New Beginnings: Prescott Angela Townsend, Development Director

Her whole life had been precarious. But Prescott was about to learn what it means to be precious.

In a cold New England winter, Prescott walked alone. But one terrible day, someone or something hurt the soft little moonshadow... badly.



Prescott purred and loved us even as she arrived in agony

We will never know exactly what Prescott endured, only that her life hung in the balance. Bleeding profusely, with a urinary tract infection that had invaded her kidneys, our innocent little girl was dehydrated, hypothermic, and at risk of sepsis. Her heart beating like a sparrow's, Prescott's survival was precarious.

But the moment she came to Tabby's Place, Prescott was treasured...precious.

All at once, our little sparrow was wrapped in wings of warmth. Even as we rushed her to the emergency vet, Prescott persevered, purring and making grateful "biscuits."

Today, Prescott's future is as bright as her starry eyes. Intensive care saved her life, and she's flourishing in a foster home with skilled caregivers. Tenderhearted Prescott is forgiveness on four

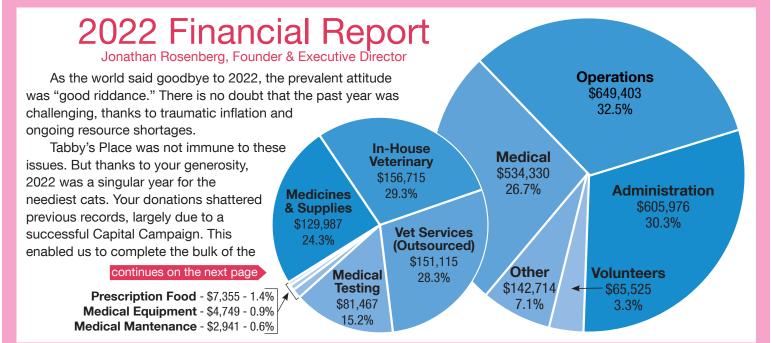


Precious to everyone at Tabby's Place, Prescott loves being loved

legs, determined to head-butt and hug everyone she meets. Our grey sparrow "sings" as though she's never known suffering.

Prescott knows what it means to be precious, but only because you believe her life is priceless. Thank you for your generous, unconditional love for our cats.

If Prescott has touched your heart, please donate today.



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work on Quinn's Corner, which will be a haven for cats with FeLV.

Total income for 2022 was just over \$3.6M, split almost evenly between general operating income (\$1.7M) and income restricted for Quinn's Corner (\$1.9M).

Our 2022 expenses also set a record. Operational expenses were \$2.0M, which is \$0.5M over 2021. We faced substantial cost increases in medical testing, food and specialty veterinary services, as well as hiring in preparation for the opening of Quinn's Corner¹.

¹Upon the opening of Quinn's Corner, we will be reimbursed for the additional manpower from the endowment.

The bulk of the construction for Quinn's Corner occurred during 2022, at a cost of \$2.1M.

The year may have been daunting, but Tabby's Place came through with flying colors, thanks to you. Instead of "good riddance," we

Notes:

For those of you whose eyes do not glaze over when looking at financial information, we want you to know:

- The information above is a summary derived from unaudited statements.
- Final, audited financial information will be available with the filing of our IRS form 990 later this year. The form will be available upon request, or from our site.
- The summary reflects changes in accounting that align our numbers with those reported on the 990. This will eliminate confusion going forward.

might say, "thanks for positioning us to save more cats from hopeless situations than ever before."



In 2022, your generosity saved Gulliver (and so many others)

DAFs for CATs: Your Most Powerful Gift

Angela Townsend

Be advised: your Donor-Advised Fund might be a dream come true. Generous DAF donations are among the most life-saving that



Lovable cats like Lynette are leaning on your kindness

Tabby's Place receives.

And by giving early in the year, you'll help put our budget in a strong position for the cats who will need us in the months ahead.

You may wish you could be here, nurturing the cats with your own hands. But when you reach into your heart and give all you can, you are here, shoulder-to-shoulder with our staff, and nose-to-nose with our little ones.

A DAF is highly flexible. You can schedule recurring gifts, so the Tabby's Place cats can count on your steady kindness. DAFs also offer significant tax advantages to you as a donor.

With a four-star Charity



Your Donor-Advised Fund can save Special Needs cats like Antin

Navigator rating, Tabby's Place is a trustworthy steward of your generosity.

Click here to learn more about Donor-Advised Funds. Our tax ID (EIN) is 22-3695520, and our formal name is Tabby's Place: a Cat Sanctuary, Inc. Please contact Development Director Angela with any questions.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bring the love that only you can give. Click here to sign up.



Inflation-Busting Adoptions Angela Townsend

With prices rising on everything from fuel to Fancy Feast®, it's



Cleopatra would love to be your queen

comforting to know that some necessities are inflation-proof... including cats!

Despite inflation, Tabby's Place's \$135 adoption fee has not increased since 2008. And in these difficult times, we're going to "rewind" inflation to 2003 (when we opened) and reduce that fee to just \$83.00 through the month of March 2023.

Every Tabby's Place cat has received thorough medical care and been spayed/neutered; dewormed; treated for fleas and other parasites; tested for FIV and feline leukemia: vaccinated; and microchipped (with lifetime registration), services valued at over \$600.

You can't put a price on love, but your new feline family member hopes you'll put this savings towards



Durin would be devoted to you catnip hearts and squeeze-tuna. Click here to meet our 100+

adoptable cats and begin your adoption odyssey. If cats are among your "basic needs," your budget just found an inflation-proof answer!

Positively Lovable: Tucker Angela Townsend

He may have arrived just before Halloween, but Tucker is living an endless Valentine's Day. Everywhere he looks, this debonair gentleman sees hearts.

Big hearts brought Tucker to Tabby's Place after he tested positive for feline leukemia virus



Every day is Valentine's Day for our valiant FeLV+ boy

(FeLV) at a public shelter. Although FeLV+ cats can live long, joyful lives, the diagnosis slams the door on too many dreams. Most shelters euthanize cats like Tucker as soon as they see a "positive" test result.

But there's feisty hope tucked into every corner of Tabby's Place (and soon Quinn's Corner will welcome up to fifty FeLV+ cats like Tucker). We had one space in our FeLV+ suite, and the suave sweetie received his invitation to the dance.

Tucker has been RSVPing an exuberant "yes!" every day since, cuddling and clowning. As brilliant as he is dashing, Tucker quickly figured out how to open his quarantine cage, and he continues to be a few steps ahead of us at all times.

As of this writing, we're working to stay ahead of Tucker's lymphoma diagnosis. Sadly common in FeLV+ cats, lymphoma often responds well to chemotherapy, and Tucker is

taking his treatments in stride.

It could have been a very different Valentine's Day for Tucker. But thanks to people like you, he's got us all tucked in his heart's front pocket. With your help, we'll welcome many more FeLV+ Valentines in the months ahead. Please click here to give them your heart.



Tucker treasures his new life in Quinn's Corner at Tabby's Place

Profile in Wonderful: Pam Wells

Angela Townsend

well-spring

/'wel,spriNG/ *noun*, literary an original and bountiful source of something.

It's hard to imagine a cat lover with a more fitting name than Pamela Wells. Devoted to the Tabby's Place cats for over fifteen years, Pam has made it her mission to be a fountain of mercy for the most vulnerable.

Living just down the road from Tabby's Place, Pam has been an oasis for our weariest cats. A lifetime of loving Special Needs pets gave Pam and her late husband Ernie a keen compassion for precisely those cats who often go unseen.

Pam's devotion to diabetic.

elderly, and other Special Needs cats has led her to become a wellspring of kindness at Tabby's Place. Whether she's honoring her loved ones with bricks on our Memorial Walkway or serving as a leadership donor for our Quinn's Corner expansion, Pam is tireless in her determination to be there for the world's neediest cats.

But like a true wellspring, Pam is as creative as she is generous. Seeking fresh ways to serve as our cats' champion, she has hosted gatherings to introduce friends to Tabby's Place, growing our cats' family by the power of her own love.

If you ask Pam, she's not doing anything extraordinary – just the "ordinary" work of loving with all her



Pam and her Special Needs sweetie Sonny, en route to get Sonny outfitted with a continuous glucose monitor

heart.

But if you ask us, our hearts well with gratitude and our eyes well with tears when we think about Pam Wells and the hundreds of cats she's saved.

Forever Loved: Adam

Jonathan Rosenberg, Founder & Executive Director

Silver Hawk

I have been struggling to find the words to adequately describe Adam. The answer came to me the other night.

If you were a child in the 50's or 60's, you may recall *bottle rockets*,

a small firework on a long stick. You placed the stick in a bottle, lit the fuse and stood back. The rocket would take off, accompanied by a loud whistle and head skywards, exploding in a shower of sparks.

At least, that was the intent. As often as not, the bottle would fall over prior to launch, sending the rocket skittering across the ground. Even if launch was prefect, the

device rarely took a straight path, but would veer towards the ground, only to head up again. Or, not.

They were unpredictable and somewhat dangerous. But they were exciting and fun.

That was Adam.

He came to Tabby's Place in 2012 when a rescue group found his incontinence unmanageable.

Adam was a party wrapped in fur, but his suitemates found him intolerable. He was always ready for fun and did not understand why all the other cats were not up for some play. With his eyes wide, as if the mescaline were just kicking in, he would bound around the suite looking for a playmate.

Rejection didn't faze him. He



Our beloved bottle rocket was always on the hunt for fun

just jostled off to the next potential partygoer. This was all made more hilarious by his awkward gait. He walked as if he had a permanent "wedgie."

You couldn't help but smile when you interacted with him. Whether expressing his bladder or washing his butt, his antics made laughter unavoidable.

We had 11 years with this wacky boy. But even an aging hippie is not immune to diseases, and Adam's

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Adam, the perpetual party

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kidneys eventually started to fail.

It was impossible to imagine
Tabby's Place without Adam. We
were not ready to let him go. But, he

was ready to leave.

We probably should have held a wake, complete with lots of food and drinking. Instead, we let him go gently, grieving, while feeling blessed to have shared a path with him for some time.

Rest in peace, baby boy. I think I see bright flashes behind the clouds as I look to the heavens.

Kitty Cupids: Sponsor Your Sweetheart

Angela Townsend

Who needs chocolate when you can have a <u>Carrot</u>?

What's better: a bouquet or Bacon?

Can anyone picture a snugglier Valentine than <u>Viktor</u>?

This February, you can give your



Will you be Olive's adoring sponsor?

gigantic heart to cats who yearn for you...and they'll send you love letters all year.

For <u>your donation</u> of \$14 or more a month, you'll nurture a cat with Special Needs at Tabby's Place. Special Needs sponsors are the heart of our income each month, making it possible for us to say "yes" to cats who are too costly for other shelters.

When you sign up as a <u>sponsor</u>, we'll start sending you monthly updates on your kitty cupid. You can even give a <u>gift sponsorship</u>, so you and your sweetheart can share your special cat's stories each month.

Our cats don't care if you're single, smitten, or sick of the whole Valentine's Day routine. They love you unconditionally...and they hope you feel the same. Click here to meet your meowing match today!



Sponsor our Elderly Care Fund, and you'll lavish love on <u>Agnes</u>, <u>Toulouse</u>, and all our golden oldies

Love from Lebanon

Angela Townsend

"Why does Tabby's Place take cats from Lebanon?"

"Aren't there local cats who need your help?"

Reading about Beirut-born Tabby's Place residents like <u>Hips</u> and <u>Kozmo</u>, you may have asked these



Hips is the happiest goofball on either side of the Atlantic

questions.

One day in 2019, Animals
Lebanon contacted Tabby's
Place to ask if we could
take a paraplegic cat named
Chocolate. We were astonished
to hear their story, glimpsing
a level of selflessness we can
hardly fathom. Amid their own
fragile existence, these rescuers
would not rest until they'd
sought and saved their even more
vulnerable neighbors.

Tirelessly resourceful, they placed most of the animals in safe havens around the world.

But the Special Needs cats... they were another story.

Animals Lebanon had heard of Tabby's Place's devotion to the most



Kozmo traveled from Beirut for life-saving surgery...and unconditional love

desperate. They knew us as the world's haven for cats no one else could handle. Could we possibly welcome some of their most fragile rescues?

Could we possibly say no?
And so began a love story
that continues to unfold. Although

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international cats constitute less than 5% of our annual intakes, these tiny travelers are the heart of our family. In 2020, we were honored to be able to rescue 5 survivors of the Beirut port explosion, providing life-saving surgeries and intensive care for their injuries. (You may recall "Benny from Beirut," now loving life in his forever home.)

By opening our doors to

cats near and far, Tabby's Place champions the value of their lives. Thank you for loving beyond all borders and helping us to build the world's sweetest haven.

PS: Chocolate, like many of our Lebanon kitties, has since been adopted into a loving home.

> Extraordinary Eartha, who has a seizure disorder, found unconditional love at Tabby's Place



Happy Endings: Crinkle Bob

If ever a cat made our eves crinkle with cheer, it was the radiant ringleader of Suite FIV.

Jolly Crinkle Bob gave us all a few early wrinkles. That's just what happens when you find yourself smiling uncontrollably.

But Crinkle's humans - and to know Crinkle Bob was to be instantly "his" - But we weren't the only ones smiling. The radiant tabby with the cantaloupe-sized head and the cauliflower ear was every bit as kind to fellow felines.

Crinkle unwrinkled many worried hearts in Suite FIV. Over



Crinkle Bob is cherished

and over, anxious cats like Doby and Humphrey breathed easy once Crinkle Bob came into their lives. For them - and for us - Crinkle was a living, loving ball of reassurance... and rollicking fun.

So you can't blame us for feeling bittersweet when Crinkle sprinkled his magic on the right adopter. Although he has FIV and needs his bladder manually expressed, we always knew Crinkle Bob would find his person.

But our eyes fill with happy tears when we glimpse Crinkle's new life. His amazing mom writes:

For us, it was love at first sight. Crinkle Bob (now lovingly nicknamed Stinkle Bob, Crinkle Dinkle, and Robert) spends his days cuddling with us while watching movies, playing with a laser pointer, and looking at birds out the window.

Before meeting Crinkle, I was not thinking of choosing a Special Needs cat because of my inexperience with taking care of them. But the staff very kindly trained me to ensure both my and Crinkle's comfort in his new home!

It brings me so much joy to now be able to teach others about



The one, the only, the magnificent Crinkle Bob!

Special Needs cats and the joy they bring to our lives. Crinkle is also now my Emotional Support Animal, so you can say we help each other in big ways. I'm forever thankful to Tabby's Place.

I also now have an Instagram for him in case people would like to follow along on his journey!

Crinkle Bob's fan club at Tabby's Place may miss him forever, but our eyes will always crinkle with happy tears at his memory. We are all better and sweeter for having been "Crinkled!"

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