Crash’s Landing & Big Sid’s Sanctuary Cat Rescue and Placement Centers receive generous grant made possible by Lil BUB’s Big Fund for the ASPCA

*The funds will cover Medical Make-Ready Expenses for Special Needs ‘Sid's Kids’*

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Jan. 22, 2018—Grand Rapids, Mich.—A $825 grant from Lil BUB’s Big Fund for the ASPCA will enable local cat rescue, Crash’s Landing & Big Sid’s Sanctuary, to fund comprehensive exams for five Big Sid’s Sanctuary cats before going to their new home. Each exam would include a full blood panel, dental care, radiographs, urinalysis, antibiotics and pain medication, if needed.

The Big Sid's facility is one of the largest shelters in the nation which caters exclusively to cats who test positive for FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) or FeLV (Feline Leukemia Virus). FIV and FeLV are viruses that can, if they flare up, suppress a cat’s immune system. The shelter takes cats with FIV or FeLV from all over Michigan.

The work at Big Sid’s helps educate pet owners and shelters that these viruses are not automatic death sentences. All these wonderful, adoptable cats need is a chance, and someone who cares enough to take them into their home.

At the shelter, each cat is given full medical care, including wellness exams, vaccinations, spay/neuter, as well as any additional treatment necessary for existing medical conditions. Once cats enter the shelter’s doors, they are provided safety, food, companionship, socialization, and love until the ultimate goal of placing them into safe, permanent homes can be achieved. The shelter takes in those who have been neglected and, with a great deal of time, effort, and knowledge, make them happy and healthy.

Each cat adopted out will make room for another to be rescued. This furthers the rescue’s mission of taking at-risk, stray cats off the streets of the greater Grand Rapids area, providing them with veterinary care, and housing them in their facilities until dedicated, loving, permanent homes can be found.

Any cats who are not adopted are welcome to live out their lives at the shelter. None of the cats live in cages (except in the intake area where they recuperate from surgery). They are free to roam the building and relax on cat trees, in cubbies, on sun-filled window ledges, or sleep in one of the dozens cat beds and blankets, and play with loving volunteers.

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