



# The LITTER SCOOP

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

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## Muppet and Quentin

FosterCat found out about a post on Facebook from a woman asking for help for two adult cats. Apparently these cats were hanging around outside a motel in the Monroeville area. Kim, (our foster coordinator extraordinaire) contacted the person from the Facebook post and immediately met the woman at the Pittsburgh Spay and Vaccination parking lot and retrieved the two cats.

Kim was pleasantly surprised that both cats were extremely friendly and wanted to be petted. We immediately found out from an employee at the motel that the cats had been in a room at the motel and proceeded to “break out of the window” in the motel room to get out. Apparently, the owners had paid their bill and abandoned the cats in the motel room.

We immediately made vet appointments for both cats. As it turns out, one was a male and one was a female (of course) and neither one was spayed/neutered or chipped. Both are around two years old. We named them Muppet and Quentin and began the process of finding them new homes.

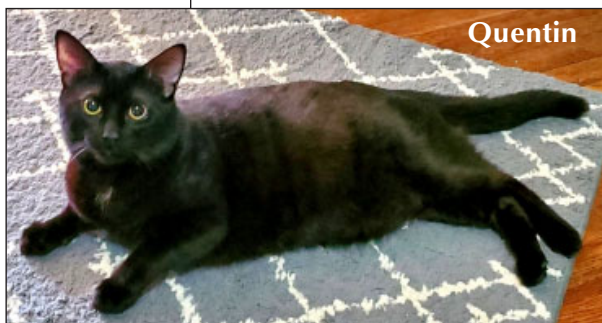


First of all, Quentin and Muppet are very lucky that an employee from the motel cared enough to alert someone to rescue these cats. Most cats/kittens are not that lucky. People abandon their pets outside every single day. I am always dumbfounded that someone who adopts an animal, feeds them, loves them and sleeps right beside them, can just throw them away like an old shoe or a piece of furniture when they tire of the cat or dog. Many people

have been caught on video driving up to various locations and dumping cats near dumpsters, convenience stores, strip malls, businesses, industrial parks, highways, turnpikes, gas stations or restaurant parking lots. This is such a despicable act! I just cannot understand for the life of me why people continue to abandon pets outside, especially when there are numerous rescues that they can use. It seems that “impatience” has a great deal to do with how people go about discarding an animal.

I receive many calls asking for our help with a cat(s) who needs to be rehomed. We try to accommodate as many cats as we can, but we only have a certain number of foster homes. If I tell them that we are totally full, I always ask them if they can foster the cat for a few weeks until we have an open foster home. At least 75% of the people tell me that they are cleaning out their parent’s, aunt’s or grandmother’s house and they want the cat gone “yesterday.” Some wait until the day before they move to reach out and contact someone about finding their pet a home. Most are not willing to foster the cat for a day (let alone a week), until we can find an open foster home. It truly is upsetting and very frustrating that people are not willing to do anything to ensure that the cat will have a safe and happy home.

I am happy to report that Muppet has found her forever home. Dacia reports that “We love our Muppet!,” Quentin is still waiting for that special someone to love and adopt him!



Both cats are doing well after their harrowing experience. Visit our Facebook page and website ([www.fostercat.org](http://www.fostercat.org)) to find Quentin.

All of us at FosterCat want to help as many cats/kittens as we can. It’s part of our mission of

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## Cat-loving Kindergartner to the Rescue

Six-year-old Sophia Bradway loves cats, so a fundraiser to help homeless cats was a natural choice. Also a lover of girly things, like nail art, she pitched her idea to local Color Street nail strips consultant Angie Johnston, who helped set up the Facebook fundraiser.

They raised \$1240.00 for FosterCat Inc., a local all-volunteer cat rescue that finds homes for more than 200 cats and kittens each year.

“We thought we might be able to raise a couple hundred dollars,” said Sophia’s mother, Ashley Haverlack. “We were totally overwhelmed by this amazing response.”



Ashley and Sophia

Sophia is the youngest client of Ms. Johnston, who is a lifelong friend of Sophia’s mother. Sophia loves the colorful nail strips from Color Street, which she can apply with a little help from an adult.

For the past three years Sophia’s love of cats has been broadcast to all by the cat-ears hairband she wears every day. Last year, one of her North Hills neighbors asked her to housesit her cats. The job went well, and Sophia begged her

mother and father to let her get a cat of her own. She said she would pay for the cat with her own money, saved up from doing chores.

The neighbor’s cats - both black - had been adopted from Foster Cat, so that’s where Sophia applied to adopt.

The family was introduced to two female kittens from the same litter. One was black and the other was what Ms. Havelack describes as a “dilute tortie/calico,” a very popular color. But homeless black cats often languish longer in shelters and rescues.

The sister kittens were very bonded, and Sophia suggested adopting both so they would not be separated.

The kittens were almost two months old when they came home with Sophia. She named the black one Pumpkin and the other Pom Pom. They provide entertainment and love to everyone in the family. Sophia’s instincts were right - the cat sisters are inseparable.

Sophie is looking forward to her May kindergarten graduation from The Glen Montessori School in Ross. In the fall she will attend classes in the North Allegheny School District.

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### Mission Statement

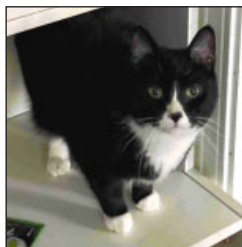
Our mission is to develop and sustain an organization to provide temporary foster care for cats and kittens in private homes until permanent homes can be found.

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

## Happy Tails!

Our adopters who provide "Forever Homes" for wonderful kitties love letting us know how much they are enjoying their new family members. If you want to share your *Happy Tale*, just attach some photos to an email along with a short story and send them to us at [bsnowymarie@comcast.net](mailto:bsnowymarie@comcast.net). Please enjoy this month's submissions.

Charlie "rescued" me! During covid, while my wife is taking care of her elderly mother, it's just Charlie and me. Thanks for trusting me as a new adopter. I've had cats since I was 23 and they've all been rescue cats in some way. But Charlie really rescued me; she'll be seven this coming spring.

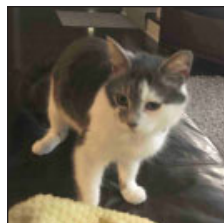


B.H.



Ramona is acclimating very well to her new home! She loves to explore. She and our dog are getting along well! It's funny the dog is intimidated by her and tip toes around her, but they get along fine!

M.B.



Penelope is doing well. Everyday she seems to get a little less shy and has started roaming the whole house. Kids are loving the new company and I'm sure she will get used to them more everyday. ;)

B.P.

Maxine is doing fantastic! We named her Zoey, and she is best friends with our other cat Penny!

A.H.



Pecan is Amazing! She is so much fun and plays all day! She's so spoiled already and makes it so hard to leave in the morning because she's so cuddly. We love her so much!

C.N.

Please mail to: FosterCat, Inc., P. O. Box 23414, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-6414

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

Enclosed is my contribution of:

\$100  \$50  \$35  \$25  \$15  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please credit my contribution towards:

Membership  General Support

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Covid, formerly Whisper, gets along so well with the kids. She and my daughter are best friends!

R.D



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"...saving lives, one cat at a time." This goal can only be achieved with your help. It's important to encourage people who need to rehome a cat or dog to check with all available groups and shelters to make sure it will be in a safe and warm place until it is adopted out, and that they reach out as soon as humanly possible so as not to wait until the last minute! Foster homes get full quickly, especially during kitten season. Don't we owe our pets that much care and consideration?

**Visit our Facebook page and website [www.fostercat.org](http://www.fostercat.org) for upcoming fundraisers and our Annual Bingo!**