

Featured Felines: Cat Statues and Memorials 7 (2023)

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Dogs and Cats Walkway and Sculpture Gardens

Miami, Florida, USA



Located in Maurice A Ferré Park in downtown Miami, the gardens were officially opened on 11 February 2023 and quickly attracted thousands of visitors from across the world. It's a free and permanent exhibit featuring 52 large aluminium sculptures, 26 dogs and 26 cats, created and painted by local artists and intended to portray the important part pets play in our lives.

The one-acre garden is made up of perennial flowers, hibiscus, palm trees and other plants native to southern Florida, offering the community the opportunity to connect with and appreciate both art and nature. Each statue is accompanied by a QR code that directs visitors to a short clip about the breed of animal depicted and a brief feature about the artist who created it.

[The Art Newspaper](#) (Nov. 2022) | [Cole & Marmalade](#) (undated)







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The Village of La Romieu Département de Gers, France



Situated in south-western France, La Romieu is known as 'the village of cats'. Legend has it that in the fourteenth century, not long after the construction of the village, there was living there a peasant girl

called Angeline, who loved cats and had a number of them. There came a series of harsh winters, followed by rainy springs, causing poor harvests and eventually a great famine. The desperate villagers tried to survive by eating any available animals, including some of Angeline's cats. But she managed to save some of them.

When the weather finally changed for the better there was a good harvest and plenty of grain – but that attracted rats, which soon proliferated, and there were no cats to deal with this new problem. But Angeline was able to offer the cats and kittens she had kept a secret, and with their help the rats were tackled and a further famine was avoided. Villagers and cats lived in harmony.

In the 1990s sculptor Maurice Serreau retired to La Romieu and, hearing of the legend, began to sculpt stone cats for his friends and neighbours. They were scattered throughout the village, where they remain to this day.

[Guide to Gers](#) (undated)





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