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Feline Victims Of Government Shutdown Need New Homes

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King Street Cats

It's not just humans who suffered through the government shutdown.

[King Street Cats](#), a feline rescue based in Northern Virginia, "is feeling the impact of the ongoing government gridlock as an unprecedented number of former feline residents are being returned to the all-volunteer run shelter," the group said in a heartbreaking press release:

Since June, the no-kill, free-roaming rescue has been alarmed at the marked increase in requests to return cats, many adopted 8 or more years ago making them now senior cats. Chief among the reasons given by families for returning their cats is economic hardship, exacerbated by the government sequester and recent shutdown.

And as if that's not sad enough, which it is, one of the kittens looking for a home lost her family not due to economics, but in a plane crash. (Yes, we're bereft, too.)

[King Street Cats](#) has adoption open houses every Saturday and Sunday from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at [25 S. Dove Street, Alexandria, Va.](#) Two additional open houses will be held in November, which is Adopt A Senior Pet Month, on Nov. 5 and 12, from 5-8 p.m.

Here are some of those seniors who deserve a second chance:



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