

The

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Welcome to our first issue of 2018!



Revisiting our dream at Best Friends!

When Leslie first visited Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, Utah over 20 years ago, she found her inspiration for Eden Animal Haven. "Cat World" featured cage-free rooms where cats commingled and lounged freely on creative structures, in the rafters, and in safe outdoor "catios" (see photos at right). Almost every year since, Leslie and Bill have returned as resident volunteers.

Their visit in January 2018 was particularly energizing, because the new EAH building modeled after Cat World is now in place! During their visit, Bill and Leslie helped clean catios and take cats on stroller rides, then relaxed by doing some cat yoga. They also consulted with founding member Faith Maloney on the EAH floor plan (revised version above).

2017 was an amazing year for fundraising at EAH, and we thank you all so much for getting us this far. But we still have a long way to go—including putting in windows and doors, completing interior work, paying off some loans, and of course, building the catios! We still need your help to complete our Missouri version of Best Friends' Cat World! Whether it's donating directly, hosting a fundraiser, or attending our events, we appreciate everything you do.

“We were glad to adopt Claret, now named Zora, from Eden Animal Haven. We were very well informed of other options and not pressured on which cat to adopt, considering that we took a different one than what we saw online. Leslie and her husband are super knowledgeable of their cats' behavior. They were able to tell us honestly which cats love to be cuddled, need attention, etc. They are special people who love animals, especially cats. I loved it when Leslie demonstrated how to trim Zora's nails before we left. Hope to visit at their new building when it's done if we can. Thank you!”
—Jan. 9, 2018 public review on Facebook page

Winter fundraisers bring in cash and supply donations—oh meow!



In December our cat-loving friends competed in a friendly trivia competition to benefit EAH. We thank Quiz for a Cause at Lost Signal Brewing for this fun evening that brought in \$360!

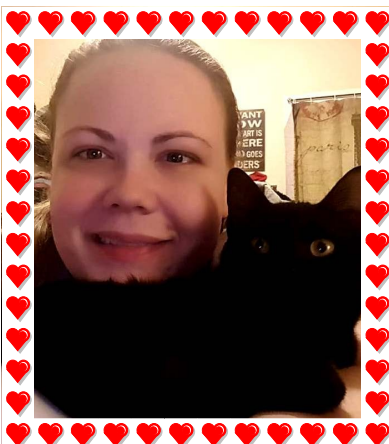
Members of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Springfield donated three bins full of cat food, litter, cleaning supplies and other items for EAH before the holidays (along with some cash donations). Thank you so much!



In a new “twist” on fundraising, My Hot Yoga donated the proceeds of 3 Saturday yoga classes to EAH, bringing in \$580! Our thanks to yogi Seth Williams for teaching these classes and to Haley Eppes for setting this up!

Giving Tuesday 2017: A truly heart-warming show of support

Giving Tuesday began in 2012 as a counterpoint to the consumerist frenzy of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. After we bask in the warmth of family and good food on Thanksgiving, and then lock in our holiday shopping bargains in the following days, Giving Tuesday provides an opportunity to reflect on our good fortune and pay it forward to those in need. 2017 was the first year that EAH participated in Giving Tuesday, and we were blown away by your generosity! Twelve different supporters held fundraisers for EAH on this important day, each one making us eligible to win matching funds of up to \$1000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. And although we didn’t win a match—we’ll try again next year!—your fundraisers, donations, and shares brought in an astonishing \$4400 in contributions to our building fund. We can’t thank you enough, and we will pay it forward EVERY Tuesday to the many cats that need us!



Friends of the sanctuary: Our fosters!

Most of our cats are sheltered on site, but we rely on fosters to care for kittens or for cats with special needs until they are ready to adopt.

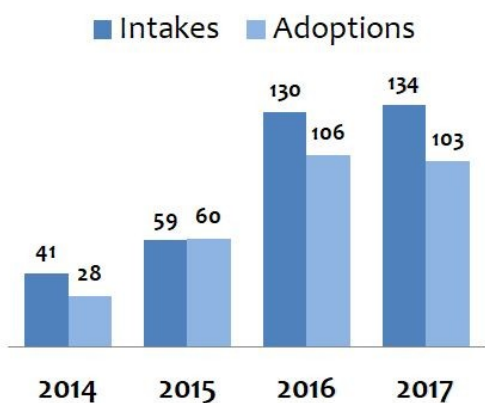
We want to thank our wonderful group of 2017 fosters for helping our most vulnerable kitties:

Lorraine, Iglesia, Christina, Christine, Chrissy, Carissa, Julie, and

Laurie. (At left is foster Iglesia Rivera with EAH kitten Jett!)

Foster families are so important to us. If you would like to make a difference to a cat in need, please contact us for more information on how you can become a foster (see back page for contact info).





Cat-ologue

Our 2017 data show that we have maintained the high level of intakes and adoptions reached in 2016! We have more than tripled our intakes and adoptions since 2014.

The number of cats in the rescue at one time (including in foster) rose in 2017 to an average of about 70 per month, compared with an average of 50 per month in 2016. We hit our highest occupancy ever in September 2017, with 94 cats.

Your donations have helped us reach and sustain this level of rescue. When our building is completed we will save even more cats!

Holiday delights can be poison to cats!

Feel free to dig into the chocolates your loved one gives you on Valentine's Day and to decorate with shamrocks for St. Pat's and lilies for Easter. Just beware that they can endanger your beloved cats.

Caffeine and theobromine are the ingredients in chocolate that harm cats. The forms of chocolate you're most likely to have around the house — milk, semisweet, and baking — are also the most dangerous. Chocolate poisoning symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, high body temperature, rigid muscles, fast breathing, fast heart rate,

low blood pressure and seizures. If your cats accidentally eat chocolate, take them to the veterinarian immediately if they display any of these symptoms.



While shamrocks are toxic, a cat would have to eat most of a plant to suffer serious damage. Kidneys may be damaged from shamrock poisoning.

A much smaller quantity of Easter lilies — a bite of a petal, leaf, stem or pollen — is highly toxic and can kill your cat. If you know or suspect your cat has chewed on an Easter lily, take it to the vet immediately, and take the plant along. Peace lilies and calla lilies, which many people have in their homes, are not true lilies and are benign to cats.

Sponsor a room for paws-terity!

EAH offers room sponsorships in the new shelter. In exchange for a donation, you can name "your" room for a beloved cat, relative, or your company. Some donations include lifetime care for one or more of cats if they outlive you.

Naming rights only:

- ♥ Laundry/storage: \$2,000
- ♥ Quarantine room: \$2,000

Naming & lifetime care:

- ♥ Lobby (4 cats): \$15,000
- ♥ Large (3 cats): \$10,000
- ♥ Medium (2 cats): \$7,500
- ♥ Condo (1 cat): \$5,000



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See our video:

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Find our adoptable kitties:

<http://awos.petfinder.com/shelters/MO613.html>



<http://www.petstablished.com/organization/312>



Help us while you shop:

Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com/>



iGive <https://www.igive.com/welcome/lp15/wr35.cfm?c=71113&p=19992&jltest=1>

On the catwalk: Liberty & Justice



Justice and his sister Liberty were found under the hood of a car when they were only a couple of months old. They were sickly, malnourished, and

very scared, not trusting in people at all. It took several months of patient work to get them to accept human touch without cowering. Now they openly ask for pets, belly rubs, and hip scratches. Justice is never far from Liberty, and they are often seen playing, cleaning, and sleeping with each other.

We would really love to see the two of them adopted together since they are so bonded and comfort each other when feeling unsafe.

They would do best in a quiet environment with people who will be patient as they get used to new environments and people. They

are very comfortable around other cats and friendly dogs. Could you be the family for Justice and Liberty?



Our "kitten smitten" caption winner is Vegas Dolan, Halley's adopter! Halley was taken in after her owner went into a nursing home. She waited almost 2 years before finding her perfect home with Vegas in November, at about age 14. A kind supporter helped by sponsoring her adoption fee. Senior cats can make great pets—they are often calmer than young cats but, like Halley, still playful and affectionate. Don't overlook our beautiful senior cats!

Support EAH!

Youngblood Charity Award

EAH has been nominated for the February 2018 Youngblood Auto Group Local Charity Award contest! Vote for EAH daily on all your devices from February 16th through February 28th—we could win \$500! The contest will be announced here:

www.facebook.com/YoungbloodAutoGroup/

T-shirts for sale

We have a new shipment of t-shirts in stock! They come in heathered red or gray, youth and adult sizes, regular or women's cut, \$20.



Leslie's birthday fundraiser!

During EAH co-founder Leslie Sawyer's birthday month of February, she is asking for donations to Eden Animal Haven. She and Bill work tirelessly to help cats in need without any financial compensation. All funds raised for her birthday will go directly towards the building so construction can resume.

www.facebook.com/donate/530326520684067/

We also want to thank EAH supporters Pat Stevens and Patricia Goldbach for hosting Facebook fundraisers for EAH on their birthdays this past year. This is a free and easy way to help our cats. Please consider it for your birthday or other special event!