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The year Twenty-Twenty One -- a year of up's and down's for many of us. For some KittyKind cats, though, the year is ending in a smooth glide, bumps left behind. Read their before-after stories below.

WHO GOT ADOPTED?

OCTOBER 2021: 25 Cats

April, Archie, Bebe, Billy, Biscuit, Blackie, Brooklyn, Cheech, Chong, Cookie, Esmie, Ingram, Kessel, Liam, Lilith, Peaches, Robin, Ryder, Sammy, Scarlett, Shay, Socks, Spanky, Turtle, Veronica



Clockwise from bottom left: Ryder, Cookie and Bebe, Cheech and Chong, Scarlett

NOVEMBER 2021: 26 Cats

Apricot, Arpeggio, Berry, Billie, Bitsy, Cielo, Crush, Dory, Liam, Louie, Luna Lulu, Mia, Paloma, Panther, Peek-a-boo, Penelope, Pickles, Ponyo, Purple, Re Re, Sally Skellington, Sheirry, Sterling, Tigre, Tokyo, Zen

Below: Louie; right: Purple



Four seniors got adopted, too! Bring out the candles for that birthday cake.

April, aged 10

Louie, aged 9

Purple, aged 10

Turtle, aged 9

2021, NINE-LIVES DIARY:

Mittens the Kitten: How life can change in seventeen weeks!

When a kind-hearted rescuer rescued Mittens, Mittens had already suffered much, especially with an eye infection. With the generosity of the KittyKind community, Mittens has seen an eye specialist who prescribes follow-up care, but, for now, not surgical removal of Mittens' eye. Despite this ordeal, Mittens has an oversize spirit in her tiny body. Read her description from one of her foster parents:



From Valerie V., KittyKind Intake Manager: “Mittens is the most adorable of kittens and anyone who adopts her will be very lucky. She is playful, funny, and so smart. Despite her very limited vision (she can probably see light but not much else) she is a happy and healthy purr machine. She found her way to everything in my apartment by the second day including all the essential things like food, the litter box, and all my other cat’s toys! She was right at home from the first and was not intimidated by anything or anyone including my very senior, and grumpy, resident cat who wanted nothing to do with her. Mittens was undaunted by the rebuff and was happy to play by herself but her ideal home will find her with a playful feline friend that she wants so badly.” Mittens is a vision of hope.

SENIOR:
Turtle, aged 9: Slow and steady – indeed!

Turtle’s adoption is a lesson in patience. A transfer from Animal Care and Control in 2020, Turtle has been living in loving foster homes, but something always came up. He always seemed on the move. Patiently, Turtle adapted to his new surroundings, claiming each as his own. No more upheavals, though, no more carriers, no more strange front doors. Turtle is adopted, after waiting almost two years.

From David I.: Adopter

“I love having turtle, he’s become an instant part of my family and I annoy my friends talking about him all the time. I see why people buy video cameras to see what their pets do while they’re gone, i find myself thinking



“wonder what turtle is doing right now”. I’ve started to get to know him a bit so I know the answer is usually lying in his (admittedly too small) cat hammock, or in a box of pajamas in my dark closet. I would say he’s absolutely cutest when hops up on the bed in the morning and rolls over for premier belly scratches. The drool is a bit gross honestly haha. But when he walks around meowing with his tiny little voice that really doesn’t match his body (haha!), I can’t help but think he’s the most adorable little guy. Well, big guy. We’re both starting a diet in the new year :). And I’m looking forward to hanging out with this chill dude for a long time!”

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Albert, FIV positive: Quirky and Positive of his Greatness (we agree)

As we know, Albert has interviewed for many jobs: retail manager (pet food), pet groomer (ombre highlights his specialty) and vet tech (cat-only practice). He wanted a job in case he wasn't adopted. From sand dunes in Fire Island, to the bright lights of New York City, Albert was ready to make his mark. Somehow, the interviews didn't work out. Simply put, he was overqualified. His luck has changed, though! He now has a challenging and rewarding career: He's head pet of the household. You see, Albert's been adopted with a dog!

From Shana C: Adopter. "Albert has been with me since June, and I think he is enjoying 'retirement'! He is so sweet and has such a funny personality. I absolutely adore him. He is very comfortable on our side of the house and is starting to explore the other side of the apartment more and more. If I am in the kitchen or watching TV in the other room, he will meow loudly until I come and pay attention to him.

He and my roommate's dog (Iggy) are very sloooooowly getting used to one another - they aren't friends yet, but as long as Iggy stays calm, they coexist pretty peacefully (see pic attached)! We make sure that Albert has his own space to retreat to where the dog can't follow so he can maintain his boundaries. :)

Albert loves to play with his ribbon on a stick and his laser pointer. He prefers an ambush style of attack against the ribbon but absolutely loses his mind where the laser is concerned and will chase it around wild-eyed with no dignity whatsoever. He knows that I am the source of the laser because when I click it off, he looks at me with obvious offense.

Albert really enjoys hanging out on my desk looking out the window and watching the birds and the neighborhood goings-on. He also looks very majestic in the sunshine. Albert is also very cuddly. He sleeps in bed with me every night and usually curls up against my chest. We are working on his tolerance for being picked up and having his feet touched so that I can more easily get him in his crate when needed and hopefully trim his claws without scaring him. It's slow going but I think patience will pay off eventually.

Thank you so much for checking in, and to KittyKind for rescuing Albert and bringing us together. I love him so so much; he brings me endless joy and laughter every day."

(FYI: Albert has allowed publication of his story.)

Each KittyKind cat has a compelling backstory. These three cats are their hopeful future.





Some people have asked about **Kiwi**, KittyKind's resident social-worker cat. Kiwi has recently enrolled in a public library course: "YouTuber's 101." He'll share his videos soon. He's also busy as head of his support group, **FIV Like Me**. He's really impressed with the number of seniors that KittyKind has adopted. He's thinking of helping seniors, too. First, though, he's off to that other group, **Snackers Anonymous**.

Albert at rest

THANK YOU

A big thank you for everyone who has helped so much with recent fundraising: the **Best Friends' Strutt Your Mutt (and Cat!!)** and your generosity on Giving Tuesday. These donations provide the food and medical care that create Happy Tails.

A big thank you to everyone: Volunteers, foster parents, adopters, rescuers, donors. Think of all the lives you save.



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A HOLIDAY WISH: AMAZON WISH LIST

Cat products are always welcome. They make the difference between a cage and a condo.

Click www.kittykind.org/wish and check out the towels, beds, toys, top-opening carriers, and, of course, the kitten food. Are those purrs we hear?

Happy holidays to all, and to all a good night.

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