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Making a difference in Warren County, one cat at a time

Welcome to March'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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*Adopt me to be lucky in
love this St. Patty's Day!*



Buddy

Buddy loves to sprawl out in a sunny spot and claw on a scratching pad. But his favorite thing of all? “Sunny!” (That's his brother in the next bio.) These two cuddle together in the most endearing way and are becoming more and more comfortable around their foster family. Buddy especially has astounded his foster mom with “his willingness to trust people,” even after what other people have put them through. Is your home where he'll finally be loved like he deserves in return?

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Sunny

Sunny, who's this month's "cover cat" above, loves his brother, Buddy (at left), more than anything! After someone shot at the duo with a BB gun, we're determined to find them a safe indoor home where they'll be loved. Sunny especially will need a quiet space and patience, but his foster mom is impressed by “his perseverance. He is still leery and scared of humans, but he is making huge leaps and bounds and is unwilling to give up.” Are you the person who won't give up on him?

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Treasure

Just months ago, Treasure was found in a trash bin. “She looked awful,” recalls her foster mom. “She barely weighed three pounds and wouldn't eat.” But Whiskers TNR wouldn't give up on her, and now this beautiful girl is ready to become the family pet she was meant to be! She loves to cuddle and has the most adorable habit when it comes to greeting her foster mom: “When she comes up to me, she always wants to rub up on my chin.” Are you ready to bring this gem of a feline home?

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A Happy Tail: Carl and Olive

When Scott Ourth found himself to be a single empty nester, he decided a new feline friend might be just the ticket. He'd grown up with cats, after all, and knew of the love and fun they could bring a home.

But when Scott learned of a pair of kitten siblings awaiting adoption after being found alone at a construction site, he knew right away he'd make room for two.

From all of us at Whiskers,

thank you, Scott, for sharing about Carl and Olive for this month's "Happy Tail" adoption success story.

We're grateful these kittens have found such a purrfect home with you!



"It broke my heart to know they had come from such harsh beginnings," Scott reflected. "They had to have been frightened to death, not to mention hungry and lonely and vulnerable to a variety of forces that stood ready to harm them. They needed each other, and I needed them. So I decided to take them both."

And that, according to Scott, has been one of the best decisions of his life. While the kittens, Carl and Olive, are "master mischief makers," they're also champs at giving and receiving affection, whether with Scott or each other.

"They adore each other," he said. "They groom each other, and they literally hold hands when it's naptime! They are never apart."

That also goes for this trio's routine of Scott picking up one, then the other, for morning hugs and kisses, and Carl and Olive welcoming home Scott each evening from work.

Scott encourages others considering adoption to take that life-changing leap.

"Every precious life matters. None of God's creatures should be left to suffer. Humans are not the only living organisms that need warmth and love and a safe, healthy home. Reach out today. Tell all your friends. The joy that I have found through Whiskers TNR is waiting for you!"

News kibble: Quick bits to keep you in the know!

🐱 Cats, books AND coffee?! Don't miss this perfect trifecta with a special "Cat Cafe" edition of Caturday on Saturday, March 11. See graphic at right for more details.

🐱 Do your cats need vaccinated? Don't miss our free distemper vaccine clinic at the Whiskers holding facility on Saturday, March 18, thanks to Petco Love! Cats must be in a carrier, and rabies vaccines and microchips also will be available for \$10 each. Sign up online [here](#).

🐱 Need to grab a few things for your whiskered friends? Pet Supplies Plus is THE place to do it on Sunday, March 26, when a portion of all register sales will go back to Whiskers! Check out the graphic at right.

🐱 Whiskers TNR's garage sale will be back on Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, in Norwalk. More details to follow. And remember -- we'd love to accept your donations



earlier that week!

🐱 Kitten season is upon us! Would you consider helping our foster homes prepare by being a part of our supply drive? Head to our [Facebook page](#) to learn more. Thank you!

Questions about any of the above? Find more info at [our website](#) or [Facebook page](#), or [email us](#).

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Thank you, Erica McKasson!

It takes a village to help Warren County's most vulnerable cats. In this monthly feature, we highlight one of Whiskers TNR's many incredible volunteers.



Ever wonder who's on the other side of the computer at Whiskers TNR? Let us introduce Erica McKasson, the creative mind behind our designs, website updates and social media posts – often with a foster cat or kitten in tow!

Nicole Rhodes, our nonprofit's volunteer coordinator, described McKasson as “one of our most crucial volunteers. ... She is so easy to work with and has a true passion for design. She is also an amazing foster who posts some of the best TikToks out there.”

That's why we're pleased to name Erica as March's Whiskers Warrior, our monthly spotlight on one of our many incredible volunteers.

By day, Erica works as a UX (user experience) designer for Casey's, “which is a fancy way of saying I design digital experiences for guests and team members. And, of course, eat a lot of pizza,” Erica joked.

After hours, she enjoys hitting Warren County's trails on her bike or teaching cycling at the Indianola YMCA. Otherwise, she's busy “making the ‘Whiskers brand’ truly eye-catching and appealing,” Nicole said.

Love your new Whiskers shirt? A recent example of Erica's creative genius. In awe of all the good info (and utter cuteness) coming your way through Whiskers TNR's social media posts? That's Erica hard at work – although, she notes, it's a rewarding gig.

“I get to be a key piece of changing the trajectory of a cat or kitten's life when I am fostering,” she reflected, “and I get to be a key piece of telling the Whiskers story through the graphics and videos I create for social media, or when I am volunteering at events like Caturday.”

We're so grateful that Erica is part of Whiskers TNR's story with her creative flair, superb listening skills and cat-whispering ways.

“Thank you so much for not only being willing to jump in and help with crazy ideas that might be brought to you,” Nicole said, “but for also putting so much precision and dedication into the work you do.”

Thank you to Uncommon Grounds in Indianola for donating a gift card for this month's

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