

## CAT MATCHERS 2022 MID YEAR REPORT

All numbers are for the first half of 2022



### CATS IN OUR CARE

Starting cats in foster care: 184  
Intake: 234 cats/kittens  
Total in care: 418

Foster care expenses: \$2131  
Vet care expenses: \$54,556  
120 foster spay/neuter surgeries

### VOLUNTEERS

Cat Matchers has 107 active volunteers: Fosters, Adoptions, Special events, Social media, Petco store-habitat cleaning, TNR, Marketing, Laundry, Transport, Fundraising, Communications  
\$104 Volunteer Expenses



### OUTCOMES

Adoptions: 168 Transferred: 9  
Return to Owner: 2  
Died in care: 17 (bottle kittens, severely ill or injured)  
Returned to Field (feral): 2  
\$306 adoption/equip. expense  
\$19,241 adoption fee income

### IN THE COMMUNITY

We assisted pet owners in financial need with veterinary/general care to help them keep their pets.  
Owner Retention Fund: \$4256  
We assisted with the cost of spay/neuter for 39 Community cats (TNR).



### OUR GENEROUS DONORS

This past year, we received over \$37,864 in donations from supporters and their employer-matching funds.  
We were also blessed to receive grants from Petco Love and PetSmart Charities.

[www.catmatchers.org](http://www.catmatchers.org)

## #NTXGIVINGDAY is here: 9/22/22

Each year generous supporters like you join us for North Texas Giving Day, powered by Communities Foundation of Texas. This year's event is presented by Amazon and will take place on Thursday, September 22, from 6:00am to midnight. For your convenience, Early Gift Giving opens Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and continues through Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This giving day is critical for the ongoing success of our all-volunteer organization. The funds are needed to help us cover veterinary care, supplies and operating expenses throughout the year.

Your support makes a big difference to our mission of reducing the number of homeless cats in our area. By matching the right cat to the right home environment, we strive to turn disposable animals into lifelong companions.

To donate or start a Fundraiser:

<https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/>

Search: Cat Matchers

**We have a goal of raising \$20,000 during NTX Giving Day.**

Will you help us reach that goal by creating a fundraising page on Cat Matchers' behalf to share with your networks about why our organization is important to you? Creating a fundraising page is quick, easy, and can make a huge impact on our organization.

For more information on how to sign up and what you can do to make your fundraising page successful, view this Fundraising Page Toolkit

<https://cftexas.org/cft/files/8c/8c343de7-f34f-4fd0-a249-906a1deb71b7.pdf>

We hope that you will join us so that we can make a bigger impact on our North Texas community!

Are you doing some closet cleaning and need somewhere to donate your items? Look no further. We are accepting household items, clothing, shoes, and more to benefit the cats through online and garage sales.

Go to this link for more information on what, how and when to donate: [Donate Goods](#)

At Cat Matchers, we strive to place the right cat into the right home. Although not foolproof, this approach helps maximize the desired outcome of the cat being a lifelong part of the family. We want to build relationships with our adopters and keep an open line of communication in case there are any issues or changes in the adopter's life that necessitates the foster cat being returned. We will always take our cats back if things just don't work out. Here are a few recent returns and their stories.



### KATIE

"My mom can't take care of the cat she adopted," the phone call said. "She's 92, in assisted living and she needs to return her."

Katie, aka Kitty Katt, an 8-year-old cat adopted from Cat Matchers, was devastated. She loved her mom. She came back to Cat Matchers and cried for love.

Then, a miracle happened.

"Hey Mom, I saw this cat online and it's perfect for you," the text said.

"Hey daughter, I saw this cat online and it's perfect for me," the simultaneous text said.

Katie and the adopter met and it was immediate love. They connected. They talked it over and decided to make a lifetime commitment.

When Katie went to her home, she crawled on the bed, spread out and said, "I'm home. Thank you. I'm home."

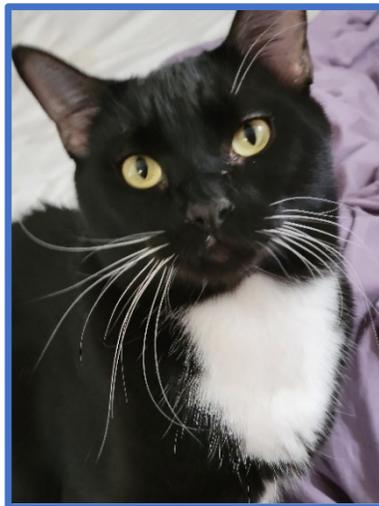
"It's like a marriage made in heaven," the adopter said, "I just knew she was the one."

### FOREST AND DATREES

"I'm no longer able to take care of Forrest, adopted 2 years ago from Cat Matchers - and oh yeah, he has a friend that needs help too. Can I bring them to you? If not, DaTrees is going to Animal Control."

"Of course, we always take returns," was the answer. "And oh yeah, bring his friend too." That's how this pair ended up at Cat Matchers. They are the most affectionate pair you've ever seen. They fight for your attention. If one is on your lap, the other one squeezes in. Always head-butting. Always purring. Always wanting to be close.

No matter how hard you try, sometimes, you can't even see Forrest for DaTrees! These guys are still looking for that purr-fect home.



If 2% more of pet parents fostered a pet, we could end preventable euthanasia in America's shelters tomorrow.



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### You can do something today to make tomorrow better for a cat!

These last few years have seen a staggering increase in the number of homeless cats. This is in a large part due to the pandemic and lack of spay/neutering of community cats and owned pets. The number of cats is so high that the shelters and rescues cannot do it alone.

We really need people to get involved. If you could just fix and/or foster just one of your neighborhood strays, it would save so many lives exponentially.

We can work alongside you to make this a success. Just reach out to us. We can help you with vet care and the adoption process if needed.

## SOME LIFE-CHANGING STORIES



**PINKY** and his brother Floyd came into our foster system as small kittens found as strays. They seemed happy and healthy and were on the way to being adopted to a new forever home together.

That all changed when Pinky went in to get vetted for adoption. The vet noticed he had a concave chest. He was diagnosed with pectus excavatum and needed surgery within a small window of time, or he would not survive. His lungs and heart not being able to expand in the limited chest area to meet the growing need of these vital organs. There were no vets in the Metroplex that would do the procedure, so we had to take Pinky to Texas A&M.

The surgery was costly, and the recovery was long. He had weekly check-ins where his brace was tightened. They said it was the most significant case they have seen. We were fortunate to find a veterinary student near A&M who was willing to foster him and do the care and weekly check-ins. He is now finished with recovery, but the vets said there is a good chance he will need more surgery in the next year or so. He needs to be watched closely to make sure his breathing and heart rate are holding well. At that point, we knew he needed a home with someone who could handle this possibility. We felt a vet or vet student would be the best option!

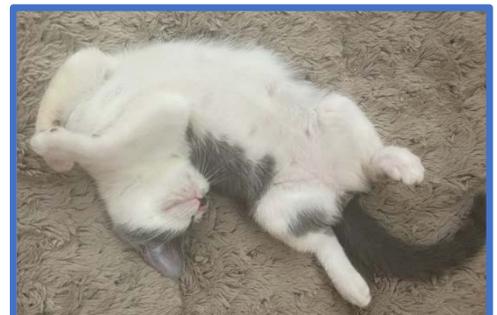
Luckily, the family of the vet student who cared for him during recovery is adopting him. We tried to re-introduce Pinky and Floyd to each other, as they were very bonded at one point. But being apart for so long changed all that. They are OK with each other now, but not super bonded. Someone who knows Pinky's new owner is adopting Floyd, so they can still visit each other, but each will have a home of their own with other animals and the added incentive of a veterinarian in the family.



**Midge:** She's just a regular kitten. Well, maybe a little different, but don't tell her! Midge came into the shelter a deformed left front leg, a curvature to her neck and body and a will to live. She was one week old and was diagnosed with torticollis.

She couldn't right herself, so she was upside down for about the first 2 weeks and then slowly as she got bigger and stronger was able to stay on her stomach. Having her in an incubator with other kittens helped a lot.

Now, her front legs are bent and fixed at 90-degree angles and her forearms are thick. But if you didn't know cats well, you would never realize something was wrong without going to a vet. She is well loved by her fosters who have decided to keep her along with the other special needs cats in their home.



## TOGETHER, WE SAVE LIVES

Your support, no matter how big or small, means everything to the cats in our care. There are so many ways to give back and whether your support is through volunteer time, items, or money, your donation matters to the lives of hundreds of cats and kittens in the Metroplex. We look forward to your continued support.

### **WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM**

You can get more information about all the volunteer opportunities at this link:

<http://www.catmatchers.org/volunteer/>

### **YOU CAN BE OUR VOICE ON SOCIAL MEDIA. HELP US SPREAD THE WORD: @CATMATCHERS.**



### **THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GIVE:**

- Donate: <https://catmatchers.org/donate/>
- North Texas Giving Day 9/22/22: <https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/cat-matchers>
- Giving Tuesday 11/29/22: <https://www.givingtuesday.org/>
- PayPal Giving: donate at checkout when using PayPal
- Nextdoor Sell For Good: gives neighbors the ability to support local charities, by simply buying and selling items on Nextdoor's For Sale and Free. [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)
- Ebay: customers can support Cat Matchers by adding a donation when you buy an item or donating a percentage when you sell an item.
- Humble bundle: If you or a family member does online video games/purchases you can choose to support Cat Matchers with every order. [www.humblebundle.com](http://www.humblebundle.com)
- Amazon Smile: If you purchase items on Amazon, start at <https://smile.amazon.com> and they will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to Cat Matchers - no fees, no extra cost. There is also a wish list function if you would rather purchase something on our list.
- Kroger Community Rewards program: To get started, just visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into your Kroger account, click on your account, click on community rewards, search for DALLAS CAT RESCUE DBA CAT MATCHERS either by name or PM866 and then click Enroll.

**We thank you very much for your continued support.  
Our organization could not exist without you!**

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