

## Dear Friends,

I'm writing today to ask for your donation to help the Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society continue to help cats in need. There is so much about the MRFRS that makes us unique, including the fact that we are one of a mere handful of shelters *in the country* that accept Feline Leukemia (FeLV)-positive cats and find them homes.

You see, in most shelters, FeLV positive cats don't get a chance. They are simply euthanized, regardless of whether they are currently healthy or not. **Here at MRFRS, we believe that FeLV cats deserve a chance – and we know you feel the same way.**

Take Chrysler and Plymouth, for instance. These two kittens came to us at about eight weeks of age, and are **just as full of life and energy – and mischief – as any kitten!** We know that because they are FeLV-positive, they will have a shorter life than normal, and we know that they need to remain separate from cats who do not have FeLV – but that's what our FeLV room is for, and that's where you'll find these two frisky kittens! They love to play, eat, and romp around with their older FeLV-positive "brothers" and "sisters," and because of your support, they'll be able to do that for whatever time they have.



Toboggan, another FeLV room resident, takes good care of his buddy Plymouth

Many of our FeLV-positive kitties even get adopted! With your generous support, we are able to sponsor their care throughout their lives through our "Care for Life" program. This program allows adopters who might otherwise be concerned about taking on an FeLV-positive cat to rest easy, knowing that MRFRS will cover their cat's vet care for life.

**Oliver, JoJo, Mischief, and Rosie are among the luckiest of our FeLV kitties**, having been adopted through our Care for Life program. Their adoptive mom, Christi, writes: "We currently own 4 FeLV cats, all adopted from Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society! My husband and I agreed ... that they deserved a loving home just as much as any other normal cat/kitten needing a home!! We have had a lot of happy times [and] nights full of laughter watching their antics.

"In our home, there are five children, all with medical needs of their own, and two of our daughters are autistic and one is legally disabled, but our oldest son, who is 11, asked us, 'Why don't people want cats like Oliver? There's nothing wrong with him,' and you know what? He is absolutely right, **there is nothing wrong with these wonderful cats** that are so often looked over for "healthy" cats... We will never adopt anything other than FeLV cats... They need us more than most cats because they are so often forgotten or left behind without even a second thought."

**Indeed, without your support, cats like Oliver, JoJo, Mischief, and Rosie would have had no safe place to go.** Luckily for them, and for so many other homeless cats and kittens, the MRFRS exists and can provide shelter and medical care, thanks to you. **Please donate today to ensure that these very special cats always have the care they need.**

Sincerely,

Bill Piercey  
Executive Director

**P.S. Your generous contribution will go directly to help cats like Oliver, JoJo, Chrysler, Plymouth and many others – truly special cats who deserve a chance at life, love, and a happy home.**

# Meet More of Our Feline Leukemia Positive Friends – All Looking for Homes!

**MERLIN** – Merlin is the longest resident in our FeLV room. This gorgeous all-black boy has one crumpled ear and rarely meets another cat he doesn't love. Over his years with us, he's even learned to like people, too, and these days he loves to have his head scratched at dinner time!



**TOBOGGAN** – Among the cutest cats we've seen in a long time, Toboggan and his giant double paws steal everyone's heart! This buff & white fellow loves to cuddle and play, and can often be found carrying toy mice around in his mouth!

**MOCCASIN** – Another crumpled ear boy, this very large black and white fellow has mellowed out considerably during his time with us, and now enjoys cuddling with other cats – though he prefers to sit on laps and get all the attention to himself!



The Merrimack River  
**Feline Rescue Society**  
Caring for Cats in Need