

CATS Tails Newsletter

Where does the time go? It's hard to believe we're already in the second quarter of 2025!

So far this year, we've rescued many cats and found homes for over 90 cats. However, in January and February, we had to pause intake due to a lack of space—we were simply over capacity. When we reached out to sanctuaries on the mainland for help with our semi-social cats, we quickly realized they were in the same situation: full, with no room to take in more cats.

Our leadership team came together to find a solution, and we realized the only way forward was to turn our long-held dream into reality—so the dream begins! We shared our vision with our membership at the AGM, and the support was unanimous.

We will create an indoor/outdoor space for the semi social cats in our care, allowing them the freedom to be inside or outside as they choose—while staying safe and secure. This sanctuary will be their forever home, providing comfort and protection for years to come.

To bring this vision to life, we are actively fundraising to reach our \$25,000 goal. Every contribution helps us move closer to making this dream a reality for the cats who need us most!

If you would like to support this dream and help these cats have a safe forever space, you can etransfer donations to TheCatAdvocates@gmail.com. We will also be looking for tradespeople/business owners willing to donate their time/material to bring this vision to life.



In this newsletter you can expect

Exciting News

– The sanctuary dream becomes reality!

Rescue Tale

– A heart-warming story of a feral cat.

2025 Board of Directors Adoption Spotlight

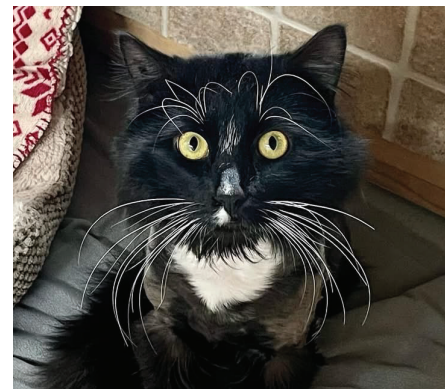
– Meet two special cats looking for a forever home.

Heartfelt Reunion

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Home is where the cat is



Let the whiskers ignite your spirit

Nyla's Journey: A Story of Patience, Persistence, and Compassion

For over six years, we tried to trap and spay Nyla, a feral cat who roams our shelter property. She was a dedicated mama, having countless litters over the years. Despite many attempts, she always outsmarted us—until now.

This year, we finally did it. Nyla has been spayed and vetted! No more babies. No more exhausting litters. Just the freedom to live on her own terms.

Over the years, we successfully trapped and cared for four of her litters, giving her kittens a chance at a better life.

Some of the names you might recognize:

- Pringle, Felix, Bailey, Barney**
- Caprice + 2 angel babies**
- Greta, Umbriel, Ursula, Uriah**
- Quest, Maximus, Wesley**

Now, with the cycle finally broken, Nyla continues to roam her territory—but with a safety net. She will always have food, shelter, and a watchful eye ensuring she stays healthy.

This is why TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) matters.

It prevents endless suffering, reduces overpopulation, and allows feral cats to live out their lives without the constant burden of reproduction.

Want to help more cats like Nyla?

Support our sanctuary project! We're raising **\$25,000 to build a forever home** for semi-social cats who need a safe place to live. Donations can be sent via e-transfer to TheCatAdvocates@gmail.com (tax receipts for donations of \$25+).

Foster or Volunteer – We need kind-hearted people to help socialize kittens, assist with trapping efforts, and provide daily care. Every small act makes a big difference!

Spread the Word – Share Nyla's story and help educate others about the power of TNR.

Nyla's days of motherhood are over, but her legacy lives on.

Thank you for supporting TNR and helping us change lives, one cat at a time.



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Our Board is a dedicated team of hardworking volunteers who bring passion and commitment to our mission. We are deeply grateful for their time, effort and compassionate hearts. Not only do they provide leadership + direction for the rescue, but they also work hands on everyday to ensure the shelter operates smoothly.

Meet Swiss & Fava – The Perfect Pair!

These two bonded besties are so easy to love!

Fava is a big-boned, floofy brown tabby who adores pets and brushing—she’s the ultimate lap cat! This sweet girl, affectionately called “Favabean,” loves being close to her people, happily curling up beside you (even if you’re on the floor). She’s pure therapy—pick her up, gently place her in your lap, and she’ll melt right in, purring away while making herself comfortable for as long as you’ll let her.

Swiss is a short-haired, orange-and-white storyteller who loves to greet her people and chat about her day. Nick-named “Swisstopher,” she’s the more dynamic of the duo—where Swiss leads, Fava follows! Once settled, Swiss is full of confidence, eager to explore, and quick to make new friends.

Their favourite pastime?

Perched on their cat stand, side by side, watching the world go by from their big window. Deeply bonded, these two are never far apart, always finding comfort in each other’s company.

Are you ready to give this adorable duo the forever home they deserve?



Lost for 10 Months in the Wilderness, Zaphira Finally Makes It Home

After spending an astonishing ten months trying to survive in the wilderness, Zaphira the cat has finally made it home, thanks to the relentless efforts of the Cat Advocates Teaching & Saving Society (CATS Rescue).

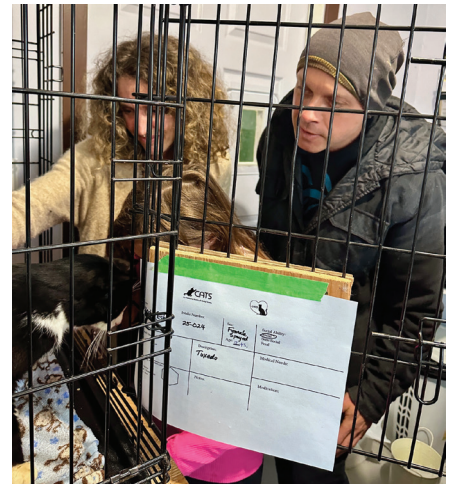
Zaphira went missing shortly after her family moved from Black Creek to Cumberland, leaving her lost in unfamiliar and dangerous terrain. Her owner, Lisa Larkin, never gave up hope, and neither did CATS Rescue.

Recovering Zaphira was no small feat. It took three highly experienced trappers five months of dedicated effort to locate and capture her. The team hiked a grueling half-hour up rugged, cougar-inhabited terrain each week to monitor a feeding and trapping station. Once Zaphira began regularly visiting for food, they started a two-week intensive trapping effort, braving rain, wind, and pitch darkness every day until she finally stepped into the trap.

Soaking wet and shivering, the team hiked Zaphira back down the trail and rushed her to safety at the CATS shelter. Thanks to a tattoo in her ear, her ownership was easily confirmed, proving the importance of microchipping and tattooing pets.

In a heartwarming twist, Zaphira's long-awaited reunion with her owner, Lisa, happened on Lisa's birthday—truly the best gift imaginable. Now, at 12 years old, Zaphira is finally back where she belongs: safe at home. Lisa shared that Zaphira is doing fantastic, is super affectionate and just so happy to be back home.

CATS is committed to helping lost and abandoned cats, setting up feed stations in remote areas and working tirelessly to reunite pets with their families. Zaphira's story is a testament to our dedication and the life-saving importance of identification for pets.



Upcoming Events

Adoption Days

April 26, May 24, June 21

Drop by and see the many kittens available for adoption.

50/50 Draw

Jackpot if all tickets sell will be \$20,000

That's \$10,000 for the winner and \$10,000 for the cats! It's a win-win for everyone!

Draw Date October 15, 2025.

Tickets go on sale mid-February.

Plant Sale

May 10

Burger Beer Night

June 24