

The Scratching Post

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*Welcome to Whiskers TNR of Warren County's monthly newsletter.
We're on a mission to make a difference, one cat at a time.*

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Today, Nov. 4, is the big day!! Wish you'd bought a ticket? Snag yours at the door tonight for live music, delicious charcuterie and more!

Find details at
www.whiskerstnr.org.

Ready to fall in love? Adopt me!

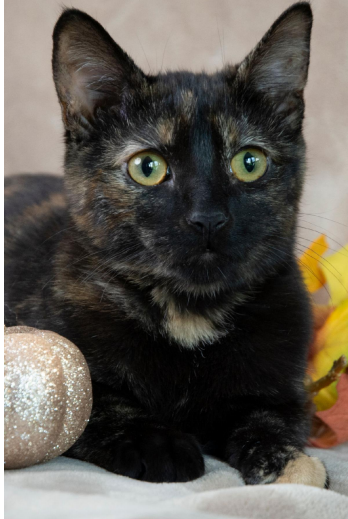


Thelma

Thelma tends to be shy but "instantly relaxes once she realizes who you are," says her foster mom. "It really makes you feel like she was waiting for you." And, just like their namesakes in the "Thelma and Louise" movie,

Thelma and her sister (shown at right) are spunky, lovable best friends. "Thelma would love a home with her partner in crime, Louise – and a lot of toys!" Wouldn't you love for this little tortie to ride shotgun through life with you?

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Louise

Once Louise (who is this month's "cover cat" above!) feels comfortable, she's a "lover and snuggler," says her foster mom. "She also loves to play with her partner in crime, Thelma." Their favorite game is "kitty fight club," but it's always followed by snuggles together or, in Louise's case, with her favorite humans. "Louise would love a home with someone to snuggle her and give her lots of love." Could she hit a ride to a forever home with you?

Learn more



Diana

Diana, named after the one and only Diana Ross, is ready to steal someone's heart," says her foster mom.

"When she feels like cuddling, she will curl up and loves to be petted." She also astounds with her ability to jump like a little leopard to her favorite windowsill. "It's quite a leap for such a tiny kitty, but she makes it every time, because there ain't no mountain (or, in this case, windowsill) high enough to keep her from getting some sun."

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All the important bits you need to know!

🐱 Sign up for a FREE webinar from Bideawee Feral Cat Initiative on Nov. 8 to learn how to build shelters to protect community cats from harsh winter weather. Register now at <https://bit.ly/WBS231108>.

🐱 Don't miss our next edition of Caturday from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 11, at Norwalk



Free Webinar:

Building Shelters for Outdoor Cats

November 8, 2023
5:00–6:30 p.m. ET

Register:
bit.ly/WBS231108



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INITIATIVE**



Easter Public Library. Meet some of our cutest adoptables and learn more about Whiskers TNR!

🐱 Giving Tuesday is just around the corner on Nov. 28. On this day celebrating generosity and all the great causes around us, we hope you consider supporting Whiskers. Look for more information coming soon!



Arndt is a 'jack of all trades' for Whiskers



It's not every volunteer who can tackle a building project, then nurture the frailest of kittens back to health. But Jeremy Arndt of Prole can maneuver both with ease – along with countless other duties – earning him the title of Whiskers Warrior, Whiskers TNR's volunteer of the month.

“There is no task too big or small,” said Nicole Rhodes of Norwalk, the nonprofit's volunteer coordinator. “Jeremy will figure out how to get things done.”

But then, Arndt has a vested interest in the organization. His wife, Corissa, founded Whiskers TNR in 2016, helping more than 2,000 cats and kittens in the time since. Since intakes were done in the Arndts' own home initially – and now at their holding facility – it's no

stretch to say that Arndt has had a hand in tending to nearly them all.

“I do it to help Corissa out in any way possible to spread out the workload, mostly caring for the cats that are being held in the building,” he said. “I feel very proud of the things that Corissa and I have learned through the process.”

And, according to Rhodes, Arndt should be proud of what he's personally added to Whiskers. She described him as a jack of all trades whose “patience, tenacity, quick thinking and logic all play a critical role in our success.” For instance, Rhodes, who also serves as a foster for Whiskers, remembers when Arndt saved the day when a “very spicy” kitten needed to be given a pill for medication.

“He and Corissa came over to the house, and he handled the situation like a champ, even if it required a few bandages after the fact!” she said. “I have also watched him tenderly care for kittens on the brink of death as he nurtured them back to health.”

Arndt's day job also requires plenty of attention to detail. For the past 24 years, he has worked for the Iowa DNR Air Quality Bureau, serving as one of two leaders for the section that oversees operating permits for the 280 or so largest emitting facilities in the state.

When not busy working or volunteering, Arndt enjoys golfing, tending to the other animals on his and Corissa's farm, and his latest hobby: backyard BBQ and smoking meat. But if a Whiskers situation pops up? Arndt springs into action, according to Rhodes, with the strong work ethic and critical thinking skills that are his trademark – along with the way that he supports his wife.

“Thank you so much for being Corissa’s rock. I know without the love and support that you give her each and every day, Whiskers would not be what it is today. She carries a heavy burden to keep this passion of hers alive, but so do you. The whole team is eternally grateful for your support to our mission.”



Frisky Fridays!

We're so excited about our latest "pet project": Frisky Fridays, when once a month we bring adoptables to mingle with the residents at Holland Farms in Norwalk. It's already led to one adoption (that's Nick and his new mom in the bottom left corner!) and, as these photos show, lots of smiles!



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