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Welcome to February's *The Scratching Post!*

Once a month, we'll drop by your inbox to share our latest news, introduce you to just a few of our precious adoptables and share helpful TNR hints so that YOU can make a difference, right where you are.

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Won't you be my *Valentine?*



Charlie

Any “Golden Girls” fans out there? You know that Rose’s late husband, Charlie, was the love of her life. His namesake – found on the frigid day that Betty White passed away – has a similar gift of gab. (He’s also our handsome “cover cat” at the top!) “Charlie is a chatter and wants to tell you all about what happened during his day,” says his foster mom. His dream family would include a friendly pet sibling and a person who would “chat” with him. Could your home be this Charlie’s St. Olaf?

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Lexi

Lexi has been the best mama, including to adorable Nelly pictured at right! But now she’s ready to retire from motherhood. After all, she has a newly discovered passion in life: being an ultra-sweet companion to her favorite people! “She started out as a very hesitant mama and now she comes looking for affection,” says her foster mom. “She would love a home with a slower pace. She just needs a minute to get comfortable.” Could you give lovely Lexi the love and peace she so deserves?

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Nelly

Kittens can be mama’s girls, too. That’s the case for Nelly, the tiniest of the “golf litter,” who is adorably attached to her mother, Lexi (see left). “She is very attached to her mama. She will follow her everywhere,” says her foster mom. She would be happiest adopted together but has so much to offer her future human mom or dad, too. This tiny girl “has really grown into herself” and makes a big impression with her “very sweet” personality. Could Nelly follow you to the forever home of her dreams?

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A calendar tweak for passing the 'Love'

OK, we might've jumped the gun a little. Last month, we told you that you could submit your Petco Love Story on Feb. 1. The submission window opens July 1 instead. Still, it's never too soon to start thinking of what you'd like to say!

After all, in 2021, Clem won \$6,000 for Whiskers. The year before, Bumble brought home \$25,000. Could your Whiskers TNR adoptee



Learn more about the Petco Love Story contest [by clicking here](#). Questions? Email corissa@whiskerstnr.org.



A happy tail: Franklin

In January of 2021, a year after adopting her first cat, Linus, Kelsey decided to adopt again. "We were specifically looking for an orange tabby and were looking at different rescues," she said.

The one meant to be hers was hard to find -- until her former vet, Dr. Loni Ellsworth (a wonderful supporter of Whiskers TNR!), shared a post about a cuddly fella then known as Garfield Lasagna.

As it turned out, applications flooded in for him. Kelsey felt "so lucky and blessed" when hers was chosen. She renamed him Franklin, keeping with her Peanuts theme.

"He purred the whole way home from the clinic," Kelsey remembers. Linus wasn't quite so sure about becoming a big brother, but "on the third or fourth night we had Franklin, we heard Linus chirping to Franklin to come play. ... They have been friends ever since." As for Franklin, he loves cuddles and gives his people "the most romantic slow blinks." He also enjoys "hunting" his toys and "is very vocal when he finds his 'prey!'"

Pondering adoption? It changed Franklin's life, but also Kelsey's. "Franklin and Linus have both given us fulfillment, entertainment and a love I could have never described before."

In this new monthly feature, we'll introduce you to one of our adoption success stories. We're thrilled to have Franklin saunter into the spotlight first!



You gave so generously in honor of Betty!

Even as the world mourned Betty White on New Year's Eve, the beloved actress's impact on animals continued with the Betty White Challenge. Whiskers TNR received \$2,979 in donations in White's name!

"People were encouraged to donate to any shelter - local or national - and it was heartwarming to see them choose Whiskers!" said founder Corissa Arndt. "Donations came to us ranging from \$5 to \$500. The donations given will be used towards expenses for a current TNR project in Warren County as well as to continue work on the holding facility." **THANK YOU!**



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