

Cat Matchers received an urgent call from a local shelter about a cat in need of immediate medical attention who would also need extended time to heal. Pixie was found stuck and hanging in a fence. We hurried to help! We took her to one of our preferred veterinarians in Dallas who did a complete assessment of Pixie’s condition and learned she required an amputation of her left rear leg. Nonetheless, she did not let being trapped or having surgery dampen her “happy go lucky mood” one bit. In fact, “she’s one of the happiest kitties I’ve ever met”, said one veterinarian technician.

Pixie (now known as **Maggie**), is a sweet, talkative and extremely happy one year old blue Maine coon tabby female with green eyes and medium length fur. She loves people and just wants to be near humans for cuddles.

She understood that everyone was in her corner and rooting for her. After a few weeks of love and care from a Cat Matchers foster parent, Pixie completely healed and found her forever parents with whom she enjoys cuddling, lap sitting, lots of naps and following her humans around. Pixie was renamed Maggie shortly after she was adopted. Here is an update from her adopters: *“Maggie is the precious addition our little family needed. When not sleeping or grooming incessantly, she enjoys being brushed, playing mouse, trying to get in the shower, helping mom with her work, and watching intently when dad plays video games.”*



Blossom was only 4 weeks old when she was brought in to Dallas Animal Services on August 9th. She was struggling in the shelter environment and needed individual attention to survive. The vet at the shelter noted the kitten was shaking at intake, so they decided to name her Shiver. She weighed less than a pound. A Cat Matchers foster saw her story and stepped up to help. With the great support the foster received from her Cat Matchers team she was able to help Blossom (previously Shiver) begin to thrive in her new surroundings - hence her name. The love that comes from helping each cat and kitten find a loving home is priceless happiness.

Blossom is currently available for adoption!





Hero was found hiding under a shrub bleeding and suffering from a horrible act of cruelty. He had been shot and his leg was shattered to shreds from the bullet wound. The bullets were removed and his shattered leg had to be amputated. Hero was brave through it all. Today, he feels great and is full of energy and he’s found the love of his life – a woman who has a fondness for 3-legged animals. He now experiences kindness and love in his forever home. Cat Matchers made that happen. This is a note from Hero’s new mom:

“I finally had to admit that the guinea pigs that I had gotten my cat, Bubbles, 2 years previously, were not enough company for her and it was time to look for a feline companion. The first image that popped up on Google was of a 1 year-old Siamese snowshoe called Hero. My heart stopped. This poor kitty was the victim of a gunshot wound and, after his leg was amputated, it was discovered he had FIV. My first thought was that surely someone had adopted him because he was so handsome.

But, I contacted Cat Matchers anyway and when his foster mom brought him to meet me, I fell in love. He moved in the next day. He and Bubbles are friends and he is thriving. They play together (she is the “top cat”) and when they’re not playing, all he wants is love. He is a beautiful boy who wants to sleep next to me and snuggle up on the couch . . . or cry because he can see the bottom of his food dish. He is pampered and spoiled and living his best life now, all because Cat Matchers took him in.”

Foster Homes Are Desperately Needed: The more foster homes we have, the more lives we can save! Do you have a spare room, a lot of love and a little extra time? We need your help. Short term. Long term. You are needed – and you always get back more than you give!

Cat Matchers also needs volunteers to help in other areas: adoption events, fun merchandise sales events, cleaning and caring for cats at adoption stores, publicity, marketing and transportation.

*Whatever your talent – we need you.
972-458-7877*

2019 Year to Date Statistics (January-November)



412 Cats Rescued



Over \$92,000 Spent on Medical bills and Supplies



281 Cats Adopted

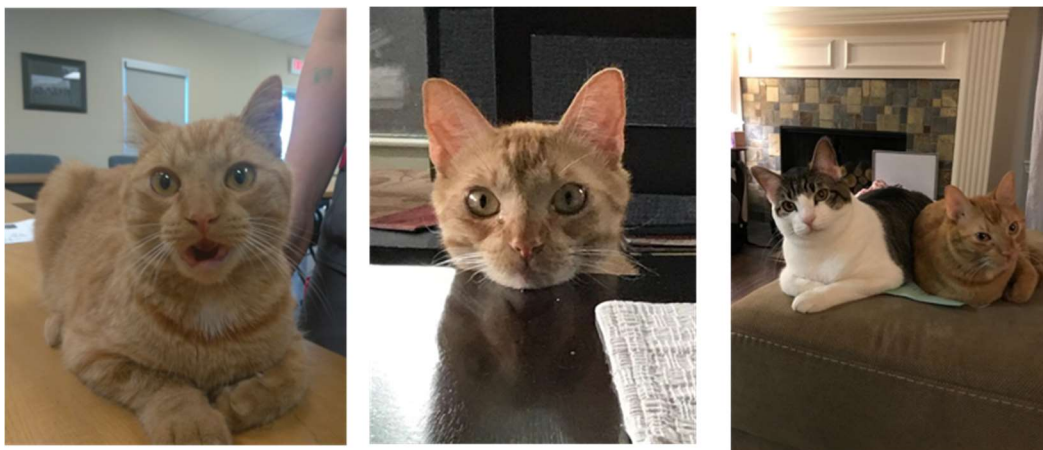
Financial Reports - <http://www.catmatchers.org/home/reports-financials-publications/>

Dear Cat Matcher Friends,

Jasper (formerly Phillip)

Phillip needed help urgently and the local animal shelter contacted Cat Matchers for that help. Phillip had just arrived at the shelter with a degloved bottom lip; the skin was separated as a result of a serious injury. If surgery wasn't done quickly, the chances of a successful reattachment would be greatly reduced. Cat Matchers didn't hesitate to respond. A very caring vet stitched him back together and a Cat Matchers' foster worked to help him heal after surgery. Through it all, he was brave and loving and even took on the role of a Big Brother to the other cats in the foster home. He taught them manners, how to give back and how to play like a kitten should play. What a mentor he was! The lucky guy has found the best home and is greatly loved – Cat Matchers made that happen. A note from Philip's adopted family:

"We had just lost our sweet Brodie (another Cat Matchers' rescue) to hidden heart disease in January. My son and I went to the same Petco we adopted him from just to love on the cats. After reading Philip's story, our hearts told us he belonged in our family. You would never know he had such a traumatic injury (degloved lip) by his curiosity and the trust that he shows people! Sheldon, our other cat, was lonely after Brodie died and Jasper was the perfect fit with his playful and kooky personality! We knew that Sheldon wanted a playmate, and we got the most loving lap cat in return (when he sits still, that is!) We feel that Brodie led Jasper to us - he was even in the cage below where we got Brodie! We love Cat Matchers and what they do for these fur babies!"



Isn't it amazing how the love of an animal can change a life?

One of this year's key investment: Incubators

The majority of neonatal kittens (birth up to around 4 weeks old) that enter a shelter do not survive. Those kittens take extra work to help them live. They can't eat or eliminate on their own and also cannot regulate their own body temperature. There are only a handful of volunteers that have the time, patience and strength to foster neonates, especially knowing the low survival rate (can be as low as 10-25% depending on age of intake). At the youngest age, they need to eat every 2 hours and be stimulated to urinate and kept warm at all times.

With your generous donations we were able to invest in a few incubators to help increase the survival rate of the neonatal kittens in our care.





These incubators keep them warm, have a small safe place for the kittens to be housed and even have the ability to administer Oxygen and nebulizers if needed. We also purchased 1 slightly larger incubator to house an adult cat who needs specialized treatment that in the past could only be given at an emergency or specialized veterinarian's office.

Our neonatal foster volunteers love the new incubators, as they are not constantly worrying about the kittens' temperature. Having the incubators has increased our neonates survival rate tremendously. Prior to the incubators we had 75%-80% survival rate. We are now at 90% this year with incubators so far. We have also been able to take in more neonatal kittens this year due to these lifesaving incubators. In 2018 the intake number was 40; we were able to increase that to 56 in 2019.

We are adopting out Special Needs and FELVIES

Just like humans, there are cats with special needs from physical disabilities to medical issues. Most cats with special needs are wonderful pets and need very little if any extra care. However, many adopters look past cats with special needs out of fear of the unknown or concern for costs of the care needed. For those cats who do need extra care, Cat Matchers waives the adoption fee and will cover the cost of care associated with that specific health problem at one of our participating veterinarians.

FELVIES (Feline Leukemia positive)

Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV), is a virus that attacks the immune system of a cat. It isn't a form of cancer, but is actually a virus that weakens the immune system. Cats with FeLV can live normal, happy healthy lives; they just have a shorter life expectancy than FeLV negative cats. Historically, cats with this disease have been euthanized as soon as they are diagnosed. Cat Matchers believes these cats deserve a chance to find a loving forever home so we now have a program to adopt out the cats and cover FeLV-related expenses at a partner vet for our adopters.

Cat Matchers needs your help. You won't see our heart-wrenching ads on TV. We don't have highly-paid administrators and large fund-raising programs. We're different. We're small. Our dedicated team of volunteers and fosters have hearts bigger than any large advertising budget. If only the depth of our hearts paid the bills. We've dug into our own pockets until there's nowhere else to go. We are always grateful for donations that enable us to continue saving more lives. You are our hope for the future of the animals who need help; whether it's a yearly donation, a monthly contribution or a one-time gift. **\$10 pays for a kitten to be dewormed; \$25 pays for a cat to be vaccinated; \$50 provides food for a feral colony for 2 weeks; \$75 covers the cost of a spay surgery; \$100 provides diagnostic blood work for a sick cat; \$125 pays for full vetting for a cat to be adopted.** Please complete the attached form, include your check or credit card information and mail it in the attached envelope. Or, use our online PayPal account at www.catmatchers.org/donate. It's tax deductible and it makes a huge difference for the cats in our care.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR CARING AS MUCH AS WE DO.

YOUR SUPPORT IS WHAT KEEPS US GOING!

Sincerely,

Tammy Kidwell, President

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