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Dear Friends,

It is with so much pleasure that we share with you new stories of success in finding cats safe and loving homes. But more than that, our unique animal welfare resources go beyond adoption; the talent and compassion of our volunteers is applied many ways to help displaced cats. Here are a few stories that highlight this care.

Odessa, Creamsicle, and Cinnamon Find Love

Three kittens were taken to LFFAC's shelter earlier this year, after they were trapped at a Thornton mobile home community. LFFAC previously trapped there, and provided TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) and vaccinations to cats.

Volunteers quickly fell in love with this trio. Shy and feisty at first, the skilled LFFAC socialization team and other volunteers worked with the kittens intensively so they eventually gained the trust of humans. Eventually, the kittens came to enjoy lots of play time, treats, and cuddles.



One of our volunteers, Rebecca, formed a special bond with Odessa, the fiery-spirited black and white runt of the group. After several weeks of working with her, Rebecca made the decision to adopt her. When she arrived at the shelter to pick up Odessa, the usually rebellious little one walked right inside the carrier, as if she knew, and was glad she was going home.

Since that day Odessa has been thriving. She spends her days soaking up love from Rebecca and her family who, no doubt, make sure she is rightfully spoiled.

Odessa's two brothers, Creamsicle and Cinnamon, remained at the shelter. Volunteers loved spending time with the brothers. Cinnamon purred loudly every time a volunteer walked into their room, and he loved to be held. His brother, Creamsicle, was playful, taking every opportunity to jump inside a box of crinkly paper and chase any toy across the room. These two shared a deep bond with each other. Volunteers watched the brothers playing together, snoozing together, and giving one another a bath. LFFAC knew these two shouldn't be separated. Fortunately, a wonderful young couple fell in love with these two playful and adorable companions. Today, they love to snooze near the well-stocked bookshelves, play with their new toys, and look out the window together.

Cora, Sunny, and Binx Make a Move

Whether it involves months or years, LFFAC is dedicated to ensuring continued cat care, with optimal ultimate outcomes. LFFAC was contacted by a mobile home owner named Jim in Fort Lupton in 2016. Jim was caring for a large colony of cats, but didn't have the resources to

provide everything they needed. LFFAC stepped in to help him with TNR, vaccinations, and food. After the mobile home community changed ownership LFFAC, in 2024, was asked to remove the remaining cats; otherwise they would be trapped and sent to a shelter where their outcomes would likely be poor. Four of the seven cats were trapped by our volunteer Tab, while the remaining three cats were permitted to stay.



Cora, Sunny (Cora's son), and Binx were taken to live for now in the safety of

LFFAC's large outdoor cattery. Two of these cats have asymptomatic FIV. All together, they require special care and commitment from volunteers who have continued to work to socialize them. They have adjusted to their new environment, one that involves the volunteer visits, treats, sunshine, and bird watching.



Joey's Cats Get a Ride to Relocation and Medical Care

Another relocation situation occurred with a colony this summer. LFFAC was contacted by Deb P. in 2015 for help with a colony of which she had become aware. LFFAC began providing food, TNR, and medical care to the cats while Deb P, and eventually Tab and Tonni, managed the colony. In total, LFFAC neutered and spayed more than 20 cats at the site. Kittens were removed from the colony and socialized for adoption. But when the property changed hands, there were still cats left with nowhere to go.



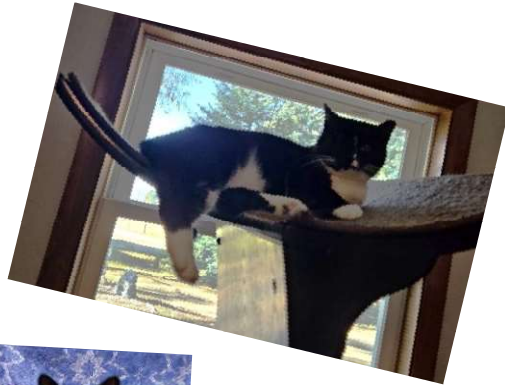
Tab and Tonni trapped the remaining nine cats on the property. One was in failing health and required euthanasia. The other eight cats all needed medical care, and three of the cats required dental care for severe gingivitis. Tab fostered the cats until they could be brought to the LFFAC shelter property. A room in our colony cattery was insulated to accommodate these cats. Wanting to provide even more space for the cats to roam, LFFAC hopes to raise the funds to expand their territory to include an enclosed outdoor area in 2025.

Juliet's Cats – Love Found and Lost, Love Sought Again

LFFAC lost a good friend and volunteer this past summer when Juliet passed away in an unpredictable life turn. Juliet was patient and skilled working with our under-socialized cats and gravitated towards those that needed her most. She fell in love first with and adopted Pecan (now Pip) and Sunflower (now Sophie) who came from one of our TNR sites, and then Jade whose first few years were spent in a hoarding situation with little to no attention from humans. Juliet and her partner lavished these cats with love and this is apparent from who these cats are today. They are very loving and seek out attention in the cutest ways.

After Juliet's passing, the three cats came back to us to find a new home where they would receive as much love and attention as they are accustomed to. Please help us help them to find their forever home.

Pip and Jade, both talkers, greet you at the door and love to play, but during down time, they love to snuggle together on a lap or on a soft blanket. Sophie is quiet, shy, and reserved but loves attention and petting and to lay next to her special someone. The three are bonded and would like to stay together.



Our community calls on us to provide compassionate cat care. That's a call we can answer thanks to supporters like you. Every contribution helps us to provide medical, dental, shelter, and basic needs to our community cats. As a result, you have helped us to bring so much happiness to those who adopt these cats into their families. Often, we get the chance to stay connected with those who adopt from us, and we hear so many delightful stories of the comfort, love, and silliness the cats provide to their purrfect human family matches. For other cats who may not want or adapt to human family life, we give them a chance to live out their lives on terms they prefer, with the needed care to make that possible.

We thank you for your continued support. Our efforts could not be done without people like you.

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