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Dear Friends,

The crew at Longmont Friends of Feral & Abandoned Cats has been hard at work providing compassionate care for displaced felines. One of the best parts of the job is seeing cats in our care go from barely surviving to thriving. Here are a few stories that highlight this journey.

On a snowy day, just after Christmas, Ann, a manager of our Diner Colony was caring for the 10+ cats. This area has become notorious for people dumping cats, and is located near a busy highway in a semi-rural area. Even more cats have found the colony, who are believed to be barn cats searching for food.



As Ann worked outside on that cold day, she came across a weak and malnourished kitten hiding behind the feeding area. The kitten was miserable. Her eyes were crusted shut and she had a severe upper respiratory infection. Acting quickly, Ann brought the kitten out of the bitter cold and called for LFFAC backup to take her to the vet for immediate medical care.

The kitten, now named Miss Scarlet, had a long road ahead of her. Thanks to our compassionate foster mom, Jami, Miss Scarlet's journey was one paved with love and kindness and special care that led to her regaining her health. The vet estimated that tiny Miss Scarlet was just 5-weeks-old. She spent quite a long time growing at Jami's home, and then Miss Scarlet finally called Jami's home her own.

LFFAC cares deeply about providing a place for cats who need more time and care to rehabilitate before they're ready for adoption.

Augustus and Eclipse, both 7-years-old, and Kevin and Keith, both 10, arrived at LFFAC after their own harrowing journey. Their caregiver passed away in December 2023. Unfortunately, the cats had been living in neglect in a filthy basement with large number of other cats and needed medical care. A concerned neighbor found places for the other cats and asked LFFAC to take the remaining cats.

Tabatha opened up her home to Augustus, Eclipse, Kevin, and Keith, and began teaching them to trust humans while they were receiving medical and dental care. A year later, when they were ready, they came to the LFFAC sanctuary where our cat socialization team began working



with them to help them to learn how to play and seek out attention from people. They transformed from having flat, unresponsive behavior to being very animated and playful.

Augustus now meows at the door for attention. He adores when his long orange fur is brushed by volunteers. The other three all engage with volunteers, especially when there are shoelaces to play with. When not inside, they can often be found luxuriating in the sun of their outdoor patio. LFFAC saw the strong bonds between these four cats and determined that it was crucial for them to remain together. Safe, cared for, and continuing progress in their recovery, these four are yet another example of the way that LFFAC provides unique, well-rounded care for cats in need.

These efforts take time, energy, expertise, and community support for LFFAC to continue to provide a place of healing and care for the cats. LFFAC provides the time, energy, and expertise, while friends like you provide the financial support necessary for food, medical care, supplies, and maintenance for our sanctuary. We thank you for making caring for the feral and abandoned cats in our community a reality.

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P.S. Please plan to join us for Purrs & Paws on Friday, September 12th at the Longmont Museum & Cultural Center from 6-9 p.m., won't you? There will be good food, good company, many interesting silent auction items to bid on, and an update on LFFAC's activities. It will be a good time, and a good way for you to help support one of your favorite causes. There is still time to donate items for the silent auction or become a sponsor. Please see our website for updates, or contact esther@longmontfriendsofcats.org.



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