



# The LITTER SCOOP



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## A Christmas Miracle for Pebbles (and Heidi, too)

If one could think of the cruelest trick you could play on an indoor cat, it would have to be the story of Pebbles. FosterCat received a call on our answering service from a postal worker who delivered mail every day up and down a street on the Northside of Pittsburgh. This man noticed a brown tabby cat who was apparently living on a front porch and would sit and cry endlessly at the front door. The man could not stand to see this cat crying to get inside, so he decided to bring some food and waited for an opening to speak with the owners of the house. It was pretty obvious that the cat belonged to the owners as it would never leave the front porch.

One day as he was delivering mail, he saw a few of the owners' kids leaving the house. He immediately went over and asked them if this was their cat. They said yes, but their mother did not want the cat anymore and they were forbidden from letting the cat back inside the house. They were actually hoping the cat would move on.

The postal worker was extremely upset and felt helpless as to what to do. He was sickened to think that this cat had been living on this porch for well over three months with no visible food or water, except for his daily offering. After some soul searching, he decided to spring into action and may I add, none to soon!



Pebbles

The very next day after delivering the mail to this house, he noticed several men carrying furniture out the door. When questioned, the men reported that the homeowners were moving! The postal worker asked if the owners planned to take the cat as well. The men quickly answered that they did not have any knowledge regarding the owners or if they planned to take the cat.

The postal worker decided that if he wanted to save this cat's life, he had to be the one to rescue the cat immediately. He borrowed a carrier and somehow (by the grace of God!) was able to get her into the carrier and called FosterCat. We were happy to help get the cat vetted and into a temporary foster home.

We named this little girl Pebbles and found out that she was about two to three years old and had never been spayed. Our guess was she had probably never seen a vet! Once Pebbles was vetted and safe, we were able to get her picture on our website to be adopted.

I am so happy to report that we were able to find this little girl a loving home with some very special people. FosterCat had been referred to Cathy and Charlie by two of our wonderful supporters.

Cathy filled out the application on our website and I immediately called her. Both she and her husband wanted to res-

cue an older cat who needed a home, and Cathy was willing to try Pebbles to make sure it was a good fit. What is more amazing is that Cathy decided to adopt both Pebbles and Heidi (another older stray who needed a home) into their loving home. I can't tell you what a relief it was to find a home for not one, but two cats in need!

Cathy reports "Thanks so much for everything! FosterCat does such a wonderful job with cats in need of homes. We are so lucky to have both of them in our lives."

There you have Pebbles' and Heidi's story! Sometimes it's up to each and every one of us to step up and do the right thing! It can really make a difference in the life of just one animal, by preventing needless suffering for these animals outside who are helpless and all alone. Make a pledge this Christmas to help an animal in need! You will be blessed tenfold!



Heidi

Merry Christmas and thank you to all our special supporters, volunteers, adoptors and especially from our Board of Directors of FosterCat, Inc.

## FosterCat's Third Annual Bingo Fundraiser

A fun time was had by all at FosterCat's Third Annual Catnip Bingo which was held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at Salvatore's at 5001 Curry Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Thanks to our many generous donors and volunteers, we raised over \$6,300.00 for veterinary care of cats and kittens in our foster program. Thank you to Salvatore's for their delicious food and service. We had loads of Chinese Auction items and a 50-50 raffle, along with "rip-offs" (a big hit with guests!). Thank you to Chris Mikrut from DeLuca's for her continued support, Nikki Yaglowksi and Chris Kachmar from Helping Paws for donating 100% of the proceeds from the sale of her cat products, and Dave Roman for volunteering his time and talent to call the bingo.

A special round of applause to Norma Clouse, who chaired this event! Her expertise is second to none. I would also like to thank the following volunteers who donated items, sold tickets, and many things too numerous to mention, but went above and beyond to make this event a huge success: Beth Borrasso, Natalya Brackus, Tina Brackus, Gina Brandi, Lisa Campagna, Audrey Franzetta, Kim Freithaler, Pam Frost, Dianne Gruendl, Carolyn Kozlowski, Jessika Rapp, Kerri Sher, Paige Tacey, Katie Tontala, Mary Wagner and Mike Weis. Thank you to all for your help and dedication!

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### Mission Statement

Our mission is to develop and sustain an organization to provide temporary foster care for cats and kittens in private homes until permanent homes can be found.

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## Happy Tails!

It's a pleasure for Happy Tails to share our adopters' photos and comments with **The LitterScoop** readers.

We offer these simple suggestions to improve the quality of your submissions:

- Try to have a light, neutral colored background when possible. This works best for most kitties, but a dark background for light colored kitties also works well.
- Avoid having humans in the frame. After all, we are trying to highlight the adopted kitties.
- Make sure your photo is focused sharply.

We understand that you are photographing cats, who are mainly still only while they are sleeping! Thank you for taking the time to share your joy with your new family member in their forever home. Please send your photos and updates to **bsnowymarie@comcast.net**, and watch for your kitty's photo in future Happy Tails.

Growly is now King Louis C.A.T. and goes by Louis! He actually goes by many names; Lou, Little Lou, Loufus, and it goes on. He is right at home and we are loving every single moment. We could not have asked for a better cat! Thanks again! E.M.



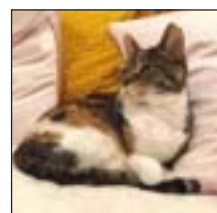
Jake and Elwood, "The Blues Brothers", were adopted in January 2020. They have been doing very well since we brought them into our home! Our daughter has even set up an Instagram page to follow them, **@kittybluesbros**. We are so thankful that adoption through FosterCat brought these wonderful, happy kitties into our lives! Thank you for all that you do! M.M.

Neptune is doing so well. He loves his fur siblings. He is so friendly and cuddly. He loves looking out windows and playing with the cat wand. I'm so happy to have adopted this sweet kitty! He is so chatty and funny. E.I.



It's been almost a year since we adopted Summer and she is such a joy. She follows me everywhere and greets my husband every morning when he gets up. We are so happy to have her join our family. A.H.

Pippin has been doing so well and adjusting to her new home really well! She loves hanging out on her cat tree and watching out the window, and she sleeps in my bed every night, right next to my pillow. At least once every night, she paws at me and then crawls into my arms and falls asleep cuddled up with me. She is truly the sweetest little girl! E. J. and C.J.



Luigi came to live with us as a foster and was shy for about 15 minutes before he was quickly a playful, loving, funny lap kitten. He just needed a home to allow his personality to shine and now spends his days bird watching, bouncing balls down the stairs and carrying them back to the top, snuggling into freshly washed towels, and demanding to be held so he can see himself in the bathroom mirror. He's made himself right at home. His furry older siblings still don't know what to make of all his energy, but like to watch him run around. Luigi is a great kitten! J.B.

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