

# Sunshine and Whiskers

## 🐾 A Paw-sitive Season of Hope 🐾

### A Message from our Director

Dear Members,

Well, here we are again, for the twenty-ninth year touching base with those of you that have made our quest possible. With your help and support, we have grown and flourished.

Just this October we have added a "Senior Center" to our adoption shelter and an annex for cats with FIV and FeLV. Our Senior Center caters to elderly cats, over the age of ten, whose owners have passed away or are unable to care for their pet due to health issues. We are very excited to offer this to these cats. Our caring staff and board of directors work tirelessly for the health and welfare of those in our care. It's a hard job. Viruses are easily spread, and we are always preemptively fighting them.



The number of stray cats and kittens seems to grow with our county. We take as many as we can care for, but it's never enough. Believe me, it weighs on us.

So far in 2025 we have received 109 cats and kittens. As of this writing we have adopted out 61 cats this year. At the time of this writing, we currently have more than 30 kittens available at the shelter who are need of their forever homes. We hope to find them all homes, and of course, sterilize them before embarking on their new and happy lives. Again, it is because of your faith in us and your support that we are able to help so many.

Thank you.

Love, Lois



### Whisker Wisdom: Summer Tips for Happy Cats

Keeping your house cat happy and comfortable during the summer months is essential! Here are some helpful tips:

- **Hydration is Key** – Ensure your cat has access to fresh, cool water at all times. Consider using a cat water fountain to encourage drinking.
- **Cooling Mats** – Provide a cooling mat or a chilled towel for your cat to lounge on, especially if your home gets warm.
- **Air Circulation** – Use fans or air conditioning to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature.
- **Frozen Treats** – Offer frozen cat-safe treats, such as ice cubes made from tuna water, to help them cool down.
- **Grooming** – Regular brushing helps remove excess fur and prevents overheating, especially for long-haired cats.
- **Shade and Cool Spots** – Make sure your cat has access to shaded areas or cool surfaces like tile floors.
- **Playtime Adjustments** – Schedule playtime during cooler parts of the day, such as early morning or late evening.
- **Preventative Care** – Keep up with flea, tick, and heartworm prevention, as these pests are more active in summer.



## Kitten Season: A Time of Rescue And Hope

Here at the Cat Protection Society, kitten season brings both joy and challenge. Each spring and summer, feline births surge, leading to an overwhelming number of kittens in need of shelter, care, and medical attention.

### The Challenges of Kitten Season

Many kittens arrive at our shelter without their mothers, requiring round-the-clock care. Even those with mothers need safe, specialized spaces to thrive. Without intervention, outdoor kittens face disease, predators, and harsh conditions, making rescue efforts critical.

## How You Can Help

### 1. Spay & Neuter

Preventing unwanted litters is key to controlling the cat population. Spay/neuter your pets and support trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs.

### 2. Foster a Kitten

Fostering provides a temporary, loving home for kittens until they are ready for adoption. It's life-saving and rewarding.

### 3. Donate to Save Lives

Kitten season strains our resources. Additional donations of kitten formula, food, bedding, and medical supplies ensure we can continue our rescue efforts.

### 4. Adopt & Advocate

Every kitten deserves a loving forever home. Adoption changes lives and raising awareness about responsible pet ownership helps reduce the number of homeless kittens.



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Check out our new website [www.catprotectionsocietyfl.org](http://www.catprotectionsocietyfl.org). And don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok at @catprotectionsocietyfl for weekly updates, adoption announcements, and adorable cat photos that are sure to brighten your day. Share your stories and photos of your feline friends with us – we love spotlighting our extended family of adopters and supporters.

## Thank you to Our Supporters

None of this would be possible without your generous donations and support. Whether you've contributed funds, time, or a bag of cat toys, you've helped us create a brighter future for countless cats. Together, we're making hearts purr. We are happy to report we were able to place 19 cats into their forever homes during the month of May! With your continued support we can increase the adoption numbers each month!

