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Newsletter, May 2021

Hello everyone,

We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter. We also hope you'll be an Adoption Ambassador and tell people you know about the KittyKind cats. Whether the person wants to adopt, foster, or just smile, every click helps. Click adopt@kittykind.org. Thanks.

Adoptions: March 2021, 23 Cats

Anthony, Badger, Betty, Brenda, Daisy, Edmund, Halsey, Henry, Holly, Jordan, Lala, Larry, Ma Barker, Mavis, Mye, Nana, Prince, Sparrow, Stormy, Sunny, Sylvia Miles, Willis, Wren



Clockwise from bottom left: Edmund; Anthony; Sylvia Miles (kitten) and Ma Barker; Mavis



Love Stories Grant

We all say we'll do it later, but today is yesterday's "later." Why are we nagging you? Other rescue groups have already submitted adoption stories for the Petco Foundation's "Love Story" grant. Let's get writing and clicking. Share how your furry friend has changed your life for the better. Whether you adopted yesterday, or fifteen years ago and your senior cat is with you, please share the highlights. Please click on the link below for how to win a possible \$100,000 grant for the kitties.

<https://petcolove.org/lovestories/>



ALBERT: His Job Search Continues

Albert has decided to return to school to upgrade his job skills. He's looking for work because he feels there's insufficient interest in his adoption application. We listened as he spoke with the admissions counselor for the Artificial Intelligence program at a local university.

Mr. A.I.: Hello Albert, so wonderful to meet you. Let's see. We have your application, test scores, and vaccination record. Are any of these vaccinations for measles?

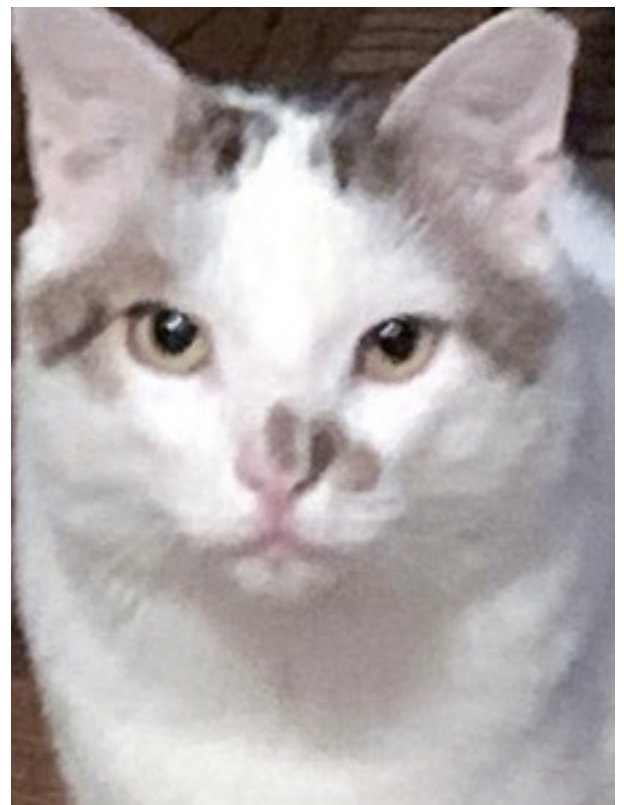
Albert: I doubt it.

Mr. A.I.: We'll speak to the admin later. So, your scores -- critical thinking, excellent; math -- well, we have remedial courses for that.

Albert: Remedial? I know the ounces of every can of food.

Mr. A.I.: Excellent. Now, tell me. Why A.I.? What does A.I. mean to you?"

Albert: Adoption Intelligence.



"I'm here about the job..."

Mr.A.I.: Ah! Very perceptive. We have constant dilemmas when we adopt A.I. There are concerns about job loss. There are ethical debates.

Albert: I just want to know how to get adopted.

Mr.A.I.: All in good time, Albert. Some of these concepts – they're covered in graduate school. So, what is your intelligence goal, Albert? Virtual reality, speech recognition, analytics?

Albert: CATS already possess those.

Mr.A.I.: Indeed. The Crisis Action Teams, the Cellular Action Teams, Computer Aided Technology – they're the poster child for A.I. But they, too, need innovations. You're thinking ahead.

Albert: Your courses – they cover adopter intelligence, too? What makes an adopter intelligent?

Mr.A.I.: The business courses do. A.I. adopters need to be progressive, ethical, and financially secure. And, of course, vetted.

Albert: Vetted?

Mr.A.I.: Do you have any questions about the tuition? It's here, in your contract.

Albert: Tuition?

Mr.A.I.: Let's see. Courses start next week. That gives you time for your measles vaccination, your first tuition payment, and your remedial math course.

Albert: I'll let you know.

Mr.A.I.: Please let us know soon. Slots are closing fast. We'd love your feedback.

Albert: It's been real.

Albert returned to his foster home, perplexed but determined. Please send your helpful suggestions to Albert, care of catcaremanager@kittykind.org

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.

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.

Email adopt@kittykind.org to apply! It's virtual, but Albert knows all about that.



Ever alert, even when napping

KIWI

KittyKind: Hello Kiwi. Thank you for taking the time to talk with us. We know you're busy, marketing yourself on Zoom, creating an FIV support group. How's your group going?

Kiwi: One second. I'm finishing my Happy Tales story for Elliott. He's a graduate of my support group --FIV Like Me. And he's a kitten! Wait. This is perfect timing! You can share the story.

ELLIOTT

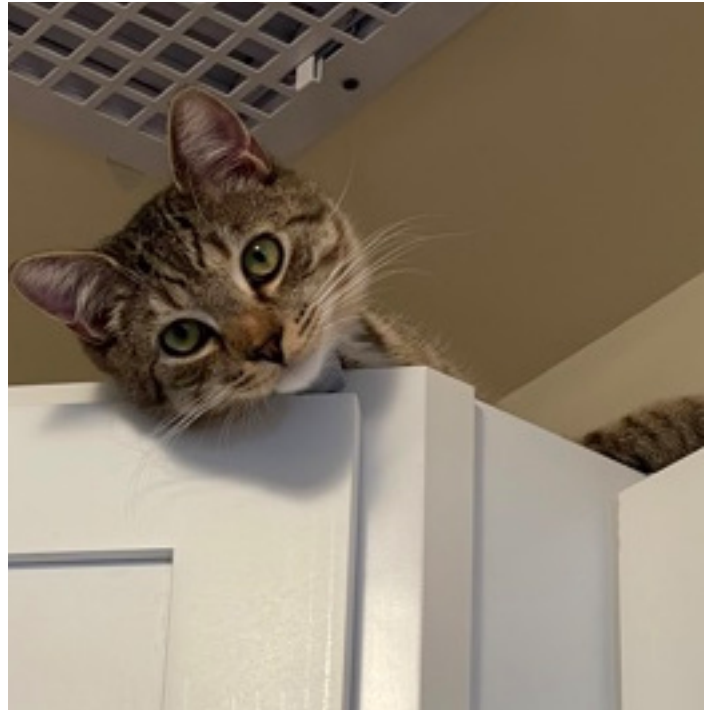
From LeeAnn W., Elliott's human mom

Hello there!

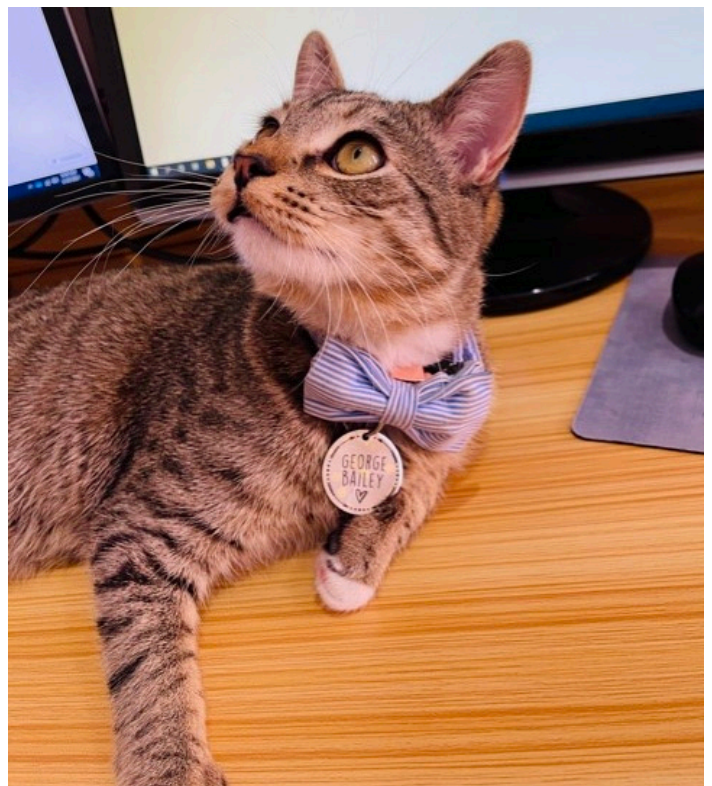
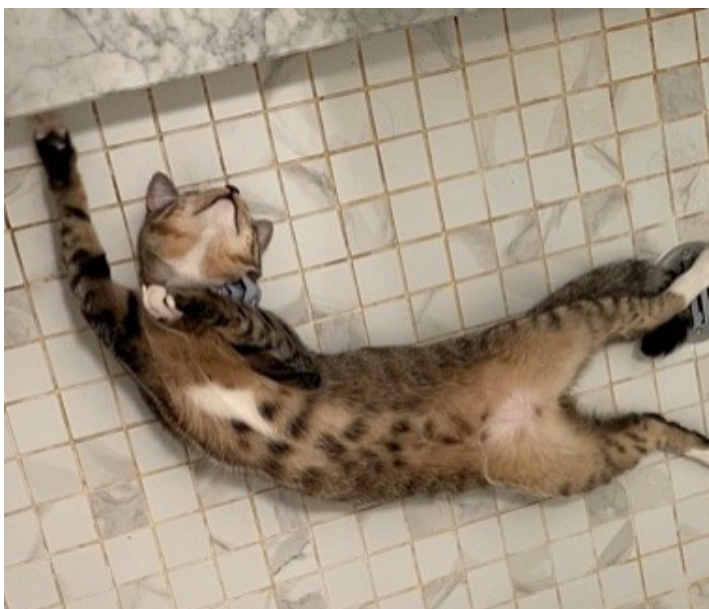
I just wanted to reach out to give y'all an update on Elliot, the sweet tabby boy that I adopted from KittyKind back at the end of February! First off, Elliot's name is now George Bailey, and he truly is living a Wonderful Life. He's as spoiled as a kitty can be, he loves the apartment, and is so, so happy.

His favorite places to hang out are either the shower (??), the top of my dirty clothes hamper (??) or his little hammock that hangs in the window. He loves to play, his current favorite toy is a feather toy his grandma got him, and his tower that he can smack around little plastic balls. He's a big cuddler, especially when he wakes up from a nap. He will usually wake up, come running over to me while he's steady talking (perhaps about his dream?), I put my hands under his arms and he does his stretchies, and then I hold him, and he tucks his face into my neck and cuddles for a little while.

I don't think I could possibly love a cat any more than I love him, and I just wanted to thank KittyKind for giving me the best little boy in the world. Attached are some pictures."



FIV positive kitten Elliot, living the high life



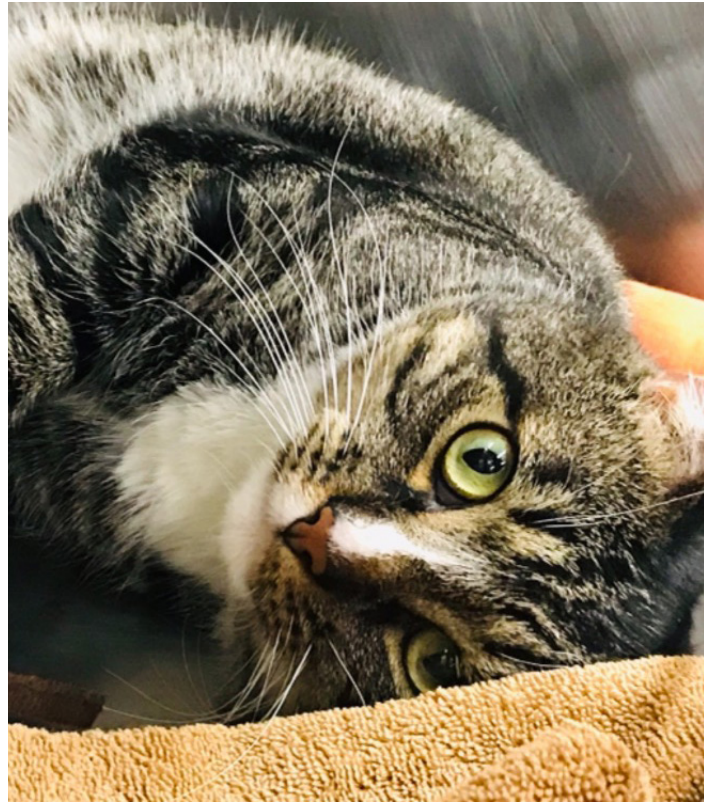
Kiwi: You got all that? Good. Say a few words about myself? Text me. We'll share.

Please text Kiwi at adopt@kittykind.org

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

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Kiwi is handsome, smart, and funny.

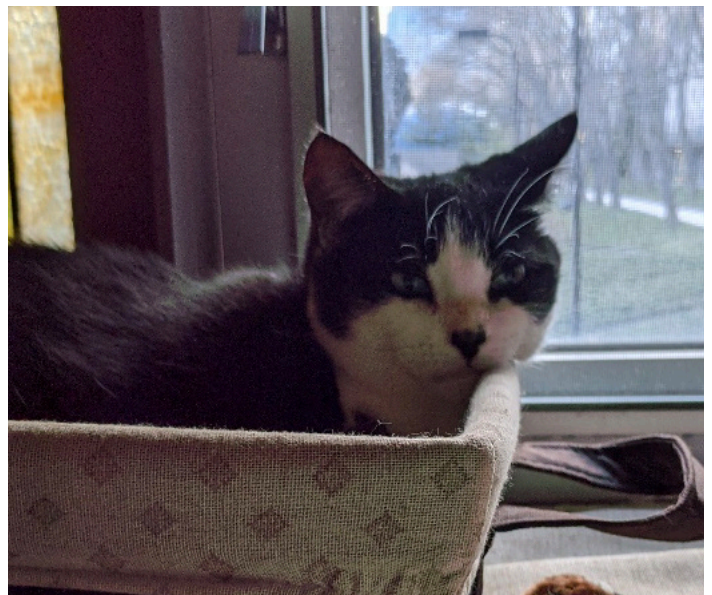
MYE

Mye has been waiting for a home since 2019. During that time, she has been writing her memoir. Now adopted, she has agreed to share some excerpts:

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, coming out later this year!) 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—BUT the BEST part, I'm now ADOPTED:

From Bridgit M., Mye's human mom:

I am happy to say that Mye is doing very well indeed! She was hiding under the bed the first few days but has warmed up quite a bit and now loves to eat meals with us and she gets brushes and scratches all the time! We are so happy to have added her to our little family, and I think she is just as happy as we are. Thank you so much for taking such good care of her!"



FRIDAY VOLUNTEERS AM

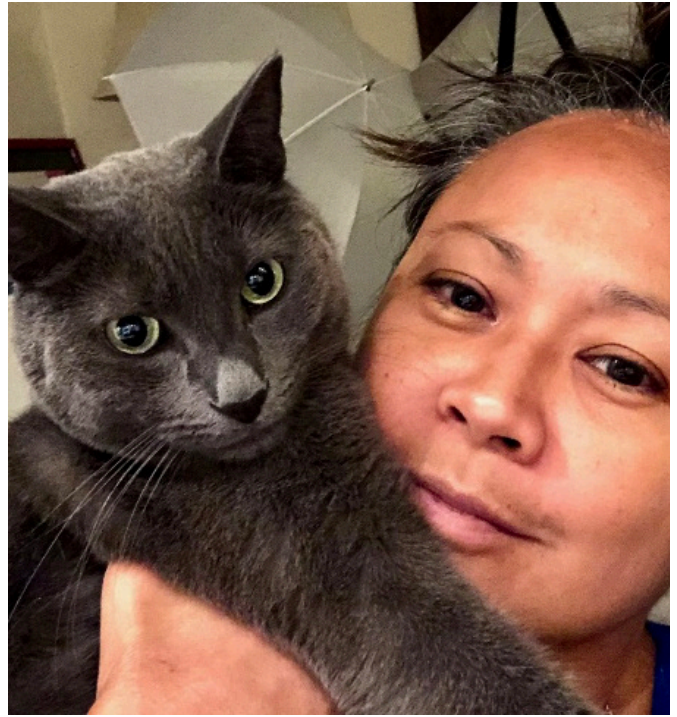
Michelle A., Feeding/ Cleaning Volunteer

I started volunteering in 2008.

I adore cats and absolutely love spending time with them! I'm very passionate about the vital work of rescue groups, and want to support in any way I can -- being a foster mom, helping as a cleaning and feeding volunteer, donating, etc.

What I enjoy most about volunteering is knowing that I'm helping to give these kitties a second chance at happiness. I enjoy talking with them and showering them with affection and kindness. Every single one is unique, special, and lovable!

I'd tell new people that this is an incredibly rewarding experience. Being a part of KittyKind is not only a transformative experience for the rescued cats but is also fulfilling for the humans!



Michelle and Gunther, KittyKind Cat



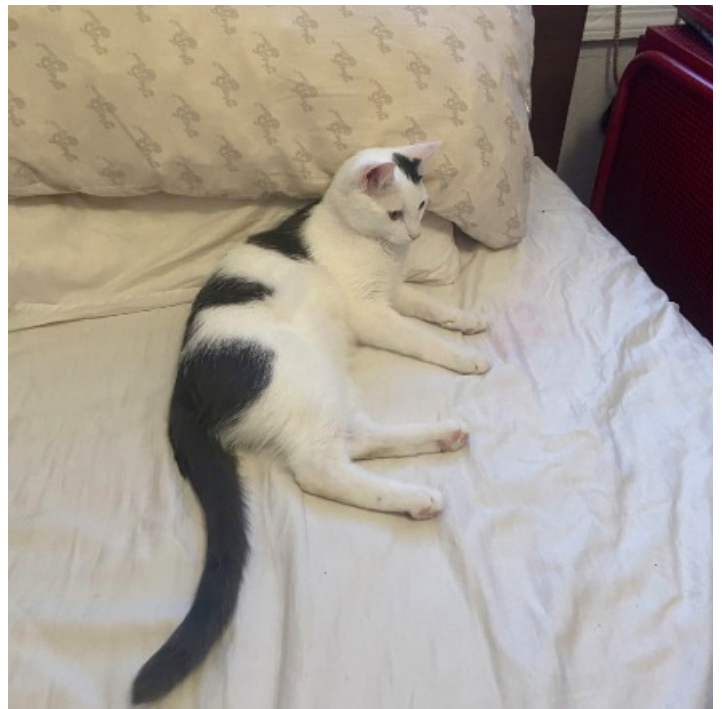
Carden Pressley: Health Maintenance Volunteer

My life has been pretty uneventful the past few months as I'm finishing up a crazy semester of school at NYU, but my cats have definitely been a huge stress reliever for me.

They have gotten so big lately, it makes me nostalgic for when they were kittens not too long ago! I was happy to find out that Kathy S. adopted two of my cats' litter mates, formerly Sunny and Stormy and now Ziggy, and Maddie.

It has been great to be able to get back to volunteering at Petco in person like normal. I missed everyone so much! Here are some of my fav pics.

(Carden is a pre-vet student at NYU, and in the summer, she volunteers at a wildlife refuge in Florida, doing research and hands-on work. Stay tuned for photos of armadillos.)



Beverly Wilson, Health Maintenance Volunteer

"I first went into the Petco store on 17th Street in the summer of 1999. I was on my lunch hour and needed cat food for my cats at home. I stumbled upon what looked like a wall of cats. In front of them was a young woman in jeans and a food-stained t-shirt. She was locking the cages, wiping a table, and wheeling away a cart. I asked her about the cats. In a French accent, she explained that the cats were rescues, awaiting adoption. She said she volunteered in the summer, while on break from the Sorbonne and while visiting relatives in Manhattan. Then she wheeled away the cart.

In front of the cages, I did all the things we ask the public not to do: I petted noses, rubbed ears, and babbled baby talk. Five minutes later, the volunteer returned, transformed. She wore a black dress, gold jewelry, and perfume. With a cheerful wave, she said KittyKind always needed volunteers, and she gave me a flyer. I said to myself, "This can't be that hard."

The following week, I started as a cleaner and got to know many of the rescuers, some of whom rushed into KittyKind during their lunch hour to give sneezing cats medication and needed care. At that time, KittyKind had an almost non-existent budget for care. I learned basic health care from the rescuers who were following-through on the prescriptions from their veterinarians. Also, my veterinarian at the time did frequent house calls to my nursing wing: a diabetic cat, a heart-patient dog, a mega-colon cat, a kidney cat, and a thyroid cat. I



Mr. Lemon and his belly rub.

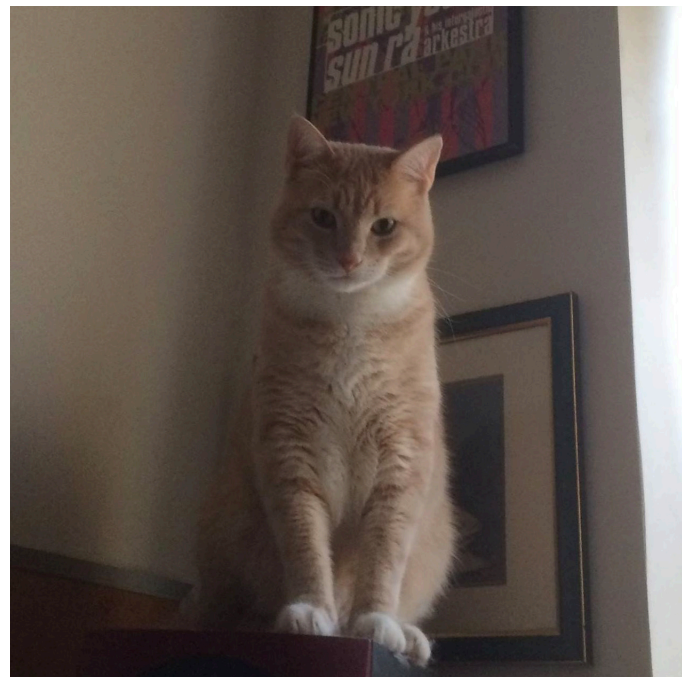
recruited volunteers from local pre-vet colleges for KittyKind, and the Health Care team was formed.

I volunteer on that team, help with fund raising, and write this newsletter --with a lot of help from Jean F., Valerie V., Marie M., Michael M., and Josie W. In addition to meeting wonderful people at KittyKind, I also love seeing the cats transform from scruffy and scared to purring and content. Somehow, though, I never mastered that wardrobe transformation."

Friday, PM

Ben L., Adoption Representative

Volunteering had been in the back of my mind since I adopted Julius from Kitty Kind's Kathy Schecter in January 2015. I used to live just off Union Square on 15th Street & 6th Ave for 14 years and regularly shopped at PetCo and visited KK. Six month-old Julius' high energy, uber playful antics had caused him to be returned by a young couple unsure if he was the right cat for their young daughter. Julius would be my sixth cat to date--I've always had two at a time. Since I now I live in a 1200 sq. foot entire floor loft in the Bronx, I figured he would be much happier there galloping around like a little Kentucky thoroughbred. He has presented me with quite a few challenges with his anarchistic, in your face style--he





Jules controls the speaker.

tells me what to do! It's his loft, I just serve in it as the waiter, menu selector, toy dispenser and master litter box cleaner!

Julius is outgoing, confident, not easily intimidated, loves people, and can still play rough at 6 years old. I've learned to see the world through his eyes, de-escalate and turn down his volume so to speak. Because of him, I now work hard to match the right cat to the right owners as an adoption rep, which I've been doing a bit more than a year. I find adoptions to be very rewarding and satisfying emotionally because every shift I get to make the world a little better place. It's a win win for me, the cats needing a new home and hope, and their new parents who are happy to have a great new addition to their home & family. I continue doing cleaning and feeding shifts though, because that offers me the best quality time to interact with each cat one on one and make friends. I try to especially reassure the nervous new arrivals either with a good brushing or a full neck and back massage.

If you truly love cats, I cannot honestly think of anything more rewarding than helping at KittyKind. There are all kinds of needs from feeding & cleaning to adoption to the medical team to the online and social media team. You'll be joining a great team of caring, committed people and that brings its own rewards.



R & R at KittyKind

FRIDAYS AT KITTYKIND, THE INSIDE VIEW

TGIF! It's time for adoptions! The cats are excited, especially the plus-sized ones. We listened to their conversation about the ever-changing real estate market in New York City.

Boy Cat, plus sized: I thought New York was a buyer's market now. What's with the size of this cage?

Teenager: I can barely turn my back when I act aloof.

Shy Potato, speaking to his brother, Pancake: Can I hide in your box? This cage is too big.

Pancake: Go ahead. I can flatten myself more.

Girl Cat: When we're adopted, we can run and run all night long.

Boy Cat: The adoption reps always carry on about the windows having screens. I want to know square footage.

Teenager: And vertical space, too. It's good to keep them looking for you. You get treats to come down.

Potato: We climbed a tree once. Do apartments have trees?

Girl Cat: You'd probably have to move to Brooklyn.

Pancake: This cage has too many windows. Everyone looks in.

Girl Cat: One step closer to adoption!

Boy Cat: I need a king-size mattress, no studios for me.

Potato: That sounds great. Lots of space to underneath.

Girl Cat: I do like carpets. No cold tiles.

Teenager: I want lots of rooms, windows, no eastern exposure though. I sleep in.

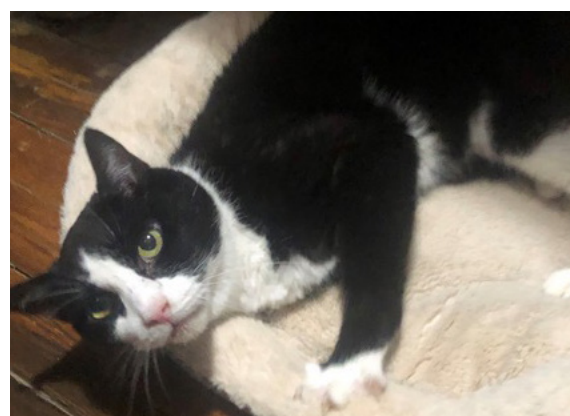
Boy Cat: There must be a doorman. The food deliveries are faster.

Teenager: Walk-ups are the worst. They never pick up the boxes downstairs.

Girl Cat: And the garbage may pile up. I'm just saying.

Pancake: I want a lap.

****Pancake and Potato are with their foster parent, as is April. To see them, please click adopt@kittykind.org**



From top:
Mr. Goldfingers as Boy Cat
Odie as Teenager
Potato as Pancake
Pancake as Potato
April as Girl Cat

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PROTECT YOUR PET WITH PETCO LOVE LOST

“1 in 3 pets will go missing in their lifetime” #PetcoLoveLost If that unspeakable happens, there’s a new artificial intelligence app that can help. It’s called “Petco Love Lost.” Petco Love Lost is a searchable national database that uses patented facial recognition technology to cross-post your pet’s photo.

How to Get Started:

1. Take a photo of your pet(s), facing you, no clutter
2. Make a free account at Petco Love Lost
3. Upload your pet’s photo
4. See the directions on the site

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Hurry up mom! The line’s getting longer. Yes, it’s kitten season, and lots of kittens wait in line for help. Please click kittykind.org/wish to see their wishes.



Coming Soon...

KITTENS