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This Valentine's issue of the KittyKind newsletter is devoted to True Love, of the feline kind. Adopted KittyKind cats share the love they receive, and give, daily.

Thank you, everyone, for your wonderful stories. Because of the huge response, we could include only half of the stories in this issue. If you don't see your story, you'll see it in the next newsletter. Also, because the stories are so wonderful, we'll have a True Love column in each issue. Please continue to send your True Love Adoption Story to the Director of KittyKind, Jean Fox: [atcaremanager@kittykind.org](mailto:atcaremanager@kittykind.org)

### **WHO GOT ADOPTED? DECEMBER 2021**

Augustus Lunamoon, Barcelona, Charm, Cinco, Diamond, Dotty, Hildy, Junior, Layla Rose, Luna, Marmalade, Maurice Pizza Chip, Mittens, Opal, Sammy, Scarlett, Shout, Simon, Spanky, Stevens, Valencia, Zen  
22 Cats!!

### **"THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND"**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Betty White Challenge. You raised over \$1,700 to honor the love and efforts of Betty White. And, thank you to the anonymous golden girl who walked by the KittyKind table on Saturday, January 15, casually said she'd just turned 100 years old, and then donated \$20 in honor of Betty White.



*Clockwise from bottom left: Maurice Pizza chip, Augustus Lunamoon, Zen*

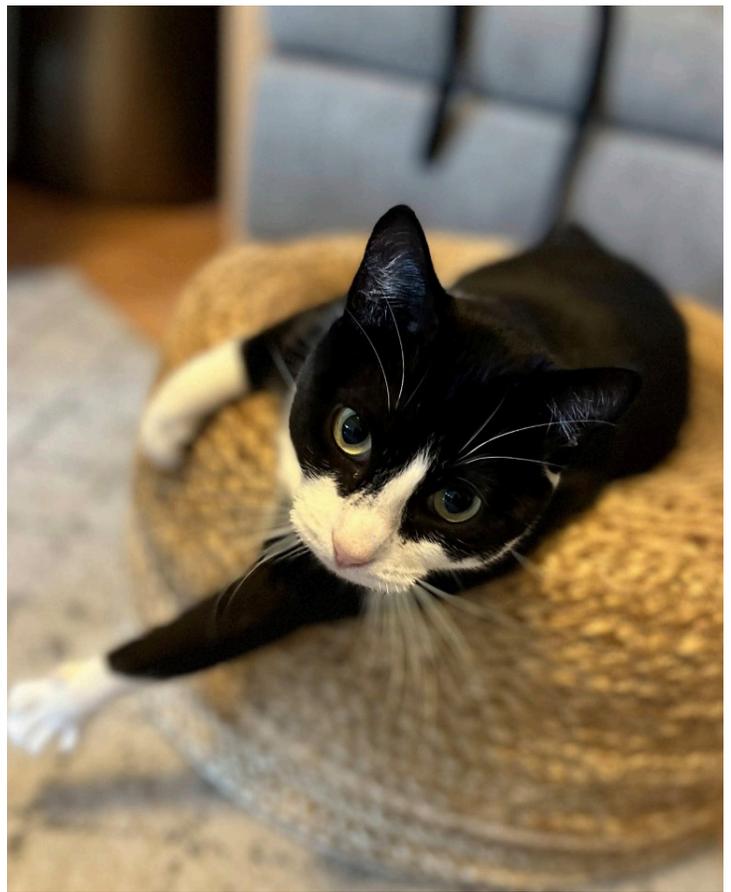
## TRUE LOVE

### From Alphonse, David, and Lucy: A Life of Blankets, Birds, and Boxes

Hi KittyKind network—My name is Lucy, formerly known as Miss Lucy. I was born and raised somewhere in Queens 3-4 years ago (not sure of my \*exact\* age) before I made my way to the KittyKind family and the nice people at the Petco in Union Square who rescued me. I was only there for a few weeks when I first met David and Al, who came in on a casual Saturday afternoon to browse. I was really shy and skeptical of them at first (it took 3 people to get me out of my cage!) but I knew they would be great cat people.

It was a cold winter day in January 2020 when they finally chose to take me to their home in Astoria (the longest cab ride of my life!)— I guess I was destined to be a Queens girl. My first love for the first few weeks was hiding in bookcases and boxes, as I slowly got used to my humans and this strange new world with lots of plants but no other cats. Little did I know that a pandemic was about to set in and these humans would be home ALL the time. That's alright though, because the more time they spent with me here the more I got to know them, their habits and their scents.

Now, exactly two years later, not only are they my



best (and only) human friends, I've actually grown quite fond of them. I sleep on the bed quite a lot, and have recently found that their blankets are great places to hide and relax in the chilly winter weather. I also love my perch by the building's fire escape where I get to watch all types of birds fly by and to chatter at the occasional pesky squirrel crowding my view. I've also become obsessed with empty boxes and every time a new package comes, I can't wait to settle into a new cardboard space.

I'm definitely living my best life now, surrounded by cozy blankets, active but elusive birds, countless Amazon boxes, and two humans who care about me a lot—just take a look at my pics for proof!



*Left: Lucy's Amazonian fortress*

*Right: Queens indoors is much nicer than Queens outdoors!*

*Top: Always stylish, Lucy gives great face*



**From:Lina D.**

Cubby was adopted 8/15/2020 and is currently 12 years old. I'm not big on anniversaries or birthdays. Or at least I thought I wasn't.

August 15 saw me at the grocery store buying a pound of frozen shrimp. For my cat. Cubby loves shrimp and it was his Gotcha Day, so a shrimp dinner was in order.

I've learned a lot about Cubby in the past year.

Cubby likes to sleep like he's dead. He flops upside-down on the ground, one paw extended as if looking for help. He also snores, talks, and chews in his sleep. He is the most talkative cat I have ever met. Even working with Kitty Kind weekly, I have yet to meet his rival.

He likes birds, but he loves squirrels. I got him bird feeders to watch, and while he enjoys chasing the birds, he loses it for squirrels. The squirrels have learned that he can't get them which has just made the chase more desperate (and entertaining to watch).

Cubby is very particular about where he is petted; not just where on him but where in the house. He likes to lead people to the correct place to pet him, luring you with a siren song and leading you from rug to mat until you are finally on the Chosen Carpet. Then, you can pet him. He exhibited these skills during my 30th birthday party (my mom had to talk me into letting that party happen) by tricking guests into following him to the right spot.

Cubby is a regular on any video conference meetings I am on, be it work, stand up, or improv. With the onset of the pandemic, I have been involved in an online improv and standup show that runs once a month from 5pm to

2am. Cubby will stay with me, sitting by my side (or jumping in front of my camera) until the wee hours of the morning, appearing on screen at least once per show. He is a regular topic of my department meetings, and lets my whole team know when we need to wrap things up so he can collect his pet tax.

So, when it was time to celebrate Cubby's Gotcha Day, it was clear he had earned a shrimp dinner. And for me to eat it on the floor with him.



*Top: Cubby's sleep-blep*

*Left: He's awake!*

*Right: Cubby is tired of Yes, And-ing. He says No, why!*

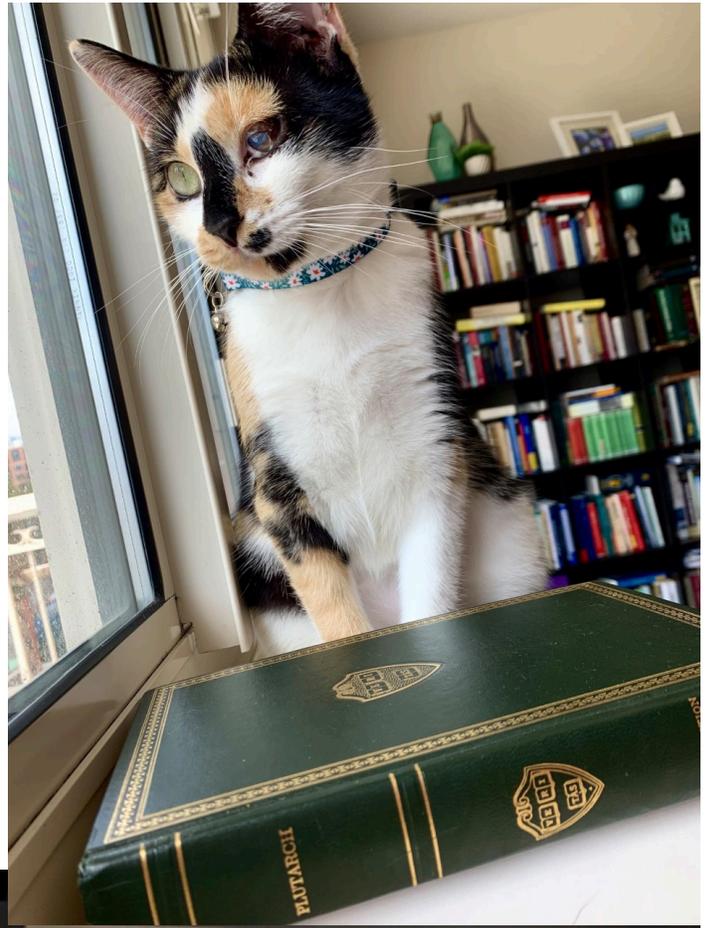


**From: Hannah D.**

We adopted Remy. She now goes by Octavia—after the beloved sister of Caesar Augustus and the second wife of Marc Antony, whom Plutarch extolled for her virtue, intelligence, and beauty. She lives up to her namesake’s reputation. Not only is she clearly quite beautiful, but she is smart and has the gentlest and most patient temperament her vet has ever seen in a cat. Octavia has quickly learned signals to request mealtime, playtime, and caresses, and she’s even starting to pick up the finer points of chess! Her favorite move is a special twist on castling (pictured).

It’s tough to keep two humans in line as they work from home, but she gladly supervises from just beyond arm’s reach and keeps us on schedule with her impressive internal clock. In her spare time, Octavia is a champion pastry chef, making biscuits at least five times per day.

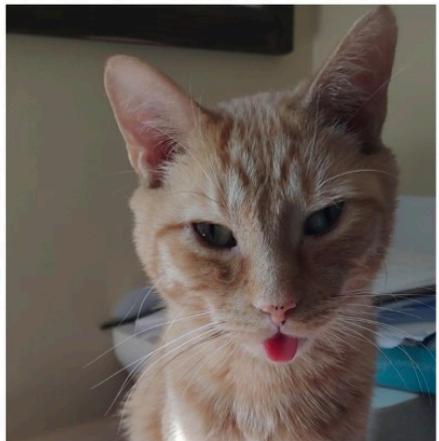
It’s such a joy to have her as a companion! Thanks to all of you for helping us through the process of adoption.



*Perhaps the among the smartest of the KittyKind alumni, Octavia excels at chess and disagrees vehemently with Plutarch’s stance on eating meat*

**From: Amy S.:**

Three out of seven of my furry kids came from my Kitty Kind foster fails which all have an absurd story like a fight in Petco over a found kitten with broken legs, or a kitten that was trapped, but the trapper ended up in the hospital mid-trap. Every time though that I made it into Petco Dorothy [Dorothy was a long-time volunteer who used to sit at the adoption center with the Donation Box and a friendly word with the public} would ask me how Tucker was. Tucker, who is now called The Fantastic Mr. Fox due to his misdeeds, was brought to us many years ago in a backpack by a young girl whose mother wouldn't let him in the house. He was so sick a vet told the girl not to bother, but she fed him what she had in that bag, eventually brought him to us, and I happen to be volunteering that day. I took him home and got him better but he had already made friends with the other cats and who could give back a snuggly, ridiculous orange. He still prefers Chinese food over his own, but he's just turned 8 and is still as wonderful as ever.



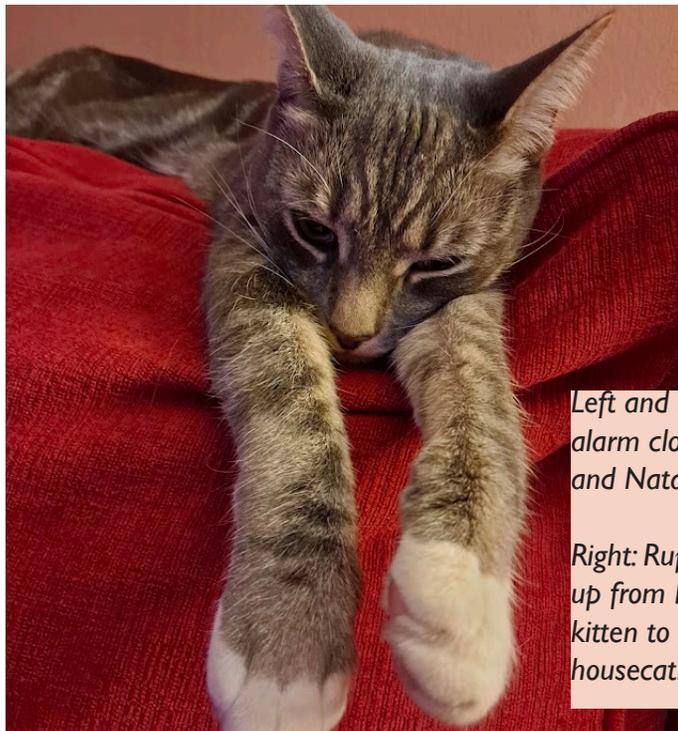
**From: Deborah L.:**

Here are some updated photos of my kittens (now almost 2 years old)!

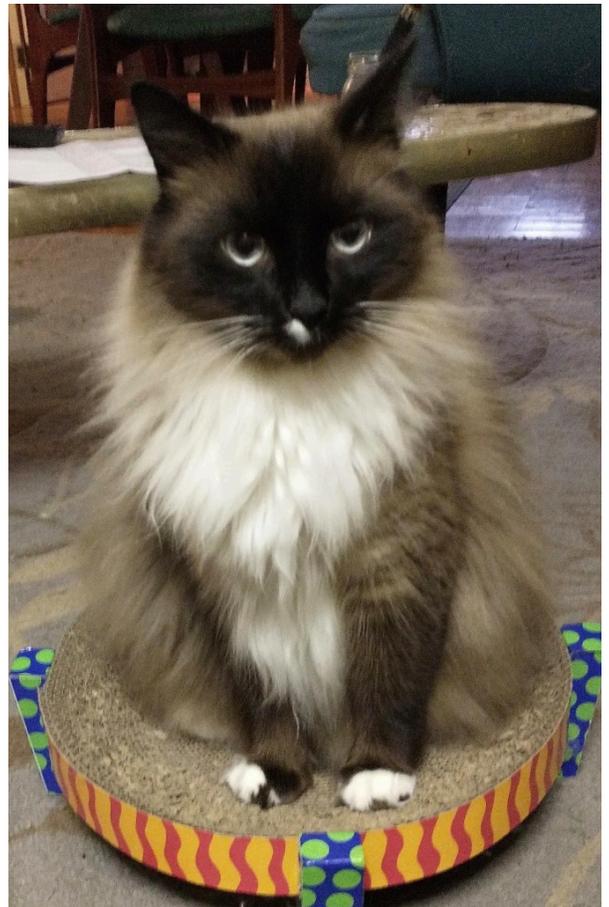
I adopted Boris and Natasha in April of 2020, so they will turn 2 this April.

They have brought so much joy and comfort to me in the past two years!

They are not only wonderful companions, but also quite helpful. I no longer need an alarm clock since they moved in because they scratch on my bedroom door every morning at about 6:00 am to wake me up! A special "Thank You!" to volunteer Kathy Schecter who delivered the kittens to my home during the start of covid and then returned twice to give them their shots! You all do amazing work!!!



*Left and top: Fuzzy alarm clocks Boris and Natasha*  
*Right: Rupert came up from bodega kitten to pampered housecat!*



**From: Sheila S.:**

Rupert, (formerly Beau) came to our home as a foster back in April 2019.

As a proud bodega kitten, he was originally a little shy, but he quickly settled into apartment life with his brother Linus (a Kittykind alum from 2005!) and his sis Maggie..

He is a very sweet gentle boy with the tiniest voice, who loves chasing balls and bunny kicking catnip toys..

Of course, we officially adopted him within days of his arrival:)

Thank you so much for another great family member, and for all the good work you do!

**From: Judy S.:**

Our sweet girl Olive (fka Shortcake, adopted November 2020) has fallen in love with her new home, but more importantly with her big brother Rocky (another Kitty-Kind alum — adopted July 2018). The two spend their days bird watching, grooming each other, and snuggling up together. They are totally inseparable, and their bond warms our hearts every single day!



*Whether canoodling, birdwatching, or comparing manicures, Olive and Rocky are inseparable*

## HOLIDAY WISHES:

Special thanks to Carol W, Sari M, Beverly W, Luane M, Michelle A, Lisa P, and everyone else who sent KittyKind food, blankets, towels, toys, cat carriers, medical wipes and trash bags from our holiday KittyKind Wish List.

## VALENTINE WISHES FROM THE CATS:

Check out my Valentine's Day Wishlist on Amazon: [www.kittykind.org/wish/](http://www.kittykind.org/wish/)

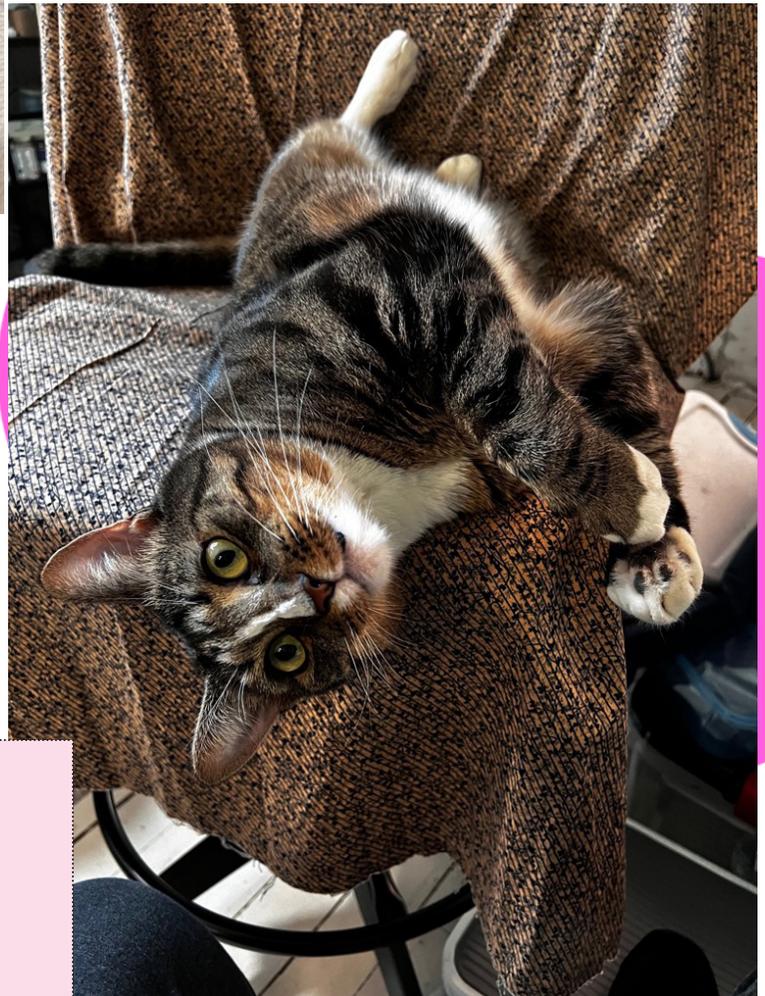


*Oversized Noah (trial adoption) recommends an oversized bed – okay if the label says “dog.” Will overlook.*



\$6.79

*Teenage mommy Hettie recommends toys, for kittens and for kittens at heart.*



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