats are more vulnerable to contracting other diseases. However, **with the proper care, FIV positive cats can live healthy, happy lives.**

**Kiwi says: Hurry to [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org) to apply! I just scrolled it on the screen.**



## **ALBERT, Fire Island Rescue, age 5**

*Favorite film star?*

**Charlie Chaplin? I've watched all his movies.**

*What is your guilty pleasure?*

**Food. What's guilt?**

*Do you have special talents?*

**I can eat, be petted, be brushed, and adored, all at the same time. Just don't surprise me.**

*Car ride or long walk?*

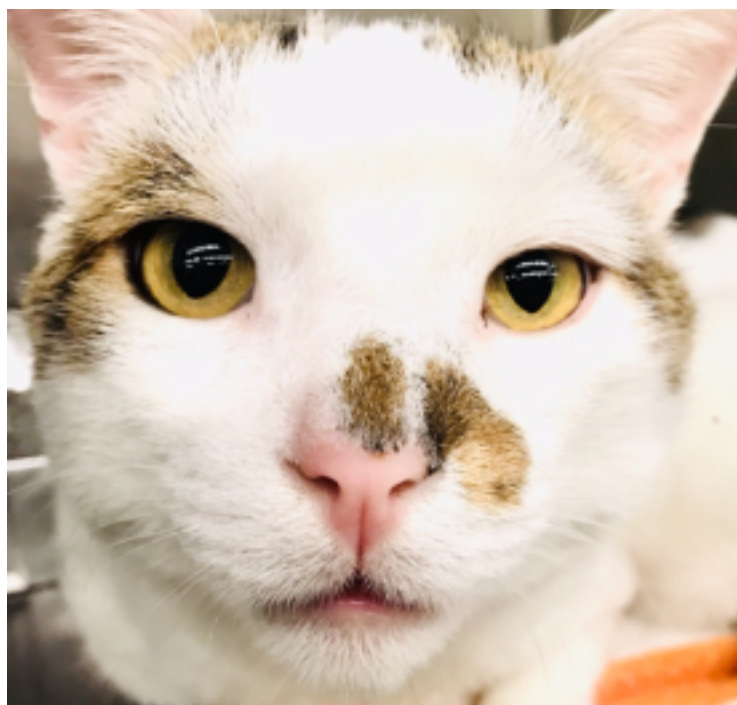
**You have your species mixed up. I'm a four-on-the-floor guy.**

*It's Friday night? What are you plans?*

**A race around the house and then a snooze as I stretch across your sofa.**

Albert is a sweet funny guy who was living with quite a few other cats in a home on Fire Island when a local rescue group was called to come help get some of the cats adopted. He's always ready to get petted, and he'll headbutt your hand to show his happiness.

Albert is FIV positive and FeLV negative. Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is a lentivirus, like HIV, that affects cats around the world. FIV is only conta-



gious among cats and difficult to transmit. It is also slow-acting, so cats generally do not show any symptoms until years after being infected. The amount of time it takes for the virus to make a cat become immune compromised can vary, but once symptomatic, FIV positive cats are more vulnerable to contracting other diseases. However, **with the proper care, FIV positive care, can live healthy, happy lives.**

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## **AYRA, Pirate Lady, 5 years**

Do you like to be greeted when you come home? Then I'm your girl! I prefer taking my time to bond with my people but once I do I bond for life! I want to follow you around the house, and flop over to try and get chin and ear pets. I LOVE my brush, and also chasing after my wand toys and using my scratchers. But don't be scared--I can hang out all day by myself, so I won't



I'm a strong, independent lady who loves hard on my terms. If you're not sitting, I will mew at you until you sit so I can get brushed on a lap! Just don't touch my belly. Also, I startle easily. In fact, sometimes I get so nervous that I hide and want to be left alone. But before you know it, I'll be a love bug again and want petting and company. My first humans love me so much, but they recognized that I need an experienced cat owner and no kids. I hope we can be best friends.

### **Me, Arya, as told to my foster mom, Joyce L.:**

My name's Arya. That's Hebrew for lioness. My name suits me quite well because I will be the protector of your house. I will patrol all your windows and make sure no critter comes near your house. In general, it boosts my ego watching small creatures bow down to my royal presence. When I want something, I demand it (that includes your love and affection... and food).

be lonely when you go to work. I'll work on my puzzles (serious--I do puzzles. I like the puzzle game with snacks in it).

Technically, I'm a "special needs" lady because I have only one good eye. My other eye has been like this since I was a baby. I have no idea what happened but I've been told I had an upper respiratory illness as a kitten. I can do everything I need to do, including head-butting your hand for more scritches!

When I demand your attention, I will paw at you and vocally express it to you. Sometimes, I'll even step on your items, decide to sit on them and stare you down until I get your affection! If I trust you, I'll roll over and show you my belly. But don't touch my belly, that's asking for trouble! Wherever you go, I'll be there, especially when you are finished for the night—I'll be right by your side on your bed. Think you can get some privacy at the restroom, not with me around! If you are having a rough day, I'm right there. I'm also known for my million-dollar biscuits and my loud meows. Playtime is one of my favorite things to do! You'll see me do zoomies all around the house and chase after toys. I particularly enjoy toys I can chase after, can kick to release my hunting instincts, and toys that make sound.

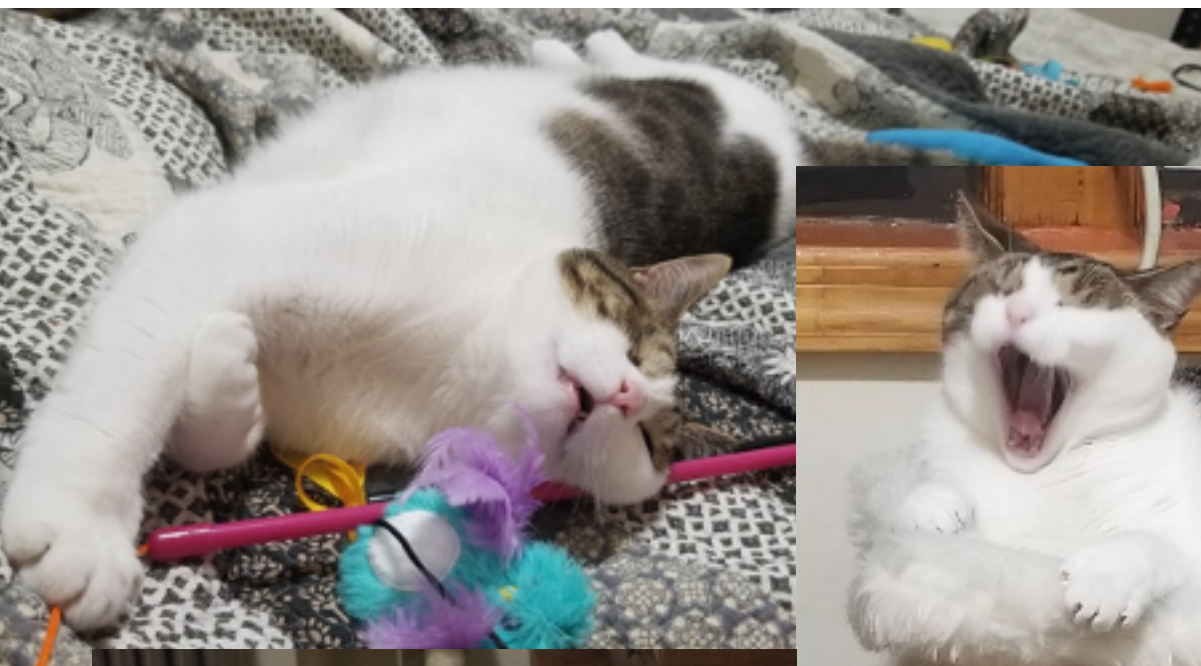
*What do you value most in a friendship?*

**Loyalty, despite my quirks.**

*Complete this sentence: "I wish I had a friend with whom I could share ..."*

*continued after photos*





*Arya, continued*

I must admit, some days are harder than others. When I was little, I lost sight in my right eye and I get anxious sometimes. Because of that, my foster mommy is always watching me, and offers CBD treats 2x a day to help with my struggles. She notices that when I am anxious, I need time alone or need a generous playtime session and pets. I hope I can find a person that will accept me for who I am and know that if you give me enough time and love, I can learn

to trust you. I will reciprocate back the same love and attention you give me. Will you be that person for me?

*What's a perfect day for you?*

Wake up to friendly face. Play, sleep, play. Say good-night to the same friendly face.

Please email [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org) to meet me!



*Thank You!*

A special thanks from the KittyKind Board of Directors and all the cats, to all our volunteers. You have really come through for KittyKind and our rescue cats during a time of tremendous stress and change. Some of you have lost your jobs, and some have traveled to assist family members, some have children to care for, and some of you have even gotten Covid-19. Throughout it all, you've all been cheerful, professional, and gone above and beyond of what anyone would expect from volunteers. From opening your homes to foster our cats when we needed to close the shelter, to riding the subway to care for our cats when we opened it, to interviewing prospective adopters online, we're all impressed and touched by the amount of work you've done. We know this work isn't always easy, and we acknowledge the sacrifices you've made to help our cats.

*Purrs, Jean, Cathy C., Kathy S., Kimberly, Marie, and Val*



## HOLIDAY WISHLIST

We asked the cats what they wanted for the holidays. The kittens said toys. The adult cat—some living life five, six, even seven—all wanted a carrier to be carried home.



*Petmate Two Door Top Load*



After some debate, the cats agreed upon this carrier with two doors. Easy to get in to. Even easier to walk out of, into your home.

The kittens suggested that people pool resources and buy toys and food. They said Amazon is easy. (Hey, I'm just the reporter.)



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