

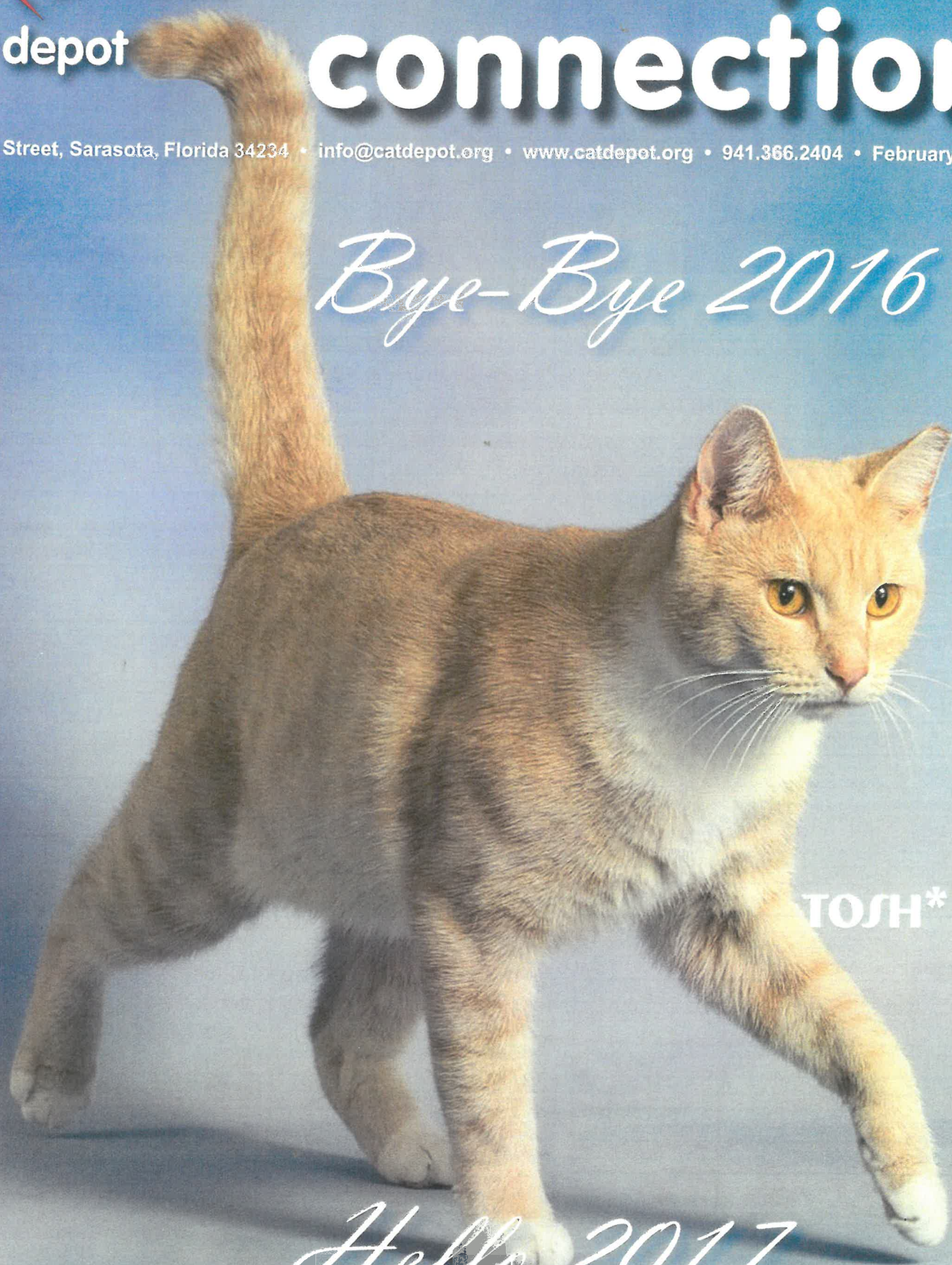
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Bye-Bye 2016



TOSH*

Hello 2017

2016 - THE STORY CONTINUES



2016 – We were busting at the seams and purchased Sam's Auto and four lots across the street.

2017 – The New Year is filled with optimism and hope. Additional parking, once a commodity, is available. Sam's Auto is being remodeled to temporarily provide housing for volunteers, education, emergency response training, lectures, and summer camp.

We start again, helping one cat, then another, and another. These precious kitties fill our conference room, activity center, and occasionally our bathrooms. There is an endless supply, but this year, potential help is in sight, and it's right across the street.

Surrender / Intake	
Admission Reason	Year-To-Date
Stray	729
Abandoned	78
Owner Relinquishment	
Owner Illness	36
Owner Pregnant	2
Financial	22
Moving	46
Allergies	20
Conflict with other pet	13
Behavior	23
Animal Illness	12
Nursing Home	6
Too Many Pets	150
Other	46
TNVR	24
2016 Desoto Rescue	30
Born in Foster Care	25
Raised in Foster Care	35
Red White & Mew	0
Returned Adoption	58
Transfer from Other Agencies	166
Total	1,532

Visitors	
Cat Depot Shelter	18,910
Shelter Medical	1,042
Total	19,952

Total Admittance	2016
Adults	425
Kittens	1,107
Total	1,532

2016 marked the second year in a row that all cats were adopted within one year of being in the shelter.*

*Stardust and Chamomile were both adopted in the first two weeks of January.

We are working with Sarasota County Animal Services to increase their live release rate. Our goal is to take at least eight cats per month, including cats with behavior issues. **2016 Total: 94**

GOT BIZ?

Help us spread the word and raise needed funds for our community's homeless cats.

If you have a business, or know a business that will place a coin bank on their counter, please contact Joe at 941.366.2404 x 316 or email JosephL@catdepot.org.



Ring in the New Year with Two

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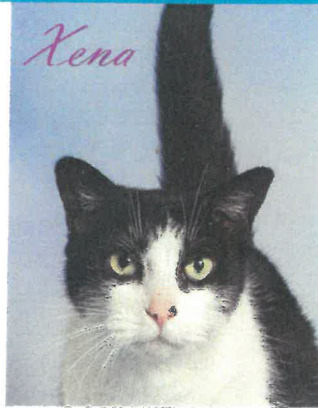
Save Our Seniors

Cat Depot has launched a new innovative program to help senior cats get adopted.

The program is called SOS

(Save Our Seniors). Cats, like people, are living longer, and we are now facing a national dilemma. Many shelters have age restrictions, believing that older cats are difficult to place or unadoptable.

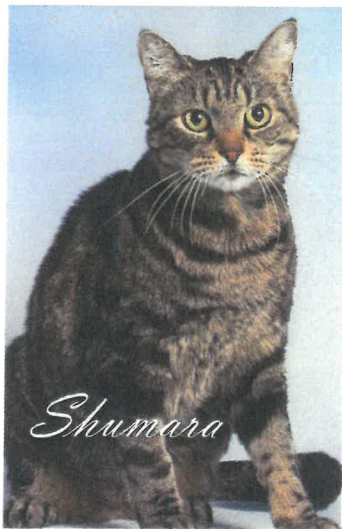
SOS started in November 2016 with 17 cats in the program. To date, 8 cats have found loving homes. Please consider adopting a senior cat.



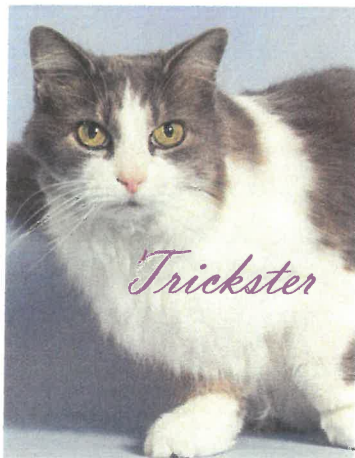
Xena



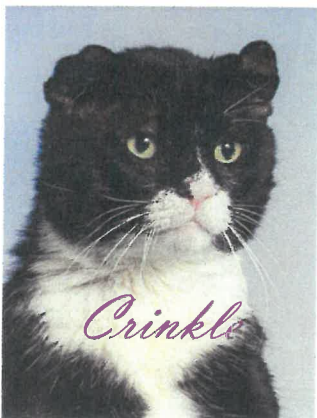
Azalea



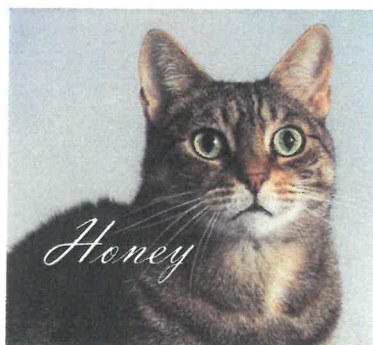
Shumara



Trickster



Crinkle



Honey

CAT PAWSITIVE

A Jackson Galaxy Initiative

Shelters can often be overwhelming places. Sometimes even the most outgoing, active cat can become nervous and shut down. Stress can make cats hide, lash out, and potentially lead to illness.

Developed by Jackson Galaxy and a team of behavioral experts, Cat Pawsitive enriches day-to-day life for cats in shelters. The program builds new skills for cats as well as staff and volunteers. It promotes the human-cat bond, and helps improve adoptability.

Cat Depot is thrilled to have been selected as one of Jackson Galaxy's 2017 partners! We are looking for volunteers to take an active role on our Cat Pawsitive team. Contact Joe at volunteers@catdepot.org or 941.366.2404 x 316 for more information.



Happy Licks ADOPTION STORY

After being found twisted in a pile of debris by construction workers, it was clear that Origami needed immediate attention. Upon his arrival at Cat Depot, veterinary staff performed emergency surgery to repair his injuries. During his recovery, he was paired with an adorable orange kitten named Cognac.

The two kittens not only grew stronger physically but emotionally. They quickly developed a bond that staff were hesitant to break. Thankfully, once on the adoptive floor both were adopted together by a wonderful forever family!



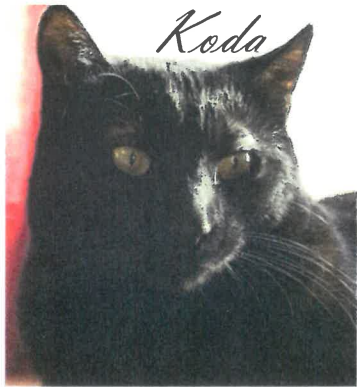
Origami and Cognac

New Programs, Plus, Plus, Plus!!!

NO CATS LEFT BEHIND

Traveling with your pets requires planning ahead, especially if your fur babies have special needs. In 2016, Cat Depot received weekly calls from owners wanting to relinquish their cats. Moving is one of the top reasons cats are surrendered.

Recently, Maria, a Cat Depot employee, moved to Sweden with her two special needs cats, Samson and Koda. Her international journey was a heartwarming example of her love for her four-legged family members. Like many dedicated adopters, she made a very important pledge to care for her cats for life.



Moving in itself may seem daunting. If you read Maria's inspiring, intricate story on our website, moving locally or to another state will seem easy! Don't let your cats become a statistic. Cat Depot is here to help minimize stress for you and your loved ones.

To read more about Maria, Samson, and Koda's travel story, visit www.catdepot.org.

STATISTIC:

IN 2016, 46 CATS WERE RELINQUISHED TO CAT DEPOT DUE TO THEIR FAMILIES MOVING AND LEAVING THEM BEHIND.

CAT DEPOT EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CDERT)

Natural and man-made disasters are inescapable. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina opened our eyes to the need for emergency trained animal responders. As a result of that horrific event, CDERT was formed.

Currently, Cat Depot has 33 trained staff and volunteer responders, which is not enough. Should a natural disaster happen in our backyard, only emergency trained and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) certified responders will be allowed to help.

Florida is the only state to have a FEMA approved training organization. Please attend a FL SARC (Florida State Animal Response Coalition) certification class, hosted by Cat Depot.

- April 8 or August 12: Level 1 Awareness (needed to deploy)
- May 20, 21: Level 2 Operations (advanced level)

In 2016, Cat Depot rescued 189 cats and kittens through deployment or transfer from other organizations. Deployment means helping cats who are in need of emergency care.



NY Cat Rescue, Jan. 2017 Photo: Courtesy of ASPCA

Cat Depot is an approved rescue team for the ASPCA. Under their banner, we deployed a medical team to New York to assist 600 cats who required immediate critical care.

If you ever want to make a hands-on, lifesaving difference, please join CDERT. It will change your life, and theirs.

To register contact Joe at 941.366.2404 x 316 or email JosephL@catdepot.org.

A FOND FAREWELL TO 2016

Rose Durham CAT CARE CLINIC

2016 was a busy year for the Rose Durham Cat Care Clinic. We performed 1,000+ free spays and neuters through Cat Depot's Community Cat Care Program. We also celebrated our second birthday on November 17. Our dedicated medical team worked tirelessly in what was once the shelter's garage. This beehive of busyness has nearly doubled the number of cats treated from the previous year.

Check out some of the clinic's incredible highlights below. The Rose Durham Cat Care

Clinic is open to the public and provides affordable veterinary services for cats and kittens.

Open:

- M-F 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Sat 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Appointments are required.

Call 941-366-CATS (2287) to schedule an appointment.

For a list of available services with pricing, go to www.catdepot.org.



Wally receives cold laser therapy to ease arthritic pain.

2016 Cat Depot Statistics

Rose Durham Cat Care Clinic			
	2015	2016	+/-
Patient Visits	6,607	9,415	+42%

Spays	Neuters
709	647
Over 1,010 patients received free or reduced cost spay/neuter services through our grant programs.	

Special Surgeries

Leg Amputations: 6	Tail Amputations: 2
Eye Enucleations: 4	Cystotomies: 3
PU Surgeries: 3	Laceration Repairs: 8
Mastectomies: 2	

Adoption Statistics			
	2015	2016	+/-
Adult Adoptions	421	405	-3%
Kitten Adoptions	905	1,014	+12%
Total	1,332	1,419	+6%

Community Food Bank					
	# of Recipients	# of Personal Cats	# of Community Cats	Pounds of Dry Food	Cans of Wet Food
Total	637	2,936	6,103	21,268	10,038
Average Per Month	53	245	509	1,772	837

Volunteers		
	Number of Volunteers	Hours of Service
Volunteers	529	22,240 +
Foster Care Givers	165 Active	33,100 +

A Motown Magic Invitation

Music, for me, has always been my salvation, whether I was happy, sad or I just felt the need to bathe in all its splendor. Being a child of the sixties opened my world up to an enormous and delicious diversity, variety and abundance of music. But it all began with the soulful sounds of Motown, the rhythm and blues that shaped and rocked my world.

So, it is my pleasure and my hope to personally invite you, on March 11, to Cat Depot's biggest fundraiser of the year. It will be an evening designed to thank you for helping us level the playing field, and to help soothe the souls of many abandoned cats and kittens.

Enjoy the evening and STOP in the Name of Love.

"Music is what life sounds like." Eric Olson

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you there!



Linda Slavin
Cat Depot Co-Founder



Annual Gala & Fundraiser

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Hyatt Regency Sarasota

Tickets & Sponsorships Now Available!

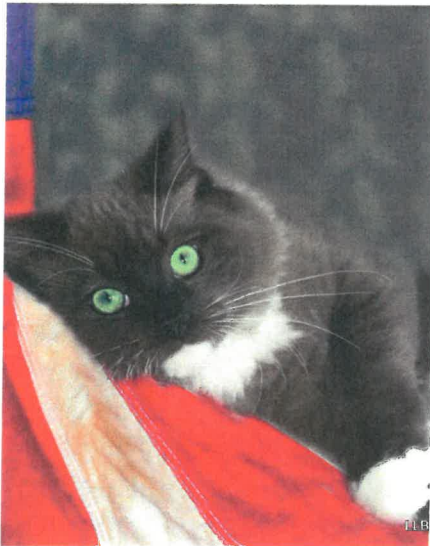
For more information, call 941.366.2404

RED, WHITE, AND MEW

In 2011, many servicemen's cats were turned away for lack of space. As a result, Operation Red, White, and Mew was born. No longer could we allow a cat to be left behind and face an uncertain fate. Today, any soldier in the U.S. who is deployed, has immediate access to Cat Depot's welcoming arms.

It's our way of saying thank you to those who protect our country.

For more information, call Cody at 941.366.2404 or email info@catdepot.org.



IF YOU LOVE YOUR CATS, YOU'LL WANT

Lifetime Care

Don't leave your cat's fate to chance. Plan for those you love by signing up for Cat Depot's program, *Lifetime Care*.



It's an insurance policy that provides for your cat's well-being for their entire life. Rest assured, knowing your cats will have a long and loving future.

For a free brochure or information, call Shelley at 941.366.2404 x 306 or email ShelleyT@catdepot.org.

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*Tosh, our cover cat, is named after famed comedian and Cat Depot supporter, Daniel Tosh.