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Happy post-Valentine's Day! In this issue, we continue to share the love and attention the volunteers give to the rescued cats. The Tuesday volunteers tell us about their experiences at KittyKind, and the cats weigh in, too. They share their career plans and tips on turning Tuesdays into an adventure. Please read on.

## JANUARY 2021 ADOPTIONS: 33 CATS

Cali, Chee Chee, Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Harriet, Huxley, Jamaica, Jay Catsby, Julian, Kat, Katie, Laney, Larry, Lizzie, Luna, Mikey, Mimi (fka Yackie), Minnie (fka Madrid), Mouse, Otto, Penelope, Pepper, Peter Pan, Petunia, Pugsley, Ricky, Sadie, Smee, Toasty, Wendy, Willis, Wyatt

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please share with friends and family the stories of the special-needs cats to help them find a forever home. Email [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org) to apply!



Jay Catsby and Daisy Mewcanan



Albert: Will he get his dream job?

## ALBERT: 5 Years, 3 Months

### ALBERT'S JOB INTERVIEW:

Albert has decided to support himself since he feels responses to his adoption application have been limited. We listened in on his interview.

INTERVIEWER: Hello, Albert. I'm Mr. H.R. of H.R. Associates. So, can you tell us how heard about this position?

ALBERT: Not hear. Smell.

INTERVIEWER: Excuse me?

ALBERT: The nose. You're next to a croissant factory, no?

INTERVIEWER: Um, yes. So, tell us three strengths you bring to this position.

ALBERT: I can sleep during the day, in the evening, and on weekends. Preferably on the keyboard.

INTERVIEWER: Right. And can you describe a weakness?

ALBERT: There is no answer. The question is absurd.

INTERVIEWER: Tell us why you left your last position.

ALBERT: My person, he stopped picking up the things I knocked over. The fun was gone.

INTERVIEWER: I see. How do you feel about teamwork?

ALBERT: If the team knows how to use the laser toy, I approve.

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INTERVIEWER: Tell us how you would handle a co-worker who doesn't pull his/her weight.

ALBERT: I usually eat their lunch.

INTERVIEWER: Where do you see yourself in five years?

ALBERT: The nine lives. They are mystical. Cats do not discuss.

INTERVIEWER: Umm ... let me see. When would you be able to start?

ALBERT: Start what?

INTERVIEWER: Do you have any questions for me?

ALBERT: You've said it all.

(We did try to coach Albert but -- oh, please, just adopt him, before his next interview!)

"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 will headbutt your hand to show his happiness."

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## **HENRY: 6 years, 2 weeks Courage with Cute**

Henry would do best in adult-only home. Henry was in a very precarious and abusive situation living in a car with a man who picked up stray cats from the street. The man stepped on Henry and in self-defense Henry bit him in the leg. The man then hit him in the face with a metal trowel as punishment and left him to fend for himself, which led to significant lacerations on Henry's face as well as a swollen eye. Henry was then rescued and placed in the Love & Hope Animal Sanctuary (Franklin Lakes, NY). The founder, Virginia, cared for Henry since August 2020. She personally temperament-tested him for any aggressive tendencies and other behavioral issues and did not find any. She has written a letter on Henry's behalf. As of December 12, 2020, Henry is being fostered in NYC while he waits for his forever home.

Henry is a giant, lovable leonine beast who is full of personality. He adores a good petting and is an all-around excellent cat."

Henry is neutered, FIV and FeLV negative, and up to date on shots. We're not sure exactly how old he is--vet estimates range from 3 years to 6 years. Because of his

From Albert's current foster parent, Greg C.:

"OMG breaking news! So, Albert has begun to come to the couch while I'm watching tv and sit on the cushion behind me. I had a comforter on me, and he came and sat on my lap! I couldn't believe it! He is purring now. He was letting me rub his head while he was on my lap. He would jerk out of it a couple time. ... He is also spending a lot of time active running around the house now, watching the birds outside the window. Overall, he seems happy!"

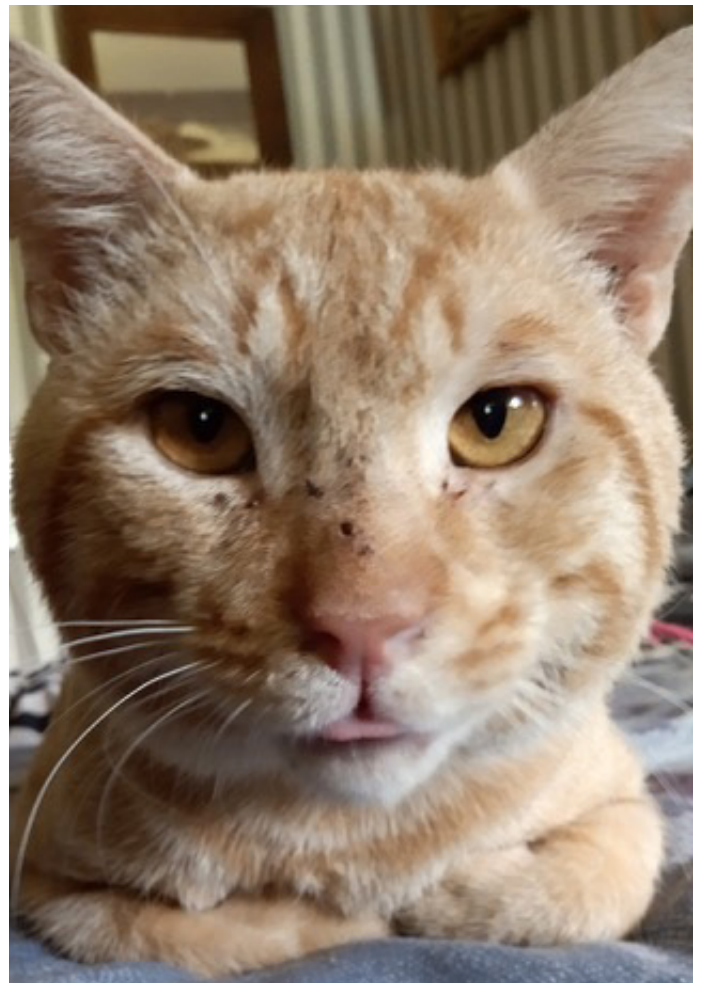
Greg and the Foster Team can tell you more about Albert. Albert prefers not to share, publicly.

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 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.

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past trauma, he'd probably do best in a quiet home. Email [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org) to apply for this lion cutie.



## KIWI: 3 years, 6 months

KITTYKIND: Hello Kiwi. What've you been up to this month?

KIWI: Since I seem to be a monthly feature, I decided to market myself.

KITTYKIND: Really? And how are you doing that?

KIWI: I'm watching YouTube on how to look good on Zoom meetings.

KITTYKIND: What are some things you learned?

KIWI: You're supposed to have a window behind the computer. For backlight. But that's plain silly. We know if you see a bird, you're gonna jump over the monitor and disappear.

KITTYKIND: Perhaps. In five words or less, describe why someone should adopt you.

KIWI: Tender, tart, sweet, repeat.

KITTYKIND: Oh, here comes your foster mom with her camera.

KIWI: Excuse me. You're in my shot. Oh, all right. You can stay.

“Kiwi was found as a neighborhood stray with infected ears and a hurt paw which caused him to slightly limp. He has since been neutered, treated for his paw and infections, and is ready to go to a loving forever home.

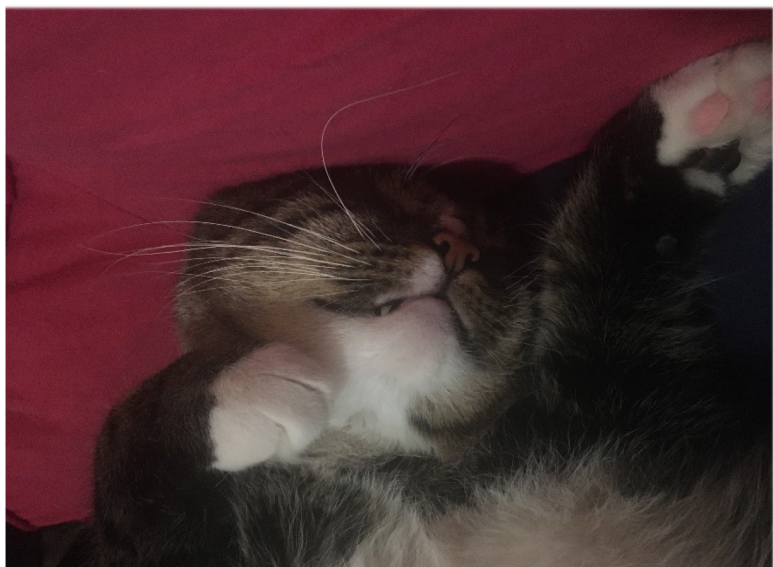
Watching him play is sure to provide loads of entertainment. ... The best part is his little butt wiggle right before he leaps after something! .Kiwi has hilarious facial expressions that are sure to keep you laughing. Kiwi is very food motivated and will do anything for a good snack!”

From Kiwi's current foster parent, Linnea M.:

“Kiwi is a big love bug. He likes to be near you, and hates it when you leave, but he still needs his personal space. He spends his nights sleeping at the foot of my bed or next to it, and during the day is always nearby. He loves to play, and you can often find him doing zoomies around the apartment. His favorite toys are mice and the laser pointer. His favorite things to do are eat, watch cat TV and stare out the window to daydream.

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## TUESDAYS AT KITTYKIND MEET THE VOLUNTEERS

From Lina D.: Cat-Care team, Tuesday A.M.

This is a picture of Cubby, my favorite buddy. I adopted him in August, after begging my landlady to let me have a cat. He is an 11-year-old Kitty Kind graduate who has many adoring fans, and has successfully taken over my apartment, social media, and life. I have no complaints.”

“My dream job as a kid was to be the lady at the vet’s office who found homes for kittens. While I have since moved on to have a different career, I still love cats and was missing them as my landlady did not allow pets. I started volunteering a little over a year ago and got a few months in before the pandemic hit.

I love getting to meet the cats! The other volunteers are great, too. It’s nice to meet others who love cats as much as I do. Before COVID, I was training to be on the Kitten Team as I have a background giving shots to livestock. While COVID has put a pause on me being able to be involved in that way, being able to stay involved has been a bright spot in the pandemic.

Why volunteer? You get access to kitties of all shapes and sizes, get to meet people who also enjoy felines, and get to give back.”



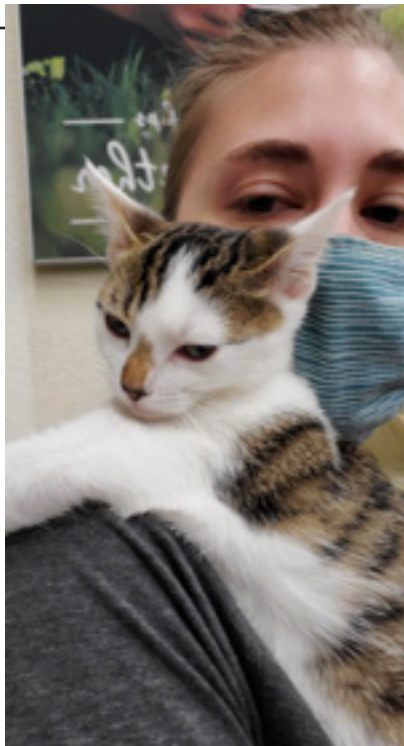
*Cubby, Lina D’s boss.*

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From Jessamin C: Adoption Assistant

“I started volunteering as an Adoptions Assistant with KittyKind in January 2018, and I am so glad I did. I grew up with cats, and at the time I did not have a cat of my own. Volunteering every week with KittyKind allowed me to spend time with all different kinds of cats and kittens, and I have learned so much over the past 3 years.

I am always impressed by the dedication and wisdom of our KittyKind Adoption Reps. Our reps are fantastic leaders and are so knowledgeable about our cats and how to care for them in all types of home environments. All of our volunteers are incredibly passionate about finding secure and happy homes for our cats and are very hands-on in helping new cat owners find everything they need to care for their new furry friends. I have gained so much experience with this group, and I love talking to prospective owners about what they are looking for in a cat and helping them find their purrfect match. I have an immense amount of pride being a part of the KittyKind team because I know how hard we all work to make sure our cats and cat owners have the best adoption experience possible.



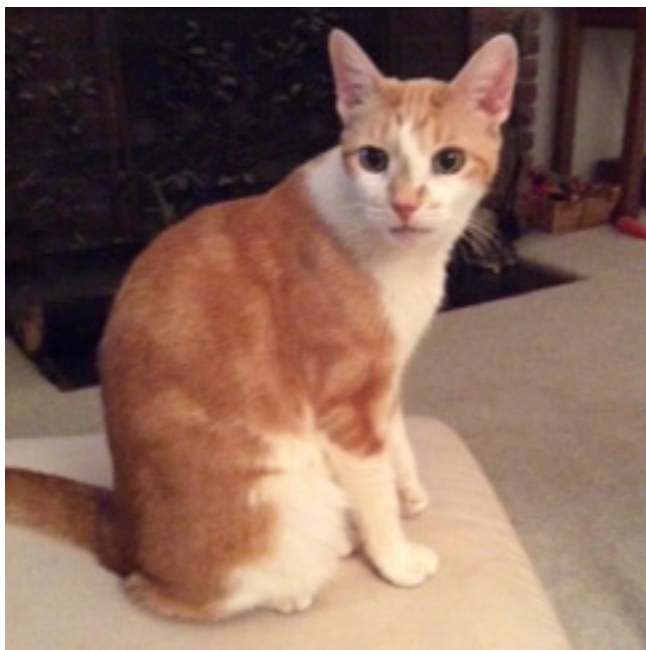
*Jessamin and kitten*

If you are a true animal lover and enjoy being a part of a dedicated team, KittyKind is the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. You get to meet kittens and cats from all walks of life and spend most of your time snuggling some great furry friends!”

## From Ina J.:Adoption Representative

“I started volunteering at KITTYKIND about 9 years ago!! I was a cleaner and feeder to start and then became an assistant adoption rep. I worked assisting Patricia K., who has been with KITTYKIND 22 years!!!

In 2018 I started responding to the emails we receive from people interested in adopting one of our cats or kittens. Some days are relatively quiet, and I get 1 or 2 inquiries. The other day, when the 4 Tree kittens went on our website, I responded to 47 inquiries. The big reward is when one of the people I am in contact with gives a forever home to one of our cats. The hard part is letting people know they do not qualify (they want a single kitten, want a cat that does not get along with others, lives outside of our adoption area, is less than



*Noodles (top left), Holly B.(bottom left), Sheldon (right)*

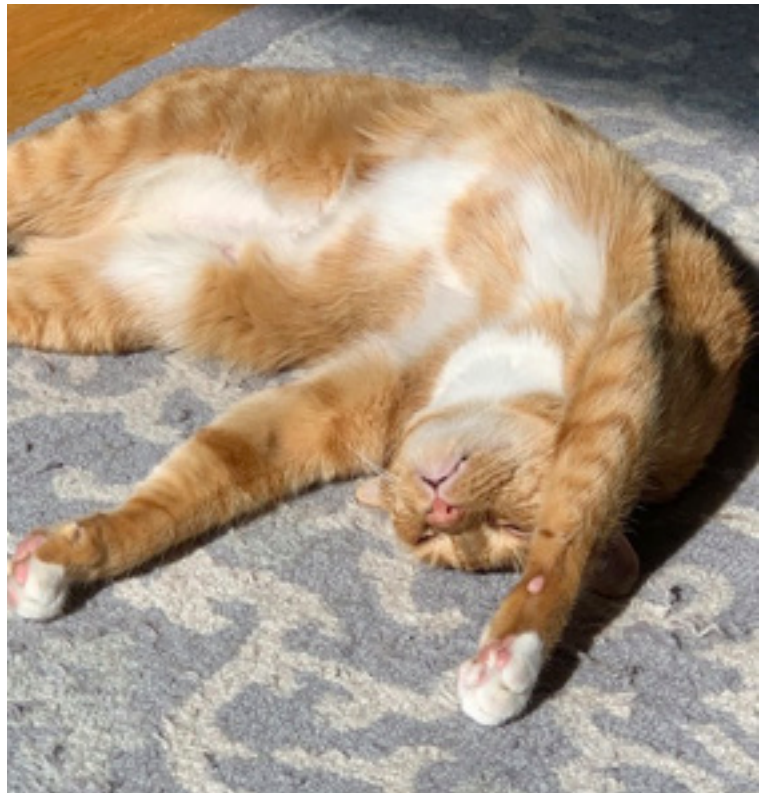
21 years old or is not a citizen or a permanent resident). Actually, the reward far out ways the tough times. it has kept me busy and engaged during COVID when I have not been coming to the city.

I would recommend to anyone considering volunteering that it is a wonderful and rewarding experience. Helping the cats brings unlimited love to you and them.

The first cat I adopted from KITTYKIND was Holly B. Patricia K. rescued her from Union Square. I always thought she was a bodega cat. She was older and had to have all her teeth removed. She was a wonderful girl who died suddenly on Christmas Day just 2 years after I adopted her.

Because I was volunteering at KITTYKIND I knew Sheldon. The following day I took Sheldon home. He had a condition with his eyes called Entropion, where the eye lashes turn in and constantly irritate the eye. He was 9 months old when I adopted him. He immediately had eye surgery and did very well. Sheldon is very funny cat. He is always out and about, even with strangers. He is now 8 years old and loves to run and play with his sister.

Noodles was my next KITTYKIND cat. She was 9 months old when I got her. She'd been recovering for a long time with ringworm. She came home and immediately got along with Sheldon. She is very shy with strangers and hides under the bed until they are gone. No one would ever know I have 2 cats. She is now 5 years old and a very special girl.”



From Linnea M.: Tuesday Health-Care Volunteer, and Current Foster Mom of Kiwi

“Hello! I graduated from film school in the spring of 2020, and currently spend my time working a couple day jobs along with volunteering at Kitty Kind! I began volunteering at Kitty Kind about 3 years ago on the cleaning team, and now also do meds and foster! I think my favorite part of volunteering is getting to work with all the kitties and see all their personalities, and I love fostering because I get to have constant kitty snuggles at home. I got into volunteering because I missed my cats while at college and wanted a way to spend time with some feline friends and this has proved to be a great way! The hardest part of the job is falling in love with all the special kitties and not being able to keep them, but I love to know that we’re finding them good safe homes for the rest of their lives! The Kitty Kind family is great, and I love to be a part of it.”

From Veronica V.: Tuesday Health-Care Volunteer



Hi everyone, I'm Veronica, I'm on Tuesday's medical team. Volunteering for KittyKind has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. I started looking for a shelter to volunteer at because I've wanted to be somewhere where I can continuously grow, learn new things, and feel like I'm making an actual change for the animals I'm working with. Kitty Kind offered me exactly that, and ever since I started, I only wanted to continue dedicating my time to doing so. I can't thank everyone enough for the welcoming environment, continuous support, and non-stop knowledge being shared -- all while doing what we love. I've attached some of my favorite moments with the cuties at Kitty Kind, hope everyone enjoys them!"



## TUESDAYS AT KITTYKIND, THE INSIDE VIEW

The Tuesday team has shared some conversations they overheard.

KITTEN 1: It's Tuesday. Might as well be Monday. Nothing's happening.

GIRL CAT: Wait until tonight. The adoption reps come in. One of us, maybe all of us, could be adopted!

TEENAGER: You know people only want kittens.

KITTEN 2: I'm a kitten!!

GIRL CAT: Well, the rest of us can hold our own, too, little one. And how're you doing shy neighbor upstairs?

BOY CAT: When adopted, do I go through all this, again? Meet new people, get used to their hands, voices?

SENIOR CAT: Under the bed is the best place to hide. I've done it several times myself. Be prepared to sneeze though.

KITTEN 2: Why hide? I want a lap, bed, windowsill.

TEENAGER: Never sneeze. They take you to the vet.

GIRL CAT: Shush. People coming.

LATER THAT EVENING, THEY WHISPER.

KITTEN 1: Look at all those chairs and papers. This looks serious.

SENIOR CAT: Been there, done that, years ago.

KITTEN 2: My paws are sweating. That couple is looking at us.

KITTEN 1: Let's chase so they know what they're in for.

GIRL CAT: They're walking to you, shy one. They're smiling, nodding. The post-it's on your cage. You're going home!

BOY CAT: Now?! I'm not ready! Oh, the rep says this weekend. Good. You can prep me.

TEENAGER: I'll be.

KITTEN 1: We're next! Over here.

KITTEN 2: Look. I can climb the bars.

TEENAGER: Have you learned nothing? Be aloof. Audition them.

GIRL CAT: That lady's looking at me. She looks retired. Lots of snuggle time. Oh. She just wants to pet me. All right.

KITTEN 2: All these people. They think we're cute. But they want just one of us.

KITTEN 1: Never.

SENIOR: That a 'boy. Goodnight, all.

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Thank you, everyone, for everything you do. Stay tuned for more stories from KittyKind, and please share yours, too.

