

Dear Friends of ALF,

Shhh. Be very quiet. What was that!? Sounded like a horn. Do you hear it? That's the sound of The Hallelujah Chorus.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We got him! We got him!!! Hallelujah!



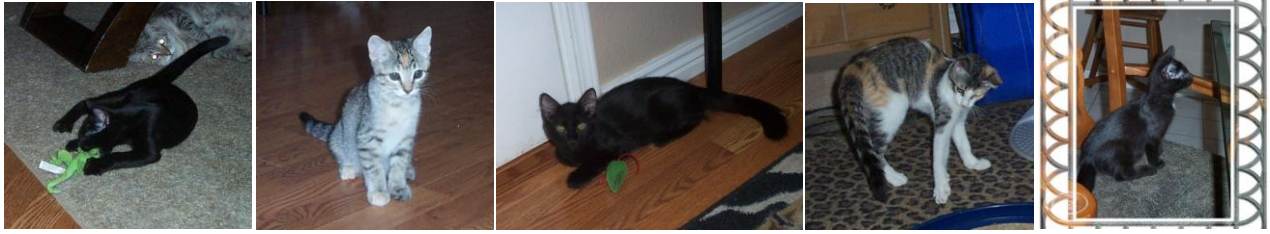
Meet **Baby Dillinger**, who evaded capture for almost a year (in cat years), and robbed me of many nights' sleep. After **more than 180 hours** (in human years) and **12 skunk trappings** - SUCCESS! Kitten #10 was finally caught on the evening of August 25. Our Dillinger is guaranteed to steal your heart!

Your support helps us to continue to save lives like these 10 precious kittens, and **prevent the birth of another 129 cats from this location alone**. That's more than 2.9 million over a 7-year period, according to national statistics. If all pet owners got their pets spayed and neutered, *none* of this would happen. Please remember to participate in our [Spay One Stray](#) campaign.

The Desert Kitten Rescue began in early April. That's when the first Siamese adolescent arrived, and shortly after, a very pregnant adult. That's also when we caught our first skunk of the season, who we eventually dubbed **Potpourri**. She got us the first night! **PEEUUUU!** We raised the feeding station so that she couldn't get to the food, hoping to encourage her to move on. We were unable to capture the mama cat and soon realized there were kittens tucked away in the giant crates, the size of box cars and bedrooms. They're stacked and crowded against each other, three or more deep, lined up against the fences. We couldn't get to the kittens, and just had to wait for them to grow and begin to venture out.



While trapping litter #1 and their mama **Sammi** in June, we saw yet another very pregnant female. She was living in the ravine under a thick, dense wall of thorny bushes and trees, another area impossible for us to penetrate. In July we began feeding for kittens on ground level again, which brought another skunk. By now, we had become pros, so all subsequent releases occurred without incident. **Mama Tortie** and 4 babies were caught the weekend of Aug 8, but little **Dillinger** had become too trap-savvy. Despite *everything you can imagine*, we were unable to catch him for almost three more weeks. But **Nag Champa** (the newest skunk) enjoyed many a tasty meal of canned Kitten food in the traps, and just lay down for a nap while waiting for his release. Still, my hands shook while unlatching the release door, every time!



We've now caught all 10 babies, and both mama cats have been spayed. Next up: Orange Crush, the patriarch of this brood.

We need your help now, more than ever!

Even if you can't assist financially, *please* share this story with all of your friends, and help them to understand the importance of spaying and neutering their pets. Help us to save more animals from suffering, by visiting ALF.Petfinder.com.

In other news, we've just learned that our **Curious George** is being considered again this year for the [FACCS Annual Hero Award](#)! This is a prestigious honor awarded by the Friends of Animal Care and Control, in an effort to recognize outstanding rescue stories and local animal heroes. George is once again being considered for the Survivor category. Please keep your paws crossed! Read George's story on our [Special Needs](#) page.

Attention **Boeing** Employees: Animal Loving Friends, Inc is now eligible to receive donations through the Boeing Employees Community Fund (ECF). We hope that you'll consider making a recurring donation to ALF through your ECF Designated Giving payroll program. Even \$5 per paycheck would help a half a dozen animals in just a year.

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You may read our updates and think that this is our paid profession, that we're a funded operation like a Humane society or animal control agency. **NOT!** We are an all-volunteer group. Every one of us has a full time job outside of rescue. We're accountants, groomers, mortgage professionals, engineers, ... We give what it takes to these animals *after* putting in 40 or more hours on the job, and we still pay for the majority of it from our own personal salaries. **Why do we do this, you may wonder?** Because we all truly care about the sad and dangerous lives these homeless animals face day after day, and because, sadly, someone else didn't. It takes a lot of money to do what we do, which is why we're always looking for another fundraising opportunity, hopefully something that you'll *want* to take part in. You see, it's really not in our nature to ask for help, especially your hard-earned money! So we have several new programs available or in the works. The Boeing ECF is one such program. If others have payroll deduction programs or employer-matching programs, please nominate us for inclusion. Our EIN (Tax ID) is 26-2284558. Below are more ways you can help.

We're having a virtual **Pampered Chef party!** Order between September 1st and 15th and Pampered Chef will give **15%** to ALF! Check out the [Pampered Chef flyer](#) for details on how to direct the proceeds of your purchase to Animal Loving Friends.

We've updated our **FirstGiving** pages, and will continue to add new ones as needs arise. Please print our [Summer Flyer](#) and display or circulate it for us. Every little bit helps!

Our Adoptable Pet Bios now display the "**Sponsor Me**" link to allow us to receive donations online, directly from Petfinder.com!, the virtual home of 312,871 adoptable pets from 12,560 adoption groups. If you have your own website, you can increase traffic to our pet list by adding the **ALF Pet Scroller** to your site. **Widgets are also available for your Facebook or Myspace pages.** [Let us know](#) if this is something you'd do to help us help the animals!

Do you know of **pet-friendly magazines** or papers where we can be published – at no cost – to bring awareness and increased support? [Let us know!](#)

Coming soon: Gold Canyon Candles, Halloween Contest, online shopping just in time for the Holidays, ALF Facebook page, National Feral Cat Day.

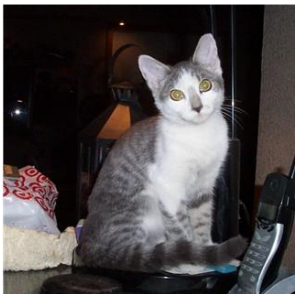


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Before we end this Special Edition, we'd like to share some success stories. This is what you help to make possible!



The first kitten from the recent Desert Kitten Rescue, Compass, has been adopted. We're so happy for her to have a purrmanent home and the love she so deserves, with lots of safe toys and indoor places to play, and never an empty bowl!



“Branson (formerly Briggs) is quite at home now, sleeping on our bed and playing as kittens do. Loves his toys and attacks them with kitten spirit! He was the hit of the family reunion – Oh’s and Ah’s aplenty! This was his first bed, which he has outgrown (note: updated pictures unavailable at this time). In bed Two now and will be in Bed 3 by Christmas. Getting to be a Big Boy – Love HIM!!! Weighs 13 lbs and is a Happy Kid! The screened in patio on the side of our RV (off bedroom) is his favorite place in the morn & evening. I’m feeding the bunny rabbits & birds behind the RV so he has entertainment!”
-Pete & Patsy

Animal Loving Friends, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) charity, which means that your donations are tax-deductible! Rest assured that 100% of every dollar we receive goes directly to the animals and stays right here in our community. We have no paid staff, only a small group of volunteers, who give from their own pockets to care for these animals, without reward - except knowing that they're saving lives with every selfless act. You can reap those same rewards! [Any amount you donate](#) will help us to continue to care for the approximately 100 animals who currently depend on us for their survival.



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Thank you for all that you do for animals everywhere.

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