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**Making a difference in Warren County,
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Welcome to May'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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*Three of our sweetest adoptables
dreaming of a forever home*



Sopapilla

There's never a dull moment with Sopapilla! She may be a senior, but she's found the fountain of youth as far as silliness is concerned.

"Sopapilla is such a goofball!" says her foster mom. But this little comedian has plenty of sweetness, too – just like her dessert namesake. She likes to curl up with other cats and has even sought out the laps of kids. More than anything, she'd like her very own person to entertain and love. Is your home where sweet Sopapilla will get her just desserts?

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Chianti

When Chianti first arrived at Whiskers, she was as spicy as her vino namesake. But in just her short time with us, Chianti has aged like fine wine and proven she's meant to be someone's loyal companion. "I am so impressed with the progress that she has made going from scary protective mamma to the sweetheart she is now," says her first foster dad. It turns out that Chianti had so much love bottled up, just waiting for the right people. Could she serve up her next round for you?

[Learn more](#)



Charlotte

Have a heart for a shy kitty that want SO badly to be loved? Let us introduce Charlotte, who initially just hid in her kennel at Whiskers TNR, but now has discovered her inner lap cat. "She likes to have her safe space but will soak up all the attention that you will give her," says her first foster dad. "She wants pets ... all the time!" This beautiful dilute tortie would do best in a quieter home where she could find her own space, but "would love for someone to give her a chance."

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A Happy Tail: Gingersnap & Sugar Cookie



Thank you, Kathi, for updating us about Gingersnap and Sugar Cookie for this month's adoption success story. We're thrilled that these little cookies have found a forever home with you!

It was love at first sight when Kathi and Jeff Borron spotted the kitty now known as Gingersnap at the Whiskers booth at the Des Moines Pet Expo. Then they found out there was potential to double the feeling: Gingersnap had a sister who was very attached to her ... but the sickly kitten wasn't expected to live.

The Borrons knew two truths of cat ownership, though: Two cats or kittens are often better than one. ("They will play together and bring your family so much joy and contentment," said Kathi.) And all cats deserve to be loved. "We decided to adopt them both and take care of Sugar Cookie as long as she lived."

And that's still the case -- Sugar Cookie survived! According to Kathi, both sisters are "very loving and cuddly cats" who enjoy chasing each other through the house and doze together in their cat tree. But they have their adorable individual interests, too. Gingersnap, the braver of the two, likes to join the Borrons on their deck or curl up with their daughter's dog when she visits. Sugar Cookie, a mama's girl, tends to trail Kathi or drop toys at Kathi and Jeff's feet -- with a loud meow!

Kathi's advice to would-be adopters is to spend a lot of time playing and cuddling with your new additions to bond with them. (Bonus tip: "Gently touch their feet and paws while cuddling them so that they get used to you touching their feet, as this makes nail clipping much easier.")

But, above all, take that step to adopt. Gingersnap and Sugar Cookie have brought the Borrons batch after batch of "joy, love and entertainment!"

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

🐱 A trio of Whiskers supporters should take a bow -- or have a seat! -- after the April 21st Chairish fundraiser for Norwalk Easter Public Library. Emma Burnett created a stunning chair dubbed "Whiskers Whimsy," with Jane Walker winning the high bid, which was matched by Nicole Rhodes.

🐱 Whiskers TNR's garage sale will be back on Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, in Norwalk at two locations. Find [more information here](#). And remember -- we'd love to



accept your donations May 7-10!

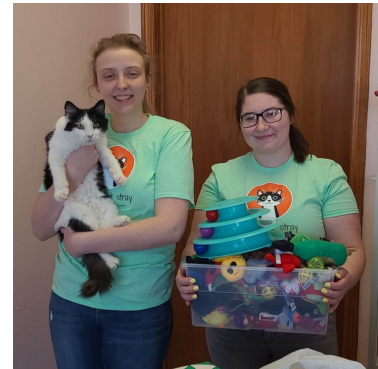
🐱 Our tastiest fundraiser is back: Scratch Cupcakes! The window to buy will be between May 15 and June 2, with delivery June 21. Watch our website and social media pages for details.

🐱 A big thank you to Smitten Kitten to keeping gently used cat toys out of landfills -- and headed to the paws of Whiskers kitties! The one-stop shop for all things feline held a drive to commemorate Earth Day. Just look at all that loot pictured at right!

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GARAGE SALE



Thank you, Jenny Fee!

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.



By Beth Wendland, Whiskers TNR's grant writer

The headliner in this month's newsletter is Jenny Stahr Fee. An ace journalist by profession, she's an invaluable Whiskers volunteer, and we think it's time we get her contributions on the record!

As a journalist for the Indianola Independent Advocate and Record-Herald, Jenny learned about Whiskers TNR when she featured it in a news story. Serendipitously, TNR had been a passion of Jenny's since 2008, when she and her husband

moved to an acreage.

"Feral or dumped cats were coming out of the woodwork – filthy, skinny, wounded and, in two cases, pregnant" she remembers. "We knew we needed to figure out a way to help them."

Since she began volunteering in 2019, Jenny has worn many hats at Whiskers. Do you look forward to reading the scoop in the Whiskers Scratching Post newsletter each month? You can credit Jenny. She writes the stories and the endearing profiles for adoptable Whiskers cats that have had people talking (and adopting). Jenny also features adoptable cats in the Indianola Independent Advocate each month.

She has "helped so many cats find their furever home by making their personalities shine on a page," said Whiskers volunteer Nicole Rhodes. Her writing

prowess extends to fundraising, too. Jenny helped Whiskers bag a \$25,000 grant from Petco Love this year.

“While there were many people engaged in that process,” said Nicole, “Jenny’s curating the words of the adopter really made a difference.”

When she’s not working or volunteering, Jenny and her husband Eric continue a 100+ year family tradition of raising and showing pigs and selling them to kids in 4-H and FFA. “My personal pride and joy, though, is our current ‘retiree,’ an eight-year-old sow named Fancy. She’s ancient as far as pigs go,” laughs Jenny, “but will come running for donuts or belly rubs.” Goats and barn cats also make their homes on her acreage, rounding out what has become “quite the menagerie.”

Jenny’s tireless efforts are fueled by her commitment to Whiskers’ mission.

“It’s so important to get the word out about our cats and kittens awaiting adoption, as well as what TNR is and all the amazing people connected to Whiskers. We have THE best volunteers, fosters, adopters and tribe of community supporters,” she said.

Jenny’s “kindness and commitment to Whiskers means the world to our organization,” said Nicole. “You are a creative genius and really help us to succeed.”

This is a sentiment no doubt echoed by many fellow volunteers and supporters. And you can quote us on that!

Thanks, Corner Sundry, for donating a gift card for this month's Whiskers Warrior!

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