

# cat tales

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FELINE FRIENDS NETWORK



## 'tis the season to reflect

A MESSAGE FROM FFN PRESIDENT  
PAUL SIMPSON

As 2017 draws to a close, I am proud to report that it was a very productive year for FFN. Our primary programs – TNR, foster/adoption, and low-income spay/neuter assistance – were busy throughout the entire year. FFN sponsored 379 spay/neuter surgeries in 2017 – putting us well over the 2,000 mark. For all intents and purposes, we are the only organization in Perth County doing the work that we do.

None of this would be possible without the continuing effort of so many people – our general membership, our incredible volunteers, our generous fundraisers and supportive pet stores, and the compassionate vets and clinics that partner with us. FFN's solid reputation and its success is the result of your commitment to the cause. Thanks, thanks, and a thousand times thanks to each and every one. And our very best wishes for a festive holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.



### FFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The FFN Annual General meeting will take place on SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2018 at 2:00 pm. The meeting – we try to keep it short and sweet – provides an overview of FFN's activities and puts forward our plans for the future.

We are planning to hold the AGM at the Kiwanis Centre on Lakeside Drive. However, this may need to be changed as a result of the Stratford Festival's proposal for the redevelopment of the Tom Patterson Theatre. We will keep you posted.

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## Puddy perfect presents

If you are looking for that special mat for that special cat or a special cat for a special kid, come by the Saturday Market at Stratford Rotary on the 9th, 16th, and 23rd of December and check out the "Mat Cats" and "Kiddie Cats" from Pat's Puddy Products. As always, every penny spent goes to support FFN's fabulous programs. Come by, come buy!

## Online auctions up the ante

FFN's second online auction was also a big success, netting just over \$1,000. FFN is planning another mini-auction just in time for Christmas! The auction is planned to start this Wednesday, 6 December and end on the weekend of 9/10 December. For more details, watch the FFN auction page at [www.facebook.com/felinefriendsauction/](http://www.facebook.com/felinefriendsauction/).

## An important reminder

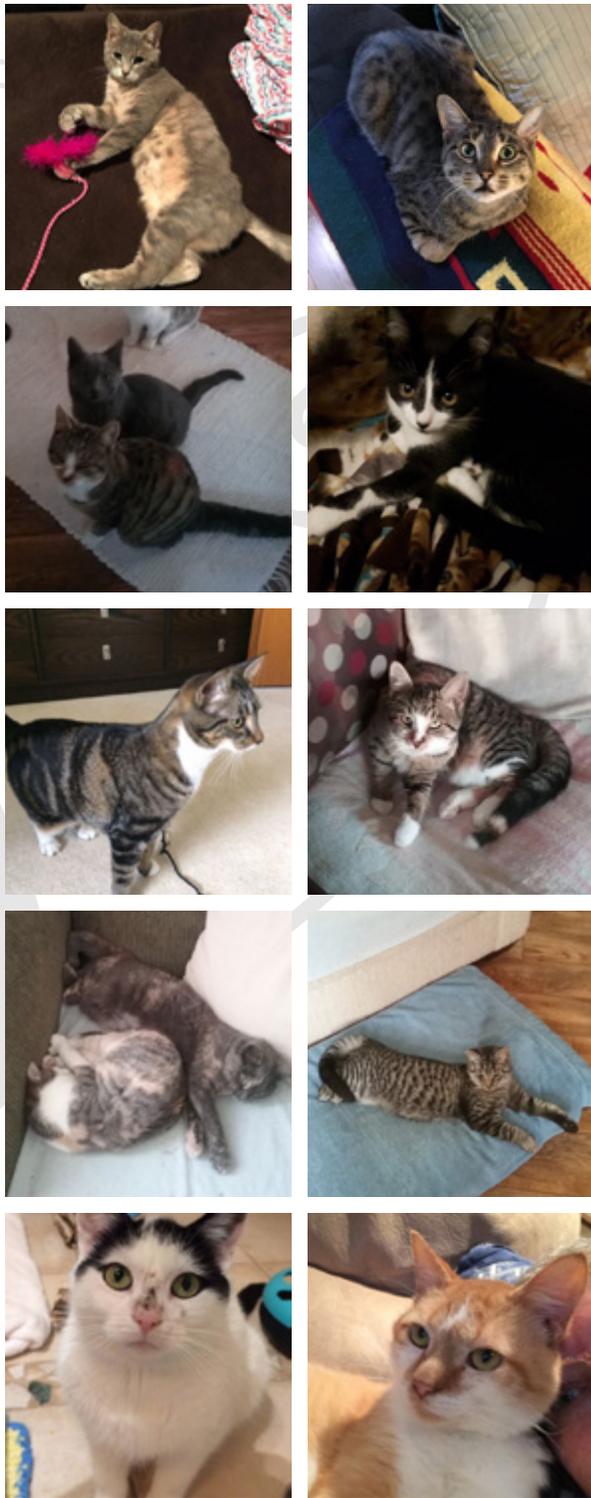
Microchipping of pets is a lifesaver and has helped so many lost animals find their way home. BUT, its usefulness is only as good as the information on the chip. When you move or if you re-home your micro-chipped cat, make sure to update the contact information with your micro-chipping company as soon as possible.

# The cats and kittens of 2017

The pictures below show only a fraction of the over 110 cats and kittens adopted through FFN in 2017. As this record-breaking year winds down, we still have close to 20 cats/kittens in foster care who are looking for a home for the holidays. Please continue to share your copy of the FFN newsletter with friends and family who are cat lovers. You never know when someone may be thinking about making a charitable donation or adding a new pet to the family! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Foster/Adoption Team.



## Still seeking loving homes



To see more available cats/kittens visit the FFN Facebook page. Adoption fee is \$100 each or \$150 for a bonded pair. For more info, contact [holly@feline.friends.ca](mailto:holly@feline.friends.ca) or [marg@felinefriends.ca](mailto:marg@felinefriends.ca).



## Grateful for #GivingTuesday

Once again, #GivingTuesday proved very successful for FFN. Our six great business partners – Bell's Winery, Boomer's Gourmet Fries, BuzzStop, Chocolate Barrs, Nectar, and the Spa Near the Tracks – generously offered discounts or free items to encourage FFN supporters to make a donation to our online Giving Tuesday campaign.

In total, #GivingTuesday raised \$2,620, making us eligible to receive an additional \$1,000 in matching dollars from Mike Vancea, Vancea Financial (\$500) and a second anonymous matching partner (\$500)! The grand total of \$3,620 will help us help more cats in the last quarter of 2017 and into the new year!

Thank you to our business partners, our matching partners, the nine businesses (Black Swan Brewing Company, Caledon Tubing, Christine Elizabeth Hair Studio, Coventry Animal Hospital, Inspired by Fitness, Matt Francis – Realtor, Moksha Yoga, Tails Wag Inn, and Your Neighbourhood Credit Union) who each made \$100 pledges to FFN, and to all of our donors and supporters who shared our Facebook posts and made their donations on Tuesday, 28 November 2017.

*No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.*

~ Aesop

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