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Giving
2016
Challenge
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Matching Funds



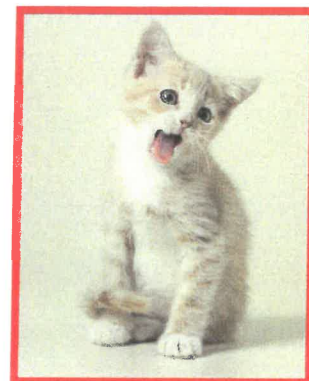
The Patterson Foundation will provide a 2:1 match for contributions from new donors for donations up to \$100. New donors are individuals who did not give to Cat Depot in the 2015 Giving Challenge.



Click and Clack

2:1

New Donor gives	\$25 - \$100 (or more)
Patterson Foundation doubles your donation	\$50 - \$200
TOTAL	\$75 - \$300!!



There are approximately 30,000 free roaming cats and kittens in Sarasota County. Free-roaming mothers with kittens struggle to survive. Click and Clack are the off-spring of an unsterilized community cat.

The Patterson Foundation will provide a 1:1 match for contributions from returning donors for donations up to \$100.



Raul

1:1

Returning Donor gives	\$25 - \$100 (or more)
Patterson Foundation matches your donation	\$25 - \$100
TOTAL	\$50 - \$200!!



Female cats are pregnant for approximately 63 days. Raul was born at Sarasota Animal Services and transferred to Cat Depot's care. In many Asian and European countries a black cat is considered lucky. Cat Depot thinks so, too.

All Donations Are Greatly Appreciated



Donations are 100% tax deductible. (All Fields Are Required)

☐ I prefer to remain anonymous

Donor's Name: _____ Billing Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX ☐ DISC ☐ Credit Card # _____ CVV* _____ Exp. _____

(*CVV refers to 3 digit code on back of VISA and MC • 4 digit code on front of AMEX)

Donation Amount: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other \$ _____

Prizes



Highest Total Dollars from New Donors - First Prize \$5,000



In Florida, unsterilized females can have up to 4 litters a year. Liam, his feral mother, and several of his siblings were found outside a building. The family was admitted to Cat Depot's Rose Durham Cat Care Clinic, where income qualified pet owners can receive free spay and neuter services for their cats.

Highest Total Dollars from Returning Donors - First Prize \$5,000



An average litter consists of 4 to 6 kittens. Allowing a family cat to become impregnated was the reason Tyrese was relinquished. In 7 years, one unsterilized cat and her off-spring can produce an incredible 420,000 kittens! Cat Depot found this unwanted kitten a home, preventing Tyrese from becoming a statistic.

3 Ways You Can Give

1. **Donate online** at our secure website www.catdepot.org on September 20-21, noon to noon
2. **Call** 941.366.2404 **before or during** the 2016 Giving Challenge to give us your donation over the phone
3. **Mail** completed Giving Challenge form by **September 14** to
Cat Depot, 2542 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234

Only donations by credit cards count towards the Giving Challenge

Mark your calendar • September 20-21 • Noon to Noon

Together we can make a difference!

Grant Opportunities



The Most Donors - First Prize \$7,000

Typically, a cat remains in heat for 7 days, but a heat period can last from 2 to 19 days. Tinkerbelle, a playful brown tabby kitten, was rescued from a feral colony in April 2016. Your generous donations help us feed, socialize, and adopt kittens like Tinkerbelle into loving homes.



Tinkerbelle

Golden Tickets

\$100 bonus added to one random donor's gift EVERY HOUR

A litter of kittens can have several fathers. Tinkerbelle and Bobble are siblings from the same litter. Given the diversity of coloring, it is likely each kitten had a different father. They were rescued from a feral cat colony.



Bobble

Thank You

Cat Depot is grateful to the Giving Challenge for the opportunity to raise life-saving funds

Birthing of kittens can last from 4 to 48 hours with an average of 16 hours. Kittens are born at 30 to 60 minute intervals. Their eyes and ears are tightly sealed and they are unable to regulate their own body temperatures. It is important that they be kept in temperatures of 81 degrees or above.

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Click and Clack

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A black and white striped kitten is standing on its hind legs, reaching up with its front paws towards a colorful paper hot air balloon. The balloon has a yellow and orange patterned body and a teal and black striped canopy. The kitten's body is covered in dark stripes on a lighter background, and its tail is long and dark. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Giving Challenge Online Campaign

September 20-21 noon to noon

Help Us Reach \$200,000!

How?

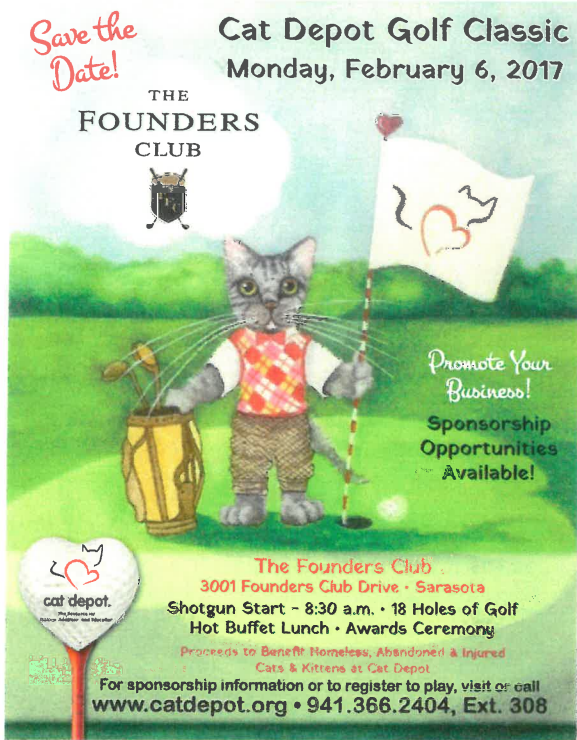
**Make A Donation
And
Ask 2 Friends To Give**

Last year you helped us raise \$128,000.
Together we changed the lives of 1,430
cats and kittens.

Thank you for supporting our largest
fund-raising event of the year.



During the month of September, support Cat Depot by dining at a Columbia restaurant. Check Cat Depot on your ballot and we will receive 5% of your bill. We count on these funds and are grateful to you and Columbia restaurant for helping our cats.



Save the Dates

Columbia Restaurant
September 1-30, 2016

Golf Classic
February 6, 2017

Annual Fund Raiser

*Stop in the
Name of*



March 11, 2017



“Free Kittens to Good Homes” Oxymoron or Simply Moronic?

Dr. Jerry Edington

We have all seen listings in the classifieds advertising “free kittens to good homes,” or kittens being given away outside of a store. Anything “free” draws people in and there is undoubtedly nothing cuter than a kitten. That being said, everyone should be educated on what routine feline health care involves before acting on impulse.

What many people do not realize is that almost all kittens have parasites (some of which can spread to people). Kittens should be screened for parasites and dewormed by a veterinarian. Cats should also receive lifelong flea and heartworm preventatives.

Just like human babies, kittens should go through a series of vaccinations against life threatening viruses starting around 6 weeks of age. Booster vaccinations should occur every 2-4 weeks until the kitten is 4 months old. Rabies vaccination is also required, by law, for cats 4 months old or older.

Cats are baby producing machines! Female cats can become pregnant around 6 months of age and sometimes even earlier. To battle pet overpopulation, behavioral problems, and improve the health of the cat, sterilization should happen as soon as a veterinarian deems the procedure safe.

The bottom line is that anyone considering being “owned by a cat” should realize a monetary investment will be necessary. I ask you though, what price would you put on having a purring cat by your side as you lay dozing off on a rainy afternoon? I say “priceless!”

