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Jonathan Rosenberg

FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TABBY'S PLACE

October 5 marked the 20th anniversary of Tabby's Place. Even after saving more than 4,000 cats, it still feels like a dream. I am blessed to be able to not only save so many cats, but to meet and care for so many amazing felines and to learn about this unique species.

But Tabby's Place had its genesis 15 years earlier, when a small brown tabby cat invited himself into our house. I was not a big fan of cats, but ... you know how that goes. We gave him the inspired name, "Tabby."



Tabby was a cherished family member for 15 years ... he turned me into a cat lover. We were devastated when he was diagnosed with untreatable cancer in 1999, with a prognosis of four months. He was, thankfully, oblivious to his condition. I was not.

I was desperate to escape my grief and fear. But there seemed to be no avoiding the suffering.

Eventually, I happened upon a paraphrased quote from Robert Frost¹: "the only way out is through." I took this to mean that there is no escape; there is only continuing to pound on the door of my suffering, or to turn around and keep going. I decided to keep moving forward.

That decision led me to build Tabby's Place, with the mission of "saving cats from hopeless situations". We have opened our doors to cats of all ages (from a few hours to 20 years) and all personalities (from nice to bloodthirsty).

Not surprisingly, there is a strong positive correlation between hopelessness and morbidity. Either a disease led to their hopelessness because their owners couldn't or wouldn't care for them, or their hopeless situation and lack of care led to disease. As a result, about 1/3 of our residents suffer from one or more non-trivial diseases.

We have had numerous paraplegics, diabetics, cats with cancer, and every disease



that can befall a feline. We have even seen diseases that are not cat diseases ... "only dogs contract that."

Since Tabby was infected with the feline

immunodeficiency virus (FIV+), we accepted FIV+ cats from the beginning. We welcomed each with open arms. The first 20 years have been enormously satisfying, thanks to the generosity of our donors. Through the highs and lows, the joy and the heartbreak ... there is nothing I would have rather spent my time on for the past two decades.

What about the next 20 years? We'll talk about that later (in this newsletter).

¹"A Servant To Servants," North of Boston (1914).

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20 Years of Keeping the Promise

You were once alone, but now you are adored. You were once hopeless, but now you are home. You were once too costly, but now you are priceless. You will have everything you need to thrive, no matter what.

You are a Tabby's Place cat.

In 2003, Tabby's Place was an impossible dream, a scrappy start-up for the forgotten. But you've helped us arow into the world's beloved haven for the littlest, the last, and the lost. Over four thousand "hopeless" cats have learned the meaning of love under our roof.

Others said they wouldn't survive, couldn't be adopted, shouldn't get costly care.

Angela Townsend, Development Director

But together, we just whispered the promise.

As long as people like you stand by our cats, we'll keep the Tabby's



Over 20 years, your love has meant life for vulnerable cats like Sunny

Place promise forever.

We can't wait to meet the little ones who'll need us in the next twenty years. But first, let's celebrate two decades of love and miracles.



Tabby's Place has only thrived because YOU believe in precious cats like Firestar

New Beginnings: The First Cat, Thomas

A cat wouldn't know that he's a pioneer. But tangerine trailblazer Thomas had something far better than knowledge. He had a new sanctuary, born to love him.

In 2003, feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) struck fear in most hearts,



about being our first cat.

and Thomas was in a hopeless situation. That put him in the perfect position to be the first Tabby's Place cat. The marmalade marvel was the epitome of our mission: a cat no one else wanted.

We would soon learn that no cat could take Thomas's place.



Although his immune system was a bit more fragile than that of the average cat, his heart blazed like the sun.

Serene and sweet, he gave us courage between head-bonks. Tabby's Place itself was fragile in those days - a start-up with no certain future - but Thomas's gentleness made us bold.

Soon enough, the purring pioneer was adopted. Hundreds of FIV+ cats would follow, as greater knowledge of the disease conquered adopters' fears.

Thomas will always have first place in our hearts and our history. Maybe he knew more than he let on. AT

Timeline: 20 Years of Tabby's Place

1999 Jonathan founds Tabby's Place





2004 First diabetic cat. **Ozzie**

The Oldest Cat: Nikki

She may have looked like a tiny sprinkle of nutmeg...but Nikki knew all about the spice of life.

The good people who brought Nikki to Tabby's Place envisioned that we would offer hospice care. The rumpled cat was already nineteen, with feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) and kidney disease. The best anyone could reasonably hope would be a few peaceful months on a rocking chair.

But Nikki had a different sort of rocking in mind.

The little grandma supervised the bawdy boys of our FIV+ Suite with elegance and authority. Sweet as a cookie among people, Nikki suffered no (feline) fools, putting hippo-sized hooligans like <u>Nuttin'</u> and <u>Dusty</u> in their place. We loved her zest and cherished each day.

When Nikki developed cancer, we feared her time would be short. But our tender, toothless girl was hungry for another birthday. Oncologists marveled at Nikki's strength and advised that, despite her age, she would be an excellent candidate for curative surgery.

Nikki thrived for one more year, riding shoulders and rippling with joy for every chin skritch. We should have been grateful she made it to age twenty-two...but she left us



longing for just a little more time together.

The Quirkiest Cat: Babs

Her face graced no cat calendars. Her story was never published in *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. But Babs warmed our hearts, simply because she was Babs.

Sent to Tabby's Place for intractable skin allergies, the threadbare cat was a hissing "hopeless situation." Cross and cranky, Babs was annoyed by our affection. Her grey coat was marbled with missing patches, and she resembled an opossum.

But Babs was pure beauty in our sight, and her unsinkable spirit

lifted all boats. She delighted in her toughness, and at times we were certain we detected a smile. We learned Babs' dialect – food and on-herterms attention – and sang her all the love songs she could stand.

There would be no adopter for Babs, and there would be no dry eye at Tabby's Place the day she breathed her last. In the great quilt of kindness that covered Babs' life, there were no missing patches.



The Most Empathetic Cat: Tony

Statuesque and silly, the creamsicle cat came to us with a diagnosis of diabetes. We would soon learn that was the least of Tony's sweetness. His long legs raced to the side of anyone who needed him. Tony had unfailing intuition about who was sad or scared, wrapping himself around heartbroken humans and orphan kittens alike (earning him the nickname "Uncle Tony").

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2005 First paraplegic cat, Bagheera

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2007 500th cat, Mittens



2009 Tabby's Place becomes financially selfsustaining



2010 First international cats, Kimiko, Miyagi, and Pikachu from Okinawa



Tony's tenderness carried us along even as he carried heavy burdens. In addition to diabetes, Tony developed acromegaly, a rare and difficult-to-treat endocrinological condition that left him perpetually starving and perilously fragile.

But Tony's love gave us courage, and he thrived against the odds for years. He was our mystic Mr. Rogers, our counselor and best friend. To this day, we all wish we were a lot more like Tony. AT



loved all living beings



we will never meet a sweeter cat than Tony

The Happiest Cat: Tashi

Helpless in a feral colony, the paralyzed tabby would not seem a top candidate for Happiest Living Being. But Tashi thundered through expectations.



<u>Tashi was tireless joy on four</u> leas, even though two of them moved in their own way

Tashi took Tabby's Place by storm, lunging through the hours with laughter in his eyes. Whether paddling through hydrotherapy in his custom tank, or turning over office trash cans, Tashi lived his life on a great quest. Joy was around every corner, and Tashi would not quit until everyone felt it.

Tabby's Place's legendary goofus groomed kittens and gobbled sunshine with equal gusto. We lost count of his "best friends," from hydrocephalic Bialy to tenderhearted Tony to every human being with a beating heart.

When Tashi was adopted, we wept with selfish grief. But the tabby hero's joy was complete, and he



The ultimate Tabby's Place cat, Tashi

would go on to thrive for years with his doting family and fellow Tabby's Place alum Dot (paraplegic due to spina bifida).

We see his proud, laughing eyes in every courageous cat, and we give thanks for the "Tashmonster." AT

The Sweetest Cat: Rose

Rose was only one year old when the thorns came. In a flash of car wheels, the little white cat was forever changed. It would have been the end of the road if not for Tabby's Place, where incontinent cats

are cherished like any other. But Rose was a cat like no other.

Eternally astonished, Rose

felt the full sun of each day. Like a four-legged "thank you," Rose gave herself to every wilting heart. To know Rose was to know that you had a place in the light and a friend who would never let you down.

Our sentimental flower was the queen of comedy, thundering

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2013 Medical suite expansion

through the lobby in ribbon-festooned diapers and zero solemnity. You had the feeling Rose was giggling with us, and you had a hard time remembering that life has thorns.

Rose maintained her mirth even though her life was no Garden of Eden. In addition to incurable incontinence, requiring daily bladder expression, Rose

struggled with urinary tract infections, gastrointestinal distress, and neurological problems that repeatedly threatened her life.

When Rose slipped across the final garden gate in 2023, we wept as never before. We all still find ourselves looking for Rose.

It was Rose's dream that all her friends should live in full bloom, and we strive to honor her with our joy. AT



<u>he gentlest girl in our garden</u>

The Bravest Cat: Casper

The day he came to Tabby's Place, Casper's future seemed like a vapor. The noble white cat was paralyzed and unable to lift his head.

Casper was too fragile for extensive diagnostics, but an MRI



indicated something sinister in his spine. Everything pointed to fatal, fast-moving cancer.

Everything except Casper.

The ailing cat adored everyone, and no one told him about his prognosis. Physical therapy, steroid treatment, acupuncture, and pain management collided in micromiracles: Casper began to lift his head...to walk...and to play like a kitten.

Casper clowned through our lobby like a comedian king. The universal human reaction to Casper was to lay down on the floor, curl into a "C" beside him, and gaze into his eyes.

In those eyes was life, a spark so incandescent that the only



Cats like Casper are determined to overcome adversity, and we borrow their courage daily

appropriate answer was yes.

Casper lived an improbable "yes" longer than anyone dared to dream, exulting in every hour. Even now, when our hope grows dim, we remember him and rise to our feet again. AT

The Most Debonair Traveler: Anka

Built like a Clydesdale, with a swashbuckling ego, Anka cut an impressive figure on the streets of Istanbul, Turkey. But when he was struck by a car, his strutting turned to scooting, and his rescuers didn't know what to do. Anka would need a level of care they simply could not afford.

They had heard of a sanctuary across the sea, where paraplegic cats lived like princes, and medical care was as vast as love itself. Could Tabby's Place take Istanbul's finest? We promised to love Anka as our very own.

All swagger, zero manners, Anka's love was as wild as his

mane...unless you dared to be feline. The same teddy bear who hugged humans became a Velociraptor in the presence of cats. Even our formidable Olive learned to keep her distance, as Anka would

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2014 Foster program expands beyond staff

Growing to 37 active



2015 Arrival of Quinn, the FeLV+ cat who would change the world







assault her through the bars of his "bachelor pad" (a swanky personal pen in the Lobby).

But as long as we keep him from cats, Anka keeps everyone cuddled and cherished. Our superstar traveler is a Turkish delight to young and old, exulting in our Paws to Read and Aged to Purrfection programs.

It's an honor to share our time zone with this living legend.



Living legend Anka has the love (and ego) to fill all seven continents



The Best-Named Cat: Jonathan

We didn't bestow the name, but it fit like a mullet. A wet, shaggy mullet.

Like Tabby's Place's Founder and Executive Director, Jonathan the cat was a rock star with a heart



Jonathan loved holding court in the Tabby's Place lobby as loud as life. The petite Persian may have looked frail, but Jonathan (feline edition) would prove a tiny titan.

Neglect had left him a matted knot of peach fuzz, but Jonathan still expected life to be as sweet as nectar. Neither arthritis, gastrointestinal issues, nor polycystic kidney disease could peel off Jonathan's joy. Like a magical mop from another planet, our mini-Muppet swept the Lobby with love and laughter.

And water. So much water.

When he wasn't lolling in a lap, our ancient apricot was dreaming of waterfalls...by placing his entire shaggy head in the flow of a cat fountain. As a result, Jonathan dripped like buttered spaghetti at all times, delighting in the laughter he evoked.

Jonathan defied his diagnoses so many times, we thought we would have him forever. But we know he continues to supervise "the other Jonathan" with love and comedy even today.



Dripping with delight, Jonathan was also his namesake's favorite

please keep the dream alive

Your love can help save a precious cat's life. Tabby's Place survives on donations from compassionate people like you.



2019 <u>Aged to</u> <u>Purrfection</u>





2021 Tabby's Place becomes a 4-Star Organization with Charity Navigator *A rating we have*

The Cat of the Future: Ponce de Leon

Wandering outdoors, Ponce de Leon seemed shipwrecked. The cinnamon stray tested positive for both feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) and feline leukemia virus (FeLV), making our intrepid explorer unwelcome on most shores.

But love is a new world, and Tabby's Place is a pioneer in "yes." Just beginning work on our



Ponce and best buddy Magellan showed us how to stay positive... even when you're FIV+ and FeLV+

Quinn's Corner expansion, we welcomed Poncey as a purring forerunner. Together with best friend Magellan, he would be our very first "double positive" resident, with two strikes against his immune system.

When Magellan succumbed to cancer, we feared Poncey's heart would break beyond repair.

But as a true Tabby's Place cat, our valiant voyager steered a course for hope. Poncey opened his heart to all the smitten staff and volunteers... and then to <u>Durin</u>, his new neighbor in need of a best friend.

After enjoying his tenure as the first resident of Quinn's Corner, Ponce de Leon now shines in a forever home of his very own. He's our pioneer as the first two Ponce wrapped all his toes around the good life in Quinn's Corner at Tabby's Place

decades give way to a future more beautiful than we can dream.

Forever Loved: 20 Years of Love & Loss

by Jonathan Rosenberg, Founder & Executive Director

Tabby's Place has been a journey of hope and life. We would, of course, rather ignore the inevitable sadness and loss that accompanies us on our path.

But we need to acknowledge the truth so that we can bend, and not break, in the face of grief. We, therefore, reserve space in each



newsletter to remember a cat we have lost. For this 20th anniversary newsletter, I want to write about Tabby, whose passing inspired me to start Tabby's Place.

When Tabby showed up, I was not looking for a cat. In fact, I was hoping to get a dog, but my wife invited him in against my wishes. I had intended to put him back outside, but when I saw him sleeping on our couch, I didn't have the heart. Maybe it was time to listen to the universe, instead of always pushing for what I "knew" was right?

Tabby embodied the characteristics that make cats so appealing to humans: the retention of their ancestors' wildness, with



endearing looks and behaviors. He taught me so much about cats.

I recall sitting with him one night sometime after his terminal diagnosis, telling him that I was going to "stay behind" for a while to help other cats in his name. I hoped he would understand.

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Quinn's Corner opens



With you by our side, we will continue our mission. The Future of Tabby's Place is bright... and the possibilities are endless!



Tabby is frequently on my mind, especially while I am at Tabby's Place. Yes, his name is on the building and there is a photo of him in the Lobby. But there is more. When I am administering subcutaneous fluids to a cat with failing kidneys, or comforting a new arrival who has experienced something awful, I feel as if I am caring for Tabby. Caring for our cats helps me to care for myself and process my feelings.

I miss Tabby more than life itself. But I kept my promises to him. I will never forget him, and I am still here helping cats.

20 Years of Happy Endings

We're an easygoing bunch at Tabby's Place, and it takes a lot to rumple our fur. But there's one scrap of foul language that gets our tails in a knot: the word "unadoptable."

We've heard it applied to cats with diabetes and cats "of a certain age," the persnickety and the



Pixie was much more than just 'a paraplegic cat'...and awesome adopters agreed



Quinn changed the world for FeLV+ cats... but it all began with her own adoption

paraplegic. Some slap the label on litter box rebels or cats who don't like cats.

But for every category of "unadoptable," we have a fistful of fairy tales to prove the word wrong. Is paraplegia (and the need to express a cat's bladder and bowels)

the problem? Don't tell <u>Cotton, Tashi, Bagheera</u>, or Pixie.

Is seventeen too old to start anew? Not if you ask Ringo and <u>Astell</u>.

Does diabetes ask too much of any adopter? Not the giddy givers who gave homes to <u>Shifty</u>, <u>Simon, Wolfie</u>, and Dia.

Why take a shy daisy when you could have a zany zinnia? Maybe because you've fallen in love with <u>Opal</u>, or <u>Iris and Nemo</u>



(together!), or Chewbacca.

But what about the final frontier, the fearsome disease that makes "reasonable" people run? It must not have been the season for reason when <u>Gravy</u> was adopted...or <u>Boba</u> and <u>Espresso</u>...or the mighty <u>Quinn</u>.

Just when we think we've met love's match, and we assume a cat will be a "lifer," along comes a person who expands our universe. Everything is possible in the sanctuary where no one is hopeless.

So call them unstoppable. Call them unsinkable. Call them unconditionally adored. Just don't call them unadoptable.

20 Years of Amazing Volunteers

When I first got into Animal Rescue over 22 years ago, I would not have considered working with people. Honestly, as a former Animal Cruelty Investigator, the people I dealt with were generally not very nice.

Enter Tabby's Place, and a whole new view on people, life, and how things should be in this world. Even after 16 years here, our <u>volunteers</u> still surprise me. They are honestly the most giving, kind, amazing people you could ever meet. I ask them to do things you wouldn't ask of your closest friends: by Karina Jewitt, Volunteer Director

"Can you come in at 8am on your day off?"

"Can you work an event that will be a 12-hour day?"

"Can you drive a cat to a veterinary hospital 4 hours away?"

And on and on.

The most amazing thing is... they never complain! Not ever! They actually respond, "Thank you for thinking of me for this," and crazy things like that!

Do they not know how amazing they are? Do they realize how my heart swells with every "sure, I can do that"? I thank them, of



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course, but there are no words to convey to them just how much they are appreciated, and how incredibly special they are!

Our volunteers range in age from 12 to 90, and every single one loves our cats with their whole heart. They would do anything in their power for Tabby's Place. Where else do you find this kind of devotion? Nowhere I have ever found.

When I say the Tabby's Place volunteers are the best in world, it is not just a figure of speech. It is a fact as sure as the sun shines in the sky.

Our volunteers inspire me every day, and they make me realize the good you can do in the world when you are surrounded by people who give so much of themselves and expect nothing in return.

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of Tabby's Place, and we wouldn't be here without them.

> We'd love for you to be part of our family of volunteers! <u>Click here</u> to join us.

Your Love Will Write the Future...

Amid great joy, the first two decades of Tabby's Place were haunted by one constant ache.

Despite our fearlessness in the face of feline diseases, there was an entire group of cats we had to turn away: cats infected with feline leukemia virus (FeLV). This virus is related to FIV, with which we were familiar, but presented additional problems: it can be transmitted by casual contact; it is difficult to diagnose; and its course is not well understood. Cats that test FeLV+ are often euthanized immediately. We simply did not have the space to house them safely.

Little did we know that a small cat would soon be the genesis of something great.

In 2015, a kind woman found a tuxedo kitten face down in the snow. She scooped her up and brought her to Tabby's Place, not knowing where else to go. She had named the cat



Derby stands at the vanguard of Quinn's Corner cats ... and the next 20 years of Tabby's Place

Quinn.

Quinn recovered from hypothermia, but blood work showed that she was infected with FeLV and not expected to live longer than a few months. We sadly cobbled together a private room for her to spend her final months.

A few weeks later, a donor walked in and announced her intention to adopt a cat who had no chance of finding a home. She fell in love with Quinn and took her home, notwithstanding our dire warnings about the prognosis.

We were elated when Quinn passed the 6-month mark. We were amazed when Quinn made it to one year. A year later, the donor returned, this time declaring her intention to do something BIG for other FeLV+ cats.

That "something" was <u>Quinn's</u> <u>Corner</u>, the 5,000 sq ft expansion that allows us to accept FeLV+ cats and provide the care and love they deserve.

I can't tell you how wonderful it is to see these cats, who have gone from hopeless to cherished.

As I walk by Suite G, I see teenage tuxedo <u>Derby</u>, who runs around with the energy of two cats. Romping by his side is <u>Tucker</u>, a large black/white cat who recently completed a long course of chemotherapy for intestinal cancer.



You would never know he was "sick," as you see him wrestling with his roommate <u>Oram</u>.

Quinn's mom had the fervent wish that Quinn's Corner would change the world for FeLV cats. In fact, that has already happened. Despite the short time we have been accepting FeLV cats, we have already seen 6 adoptions. These adoptees include <u>Ponce and Andy</u>, who were not only FeLV+, but also FIV+. (I will add that Andy had only 3 legs.)

With your help, Tabby's Place is now positioned to save many FeLV+ cats and provide them the love and care they deserve. It has been a long time coming ... and I look forward to working with you for a few more decades to save "hopeless" cats.

P.S. I am pleased to report that Quinn continues to thrive, 8 years post diagnosis. JR

20 Years of Tabby's Place Miracles Thanks to You! That's an Indoor cat **Solariums** average of rooms Cats rescued ...and counting each year Square feet 2,774 Adoptions Supporters come states from Our cats are from countries countries 5 - K Donors **Cats in our** TNR program ,557,055 Spent on emergency & specialty care 720,000 lbs Active **Cat litter used** volunteers

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