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For Alley Cat Allies' Over 1 Million Supporters and Activists Across the Nation and Around the World

GEORGE



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runs, plays, jumps, leaps and bounds. He loves the high vantage point of his new home's windowsill and chasing wand toys. When you see how he moves and his zest for life, it's hard to believe he lost a back leg due to a heinous act of senseless cruelty.

In April of 2024, George, a ~3-year-old community cat, walked up to his caregiver in Henrietta Township, Ohio, on the morning of April 13 with his rear left leg dangling behind him. A veterinary exam revealed buckshot in the shattered limb; George had been maimed by a shotgun. The damage was so severe that his leg couldn't be saved, and had to be surgically amputated.

JUSTICE FOR GEORGE

AND ALL CAT VICTIMS OF CRUELTY

Supporting investigation and prosecution of perpetrators

Alley Cat Allies covered the costs of George's surgery and care, and we've visited him several times in his new adoptive home. Though he's doing well, we won't stop until justice is served. We've offered a \$10,000 reward to anyone with information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for George's shooting.

Unfortunately, George's case is not unique. In fact, he is lucky to be alive.

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AND ALL CAT VICTIMS OF CRUELTY
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Photo courtesy of Deborah Hiatt.



LILLY

acts of cruelty. Arresting, convicting, and sentencing perpetrators to years of jail time, and other measures that limit their access to animals, sets a critical precedent for the entire country and a deterrent against future cruelty

Together with our supporters like you, we tell courts and authorities: To underestimate the depravity of animal cruelty and the harm it causes is to fail to recognize cats as sentient beings with inherent value who suffer and feel pain, and deserve neither. It is also a grave failure to grasp the role of cruelty to cats in the greater

landscape of violence in our society.

Thank you for standing with us, for George and for all cats and kittens impacted by cruelty.

Learn more about our ongoing rewards and who to call with information at alleycat.org/SeekJustice.

See all of our anti-cruelty resources at alleycat.org/Anti-Cruelty.

Seeking Serial Cat Killer in Florida

Alley Cat Allies is also offering a \$15,000 reward for information that leads to the conviction of a suspected serial killer of several cats in Palm Beach County, Florida. Cats like Captain Gray, Lilly, Gizmo, and Midge, who were beloved members of their families, are all suspected to be victims.

The disappearances and killings have terrorized the town of Lake Clarke Shores and shattered the sense of peace and safety in the community. Whoever is responsible must be apprehended.

Until the perpetrators of George's maiming and the killing of Lake Clarke Shores cats are caught, more cats—and the communities involved—are at risk. The Link between acts of violence toward cats and those toward people is well-researched and established.



GEORGE



KING

Global Cat Day® and National Feral Cat Day® Are Coming October 16

Cats Are Community® and live alongside and around us the world over. But in far too many communities, cats face terrifying threats from misguided and lethal policies.

We'll be sharing more information on how you can help cats on these special days of action. Stay tuned!

#GlobalCatDay #NationalFeralCatDay

Taking a Stand Against All Cruelty

Alley Cat Allies will continue to seek justice and advocate for the strongest penalties under the law for

SAVE A CAT WITH A MOUSE

With just a few clicks, you can make a difference in cats' lives and help transform communities. Here are online resources to help:



QUESTIONS?

Looking for assistance with cats? Get the help you need!
alleycat.org/GetHelp



DONATE

Support our work with cats and kittens.
alleycat.org/Donate



LEARN

Advocate for cats in your community.
alleycat.org/CommunityChange



TAKE ACTION

Receive our action alerts and other emails.
alleycat.org/SignUp

KEEPING UP THE FIGHT FOR PUERTO RICO'S CATS

We won't compromise on their lives

Black and white Llorin, named for his big-talking personality (llorón is a Spanish term for someone who cries a lot), is the bold leader of his feline family.

Bright and curious tabby Kiko ventures close to check out visitors to her outdoor home, but darts away before she can be touched.

Amarillo, with light fur the color of his namesake (yellow in Spanish), can often be found lounging in the island sun, content and carefree.

Every community cat living on the Paseo del Morro, a famous trail that winds around the San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico, has a name, a routine, relationships, and a unique story all their own. They are members of the San Juan community, beloved by residents and tourists alike.

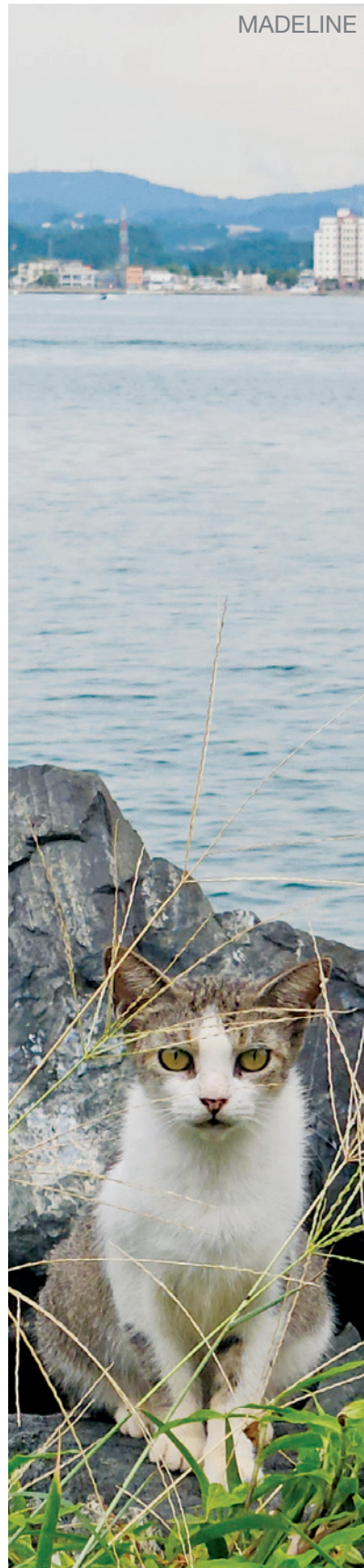
But if the U.S. National Park Service (NPS) has its way, these cats will be ripped from their outdoor home—and many will doubtless be killed.



LLORIN



AMARILLO



MADELINE

Alley Cat Allies filed a groundbreaking federal lawsuit against the NPS in March 2024 to stop its lethal plan to remove the Paseo del Morro cats. We are also regularly on the ground in Old San Juan, providing food and veterinary care and supporting Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) on the Paseo.

We will not stop while these cats are in danger. The NPS is not backing down, but neither are we. Our federal lawsuit is still active.

Your Voice Makes the Difference

The NPS is orchestrating its lethal plan against the wishes of Puerto Rico residents and people around the world. It is time to raise our collective voice to save cats' lives.

Read our federal lawsuit and add your signature to our petition today. The petition calls for the immediate halt of the cruel, ineffective plan to eradicate the Paseo del Morro cats.

Do it all at alleycat.org/PuertoRico.

YOU Saved THEIR LIVES

These cats have many years ahead
of them because of YOU

Saving Lives to the Max with Unique Surgery



MAXIMUS

Maximus (AKA Maximus Decimus Merkitteus) is full of life and love, and has never met a stranger.

But at not even a year old, Maximus's future was called into question when he was diagnosed with a portosystemic liver shunt—a life-threatening liver defect.

Thanks to our supporters like you, Alley Cat Allies covered the cost of liver shunt surgery for Maximus (and we've done the same for multiple other cats!). Now, this young, playful Maine Coon has a bright future ahead doing all the things he enjoys most: riding on shoulders, rolling in blanket forts, and playing with his jingle ball cat toys!

From the Ashes: Saving Fire Cats Mona and Rubble



MONA



RUBBLE

Mona and Rubble have come a long way since an Alley Cat Allies Rapid Response Team rescued them from the historic Smokehouse Creek Fire in Texas. After treatment for smoke inhalation, experienced foster care, and lots of love, they took that big next step to live the long, happy, relaxed lives they deserve.

That's right—both have been adopted!

A Beauty in Need Receives Access to Care



BELLA

Alley Cat Allies works to widen access to veterinary services for indoor *and* outdoor cats in communities worldwide. Our action with supporters like you means cats like Bella receive swift and vital care.

Bella, who was discovered by an advocate of our Feral Friends Network® in Kansas, was suffering from a host of medical issues that needed immediate treatment. We covered the costs of her diagnosis and medication, and we continue to keep an eye on her progress. She's just one of many cats directly impacted by your generosity!



TOOTHLESS
A victim of cruelty
at Berkeley County
Animal Control.

VICTORY!

Our Impact for Cats in Legislation and Beyond

A Win in Our Fight Against Cruelty in West Virginia

In an important victory, the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals sided with Alley Cat Allies and determined that our case to protect animals from cruelty at a Berkeley County shelter will continue to be heard.

Alley Cat Allies has been working to protect cats and dogs in Berkeley County since our in-depth investigation into Berkeley County Animal Control (BCAC) revealed a shocking pattern of animal cruelty in the shelter.

[Learn more at alleycat.org/Berkeley.](http://alleycat.org/Berkeley)



SUNNY

This summer, Alley Cat Allies and the Humane Society of Atlantic County aim to provide spay and neuter, vaccination, Convenia® injections, and other needed care to 1,000 more cats. We'll celebrate again when we hit our goal!

Granite Shoals Passed a TNR Ordinance

Just months after the former city manager and a wildlife advisory committee made disturbing comments about killing community cats, Granite Shoals, Texas, passed an ordinance with heavy input from Alley Cat Allies. The new ordinance protects TNR and community cats throughout the city!

This victory is the result of months of our guidance and hard work with the Granite Shoals community. Now, the groundwork is laid for a strong TNR program, and we will continue to provide our expertise and support to pave the way.

Summer Goal: Help 1,000 Atlantic County Cats

Meet Sunny, cat #1,000 neutered by our previous grant in Atlantic County, New Jersey! He is just one of *thousands* of cats who've received care since we began a new phase of spay and neuter and TNR work in the area in 2022 (plus tens of thousands of pounds of cat food given through our community cat food bank support).



COMMUNITY CAT
Granite Shoals, Texas

PROFILE IN GENEROSITY *Patti Slattery*

[community cats] deserve a place in the community. I respect his boundaries and appreciate his trust. I am thankful he has chosen me," says Patti.

Patti's neighbors now know her as the community cat expert and go straight to her for help. Alley Cat Allies is proud to

have been part of Patti's journey to lifesaving advocacy, and we thank her deeply for her generosity. Both on the ground and through her gifts, she's making a true difference for cats!

You can make a difference too with a donation at www.alleycat.org/Donate. Or, consider a planned gift at alleycat.org/PlannedGiving (CFC#10964) (EIN #52-1742079). For more information, call 866-309-6207.

If you are already a donor, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are helping us save cats' lives every single day.



ZIPPY

Patti, a steadfast donor to Alley Cat Allies since 2017, can't remember a time she didn't live with cats. She grew up in the 1960s with outdoor cats—but it was one very special cat who inspired her to become a dedicated advocate.

In June 2011, tabby cat Zippy wandered into Patti's yard, and they formed a strong bond. Through Alley Cat Allies' expansive online resources, Patti learned how to do TNR—and Zippy was her first success.

Today, Zippy is an ambassador for community cats in his Michigan neighborhood, and he and Patti are still best friends.

"Zippy has educated neighbors that

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OUR MISSION:

To transform and develop communities to protect and improve the lives of cats.