



The LITTER SCOOP

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

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Sonny Boy!

Sonny's story begins in April of this year at a 20+ feral cat colony located in East Carnegie. One of our foster parents and expert trappers "Amy M." began to trap, vaccinate, and spay/neuter all of the cats in this colony when she noticed a very dirty and injured orange tabby. Amy named him "Sonny" and decided he was friendly enough to be eventually placed into a "foster to adopt" home. She was never so certain of that decision as when she noticed that he was depressed and had the look of an animal who had lost all hope!

Amy took him home and placed him in a big cage with food and litter. She saw that he was very lethargic and barely moved for weeks. He was so scared of anyone touching him. Poor Sonny just did not seem interested in anything. He did not play with toys and barely ate any food. Eventually Sonny was moved from a cage to a spare room after about three weeks to encourage him to move around. Amy then transferred him to another foster home in the hopes that this foster parent would work with him to build the kind of trust that Sonny desperately needed. Sonny came around a little bit but nothing like we expected.

In the meantime, we took him to Animal Friends to be tested and vetted. Sonny also had major flea bites and skin rashes and his one ear was crinkled due to severe ear mites.

Sonny received another blow when he tested positive for FIV, but as all of us cat lovers know, FIV can be handled. FIV is mainly a weakened immune system and the cat MUST be kept indoors for the rest of his life. Upper respiratory infections can become life-threatening. There is absolutely no danger to other cats as long as the cats are spayed/neutered.



All of us at FosterCat thought that finally Sonny was in the clear and then another obstacle emerged...Sonny had three cracked teeth which had to be removed. We will never know how he sustained these injuries or the torment that Sonny has seen in his short life. It is interesting to note that one of the other cats in the colony also had cracked front teeth.

Finally, after months of convalescence, Sonny was placed with a wonderful girl named "Vanessa H." Vanessa heard about Sonny (now "Arthur Weasley") and immediately wanted to foster him. It didn't take long for Vanessa to contact me and let me know she was NEVER going to part with Sonny. I am thrilled to say that Sonny has made remarkable progress! He wagged his tail

for the very first time since we rescued him. He progressed to playing, cuddling and chasing his tail. For the very first time, Sonny now knows what real love is all about! Vanessa reports that he sleeps and snuggles with her every night and just can't be near her enough. Vanessa also reports that her other cats are gradually warming up to Sonny, and she assured me that he is in his FOREVER HOME! As Amy reported to me recently, "it took the effort of a village of cat rescuers to save a life." That my friends is what FosterCat is all about!

*"You've no way of knowing,
There's no way of showing
What you mean to me Sonny Boy.
When there are gray skies,
I don't mind the gray skies,
You make them blue Sonny Boy.
Friends may forsake me,
Let them all forsake me.
I still have you, Sonny Boy."
Al Jolson*

SAVE THE DATE

FosterCat's Upcoming Bingo Event to Support Saving Cats!

Mark your calendar! **FosterCat Inc.'s** upcoming Catnip Bingo fundraiser event is being held at Salvatore's, 5001 Curry Road, Baldwin, PA 15236 on Sunday, October 16, 2022. Doors open at 12:00 PM. All proceeds from this event go directly to the support of cat rescue, cat care, foster and adoption.

With your \$45.00 ticket purchase, you'll be eligible to win bingo game cash prizes and door prizes. Your ticket also includes a delicious hot buffet luncheon. Our popular emcee, Dave Roman, will be returning for the fourth year to call our bingo games. Other fun activities include our 50/50 Raffle, strip tickets and a Chinese Auction for some really cat-tastic prizes! Win local restaurant gift cards and other great items. Fresh baked goods (including cat-themed cookies and more) will be available for purchase.

Stay tuned for more details at www.fostercat.org and our Facebook page!

Happy Tails!

Would you like to share your *Happy Tale*? Simply attach some photos to an email along with a short story and send them to us at bsnowymarie@comcast.net. Please enjoy your fellow adopters' submissions.

Snow is great. She fits in really well with us and gets along well with one of our other cats. She and the second cat haven't quite bonded yet, but they tolerate each other. I'm happy you are helping to find homes for these sweet kitties! L.H.



We are so happy to have Captain in our home. He is the funniest cat-friendly, outgoing and even tolerates the giant dog. We're so thankful for the care he received through your organization. S.C.

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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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Oreo and Cosmo (formerly Wayne and Garth) love their cat trees, the birds and the porch. They are totally lovable!

L.D.



My very quiet house changed forever when her Royal Highness Queen Sweet Pea arrived! She is such a joy and a gift. Sweet Pea is doing great and truly is the sweetest kitty!

M.W

Gypsy is so sweet- she deserves a safe and great home! I'm glad we've found each other!

S.B.



Mavis is doing so well in her new home and spends most of her days watching the birds out of the window and taking naps in the sun. We love her so much and are excited to spoil her for years to come!

G.R.



Romeo has brought a lot of joy to our family. He immediately bonded with the kids. There is no dull moment with Romeo. He is extremely playful and his amazing aerial tricks have earned him the nickname "the flying cat circus". Romeo is an avid bird watcher. He occasionally also enjoys "helping" us work on the computer and participating in online yoga classes.

N.M.

We thought you might like some photos of Claudi, the foster fail who decided that she made the right choice staying with us. Our shy visitor, who lived under the bathroom cabinet for weeks, now believes she owns the place.

T.W. and E.W.



Audrey

Jefferson

Jefferson is doing really well and is getting along with his sister Audrey (he's still learning her boundaries). Thanks for trusting us. He's a wonderful little guy!

V.V.



Benji

Benji and Bean (formerly Benjamin and Bradley) are super active and love to play any chance they get. We are buying all the toys to keep them entertained (and us too in the process). They are the sweetest love bugs and have brought a ton of joy to our lives!

G.C.



Bean



Gizmo

Pippa

Pippa and Gizmo are still best buddies. She loves snuggling in his dog bed with him. She's still a mix of frisky and snuggly, and loves curling up on my chest under my chin to nap.

A.B.

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

Enclosed is my contribution of:

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