

The Tabby Tales

THE HERMITAGE NO-KILL CAT SHELTER AND SANCTUARY



What's New

OUR 2020 IMPACT
CELEBRATING LOVE
SPREAD THE LOVE

Making Room for 2021

A shelter update from Amber Nix, Shelter Manager

Great news! Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have made, and plan to make, a few much-needed changes to some of our smaller suites.

By removing existing pony walls and shelving we have provided more floor room for our special needs kitties. Removing the walls allows our furry friends to move and run around the room with less obstacles and gives them the opportunity to be more active in their space.





The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary

Founded in 1965, The Hermitage has been part of Pima County for over 55 years, and counting. We are the only accredited sanctuary in Arizona that specializes in cat. There are only about 24 cat sanctuaries in the entire US, and we are one of about 20 which serves as a sanctuary for cats with FIV and FeLV.



We've rescued 699 cats and kittens from Pima Animal Care Center (PACC), January 2015-December 2020!



We spend \$1,000, on average, for every special needs cat we rescue



We spend \$250, on average, for every healthy cat we rescue.



3,413 cats and kittens,
found homes, since
January 1, 2015!



We've spent over
\$275,000, just on
local rescue efforts
since 2015

Rescue Partners

In addition to PACC, The Hermitage Partners with:

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
Humane Society of Puerto Rico
Arizona Humane Society
Save-A-Gato (Puerto Rico)
Pinal County Animal Care & Control
Maricopa County Animal Care & Control
And Many More Rescues and Shelters



2020 Impact!



626 Adoptions!



692 cats and kittens rescued



185 kittens were born in-shelter



374 Spay/Neuter surgeries performed in-house



35 Dental surgeries performed in-shelter

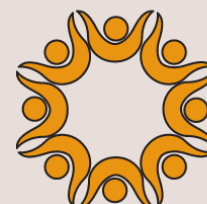


Food for People's Pets Pantry:

Dog Food: 13,053.5lb

Cat Food: 24,140lb

1,311 client visits; 26 per week



Over 21,647 volunteer hours in 2020! That's more
than 11 full time employees

Since 2015, our volunteers have given
almost 100,000 hours of their time



There are so many ways you can help: Sponsor a cat; join our Hermitage Heroes by setting up a recurring donation; donate in-kind goods; designate us as a beneficiary; corporate sponsorships; underwrite a program; purchase a memorial item or "name" a room!

The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary is a 501(c) 3; EIN 86-0213263; PO Box 13508; Tucson, AZ 85732

Let's Do It, Let's Fall In Love!

If you've been around The Hermitage for any length of time, you know that we have some Sweethearts amongst our kitties. Often referred to as "bonded pairs",

A **bonded pair** contains two cats that have a special, essential relationship and seek a home that will adopt them together. These cats NEED each other, or at least one of them needs the other for comfort, and there would be immediate risk of depression or other medical issues if they were to be separated. These cats either came in together, or found each other, and have formed a loving bond. It's always exciting for us when these duos find their families.

Because we're a sanctuary, every bonded pair will have a home with us until they pass away or are adopted, and that's due to the continued support of our donors, friends, and you!

In fact, recently, two of our "pairs,"

Sylvana & Sebastiana and Revlis & Alloy, found their forever families! These sweet, gorgeous pairs of siblings are devoted to one another, and we were overjoyed that their adopters couldn't wait to welcome them.

There is one bonded pair at The Hermitage that holds a special place in all of our hearts. This couple has been together for several years, and is our longest "kitty partnership:" Onyx and Twizzler.

These two dapper, senior gentlemen came to the shelter at different times, Twizzler in 2010, and Onyx in 2009. They have both been adopted a few times, and returned, because for them, he Hermitage is home. It was here that they met and fell in love.

For the past few years, they have been inseparable! They are rarely more than a "tail's length apart;" they're usually found snuggling, snoozing, or generally doing "cat things" together in our Mature Meowers Room.

Because of their devotion, we're announcing the first Cat Wedding of The Hermitage, and want to invite you to celebrate with us! We can't have a huge party with a reception, dancing, and cake, but we can celebrate separately.

We will be posting a video of the nuptials on our YouTube channel (so don't forget to subscribe at www.youtube.com/c/HermitageCatShelter).

Each cat in our shelter is part of a lacey pattern of love. Much like a Valentine heart, the lace ties us all together, crossing in a web of love and care, affection and joy. Twizzler and Onyx are two threads in this web. We invite you to join this lace, tying in your own knot of love, by donating here: <https://bit.ly/3se5Z6N> or by using the QR on the back of this issue.

Thank you for supporting our kitties, bonded pairs, and singletons.

Twizzler (15) & Onyx (16)





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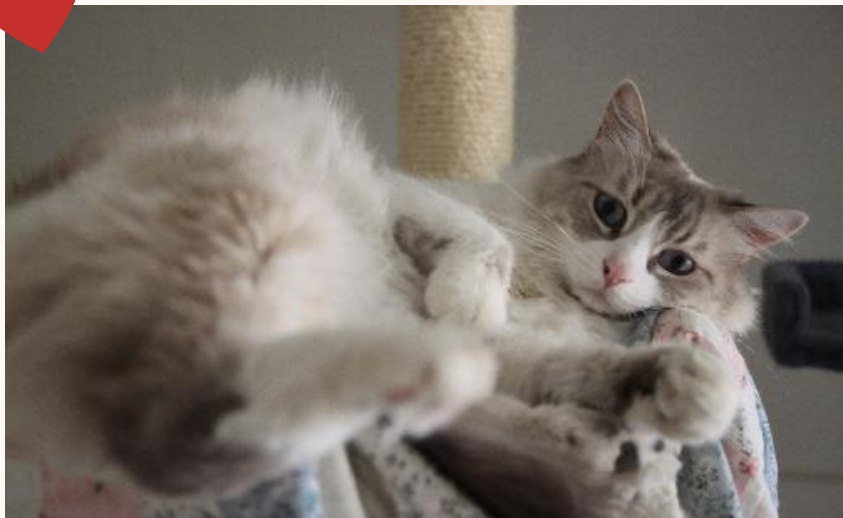
Donate Now!



Spread the Love

Celebrate this season of love by buying an item, or two, off our Wishlist! As a cat shelter, The Hermitage is always in need of food, litter, cleaning, and medical supplies.. A full list of our regularly updated needs can be found on our website, but here are a few items that we could always use more of:

- Canned Wet Cat Food - Tiki Cat Brand
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Lysol wipes
- Bleach
- Hand sanitizer



These items can be purchased from the retailer of your choosing, BUT, if you would like to help The Hermitage even more, order these items from AmazonSmile (select The Hermitage as your charity of choice) and we will also receive part of the proceeds.

Also, check out Twizzler and Onyx's wedding registry for more items we need:

<https://www.zola.com/wedding/onyxandtwizzler>

