



## New Beginnings

### Minke

Minke ended up at a shelter after being the sole survivor of a house fire that took the lives of his owners and two feline siblings. At 13 years of age, the shelter staff considered him unadoptable, yet their hearts went out to this poor boy who had endured such tragedy. They contacted Tabby's Place and Minke became a resident of the sanctuary.

We are hopeful that Minke's affectionate demeanor and handsome face will charm somebody into taking him home. In the meantime, we will see to it that Minke's life is care-free and joyful.

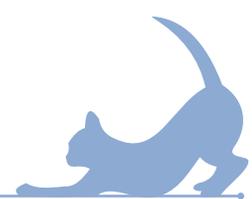
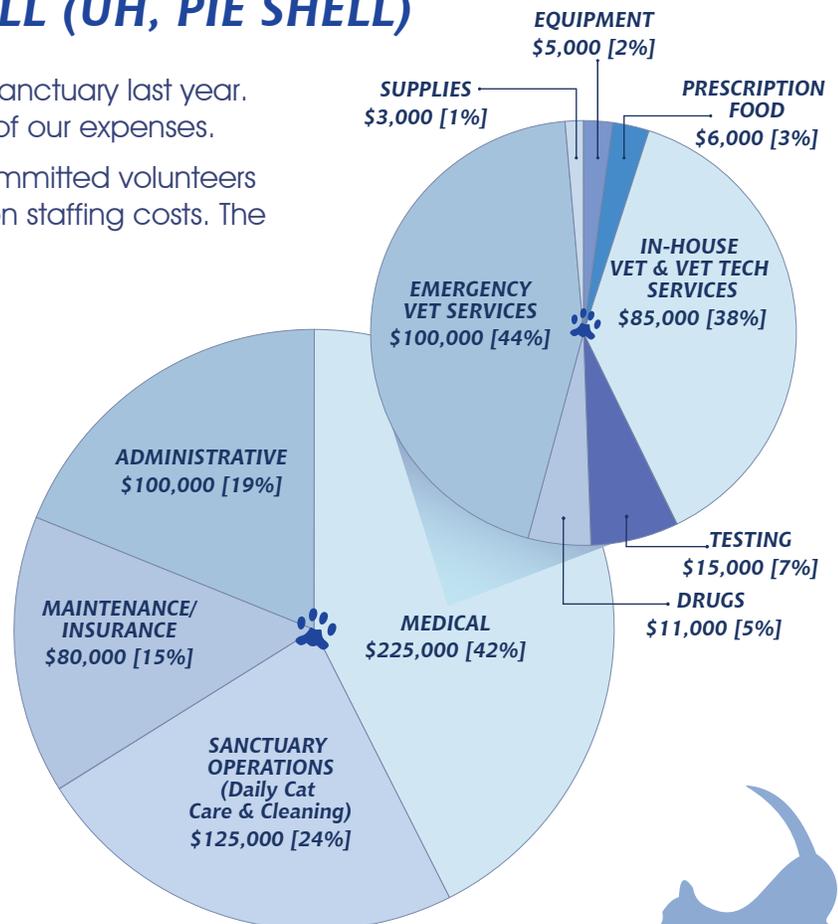


## 2006 EXPENSES IN A NUTSHELL (UH, PIE SHELL)

It cost approximately \$530,000 to operate the sanctuary last year. We thought you might like to see a breakdown of our expenses.

We are truly blessed to have the help of 100 committed volunteers who enable us to operate efficiently and save on staffing costs. The staff at Tabby's Place consists of:

- **One Executive Director** (Jonathan Rosenberg, also the Founder, is non-salaried)
- **One Development Director** to raise funds
- **One Operations Manager** to oversee cat care, cleaning protocol, and adoption process
- **Five Sanctuary Associates** to clean, administer medications, clean some more, counsel adopters, and then clean again
- **One Veterinary Technician**
- **One Veterinarian**



🐾 **Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining**



**Cloud**

Cloud is a little darling with three strikes against her: mammary cancer, cerebellar hypoplasia (a neurological disease that makes walking awkward), and entropion (an uncommon condition in which her eyelashes roll inward and rub against her eyes). Her clumsy gait and squinty eyes make her too cute for words, and despite her name, sunshine seems to follow her. Cloud is in need of sponsors to assist with her care. Would you consider helping this sweet girl? Please [click here](#) to find out how. 🐾

🐾 **Honeymooners Discover a Cat at the Grand Canyon**

By Daniel Karcher

My wife, Erica, and I spent our honeymoon in a rented cabin alongside the Grand Canyon. While taking a late-night stroll along the rim one evening, we heard a meow. From a thicket of trees growing along the interior wall of the canyon, a cat appeared. He hopped up onto level ground and rubbed our legs.

Here, in the middle of seemingly nowhere, alongside a 227-mile-long and 8,200-foot-deep chasm, appeared an orange tabby in want of some cuddle time. Within seconds our intrigue turned to concern: this pile of purr was a coyote's midnight snack waiting to happen.

No one at the lodge was aware of a lost cat. We fed the lil' one some turkey and then took him to the local kennel.

Upon returning home, we wondered how the little fella was doing and what might become of him. I began making phone calls to research what it would take to adopt him and get him home with us.

We arranged to have a veterinarian examine him and issue a medical certificate to fly. A kennel worker generously purchased a certified air carrier; she then drove our feline traveler to a rendezvous point, where a courier we hired drove him several more hours to the airport.

Fourteen days and 2,500 miles later we had a new addition to our family, one who befriended us in the abyss of the Grand Canyon. This little fella, who likely had been abandoned by a passing traveler, made fast friends with his new siblings and acts as if he has lived with us since birth. His name? "Canyon."

*Daniel and Erica volunteer with the Special Needs Sponsorship Program at Tabby's Place. 🐾*



**Dan and Canyon, moments after meeting each other**



**🐾 Kitchen Experts Provide Design and Function**

Lotte, Cindy, and Renate Fleck come from a long line of animal lovers. The three sisters own and operate Kitchen Magic, Inc. in Phillipsburg, NJ, which specializes in custom kitchen remodeling. They generously provided Tabby's Place with new closets for the sanctuary's suites.

The closets, which store cleaning supplies and enclose sinks with hot and cold running water, are resistant to water damage and should stand up to the rigorous cleaning procedures at the sanctuary. Tabby's Place extends a heartfelt thank you to Lotte, Cindy, Renate, and everyone at Kitchen Magic who made these highly functional closets possible. 🐾



**Mr. French  
inspects the new closet**

**🐾 Honor Thy Cat Lover**

You can now make donations to Tabby's Place in honor of the people and pets in your life through our website. When you make an honorary gift, Tabby's Place will send the recipient a card personalized by you. [Click here](#) to find out more.

**🐾 Forever Loved**



**Rose**

Ten-year-old Rose came to Tabby's Place from a shelter where she was scheduled for euthanasia. Though no one considered her for adoption in the two years she was with us, she was loved by all for her sweet, gentle disposition. Rose, who had hyperthyroidism, always took her pills so good-naturedly. Sadly, she developed cancer, and despite our best efforts, she declined quickly. We miss her more than words can tell. ❤️

**🐾 Benefactor Program**

We wish to acknowledge the outstanding generosity of the following supporters who recently joined the Tabby's Place Benefactor Program:

**Sustaining Benefactors**

Sandra M. Field

**Contributing Benefactors**

Christine Elmer

**100 Club**

Nancy Meyer

The Benefactor Program seeks the support of individuals who wish to make a lasting impact at the sanctuary. Members provide the critical financial foundation for Tabby's Place to continue its mission of saving cats in hopeless situations. For more info, please contact Pam Garfield at [pg@tabbysplace.org](mailto:pg@tabbysplace.org).



**🐾 Nighttime in the Tabby's Place Lobby**

By Barbara Hutchins

One of the joys of being Resident Sanctuary Associate at Tabby's Place is the chance to see another side of all our colorful cats. At night cats that display such energy during the day finally rest, while the 'wallflowers' explore and play.

I can't resist making nightly excursions from my apartment to the Tabby's Place lobby, because I love spending time with the cats who live there. My current favorite is Toby. When I check email from the reception desk's computer, he has the good sense not to stand in front of the monitor (not true of Cali!); and when I try to move his feet off the keyboard, he obliges quickly. Additionally, Toby carries out nightly carpet calisthenics. He kicks, twists and beats the poor entryway rug so thoroughly that someone has to unfold it and straighten it out every morning.



**Babs & Toby**

Recently, while at the computer, I heard Bagheera, our resident paraplegic, rattling in his nighttime crate a little louder than usual. A few minutes later, a familiar meow came from a very unfamiliar location: I turned around to see Bagheera right behind me. He'd freed himself from his crate (somehow) and scooted across the lobby.

And a few nights ago, Cloud had jumped off the couch and fallen into her water bowl. Cloud is rather unsteady on her feet due to cerebellar hypoplasia. I got a towel to dry her off and soon she was purring. I held her awhile, pleased that this charming, wiggly cat chose to stay in my arms.

Such moments are the perks of living in the sanctuary apartment. Indeed, I am lucky. 🐾

**🐾 Miracle Update!**



**Miracle with big brother Simba**

Remember Miracle, the kitten featured in the last issue who had survived a trip through a sewage processing plant? After reading Miracle's story, one of our subscribers decided to give him a home. Patty reports that Miracle is a very loving lap cat and has become best buddies with his canine brother, Simba. 🐾



## 🐾 Caring for Strays in Winter

"There's a stray cat hanging around the neighborhood, but with winter coming I'm concerned about it living outside." Tabby's Place receives many such calls this time of year. Of course, the best scenario is to bring the cat inside or find someone who can provide it a home. If this is not possible, here is some advice:

Outdoor cats develop thicker coats to protect them from the cold, but they still need adequate shelter to get them through the toughest days of winter. With a little help from you, they can live comfortably outside.

If you have an outdoor outlet, you can purchase a Dogloo™ with a plug-in heating pad. Dogloos are igloo-shaped dog houses found online or at PETCO. Dogloo™ also makes heated water bowls to keep the cat's drinking water from freezing.

If you do not have access to outdoor electricity, a cat house insulated with straw or styrofoam will keep in the heat. You can purchase one from [Indy Feral](#) or construct one yourself using instructions from [Neighborhood Cats](#) or [Alley Cat Allies](#). [Solar sippers](#), which use solar energy to heat themselves, are ideal containers for the cat's drinking water.

It's very important to trap your stray to get it spayed/neutered and vaccinated! If you live locally and need a trap, we'll be happy to lend you one. 🐾



**Tabby's Place keeps a Dogloo™ for Tippy, who enjoys the outdoor solarium even in winter.**

## 🐾 Special Girls Make Pals with Polly



**Polly and Lena**

Five-year-old Polly suffers from asthma and heart disease. Typically, asthmatic cats are given steroids; in Polly's case this option is risky since steroids could exacerbate her heart condition. Like the human treatment for asthma, Polly's symptoms are treated with an inhaler. The feline inhaler covers a cat's nose and mouth and is very effective.

Isabelle Taylor, 10, read about Polly's medical needs on our website and decided to help. She completed extra chores to raise money and took up a collection from her friends and family, delivering \$43.95 to Tabby's Place. Thank you, Isabelle!

A big thank you also goes out to Lena Verga, who recently celebrated her 9th birthday. In lieu of gifts, she asked all her friends to make donations to Tabby's Place, designated toward Polly's care.

If you, too, can help us care for Polly, please [click here](#). 🐾



**🐾 Tabby's Place Guardian Angel Program**

Ensuring the well being of your cats when you can no longer care for them



Thousands of pets are left homeless each year when their human companions die or become incapacitated. Tabby's Place encourages conscientious cat owners to plan ahead. We are pleased to introduce our Guardian Angel Program as a means to ensure that your cats will be properly cared for should you no longer be able to care for them.

Cats enrolled in this program will gain immediate acceptance to the sanctuary, where they will receive love and attention as well as high-quality medical care in a peaceful, home-like environment. For more details, [click here](#). 🐾

**🐾 Go Shopping...Save Cats!**

Shop at over 600 brand name stores like Barnes & Noble, Eddie Bauer, Lands' End, and PETSMART. Up to 26% of every purchase is donated to Tabby's Place! Go to [www.iGive.com/TabbysPlace](http://www.iGive.com/TabbysPlace) and register for free.



**🐾 Happy Endings**



**Tumbles**

Five-month-old Tumbles was being attacked by two large dogs when a Tabby's Place staff member rescued him. At first, Tumbles, who was wobbly and disoriented, appeared to have been seriously injured. Upon further examination it became clear that he has cerebellar hypoplasia, which results in a lack of balance and coordination. His disability never discouraged him, though, and every day Tumbles entertained and amazed us with new antics and accomplishments. His charms soon got him adopted:

"Tumbles has adapted very well to us and our two other cats. Thanks for making this next phase of his incredible life journey possible." Our pleasure, Pooley Family. Thank YOU. 🏠

