

SUMMER
2020



CNY CAT COALITION

Changing the world for homeless & at-risk cats in Central New York—four paws at a time

RESCUE DURING COVID

Spring is already a tough time for rescuers as we start getting inundated with calls about moms and kittens, so when COVID-19 shut down everything in mid-March, it definitely hit us hard. Cats definitely do not socially distance, so they continued to breed as we scrambled to help in any way we could. Both of our low-cost spay/neuter clinic partners were completely shut down by April, giving us nearly no spay/neuter options during one of our most critical times of year. Our three store adoption centers in PetSmart and Petco—which normally account for 50+ adoptions a month—were also shut down until late June or early July, leaving us to find safe ways to get cats adopted from our own homes. Many of our foster parents have underlying medical conditions that prevent them from taking in rescues or doing adoptions during the pandemic. Others found themselves suddenly unemployed, making it a financial challenge to bring in homeless animals.

Despite all of these difficulties, our amazing rescuers continued to take in hundreds of cats and kittens, working hard to get them fixed and adopted into new homes.

We are thankful that most of our spay/neuter providers have resumed and our adoption centers are open for business! However, months without these services created a huge backlog of need. There is currently a 1- or 2-month wait for a spay/neuter through Cat Coalition, and our wait list just keeps growing. In the past 2 months alone, we've been contacted by more than 350 people who need help with spay/neuter for more than 450 cats—and we only have around 125 clinic slots available every month right now.

How can you help?

Spay/Neuter

- › Don't let your cat breed! Get all cats fixed before they can reproduce.
- › If you know a vet who wants to help us with some low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, let us know!

Volunteer

- › Do a 2-hour weekly shift at a store adoption center.
- › Drive cats to or from our clinic in Cortland once a month.
- › Foster cats or kittens at home.

Adopt

- › Open your home to a homeless cat or kitten (or 2!).
- › Check out adoptable cats on our website, cnycatcoalition.org or in our PetSmart and Petco store adoption centers.



In memory of Darlene Krawetz

In May, CNYCC foster parent Darlene Krawetz passed away at age 52 after a months-long battle with COVID-19.

Darlene was a devoted mother, wife, nurse, rescuer, and so much more. Our hearts are with her loved ones and all of the CNYCC family who knew her. She was a valuable member of our organization who rescued dozens of cats, supported other foster parents, and helped many members of the public. Darlene's loss will be felt by so many whose lives she impacted.

Darlene was featured in a *Washington Post* article about coronavirus in early May that you can read at [washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/05/09/seven-weeks-with-coronavirus](https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/05/09/seven-weeks-with-coronavirus/).

Her family has also started a fundraiser to help cover her medical costs through GoFundMe (search for "Covid Death Of A Nurse, Syracuse").

MEMORIALS

February 10–July 27

- › **Abby, Bella, and Missy** by Amy Petersen
- › **Alexander, Valentine & Maxine** by Mary Melnick
- › **All my babies** by Diane Duda
- › **All the cats we have ever known** by James & Linnea Meyers
- › **B. Guiles, Cedric, Luna, Peachy & Inky** by Susan Sperry
- › **Barbara Spencer** by Ronald Spencer
- › **Benny** by David Ruston
- › **Boots, Jazzy & Pringles** by Gina & Dennis DiFlorio
- › **Brittany** by Eric & Bonnie Zeltmann
- › **Chip** by Cathy Cicci
- › **Cosmo** by Marty Nave
- › **Darlene Krawetz** by Leslie Noble, Courtney Armbruster, Carol Money, Cindy Ramos Butler, David Morrow, Bobby Upton & Elizabeth Shimer
- › **Elaine Yoffa Hornung** by Susan Yoffa
- › **Ella** by Lauren Walts
- › **Elmer** by Virginia Dieterle
- › **Fat Cat & Pushy** by Patricia Fisher
- › **Fefe** by Laurie & Bruno Chusteki
- › **Felix & Isabella** by Catherine O'Neil
- › **Freckles** by Sylvia Damico
- › **Gary Dydyk** by Bob & Joyce Salvetti
- › **Gay Dygert** by Susan & Christopher Corner
- › **Greg Soluske** by Esther Payne, Carol Satterlee, Michelle LaFramboise, Anne Coughenour & Beverly Slocum
- › **Hank** by Bryan & Dolores Rubenau
- › **Jack** by Carol Wilkinson
- › **Jim (James) Daly** by Dorothy Patrick & Nedrow Firemen's Auxiliary
- › **Joan Turk** by Mark Schnell
- › **Joe Root & Frank** by Linda Root
- › **John Sciuga** by Tony & Marie DiBello, Janice Russell, Jennifer & Logan Banks, Ira & Gretchen Daar & Kathleen Sciuga
- › **Kane, Kanani, Patches & Mittens** by Robin Grabowski
- › **Lance & Johann** by Amy Kaufman
- › **Lily White, Fat Cat & J. Yard** by Patricia E. Fisher
- › **Lucy & Muff** by Mitchell G. Tingiris
- › **Lynne Ruhle** by Tracy Smith, Rich Prussin & Deb Sobell, Karen Wortley, and The Widewaters Group
- › **Maggie** by Vicki & James Viccaro
- › **Maple** by Lisa Canale
- › **Marian Demko Heller** by Renae Rokicki
- › **Mikey** by Barbara Hatem
- › **Mollie & Callie** by Keitha Mazza
- › **My niece's cherished feline companion** by Anne Sherman
- › **Myrtle Bush** by Suzanne Fitzgerald
- › **Nujack Kitty & George** by Daniel & Paulinna Macko
- › **Pinocchio & Dillon** by Rosemary Civiok
- › **Puff** by Georgia & Wayne Gillespie
- › **Puppet, Andrea & Eric's beloved cat** by Susan Frank
- › **Rusty** by Robert LaBelle
- › **Ruth Daly** by Elizabeth Price
- › **Sara Nowakowski** by Carolyn DeGroff, Jan Markarian, Lisa Letizia, Anna Stefanco, Carol Green and Bob & Joyce Salvetti
- › **Sara** by Marcia Hruby
- › **Scooby** by Peter Haske
- › **Sissy** by Tony Landphere
- › **Smokey** by Thomas Boyd
- › **Snickers** by Andrew & Linda Zuccaro
- › **Sophie & Shadow** by Roberta Finocchio
- › **Sweet T, Skippy & Tigger** by Janet Finnegan
- › **Sylvia Matousek** by Diane Hunter
- › **Thumper** by Karen Keast
- › **Togo & Petey** by Keitha Mazza

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- › **Barbara Omicinski** by Fred Kucinski
- › **Bebe** by Joyce & Marty Cornick
- › **Binky, Sadie & Misty** by Daniel & Paulinna Macko
- › **Cindy Jones & Oliver Brown** by Cheri Lauffer
- › **CNYCC rescuers, volunteers & fosters** by Donna Coleman
- › **Duffy Doodles** by Rosemary Civiok
- › **Furbie & Ferris** by David Sheridan
- › **Keisha** by Keitha Mazza
- › **Kim Wilcox's birthday** by James Kocik
- › **Liz Moore & Danny Turk's birthdays** by Mark Schnell
- › **Lucy & Lily** by Dr. Robert and Terry Flower
- › **Luna** by Ann Haynes
- › **Manny, Smidget, Footie & Pookie** by Patricia E. Fisher
- › **Maya** by Vicki & James Viccaro
- › **Rico Suave** by Nancy Ireland
- › **Ron Gallman & Patrick Smith** by Sandra Gewinner
- › **Ruby Snyder** by Michael Parzych
- › **Scott Dennis's birthday** by Joanne Britton
- › **Shug, Slick & Toots** by Janet Finnegan
- › **Stormy** by John Iorio
- › **Tom Komis's birthday** by Sandra Nesbit
- › **Dr. William Stokes-Cawley, DVM,** by Mark Schnell

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I WANT TO HELP CNYCC!

You can also donate online via our Facebook page

Name	Email		
Address	City	State	Zip

Donation Amount: \$_____ Vet Care: \$_____ Neuter: \$75 Spay: \$100

Donate in the memory or honor of a beloved animal or animal lover.

In memory of _____ In honor of _____

I would like to volunteer! Phone number: _____

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Happy ending!

ANGELA

Before she was rescued off the streets after likely being abandoned by a previous owner, Angela roamed from one home to another in the Nedrow neighborhood. She started her legacy by having a litter of kittens who grew up feral because they were born outside and not socialized during their early life. The woman feeding them did not know how to handle the situation and the colony grew. Being wary of traps, Angela roamed on for a couple of years, having many more litters around the area. Those kittens grew up to reproduce as well, all becoming feral. Finally, a plea through the neighborhood Facebook page brought assistance from someone who wanted to help the cats.

Having surprisingly trapped four ferals on her very first try, she realized she had no plan to get them fixed right away. There were simply not enough appointments available on such short notice. A call to the Cat Coalition brought a volunteer to help house the ferals until appointments were available. This scenario played out over several months: trap two cats per week, transport them to and from a part-



nered vet, recover them inside in wire dog cages, and release them back to their colony just after trapping the next two ferals. Any young kittens who could still be tamed were put up for adoption through the Coalition. However, Angela remained elusive.

Finally, after three years of fixing or adopting all the cats in the original colony, another Facebook post with a photo of a cat and her six kittens alerted the trapper that this was the female that started it all—Angela! Quickly heading over there with traps and carriers, she caught Angela, who by that time had grown nervous around people. Estimated to be about 5

years old, Angela actually turned into a loving kitty once in foster care! She loves to be petted and be around people, and enjoys watching the birds from the inside out. She talks in cute little chirps even when she purrs and cuddles under the bed covers if she can.

Lucky Angela was eventually adopted into a loving forever home, finally closing the chapter of homelessness and breeding that went on for too long. She's a perfect example of how one unspayed female (and at least one unfixed male) can lead to a serious overpopulation problem and why EVERY cat needs to be fixed!

Return Service Requested

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THE NEW CATCOALITION.ORG

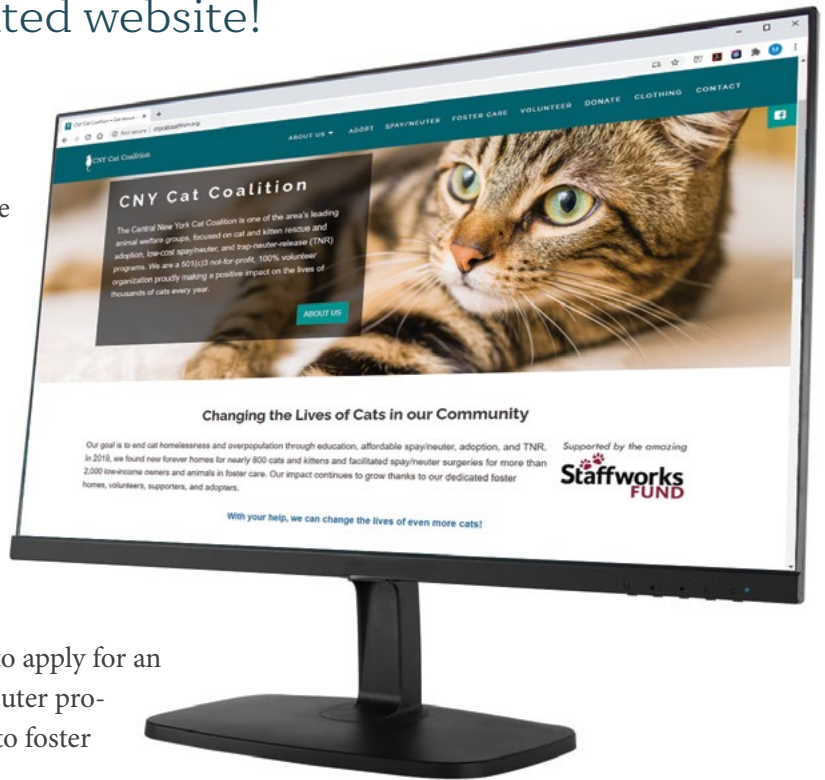
Check out our updated website!

This June, we launched our newly redesigned Cat Coalition website—cnycatcoalition.org! It features more information and resources for people wanting to adopt, needing foster care, seeking affordable spay/neuter services, looking to volunteer or donate, and more.

If you need to get in touch, please use our website as the easiest way to get all of your important information to us!

Our new online forms make it easy to apply for an adoptable cat, get a low-cost spay/neuter procedure, look for help getting a cat into foster care, or sign up to be a volunteer.

You can also purchase our stylish CNYCC t-shirts and hoodies and read more about the organization! The website was designed and built by a volunteer, helping us save your precious donations for rescuing and spaying/neutering cats!



Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, and adopters!

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