

Paws and Gratitude

🐾 Autumn Tails and Holiday Purrs 🐾

A Message from our Director

Hello old friends (and new ones!)
Phew! We are in the last quarter of the year! It has been a long one. We are just finishing a very prolific kitten "season." At the height we had 53 kittens in house. If you have ever had a healthy, active, crafty, and super smart (they outsmart us lol) kitten – multiply that by 50! At times we were pulling out our hair and at times we were marveling at the beauty of these small creatures. It is very rewarding when they leave out care for their "forever home."
For sure our goal is spay/neuter. Believe me, it's our daily mantra.
Our Senior Center has been open for one year. By definition it has been a huge success. A few have been adopted, sadly a few have passed over the rainbow bridge,



others are enjoying living in a home environment built just for elderly orphans. Our ages range from ten to seventeen! All were left as orphans. We LOVE them.

This season we welcomed Alan Boress to our board. He brings with him a great business sense.

We need volunteers currently to help clean or just to shmooze with our kitties.

As of the close of the third quarter, we are happy to report that we have had 147 adoptions this year! We have 377 sweet kitties in house, and we have taken 210 into our care.

As always, we love you, we thank you!
Lois



Fall Tips for Happy Cats

Even Florida's mild autumn still brings seasonal shifts. Here are some fall-friendly tips to keep your feline feeling their best all season long:

- **Hydration Still Matters** – Cooler temps don't mean less water. Keep fresh bowls out or consider a refillable cat fountain.
- **Comfy Lounging Spots** – Swap those cooling mats for plush blankets or cozy beds in quiet corners.
- **Ventilation & Warmth** – Maintain airflow but avoid drafts. Cats love warm napping spots near sunny windows.
- **Seasonal Treats** – Try cat-safe snacks like plain pumpkin purée or warm unsalted broth for comfort.
- **Fall Shedding & Grooming** – Brush regularly to manage seasonal shedding and keep coats healthy.
- **Safe Hideaways** – With holiday décor and guests incoming, give your cat a quiet retreat away from the hustle.
- **Playtime & Enrichment** – Cooler mornings and evenings are great for active play. Add fall-themed toys or puzzles to encourage playtime.
- **Ongoing Preventative Care** – Fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes stay active in Florida. Keep up with your monthly protection.



Beyond Kitten Season: Big Hearts for Big Cats

As kitten season winds down, our shelter begins to fill with quiet, gentle souls — adult and senior cats who've patiently waited for their second chance. While kittens may steal the spotlight, older cats bring something truly special: calm companionship, established personalities, and a deep appreciation for love. Whether it's a mellow lap cat or a playful middle-aged explorer, these felines are ready to fit right into your family. This season, consider opening your heart to a cat who's already grown — and still has so much love to give.

How You Can Help

Spay & Neuter

Preventing unwanted litters is essential year-round. Spay/neuter your pets and support TNR programs to protect future generations.

Foster an Adult or Senior Cat

Kittens find homes fast, but older cats benefit from foster care. You'll give them space to relax and show their true personalities.

Donate to Support Lifelong Care

As kitten season slows, we focus on long-term residents. Donations of adult food, bedding, and supplies help cats needing extra time and love.

Adopt & Advocate for Older Cats

Adult and senior cats make wonderful companions — calm, loving, and often trained. Share their stories and help change the narrative for overlooked cats.

Share your adoption stories with us!

Did your furry companion come from our shelter — whether last week or years ago?

We'd love to hear how your adoption story is unfolding! Share your favorite memories and photos of your feline friend — your stories warm our hearts and inspire others. Tag us on social media using [#catprotectionsocietyfl](#) so we can celebrate your journey and spotlight our amazing community of adopters.

Thank you to Our Supporters

As the days grow shorter and the summer breezes turn gentle, our shelter fills with the quiet magic of fall. This season reminds us of the beauty in second chances — like the senior cat who found their second chance at forever, or the nervous kitten who discovered how to purr. Whether it's a cozy cuddle or a playful leap into a pile of leaves, our cats are embracing the season with open paws. Thank you for helping us turn every falling leaf into rising hope.

