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Absence makes the heart grow fonder? Maybe, but cats and cat lovers know a whisker rub feels better. They know cats and love make a bonded pair. Read their stories below.

WHO GOT ADOPTED?

JANUARY 2023: 47 Cats

Angus and Tom (see story on p 4) , Apollo and Athena, Babette, Bambi, Ben, Bodhi, Boomer, Cici, Clover, Colette, Danny, Edison, Ella, Gypsy, Holly, Jackson, Jesse, Jodie, Joy, Kate, Lady Gray, Leonard, Leonardo, Leopold, Libby, Lililana, Mary, Mickey, Missi, Mittens, Mohawk, Mr. Royal, Nico, Onyx, Orion, Penny, Reuben, Rider, Rosie, Shana, Sophie, Suzette, Tabitha, Todd, Twinkie



Above: Apollo and Athena

Below: Danny



Suzette, Colette, and Babette

Below: Clover



TRUE LOVE STORIES:

From: Kendra B.: Chloe and Leo

I adopted Chloe and Leo (FKA Donut and Muffin) in Fall 2019. They are bonded siblings who have also bonded with me. They kept me sane and completely entertained during the height of the Pandemic with their everyday antics. They get me up every morning, letting me know it's time for breakfast so we can start the day...and they can take their first nap. Sometimes they rope me in on "Caturday" and we all cuddle up on the couch to see what's the binge-worthy show on Netflix this week. Luckily, I work from home most of the time and they act as my "cat-lap" assistants. They have a keen eye when it comes to design trends. I had neck surgery last October and was laid up in bed for a week. Chloe and Leo were right there with me the entire time, save for meal times. They kept me warm and gave me constant snuggle support. I

could not have gotten through it without them (and my sister who took care of me, but that's another story). Anyhow, Chloe and Leo listen to me when I have a problem and try to offer their perspective with a meow or a nudge. Leo loves to dance with me in the kitchen when I'm cooking. Chloe ropes me into belly rubs at least twice a day. Of course, these are beneficial to me as well since she has the softest furrrrrr. My love for them is undeniable, even when they destroy the jigsaw puzzle, I am pieces away from completing. I know the feeling is mutual. If Leo senses that I am leaving, he plops down on my shoes and rubs his scent all over them. Chloe jumps into my grocery bags as if to say, "you can't go without these." My life is full of joy every day because of these two little fur babies. Thank you Kittykind! You can also follow us on IG @chloe&leo_2020 to see what they get up to.



From: Jill D.: Sadie

This isn't a story but I didn't want the month to go by without saying how grateful I am for my Sadie, adopted December 2020, and Steve, adopted October 2021, and now a strapping young man. They bring me love, light, laughter and joy every day. I also want to remember my senior KittyKind cats Guenivere, Sally, Henry, and Tallulah, who passed away over the last few years. They lived long, happy lives and were much loved.

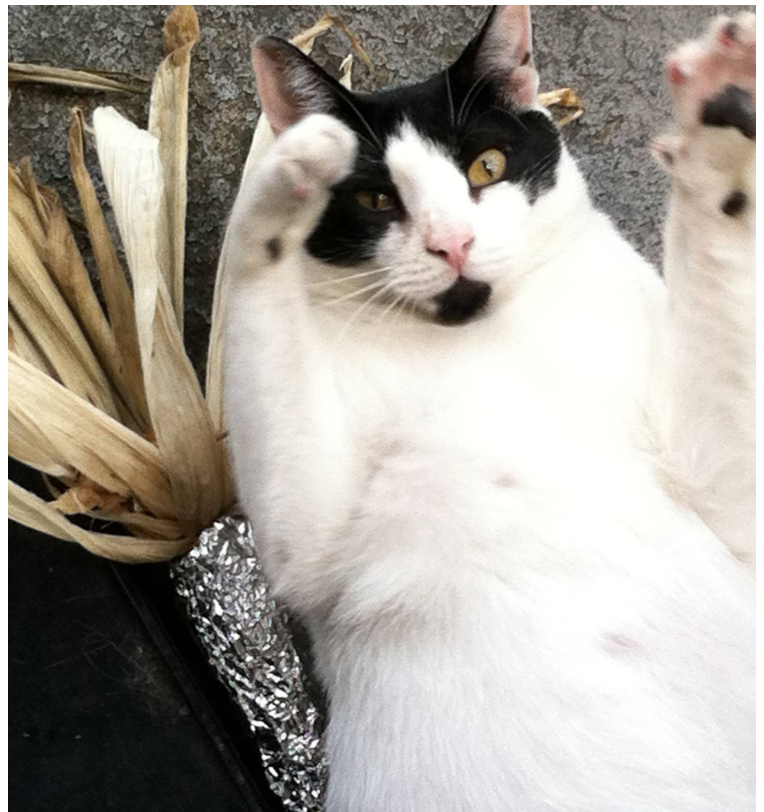
From: Marie M.: Charley Holstein

I adopted Charley Solidus Chaplin Holstein (kittykind name: Charlie/Chaplin), a two-year-old chubby cowkitty with a soul patch, in May 2013, as a companion to my cat Black Frankie. Charley was shy but loved cats. He had been returned three times because of his shyness.

When I picked up Charley he was in a cage with his head pressed into the corner, making himself as small as he could. I assured him he could take all the time he needed to adjust, and he wouldn't have to go back to KittyKind.

Frankie was less than thrilled by Charley's arrival, but they soon became pals. But Charley's real bestie arrived a few months later—Ninja, a KittyKind foster cat. Ninja and Charley often canoodled, groomed each other, chased each other around, and napped together. I like to say that Charley adopted Ninja. A few years after that, a new foster, Walter Kitty (FKA OJ), was adopted by Charley and Ninja.

Charley passed away in January 2023. He was 12 or 13. He loved every second of his life here, his cat family, and his human family. He came to me every morning after breakfast for noogies and a shoulder massage, and every Saturday morning he asked to be brushed. He loved rolling around in the dirt on the balcony, and he loved jumping into new Chewy boxes. I can't believe this loving and happy guy was returned three times, but I guess he was just waiting for his true home to open up.



Above: Charley, Charley & Ninja

Below: JoJo as a bebe

From: Luane M.: Jolene

I first met Jolene (JoJo) when I was a cleaner at Kitty-Kind. It was the summer of 2018, and I just returned after a hiatus from KK. When I jumped back into changing litter pans & dishing out wet food to our adoptive cats, I didn't think I'd be taking one home. Assisting my cleaning partner as she wiped down Jolene's cage, Jolene — then Sake — asked me, Are you my mom? I said, I think so! I especially adored her because she wore down her older brother Santo (Sonny) and made him her playmate while she was only 2.5 pounds in contrast to his hulky 11. Since then, she has taken our family by storm. She runs, plays, thieves (especially presents for other cats), and protects the house from flying pests. During quarantine, she enjoyed attending Zoom meetings and provided comfort for other extended family members. She is fiercely independent while loving and sweet. Sometimes, I think she takes better care of me than I do of her.



From: Anna-Lisa C.: Pierre

When we lost our cat Barbara (also from Kitty Kind), my then 11-year-old daughter was devastated (us parents too!). We began visiting Kitty Kind and soon fell in love with Pierre, a 3-year-old charmer. Pierre is the most affectionate cat we have ever known and also extremely smart. Whenever we sit on the couch, he immediately hops up and settles into the crook of our arm purring and nestling in. It's the sweetest thing. And oh, is he smart...he can open doors by jumping and hanging on the door knob with his front paws until it clicks and then he pushes the door open with his hind legs. Our family is complete! <3



HAPPY ENDINGS FOR TOM AND ANGUS, TWO FELV+ CATS

Back in October 2022, the Intake Team was contacted by Alison and Andy who were seeking help for two abandoned cats who appeared in the garden of their Brooklyn home looking forlorn and bedraggled. They began to feed them and interact with them but knew they couldn't keep them because they had several resident cats already and were at their limit. One of the cats was a tabby they named Tom and the other pale orange and white tabby they named Angus. It was obvious from the beginning that they were very bonded and also likely former house cats given that they were extremely loving and easy to handle.

Things were looking good for their eventual adoption. We worked with Alison to find low cost vetting for the boys to get them ready for a new home through KittyKind. We were heartbroken when their blood work showed that both cats were FIV AND FeLV positive which severely limited their chances of adoption

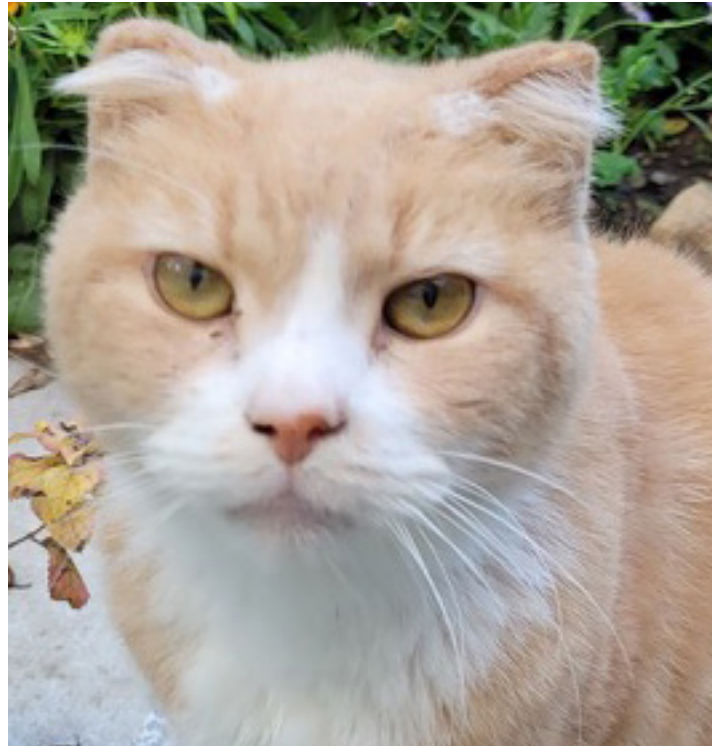


Above; Angus and Tom; left: Angus does the dishes; below: Tom the senior



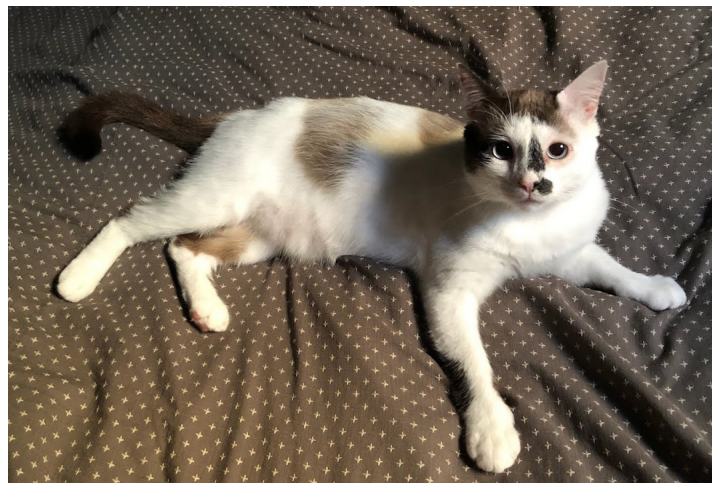
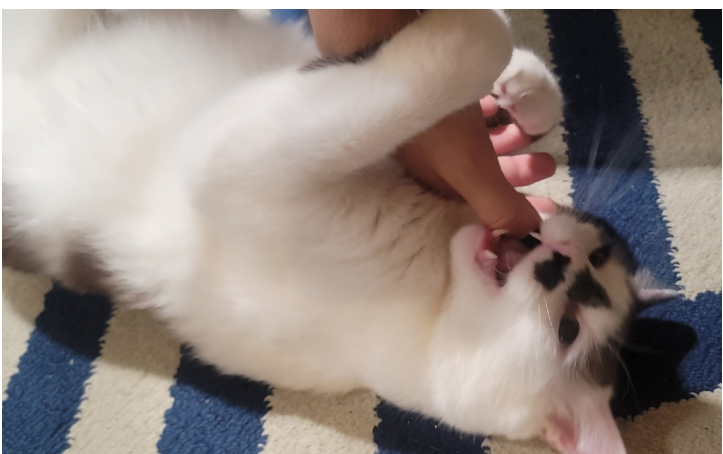
despite their sweet natures. Also, the chances of finding the right home for them together was very slim especially given that Tom was a senior cat estimated to be about 10 years old. Since we aren't able to have leukemia positive cats at our adoption center we offered to courtesy post Tom and Angus in hope that some kind person would read their story and want to meet them.

And that's when their luck changed. A kind couple were specifically looking for a pair of senior and/or special needs cats. When they read the story about Tom and Angus on KittyKind's website they felt a connection to them and asked to meet them. By that time the boys had moved from Alison's yard to a foster home arranged by Doug and Brooke from Ready for Rescue. Introductions were made and soon we received the wonderful news that Tom and Angus had found their forever home. Sometimes the road isn't straight or easy but when caring people work together in rescue the results can be amazing.



From Alex: Sebastian

I brought Sebastian home just a month after my poor Moosh died unexpectedly. You may remember Sebastian—he spent about a week at KittyKind in March of 2021, and everybody quickly fell in love with him. I'm happy to report that almost a year later, he's just as adorable (and even more incorrigible) as he was when I adopted him. He's turned out to be incredibly noisy and playful - it's a full time job keeping him entertained, but since I work from home now I'm up to the challenge. He's also a huge cuddler. He sleeps on top of my legs every night, and he loves belly rubs! He is obsessed with food, and reminds me constantly when it's time for breakfast. He's helped my little family heal and move on, in his own bombastic little way.



HELLO AND GOODBYE: REPLACING AMAZON SMILE

Thank you for your support over the years while shopping AmazonSmile for KittyKind. Unfortunately, Amazon Smile is closing Feb. 20. Fortunately, we are already set up with a great alternative! Join iGive today (for free) via this link:

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VALENTINE'S DAY WISHES:

Feeling less than loved? No date on Valentine's Day? Jump on over to adopt@kittykind.org Cats are waiting to enter your home and heart.

Thank you everyone for all you do.





*Sonny
and Cher*



*Baby
Mama*



*Luna
Bella*



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