



The LITTER SCOOP



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A Christmas Gift for Gabby & Willow!

Gabby and Willow were two kittens who we had rescued many years ago. Both were adopted to a couple in the Pittsburgh area around 2010. In fact, this couple had adopted other kittens from FosterCat over the years. As it turns out, the wife passed away in her 50's and the husband reached out to us in July to place the cats into another home. I indicated that since the cats were 12 years old, it would be near impossible to get them another home. People always want kittens and young adults. It is very rare that someone is willing to adopt a senior cat, let alone two senior cats.

Unfortunately, FosterCat has a limited number of foster homes available at any given time. Kitten season is an exceptionally busy time for all rescues due to the number of kittens being born every year. I called around to boarding facilities and the only one that had openings was Wexford Vet. Both cats were boarded there for many months. The Wexford Vet employees called me at least once a week to let me know how the cats were doing. Willow was very depressed and stayed in her cage. She wanted nothing to do with coming out of the cage to play or interact with the employees. We knew we had to find a temporary home as soon as possible.

A break came with some very wonderful people who contacted Kim, our foster coordinator. This woman (Beth) was kind enough to post their pictures on her website and sent us inquiries. I went through each and every application trying to find the perfect home for these two sweeties. I knew it would not be an easy task. Gabby was the friendlier of the two while Willow was shy. Willow also had a weight problem due to lack of stimulation, thus causing her to overeat. Willow was not able to go up and down stairs nor jump on the couch.

In September, a woman named Brianne filled out a foster application and indicated that she and her fiancée Brandon were willing to foster the cats until they were adopted. Brianne was wonderful and got both cats moving around and guided them with the proper nutrition.

Finally on October 11th we received an official adoption application for both cats! Anthony and his long-term girlfriend went to visit Gabby and Willow at Brianne's apartment and decided to sign a foster contract to adopt both cats. I asked them why they decided to adopt two older cats. They instantly replied that they wanted to adopt a cat(s) who might be hard to place. How utterly selfless of this generous couple. Both were even willing to adopt an FIV cat if one was available. I can sincerely tell you that does not happen very often. We at FosterCat were all ec-

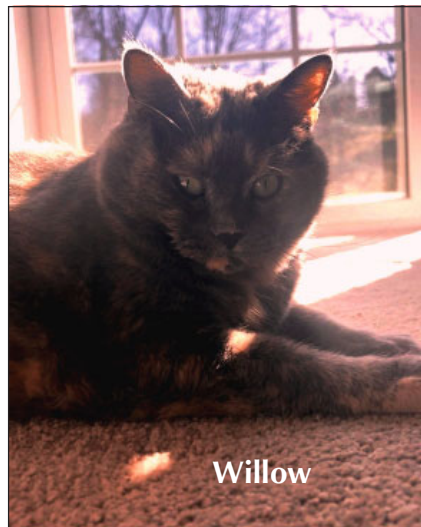
static! Finally, a home for both of these older kitties and just in time for Christmas.

Anthony states that "they are having a great time with both cats and both are hilarious." Anthony sends me updates and pictures periodically. Willow has lost some weight and is now able to climb stairs and jump on the couch. This is truly a Christmas miracle!

As the Christmas season unwinds, we would like to encourage everyone to help an animal in need. These animals depend on the kindness of people like you and me to aid them throughout the year. I know not everyone can take in an animal, but there are many ways you can reach

out to help these less fortunate animals. FosterCat encourages you to make donations of money or food to lighten the weight of caring for the many cats and kittens who come into our care.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Years from all of us at FosterCat! May the coming year bring you peace, joy and love!



FosterCat's Fourth Annual Bingo Fundraiser

FosterCat held its Fourth Annual Catnip Bingo on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at Salvatore's, 5001 Curry Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Thanks to our many generous donors and volunteers, we raised over \$7000.00 for veterinary care of cats and kittens in our foster program. Thank you to Salvatore's for their delicious food and service. Our Chinese Auction, 50/50 raffle and our "rip-offs" were a complete success. Thank you to Chris Mikrut from DeLuca's for your continued support of FosterCat. A big thanks to Nikki Yaglowski and Chris Kachmar from Helping Paws for donating 100% of the proceeds from the sale of her cat products and to Dave Roman for always volunteering his time and talent to call the bingo. Thanks to all our other donors who donated items for the auction, etc.

A special thank you goes to Norma Clouse who chaired this event! Her talent and expertise is so much appreciated! Thank you to the many volunteers who donated items, sold tickets, and all that made this event a huge success! Thank you to Natalie Boggs, Beth Borrasso, Gina Brandi, Chantal Brown, Norma Clouse, Michelle Dunn, Audrey Franzetta, Pam Gerdart, Diane Grundl, Carolyn Kozlowski, Amy Morgano, Jessica Rapp, Kerri Sher and Mike Weis. If I forgot anyone, please know that we all appreciated your help. Thank you!

See our website for upcoming events!
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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!

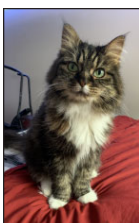
It's a pleasure for Happy Tails to share our adopters' photos and comments with **The LitterScoop** readers.

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.

Hey, I wanted to say thank you again! Dakota, now Izzy, is one of the best parts of my life. She's extremely happy and playful with me and anyone she meets. Thank you for all the amazing work you do to find these little ones homes where they can be happy and safe. C.R.



Thomas

Aviva

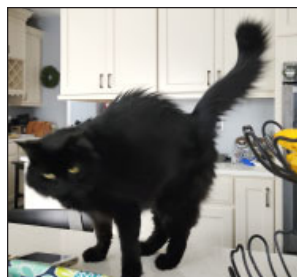
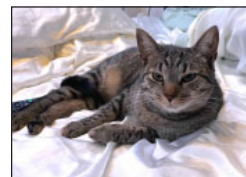
Aviva and Thomas, formerly Gia and Giovanni, are growing up and thriving! G.T.

We love Ipo so much! She even helps with the dishes! B.B.



Just wanted to send you over some pics. Apple Jacks is now Jax for short. He is a very friendly guy and has been loving having a big place to roam around! J. M.

Pierogi is the cutest! She is still so playful, and loves to wake me up at 4:00 AM by knocking things off my desk or playing with her squeaky toys. She has warmed up so much and loves to cuddle under the blankets. J.G.



We're bananas for Halsey, formerly Bacon. She's quiet and cuddly, loves her sister cat Aero and tolerates the dog. No singing from this Halsey, but her purrs are music to us. D.Z.

I adopted Boots because I was all alone in a dorm apartment, and ever since I have never felt alone. So Boots actually rescued me! He is renamed Prince, which aligns with his tuxedo beauty and pleasant possessive loving nature. K.T.

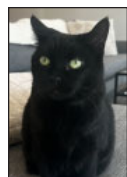


Oscar

Ollie

Rocket and Astro, now named Ollie and Oscar, with their brother Indy, are doing great! If only I could get Ollie to sleep through the night. He has so much energy. They are spoiled! D.O.

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Yes! I want to support FosterCat's life-saving efforts for cats like Gabby and Willow.



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