



# The LITTER SCOOP

A quarterly newsletter for members and friends of FosterCat, Inc.

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## Chewey's Chance

I oftentimes wonder how some of the cats/kittens we rescue that are friendly, end up as outside cats. Were they born outside? Did a relative pass away or go into a nursing home? Were they the victim of someone moving out of their house who did not want to take the cat with them? Were the owners caught by some landlord that did not permit cats? All of these scenarios are possibilities that run through my mind every time we rescue a cat outdoors. If only the animals could talk and let us know how they ended up fending for themselves, it would lighten our burden and help us try to understand what they have been through and what we can do to help. Chewey was one of those cats who was extremely friendly and for whatever reason, was outside trying to fend for himself.

I first found out about Chewey from Jen who lives in Green Tree. She had been feeding Chewey on a regular basis since January and decided to get him an outdoor shelter since the temperatures had been frigid. When her landlord found out, he forbid her to leave food out so she would feed Chewey whenever she saw him. So as to not anger her landlord, Jen would immediately pick up the food after feeding. For that reason, Chewey would gulp the entire bowl of food down at one time because he knew he would not get any more for the day. He would then proceed to vomit all of the food due to gorging. This went on for some time and Jen was desperate to get him help. She decided to email the FosterCat website and I immediately called to see if we could help. I gave her my cell phone number and Jen then texted me a picture of Chewey. I could see that he was extremely sick with runny and red eyes, emaciated, not neu-



tered and barely clinging to life on the streets alone. With Jen and Homeless Cat Management Team's expertise, they were able to get him in a carrier and bring him to us.

Chewey spent the first week in a cage in foster on meds for his upper respiratory infection. Within a few days, Chewey started spitting up large pools of blood. I immediately took him to our expert vet and after a few tests, it was determined that he had ingested something in his stomach which caused it to be sore and inflamed. There were no masses or tumors so that was a huge relief. Chewey was then given a ten day regimen on anti-nausea pills and an antibiotic shot for upper respiratory infection. It was also determined at that time that Chewey has FIV. Not many people know about FIV and there have been conflicting reports from various vets about this disease. Most vets now agree that as long as the cat is neutered, not fighting and kept strictly indoors, there is little chance that this disease can be transferred to any companion cat and they can live a normal lifespan. According to FIV Cat Rescue, FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) is a feline only, slow-acting virus. It is so slow to progress that most

FIV+ cats die of old age. Once thought to be deadly and highly contagious, it has since been found to be neither.

Since being diagnosed, Chewey has been through multiple tests and vet visits and he is now getting the care he needs to be healthy and happy once again. Once gorging his food, Chewey now eats normal meals and doesn't gulp his food, thereby eliminating any stomach issues. Chewey's eyes,

once red and runny, have healed and he is just one happy little guy! He chirps and runs around and plays all day. With your support, we are able to help countless cats like Chewey have a happy, healthy ending and that is what FosterCat is all about. Did I mention that Chewey is waiting patiently for his new forever home?

## SAVE THE DATE: Support Saving Cats at FosterCat's Bingo Event

Mark your calendar for FosterCat, Inc.'s upcoming Bingo fundraiser event! The event is being held at the Royal Place Restaurant, 2660 Library Road, Pittsburgh on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Doors open at 12:00 PM.

In addition to the bingo game cash prizes, you'll be able to enter in our 50/50 Raffle and Chinese Auction for some really cat-tastic prizes!

Tickets are \$30.00 each for ten bingo games (six cards to a game). Tickets may be purchased in advance, or at the door. Call 412 481-9144 for advance ticket purchases. You can also send an email to us, at [info@fostercat.org](mailto:info@fostercat.org) to request tickets. Please provide your name, address, phone number and number of tickets.

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements on our Facebook page and in our newsletter.

## Happy Tails!

Thanks to all who have taken the time to send updates and photos of your adopted kitties. We are so happy to share the following from some of our adopters.



Eve and I hope you and all your volunteers and kitties had a wonderful holiday! We're sending a little something to buy some treats. At the end of January, Eve and I celebrated five years together and couldn't be happier!

It may be hard to believe, but Eve admires the decorations and does not touch them. Just another amazing thing about my amazing kitten! D.A.

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**Saving Lives . . . one cat at a time.**

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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.

*FosterCat, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.*

## Happy Tails!

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The moment my children and I met Jada, formerly Minerva, we knew she would be a wonderful addition to our family. Jasper and Jada are becoming fast friends and my children adore her. She is such a sweetheart and we are overjoyed to have her in our family!

M.H.



We are so happy with our decision to bring Marie Laveau (formerly Tippy) into our home as our first pet. She is the sweetest cuddler, the best stalker and the warmest companion we could have ever hoped for.

G.H.



Solo's beautiful!

J.R.

Lucy is a great fit for our home. She and our resident kitty Leo immediately got along and became best friends. We are so happy to have come across FosterCat, Inc, so we could find Lucy. She is truly the purr-fect fit for our home! Thank you FosterCat!



A.P. and J.E.

Moe, formerly Donovan, is my alarm clock every morning. Max has found his best friend. The two are inseparable. Thank you for helping us find the perfect fit for Max and our family!

J.H.



Merlin's new name is Bowie because he always comes running when he hears music. In his new home he has two human sisters and a human brother, but that's not all! He has another kitty, two dogs and two lizards. He loves them all! Bowie's the perfect addition to our family!

A.H.

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**Yes! I want to support FosterCat's life-saving efforts for cats like Chewey.**

Enclosed is my contribution of:

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Membership  General Support  
(Annual membership: Family \$25.00 • Adult \$20.00 • Student/Senior \$15.00)

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I would like to become a FosterCat volunteer.

I would like to become a foster parent.

*All contributions are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.*

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My husband and I just adopted Daisy (formerly Dinera) last week, but she is already loved and a part of our family. She is very lovable and always wants to cuddle. Her foster mom did a wonderful job, and I thank her for taking such good care of Daisy until we were able to adopt her into our family!



M.Y.



Thank you so very much for letting Ezra (formerly Milo) become a part of my family. As you can see in the picture he has made himself comfy on my bed!

Letting you know Ezra is thriving! He does not stay still much so I took this while I could to share. Everyone that meets Ezra loves him. He gives kisses quite freely; not a bit shy :) L.B.

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