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Top stories: Fat cat becomes media darling; shelter rescues 12 cats from flood-ravaged Iowa.

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Fat Cat Becomes Media Darling as Former Owner Laments Giving Him Up

It's the economy, cat lovers. The owner of a 44-pound feline who wound up in a New Jersey animal shelter said she was forced to give up the titanic tabby when the bank foreclosed on her home. Donna Oklatner, 65, denied reports she just dumped the big ball of fluff she called Powder — who's become a paws célèbre, the New York Daily News reports.
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Shelter Rescues 12 Cats From Flood-Ravaged Iowa

Were her purrs to be translated, Eor could tell you quite a harrowing tale. "Eor was plucked right from the flood waters," said Linda Linford, executive director at the Naperville Area Humane Society, said of the adult tortoiseshell cat now residing at the shelter. "Yeah, she was found swimming," said Angie Wood, the shelter's director of operations, the Naperville (Ill.) Sun reports.
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Animal Abuse Takes Many Forms

What is it about human nature that we readily condemn one type of animal cruelty, such as starving or beating animals, but don't have the same angry reaction when people over feed their pets — when people "love" their animals to death by overfeeding? We don't think fat people are cute and funny. Why do we think fat cats and dogs are cute and funny? The Mercury News (California) reports.
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