

the Purple Building

The Cat Network has never had a real brick & mortar building, but being all foster homes left us with no place for any "overflow", nor was there any possibility of a place to hold our own adoption events. Around 2011, we partnered with Clowder House Foundation to renovate their "purple" building (yes, it is literally a 2-toned purple building!).

While not everything is complete and ready for the general population, there are 2 cat rooms that are currently housing cats – one for the Clowder House feline leukemia cats and one for some of our own Cat Network cats.

Here is a look into our room – complete with some of our fabulous felines! The cats are only caged for an initial quarantine and "get used to everyone" before the cages are opened and everyone has free roam.



If you have a used dryer that is in good working order and would like to donate it for use in the Purple building, please contact us at info@catnetwork.org.

Want To Help?

The Cat Network is all volunteers and we count on the generosity of people like you who care about homeless cats & kittens to help us accomplish our mission to rescue, care for, and find homes for the cats that are in our Network!

Can't foster? NO PROBLEM! We can *always* use *any amount of monetary donation* – but we can also use TIME!

Can you...

- Fundraise?
- Write a newsletter?
- Help foster parents who might not be able to get their cats/kittens to adoption day (or back home)?
- Help at adoption days?
- Help at special functions?
- Sew cat beds?
- Help clean 1 day a week in the city?



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Email Us: info@catnetwork.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheCatnetworkSt.Louis>

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Join us for a fun filled night of trivia & support of St. Louis pet welfare agencies!

Saturday, OCTOBER 7, 2017
Doors open 6:00pm and Game Starts 7:00pm
At the American Legion Post 162 located at 9305 S. Broadway in Lemay MO 63125

\$25 Per Person for tables up to 8 (Individuals Welcome!)
Ticket price includes Beer, Water & Soda

Silent Auction * Mulligans Will Be Sold * 50/50 Drawings * Door Prizes * Raffles

Cash Prize of \$300 for 1st Place
\$150 for 2nd Place

For reservations or more information contact
Arlene at 314.623.0412
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PAWtners Highlight: Stewie

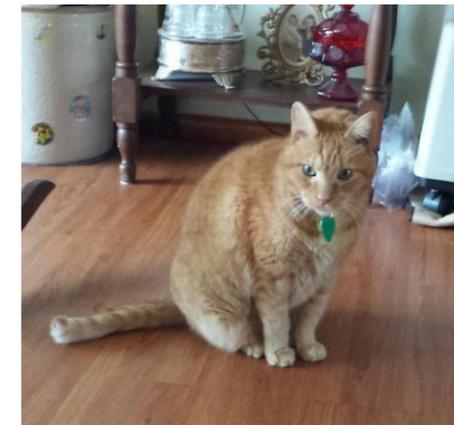
Stewie's home situation changed in 2016 and he had to be returned to the Cat Network. Stewie was 18 & a newly diagnosed diabetic who was going to need close monitoring & insulin, possibly twice a day. We were in a panic as to how to care for this laid back and loveable senior boy who was going to be living in a communal situation in the "purple building" downtown! Thankfully, we found a long-time cat owner who was familiar with the Cat Network who was willing to take Stewie to be a permanent foster in her home in Illinois; and the bonus was that she was a "people" nurse who was more than familiar with diabetes – human *and* feline!

Stewie has flourished! He has put on a bit of weight and is quite the character, frequently acting like he is a *much* younger cat!

Stewie could use a (some) **sponsor(s)** to help us continue to pay for his insulin and his prescription food. His care costs approximately \$165/month. Please consider a one-time or monthly donation to help support Stewie!



BEFORE



AFTER

Why do FIV cats Live Separately?

In the PURPLE BUILDING update, we mentioned the FIV+ cats have to live separately when there is no supervision – why? FIV is still a bit of a mystery, but the newer thoughts and research suggests that FIV is spread only through serious fighting & biting (which our cats do not do). The only problem is that all rescue groups are regulated by the MO Department of Agriculture, and their current rules (as well as most vets) still reflect the older method of segregation.

We make sure to provide our FIV+ cats with as much "out" time and exercise as possible!

For more info: <https://bestfriends.org/resources/fiv-cats-fags-feline-immunodeficiency-virus-information>

URGENTLY NEEDED: Foster Homes!

The mild temperatures of last winter brought an early kitten and extended kitten season! We have been fortunate to get a couple of new volunteers to be foster homes – but more are *desperately needed!*

Kittens not your thing? No problem! We have *every age* of cat that could certainly use a foster home while we try to find them their fur-ever family!

The worst situations come when cherished pets no longer can be with their families – either due to a death, a move, or some other catastrophic event. If there are no open foster homes (which happens frequently!), the cat must go to the Purple Building. For a cat that is used to people being around, hearing the television, radio and seeing the sights of "outside" through

the windows, this can be a shock and devastating turn of events!

This year, we had 2 cats that actually stopped eating and had to have feeding tubes inserted. Needless to say, this was not only stressful on them, but on the volunteers who had to add these to their already full homes.

With more foster homes, we can rescue more cats – and we can ensure that those that come to us that are not well-adjusted to a "communal" living situation can have a comfortable temporary home, where they can live a less stressed & more healthy life.

How about a mom and kittens? Those situations come up all the time! Kittens *with* their moms are *much* easier to raise than just a litter of orphaned kittens. The moms typically do most of the work – which leaves you to help socialize the kittens!

SAVE THE DATE

It's almost FALL and we've got quite a few activities lined up...

GREENTREE FESTIVAL – September 16 & 17
- We will be selling t-shirts, cat toys and our handmade cat beds (they wash & dry fantastically!) – stop by and see us! For more info on the Greentree Festival: <http://www.kirkwoodmo.org/content/2025/greentree-festival.aspx>

TRIVIA NIGHT – Saturday 10/7 – see info in this newsletter.

Purina's BETTER TOGETHER Adoption Event – Saturday 10/21 in Soulard.

If you didn't get a chance to purchase one of our new t-shirts earlier in the spring, we are having more made!



This was designed by the human mom of one of our quirkiest adopted cats – Ollie – and we love it!

Colors are still being decided. S-XL are \$15, XXL and XXXL are \$17.

We should have these at the GREENTREE FESTIVAL – if you can't make it and would like one, contact us for colors and sizes at info@catnetwork.org

Let Us Know!

Have a Cat Network cat? Send us an UPDATE & PHOTOS! We LOVE to hear how our cats are doing & would love to share on Facebook! (info@catnetwork.org)

The Cat Network can help with food & litter – and we pay the vet bills....you provide the safe environment and the love, when they are not in the habitat at Petco! Families with other pets and children are a *bonus* – it helps to make the kittens more social and ready for any type of family!

Don't want to do it all year long? NO PROBLEM!

If you are interested, please contact us at info@catnetwork.org