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As a community and as a country, our pet population exceeds the amount of resources to care for, feed, and house homeless animals. The idea of spaying and neutering every cat and dog is not yet a reality, despite numerous campaigns to 'get the word out' and educate the public—as well as the availability of affordable and even no-cost options to 'fix' them. Therefore, a majority of shelters are brimming with [previously] unwanted pets, and many of them require costly veterinary treatment in order that they may survive and thrive.

We receive many healthy kittens and cats that only need the basic veterinary care that we here at Felines and Friends provide as a standard. It is still an expensive endeavor, as we invest several hundreds of dollars in each feline, to ensure a foundation of health and safety. This includes physical exams, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, de-worming, rabies tags, and micro-chipping. We only charge a fraction of that cost in our adoption fee for these precious kitties. Therefore, much of our budget is allocated to necessary veterinary services.

Nevertheless, every so often, we receive a cat that requires extensive treatment as well as possible surgeries in order to save its limbs or life. Recently, a cat named T-Wrecks came in needing a daily regimen of expensive eye-drops in an effort to save her eye. Unfortunately, her right eye did have to be removed. Another cat, Olivia, had major surgery for two broken legs.

Some might ask why we would invest so much in only one or two cats—money, which might instead be used to help a dozen or more. Our response is very simple, and based upon our belief that every cat, no matter the circumstances, deserves that second chance.

Certainly, and sadly, there are those who won't survive despite our best efforts. However, there are many who will, if we commit to giving them the medical care they desperately need. The 'payoff' is that a once sickly or injured cat becomes healthy again, and we can place it in a forever loving home. This is our primary mission as an organization—because we value each and every kitten and cat's existence. At Felines & Friends New Mexico, we believe in second chances for life—after all, cats are supposed to have nine of them!

Please consider making a donation, or even an annual gift, to assist us in our unique and important work of providing the best possible care to cats in our community. We also need volunteers to foster them or to help us at our adoption centers. Please call us at (505) 316-2281 or email us at ASKFELINESANDFRIENDS@YAHOO.COM. You may also find us on Facebook @fandFNM. If you are interested in adopting, please visit our website for available cats and the locations and hours of our adoption centers: <https://www.fandfnm.org> We are so very grateful for all you do to honor the lives of our very special cats.

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The mission of Felines & Friends is to provide a second chance for cats and kittens so that they may be able to live out their lives in loving homes.

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