



Newsletter, July 2021

Welcome to the KittyKind newsletter for July 2021. It's full of recent news – cats, people, and of all things, technology updates. Please read on for the latest.



### **APRIL 2021 ADOPTIONS, 20 CATS:**

Abigail, Angelo, Aphrodite, Artemis, Badger, Cleopatra, Cutie Pie, Edmund, Eliza, Finch, Jewel, Kimchi, Loki, Mr. Edwards (aka Little Guy), Mr. Goldfingers, Mr. Lemon, Samantha, Scarlett O'Purra, Seamus, Tabitha

### **MAY 2021 ADOPTIONS: 27 CATS**

Andros, Babycakes, Barrett, Bernadette, Celine, Dakota, Demetrias, Fawn, Ford, Frisbee, Halsey, Hayley, Jackson, Julio, Lola, Mandy, and Sammy, Mapler, Mavis, Morris, Mykonos, North, Odie, Roosevelt, Ryan, Sammy and Mandy, Santorini

### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

It may be too early for Christmas decorations, but it's getting late for your Holiday Wishes story. In December, the Petco Love Foundation will donate up to a \$100,000 to a rescue group with a winning adoption story. Submissions close on September 20, 2021. If you adopted from KittyKind ten years ago, or yesterday, share the big and small ways your adopted friend has changed your life. With permission, KittyKind will share your story, too, to spread holiday cheer.

<https://holidaywishes.smapply.io/prog/petcolovestories/>



*Top:  
Aphrodite  
and Artemis;  
Left: Jackson;  
Right: Frisbee*



## CAT SPOTLIGHT

For returning readers, please know that **Albert**, the ever-optimistic job seeker, now has a full-time job: adopted cat. He will submit his thirty-day review in an upcoming issue.

**Kiwi**, another guest contributor, has ceded this issue to other cats. Kiwi will update us on his support group, *FIV Like Me*, in another issue.

### **TURTLE: Male, 8 years, nine months**

You'd think a fifteen-pound giant who chirps could melt a heart or two. He has, but he's had the worst luck, from Animal Care Center to trial adopters. Still, slow, and steady, he crawls from lap to lap to find his forever home, chirping at food bowls along the way.

*From Turtle's current foster mom, Chrissy G.:*

"Hi, my name is Turtle. It's a cute name, right? I'm pretty fond of it and will talk back to you if you call me

by name. My foster mom tells me I am quite talkative, but she talks to this little machine all day from her desk, so I figure she is lonely afterwards and needs me. I have trained her to give me the good snacks when I talk to her. It's a full-time job but gotta pay the bills.

I have had the worst luck finding my forever home. The humans said something about divorce, then allergies. But because they said I was the goodest boy, they let me take my favorite banana toy to all the new homes I have had to stay in. So, it hasn't been so bad. I don't need much in the home. A soft quiet place for nap times (yes plural), belly rubs, snacks, and snuggle time. If you have some fun toys, I'll give you a real show. Some say that big boys like me can't get the zombies, but I showed them! And since I have been around the block a few times, I know my manners.

I hope to meet my furever family. I'll bring the banana!"

Turtle is FIV and FeLV negative, neutered, and up-to-date on shots. Email [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org) to adopt.



*Pin-up model Turtle, maxin' and relaxin'*



## OUTREACH REQUEST:

**CINNABUN: Male, eleven years**

**TIGRESS: Female, ten years**

OK, we'll say it up front. The usual adopter isn't looking for two senior cats, one of whom is hypothyroid. We get it. However, you may know someone – a retired health-care worker who misses caring, but not the clinic; an empty-nester who seeks furry company but not the chaos of kittens, a harried teacher who yearns for a good listener. If so, please let us know. We'd love your help. Answer at [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org)

Cinnabun and Tigress are two adorable older cats looking for a quiet home where they can watch birds and ready cozy mysteries.

Cinnabun is a very friendly and social guy who enjoys romping and playing. His life partner Tigress is a little more low-key and shyer, but once she knows you, she's equally affectionate.

Cinnabun is hyperthyroid, which is treatable with daily medication.

Cinnabun is a playful, social guy who loves to be petted. He will follow you around, likes you to talk to him and LOVES mealtime and snacks. Tigress is a very sweet and talkative cat! She is shy and cautious. She



loves to stay close to her long-term companion Cinnabun, and we often see them roaming around side by side, though Cinnabun is more independent and also enjoys exploring on his own. They enjoy snuggling, playing together, and being brushed but neither enjoys being picked up. They would do well in a quiet home and enjoy human companionship.

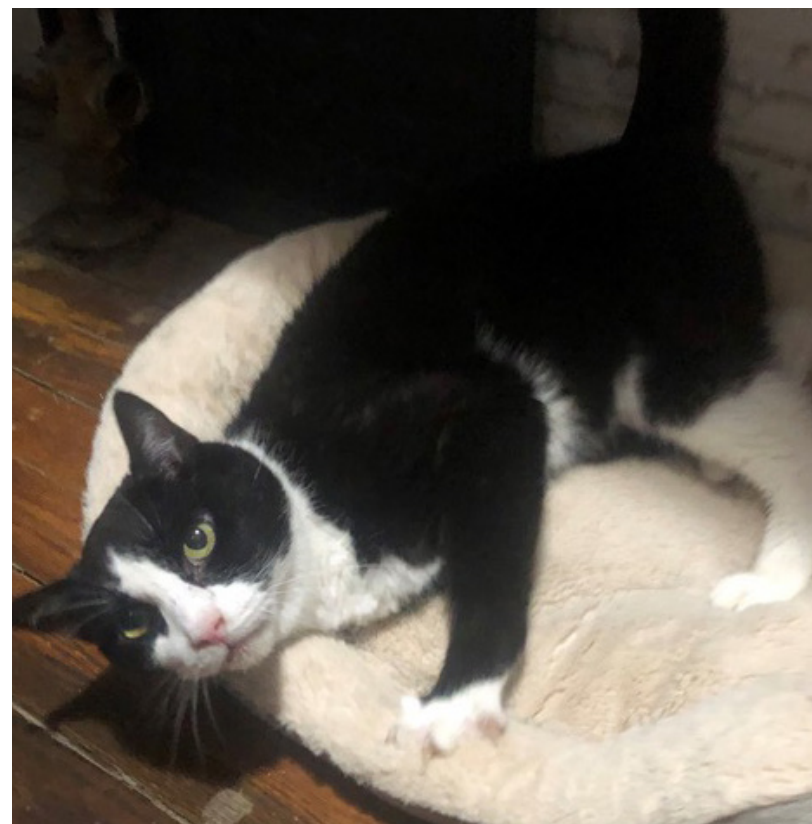
Cinnabun and Tigress are FIV and FeLV negative, neutered, and up-to-date on shots. Email us at [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org) to apply!"

**APRIL: Female, Ten Years, Two Months**

April is lovely senior lady who looks and acts much younger than her 10 years. She's very friendly and has an excellent disposition. She has a soft temperament, loves to be petted and just being in people's company. She is impressively friendly with everyone she meets. She might make a good baker because she loves to knead. Her faves are wet food, a super soft cushiony bed or cozy beehive cave and getting your attention. She has a lot of love to give.

April was rescued from a heavily distressed, hoarding conditions townhouse in the South Bronx. Her original owner passed away last year and the owner's family (who live outside of NYS) had a tenant taking care of the property. The tenant moved out and left the cat behind because he said she is not his. Everyone is confident that the cat was the owner's pet because she was known to take in strays. The property is now being sold; therefore, April is in need of a new, clean & warm home with a loving new family to take good care of her.

April is FIV and FeLV negative, spayed, and up-to-date on shots. Email [adopt@kittykind.org](mailto:adopt@kittykind.org) to apply!



# WHAT'S NEW AT KITTYKIND?

## YOUTUBE NONPROFIT CHANNEL

Thanks to the Google company, KittyKind now has a The YouTube Nonprofit channel. This program “helps nonprofits connect with supporters, volunteers, and donors. With one billion viewers on YouTube every month, nonprofits of all sizes can use YouTube videos to share their stories with a global audience.”

With the increased storage from this site, KittyKind foster parents can now upload their videos to show the true personality of their foster cat. Viewers can learn cat tips from “how to” videos. KittyKind volunteers can brush-up on skills, or learn new ones, from training videos. Cataholics can get their cat fix in marathons of feline mayhem.

<https://kittykind.org/youtube>

## HELP WANTED, FOR KITTYKIND IN-HOUSE VIDEOS:

- Videographers (fancy name for person with a phone, and a good eye)
- Narrator / Actors
- Apartment Location

To all KittyKind volunteers: Jean Fox, the director, will email more details.

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## MORE CATS @ PETCO!

KittyKind is now allowed to showcase more cats at the adoption center: the Petco Store, 17th Street and Broadway. With more cats, KittyKind needs more help. If you or anyone you know can help with these positions, please apply. Fringe benefit: A whisker kiss of thanks.

Steps to Apply:

1. [www.kittykind.org](http://www.kittykind.org)
2. Click Volunteer
3. Click Volunteer Application
4. For “Type of volunteer work interested in,” click on your choice.

## HELP WANTED

### FEEDING/CLEANING

**Description:** Feeding and cleaning cages with cats.

Using mild cleaning chemicals and water to clean cages around cats

Feeding cats canned cat food

Refreshing water and dry food

Throwing away old litter and replacing with fresh litter

Ensuring cats do not escape while cleaning

**Hours:** Morning weekday hours are our most urgent

## HEALTHCARE

**Description:** Health-Maintenance volunteers give vet-prescribed care and medication to cats at the adoption center. Care consists of monitoring health, and giving medications, digestive aids, applying eye cream, cleaning ears, and more. This volunteer position is especially helpful for pre-vet, pre-med students, or vet-tech students. However, that course work is not neces-



*Batman says thanks for volunteering!*

sary. Approximately 2-4 hours, once per week. Flexible shifts available upon completion of training.

## INTAKE

**Description:** Assist rescuers onsite when cats come to KittyKind at Petco Union Square. Help fill out paperwork, go over vet records, assist putting cats in cages, setting up cages as necessary.

**Hours:** Flexible. Please choose “Intake” on the Volunteer form, and the volunteer coordinator will assist you with more details.

## ADOPTION REP ASSISTANT

**Description:** Public-facing volunteer job representing KittyKind at Petco. Giving public information on adoption, helping show cats.

**Hours:** 3-6 hours per week, or every two weeks. Tuesday/Friday evenings, Saturday or Sunday afternoon,

## FOSTER PARENTS

Please click this link for more information:

[foster@kittykind.org](mailto:foster@kittykind.org)




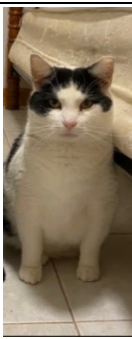
Also, click “Foster” on the web page to learn more.

## VET RUNNER

What is that? KittyKind needs volunteers to take cats from the adoption center to our veterinarian in Cooper Square for routine care. It also needs someone (it can be someone else) to return the cat. Qualifications: Experienced in cat handling (or willing to learn), and detail orientated. Communicate information (given to you) to the veterinarian. Transcribe information from the veterinarian. Flexible schedule. To apply, on the application form, please write in the “Other Interests” window.

## CHEWY WISHLIST

In addition to the Amazon Company Wishlist, KittyKind now has a Chewy.com Wishlist, at <https://kittykind.org/chewy> Hint: The carrier is also available on the Amazon Wish List: [kittykind.org/wish](https://kittykind.org/wish)

<p><b>Prudence</b> Recommends: Royal Canin Kitten <b>Wet</b> food, Loaf, <b>3 oz.</b> AND, Royal Canin <b>Kitten</b> Dry</p> 	 <p><b>Help me grow big!</b> I’m available for adoption (also, for posing).</p>
<p><b>Robin</b> recommends: Top-loading cat carrier.</p> 	 <p><b>As a graduate of the Houdini Escape School</b>, I would’ve appreciated this carrier in my cage to practice my skills. Then I wouldn’t have had to keep jumping out of the cage to explore. (Boy, I had you guys pacing.) Less-skilled cats just enjoy hopping in. (F.Y.I.:I’m <b>Batman’s</b> Side Kick.)</p>





### **Weirdo of the Month: Speedy**

Speedy (3-1/2 yrs) is a wonderful, playful boy who enjoys hanging out in high places in the home. The higher the better! He uses this vantage point both to observe his kingdom, and see if there's any prey he needs to take care of, like a mouse toy or a string game. Speedy is an excellent hunter of toys and enjoys a robust game of chase with any toys you have. Meet him at Petco!

### **Tortie of the Month: Tara**

Tara (6-1/2yrs) is a sweet gentle soul who is hoping for an understanding and experienced owner who can give her time to blossom. She knows she's on her way to her best life, and she wants to be her best self!

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<https://www.kittykind.org/wish/>



## PETCO LOVE LOST PROGRAM

KittyKind is a partner in the Petco Love Lost program. Using artificial intelligence for face recognition, this program scans faces of lost pets, nationwide, lost pets that shelters, or rescue groups or individuals may have found. Please read more about this program on KittyKind's social media pages.

### **Petco Love Lost** **<https://lost.petcolove.org>**

Petco Love Lost uses facial recognition software to report or search for lost or found pets nationwide. It's free and easy to use. Search your lost cat or dog today.

## **SATURDAYS AT KITTYKIND: Busy Volunteers!**

### **From Jessamin C.: Adoptions Assistant**

"I started volunteering as an Adoptions Assistant with KittyKind in January 2018. At the time I did not have a cat of my own but had grown up with cats and wanted to find an opportunity to spend time with some furry friends. Since then, I have taken in Boots, my gorgeous tuxedo cat, from a family member, and my roommate adopted her one-eyed wonder cat, Thor, through KittyKind in 2019. I have learned so much about caring for these little meow-sters in my time with KittyKind, and I have had the opportunity to meet some awesome and adorable cats and kittens.

All of our volunteers are incredibly passionate about finding the purr-fect homes for our critters. The KittyKind team is an amazing group of cat experts from all walks of life, and I feel incredibly grateful having their support as a volunteer and in my personal life. The Adoption Representatives that I've spent time with are truly dedicated to finding safe and secure homes for our furry residents, and they are very hands-on in helping new owners find everything they need to care for their new furr-ever friends. I have an immense amount of pride being a part of the KittyKind adoptions team because I know how hard we work to make sure our cats and cat owners have a smooth and successful adoption experience.

If you are a true animal lover, volunteering with KittyKind is the perfect opportunity for you! As a Saturday Adoptions Assistant, we tend to get really busy

really quickly with people coming through Petco with their friends and family to meet our cats. I particularly enjoy getting to know fellow cat owners and prospective adopters, from newbies to long-time kitty parents, and I am always happy to answer any questions they have about our adoptions process. Although we mostly get folks who are looking to adopt or foster one of our critters, we also get many visitors who have adopted from us in the past who come to show us photos and update us on their pet's progress in their furr-ever home. As a volunteer, you get to meet new people, learn all about cat care, and cuddle as much as you want with the best cats in the tri-state area!

### **From Marie M., Adoption Rep, Photographer, Data Manager**

"I had quit as an adoption rep in February 2020. And then the funniest thing happened... I, and several other adoption reps, started doing virtual adoptions at the beginning of the pandemic. Many cats were losing their homes as people needed to move in with elder family members, and kitten season was just beginning in March 2020. Aided by Ina, our online adoption liaison, completed applications were forwarded to the new online adoptions team who then contacted the applicants and arranged for a virtual interview and home visit, and then arranged with the foster team to have the foster volunteers contact the applicant to meet the cats via Zoom or FaceTime! Some foster volunteers even delivered cats to their new homes. All contracts were signed





virtually, and somehow this worked. And even though the ASPCA spay/neuter clinic was closed during summer and fall 2020, our spay/neuter coordinator kept up with all the kittens who needed to be sterilized through private vets. Looking back, it's really impressive how the KittyKind volunteers managed to get all this work done during the New York City lockdown. Since we have a limited number of cats at Petco and many of our cats are still in foster, we still have virtual adoptions, handled by Josh W.

Where are the rest of the Saturday volunteers? The feeder/cleaners, the health maintenance volunteers, the adoption reps, the social media volunteers, the photographers, the Web manager, the Data manager, the Intake director, the Director? All these volunteers are at KittyKind on the weekends. However, since the weekends are so busy, they haven't had time to contribute to this issue. Meet them in upcoming months.

## **SATURDAYS AT KITTYKIND, AN INSIDER'S VIEW**

Like us, cats at the adoption center get excited when Saturday rolls around. Time to let loose, have fun, turn night into day. Tuxedo time.

KITTEN ONE: I've never seen so many people. They're here for us?

TEENAGER BOY: Well, someone asked if there's dogs here. Dah. No offense dogs, but do I look like a dog?

YOUNG, FORMER MOM: I feel my youth was lost; don't get me wrong, my babies were great, but now that they're safe, it's time to cut loose.

MALE SENIOR: The stories I can tell, good and bad.



*Beaker and Pipette at Kittens 1 and 2*



*Michelle as young mom*



*Amador as teen boy*

TEENAGER: Can we stay on topic? Adoption reps are here. Now's our chance.

KITTEN TWO: Mr. Senior, tell me about a house.

YOUNG MOM: Don't get too attached to it. I did, got pregnant from some fool Tom visiting the back yard, and then the person opened the back door and told me to "scat!" I was heartbroken, but I toughened up.

SENIOR CAT: Darling, you're here, right? Second chance. This is my fourth chance. For now, I hug the pillow, enjoy the pets.

KITTEN TWO: Ms. E., did you ever have a home?

BLIND ESMERALDA, SENIOR CAT TWO: A long time ago. But my eyes were always bad, and I was in the carrier a lot, going to the vet. Then, one day, when the carrier opened, I wasn't at the vet. I was on some street, carrier gone. I was terrified. I learned the smells, followed my whiskers, and listened for friends.

YOUNG MOM: Not all friends are friends.

SENIOR CAT ONE: Ms. M. – so jaded.

YOUNG MOM: Guys aren't the ones who get pregnant at four months.

SENIOR CAT ONE: Point taken. Ms. E., wait 'till you smell freshly-washed laundry, all fluffed up, sometimes still warm.

ESMERALDA: Sounds like a dream.

TEENAGER: I'm not listening to you guys. That couple's looking at me. Yes, come and pet me. That's it.



KITTEN TWO: The people here look nice, though.

SENIOR CAT: You know what they say, “It takes a village.” This rescue group helps adopters; the adopters help us. We help them.

YOUNG MOM: I never thought of it that way.

TEENAGER: Will you all be quiet? I can’t hear what they’re saying. They’re really looking for a “kitten”? Oh, I knew it!

KITTEN ONE: Our foster mom was great, but she said she had to bring us back here, so she could help other kittens. Now, I’m wondering? What were her true motives?

KITTEN TWO: Would she just say that? Why?

TEENAGER: Enough questions! Who cares what happened before? We got a chance now – food, petting, a quilt. Use it or lose it.

KITTEN ONE: Ah, shucks. They’re not sure they can “take on” two kittens.

KITTEN TWO: Why?

SENIOR CAT: Tomorrow’s another day.

KITTEN TWO: Wait, they changed their mind! They’re writing on those pieces of paper. They’re adopting us!

YOUNG MOM: Ah, I’m so glad for you. Just like my babies. Now safe.

TEENAGER: I’m taking a nap.

family was here before. When you were napping. Looks like you’re going home.

TEENAGER: Wow! Wow, wow, wow! But, guys, our party hasn’t started.

KITTENS: Didn’t you teach us to party hearty every night?

SENIOR CAT: Best advice.

\*KittyKind doesn’t know the backstory of Esmeralda. However, her fictional bio has happened. We can tell you this: “This sweet girl was found in a colony in Corona, Queens. She is blind and after being recently vetted was discovered to be a senior cat of about 11 years. Who knows how she survived out there? She is very sweet and looking for a forever home where she can be loved and live out the rest of her days free from stress and worry. She is fixed, tested negative and up to date with shots.



*Senior beauty Esmeralda*

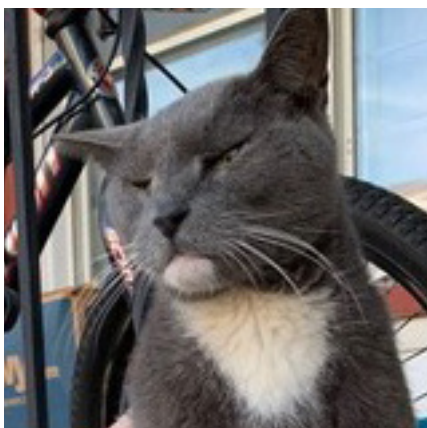
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*Montezuma as senior cat one*

YOUNG MOM: There’s a little girl there, pointing at you.

TEENAGER: Kid’s drive me nuts, such clingers. But ... she’s walking towards me. She has a toy for me? Already?

SENIOR CAT: That