



# Harmony House News

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## Dear Friend of Harmony House,

When thanking the rescuers and Good Samaritans who give our cats and kittens a second chance, we sometimes forget to highlight the unsung heroes that provide the happy endings. Every adopter saves two lives: the cat they take home and the cat that can now be rescued when space opens up. We meet so many special people: single adopters, couples, roommates, and families. But most incredible are the adopters that adopt a cat with a medical problem.

Buster Baxter has a heart condition and will require an expensive echocardiogram each year to monitor his health. Thank you for pledging to give Buster Baxter all he needs to have a long and healthy life.

Taffeta arrived with multiple medical problems and has the biggest heart and sweetest disposition. She is deaf, blind in one eye, and walks with a wobble. But all her new adopters could see was a gentle cat to complete their family.

Please make a gift for the next injured cat or kitten in need. It is because of you that we can rescue stray cats, provide them with veterinary care to recover, and place each of them in loving homes. Your gift will be put to immediate use to pay vet bills, food, litter, and keep the shelter doors open for more cats in need this summer.

**With heartfelt thanks,**  
Ann Dieter

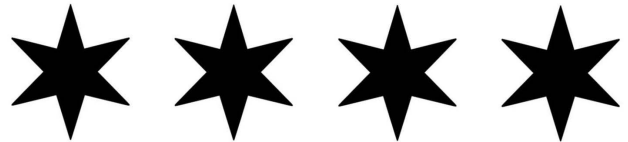


# 42nd Annual Walk for Cats

**Sun, June 9, 2024**

Harmony House for Cats  
2914 N Elston  
Chicago, IL 60618  
\$30 per person

The 2024 Walk for Cats will be offered In-person at the shelter on Sunday, June 9th, or you can walk in your own neighborhood as a Virtual Walker. Congratulations to Dakota Kysiak who designed our 2024 Walk t-shirt.



# Felines and Valentines 2024

Our Valentine Party was the best one ever! Visitors could enjoy wine and chocolate at Chateaux Meow, snuggle with the cats at the kissing booth, take a chance on Bulls tickets or lots of other prizes. Joyce and Pam coordinated the Bake Sale with so many goodies donated by the volunteers. Valerie featured handmade jewelry, catnip pads and pillows were crafted by Nancy and Deborah, activities were coordinated by Karen, Mary Ann, Roseanne, Marla, Aldona and so many incredible volunteers. Thank you to Jennifer and all the Harmony House staff, Linda Kawliche, and our Cupid in Charge, Pat Vesper.



## Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize: \$300 Cash – Sally Sandine
- 2nd Prize: \$150 Cash – Katherine Schaar
- 3rd Prize: \$75 Cash – Debra Stacoviak
- 4th Prize: \$50 Cash – Dan Gutknecht
- 5th Prize: \$25 Cash – Karen Pollack

Congratulations to all the winners of our Tails of Hope Raffle! Furry kisses from the cats to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.

# Harmony House Has Received a Tribute Donation...

## In Honor of:

JENNIFER, all her help adopting my two beautiful cats. – Alice Sedy  
LOLA – Sally Hamann  
Our current cats O'NEILL and SEAGRAM – Diana Villafuerte  
DAN and MARLA GUTKNECHT – Jordan Hegedus  
PAM PIETROWSKY – Diane Pietrowsky  
My granddaughter Marissa Linn's 24th birthday – Patricia Linn  
NATASHA LEYK – Graham Price  
My great beloved cat SHMUEL adopted from Harmony House – Isabelle Proton  
WENDELL and NIKO – Michael Yannell  
AUGUST "GUSGUS" Blair, adopted September 2007 – Robert Vechiola  
GUINN BENSLEY – Nanette Sage  
HARMONY HOUSE – tag Outlet employees  
With endless gratitude to RONI NAKULSKI, who introduced me to Harmony House. – Elyse Klemchuk  
JEAN and BRIAN CORNELISON, in honor of their care for cats. – Susan Atchison  
My brother, MICHAEL YANNELL – Claudia Teetsel  
MICHAEL PETER YANNELL – Kristin Preisig Stroemmen  
BRAIN – Charlotte Robinson  
The kind and selfless volunteers in animal shelters everywhere. – Dave Schalk  
QUEEN AUDREY – Courtney Romano  
My UNCLE FRANKLINS's 100th birthday – Elizabeth Harvey  
Wishing the board, staff, and volunteers of Harmony House a fantastic 2024! – Elizabeth Harvey  
PATRICIA CULP – Patricia Hettwer  
ANN DIETER – James Hobart  
The cats in our life now – Francisco and Irene Orozco  
All our kitties and Harmony House kitties – Francisco and Irene Orozco  
All the dedicated and awesome volunteers at Harmony House and Pawsitively Cat Shelter in Tucson, AZ! – Carol Ann Hayden  
Harmony House's endless lifesaving and care – Kathy and Phil Kulka

MITZY – Lynn Henry  
ERIC BURKEL – John R. Burkel

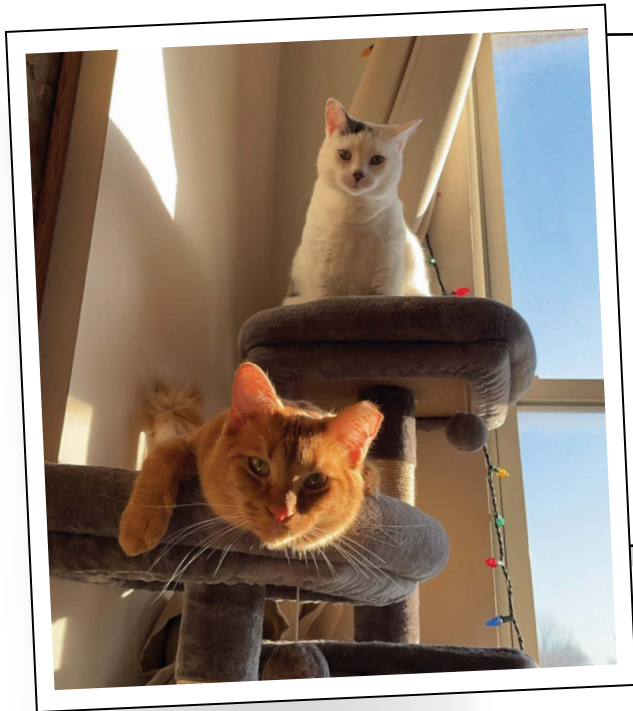
## In Memory of:

DOODLES, JOKER and SEYMOUR, companions of Andrew Milmoie on his birthday. – Stephen Milmoie  
WALTER, Lisa Brandt's kitty, lovingly named after Walter Payton. He was one of a kind. Love, Marla and Dan Gutknecht  
CHERYL GLEASON MILITELLO, Tricia Militello's beautiful Mom. She will be dearly missed. Love, Marla and Dan Gutknecht  
DANIEL, the little elderly man I adopted from Harmony House – Michaelle Carling  
My dad: ENRIQUE BELSUZARRI, the kindest and most compassionate man I ever knew. – Veronica Belsuzarri  
SHELLEY SCOTT – Connie Scott  
My mother, JEAN VAN ATTA, a lifelong animal lover – Anne Westphal  
My fuzziest OLIVER (Oli-Vaer-Bear) – Michael Yannell  
My Gram, DOROTHY KUNZ, who became an angel 8 years ago today. – Diane Turek  
HOPE TOMI KIMURA URSA – Mark Ursa  
My mother, MADELINE KOCINSKI – Janice Murphy  
SAMMY and ROSIE CASTELLI – James Castelli  
SIR ARTHUR DAVIE, who was regal and sweet and loved naps in the sun. – Your friends and colleagues in GBS Legal  
ROSEMARY HACKER, my sister, had a huge, beautiful heart and adopted any animal that needed a home. She was never without an adopted pet. She was a beautiful, loving lady who is missed by all who knew her. See you on the other side. With love, JoEllen  
DINKY – Elizabeth Harvey  
TANSY and FLORA who Harmony House gave a home after their owner died – Elizabeth Harvey  
My baby kitties, SQUEAKY and LUZ – Tamara Swanson

LEHN FITZGERALD – Suzan Orozco  
All the cats we've loved – Francisco and Irene Orozco  
SCOOTER (beloved cat of Dr. Vince Rogers) – AnnMarie Blaney  
NORA – from one of a hundred hoarder cats to queen of her own house – Nancy Rawson  
SKELLY – beloved by all who knew him – Nancy Rawson  
CHYNA, our beloved Siamese cat. We sure miss you. – Sharon Ross  
MILLIE aka Bay-Ba. We will love her forever. Laurie A. Pytosh  
EDWARD – Merry Vanick  
MAGGIE, who, with her 3 kittens, was rescued by an HHC humane trap 13 years ago. – Frances Jacobs  
DIAMOND – Joel Contreras  
GARY T. - Mary Thrasher  
NIKKI, the much-loved cat of Nancy Machura. I miss him so much.  
My cat WHIMPERS – Anita Krebs  
PROF. FRUMBLES – Darius and CC Lisowski  
LYNN CLOONEY, my dear friend, cat and dog lover – Elfriede Bachmeier  
EVE TOMECZKO – Vicki Cannizzaro  
HELEN and JOE POLLACK, TIARA, FRECKLES and MR. STRIPES – Karen Pollack  
HELEN and JOE POLLACK – Linda Pollack  
JOSIE – John R. Burkel  
SEBASTIAN – John R. Burkel  
DWAYNE LOGAN – Vicki Logan  
HANK – Pat, Peggy and Denise  
BEVERLEY EDEN – Beth Miller  
DOROTHY MCCARRELL and her beloved cats SQUEAKY, MAMA and many others – Lori, Sharon, and Sally  
PUDDY, PEANUT, and PUNKY – Mary L. Cumerford  
SCOUT – loved – Peggy Koch  
RUSTY and SMOKEY – K. Michael Hart and Dr. Katie J. Hart

This newsletter features tributes received 10/20/23 – 2/27/24. Tribute donations received after February 27th will appear in our next newsletter.

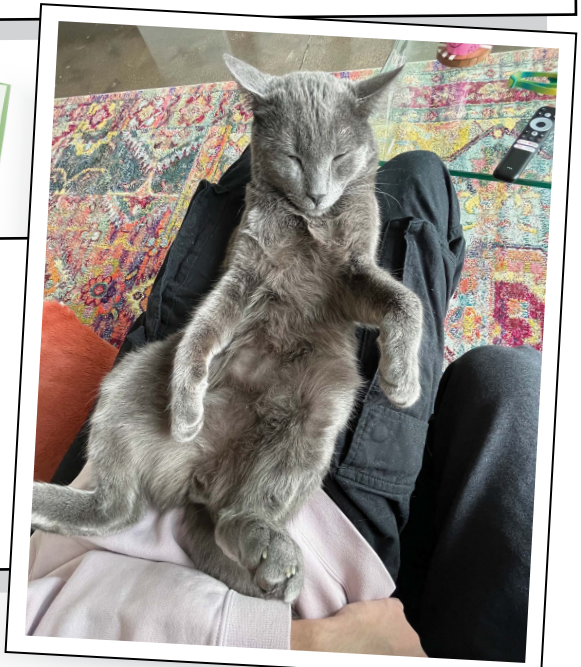
# Tales from Home



Hello Harmony House!  
We've had Jupiter (formerly Lobster Roll) for about 3 months now, and he's settling in great. He has such a quirky personality and has kept HH alum Kal (Marcel DuChomp) very busy with all his playful energy. Jupiter came to us quite shy but over the last few months he's really warmed up. Not a day goes by without him making his presence known by demanding attention, regardless of what you're doing! We are so lucky to have gotten two fantastic additions to our little family, thanks Harmony House!  
Thanks again, Anna and Marshall



I am just reaching out to say thank you so much for helping me adopt Mr. Howard Meoward!! Howard has been at his new home for almost a month now and he is just the most perfect furry friend I could imagine. He is loving his new place and filling his time with lots of naps and affection. Thank you again for uniting me with him, I am so grateful!  
Cavan



We are so grateful to Harmony House for bringing Jaxon and Kitana into our lives last August. Jaxon (Jax) and Kitana (Kiki) are the happiest and silliest of cats. They make every day better. Kiki loves playing fetch and belly rubs. Jax loves racing around our apartment when we get home before taking a long nap in his cat tree. When they're not playing with their (maaaany) toys, they both love to snuggle with us, and each other. We're always so amazed with how bonded they are and how they check on each other throughout the day. We are so grateful for Harmony House for bringing them into our little family.  
Thank you, Megan