



The LITTER SCOOP

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A Miracle for Mirabel

Sometimes it takes a miracle to save the life of a cat or kitten who has been rescued from outside. Mirabel's story starts in July of 2022. Just another typical feral mom and five kitten rescue that we are all so familiar with throughout the year. The five kittens were around four weeks old and were able to be with the mother until they were weaned. Our wonderful foster mom Kerri stepped up and agreed to foster all of them until they were old enough to be vetted and placed into permanent homes. The feral mother would be vetted and released, and food and shelter would be provided.

Kittens that young need to be handled a lot, and spending time with them to get human interaction and contact is absolutely essential in gaining their trust for eventual placement into responsible homes.

Kerri noticed that as time went on the tiniest of the litter, Mirabel, would come and sit on Kerri's lap and purr and purr. Kerri also noticed that all of the kittens had gained weight but Mirabel had not gained an ounce. Finally, Mirabel was taken to a vet and extensive tests were done. After ruling out a myriad of diseases, it was determined that Mirabel had Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP). FIP is normally a fatal diagnosis, but in recent years, an extremely costly treatment has become available. Kerri contacted the source and FosterCat decided we would try to save this little girl any way we could.



FosterCat established a "Go Fund Me" fundraising account when we found out that ongoing treatments would be extremely costly. Each vial of medicine for once a day injections cost \$86.00 for 84 days, not including the cost of needles and syringes and routine blood work. Vials of the medicine had to be increased as Mirabel gained weight.

Thanks to our wonderful supporters and our Annual Bingo/Go Fund Me fundraiser, we were able to raise the necessary funds for the much-needed medicine and supplies for this important treatment.

I am happy to report that as of January 29, 2023, Mirabel has been pronounced cured! We still have to watch her closely and routine blood work must be done, but Kerri is happy to report that Mirabel is running around and just being a normal kitten.

FosterCat is extremely grateful for all the donations from our supporters in making this dream come true. I would like to personally thank everyone who donated and helped this little kitten have a chance at life!

FosterCat is hoping that every cat diagnosed with FIP will be able to access this life saving treatment. Like any "new" drug out there, it will take time to develop, but it will subsequently lower the price of the drug enough so that it will be affordable for any individual who wants a positive solution to FIP.

Thank you all and God Bless!

Happy Tails!

Thanks to all adopters who have taken the time to send us updates and photos of their new feline family members. Simply attach your photos to a brief email and send them on to us at bsnowymarie@comcast.net. Please enjoy the following!



I just am so thankful for them and I love them so so much. Thank you! D.S.

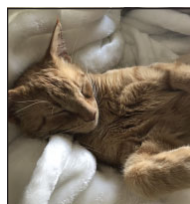
Annie is living the good life in her new home. She has adjusted beautifully after having to relocate after nine years in her original home. She's a special kitty with lots of love to give. I'm lucky to have her join my family.



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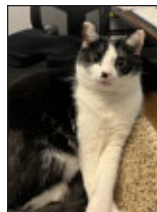
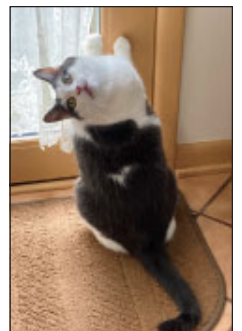


It's been eight months since I got Dumpling, or she rescued me. Soon we will celebrate one year being a family. She is an angel. Thanks again from the bottom of my heart. L.S.



We are beyond excited to have Flynn join our family! He is such a friendly and cuddly kitty. We're looking forward to all the adventures we will have and the memories we will make! Welcome home, Flynn! H.H.

Candy (aka Cotton Candy Floss) came into my home 2 years ago. She is a delightful character who makes me smile and sometimes laugh out loud on a daily basis. Thank you for pairing me with a purrfect companion. She is a rescue fail, as I would be lonesome without her. Thanks for rehoming all the others too. E.L.



It's been almost 3 years since I adopted Holly, and I wanted to thank you again for all you do. Holly has such a sweet disposition, and a smidge of sass when she doesn't get her way. She has gone from being grateful for every bit of food to turning down most kinds (sigh), but I continue to try to find what will make her Highness happy! J.H.

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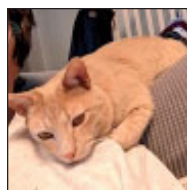
Our mission is to develop and sustain an organization to provide temporary foster care for cats and kittens in private homes until permanent homes can be found.

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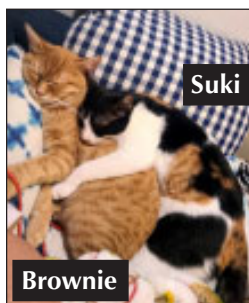
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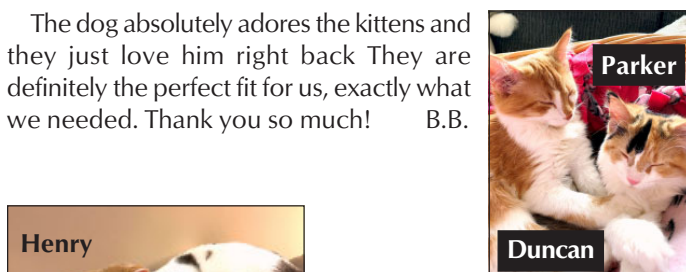
I told Jolly that this was home now and he was rubbing all over my face. I'm pretty sure he knew what I said. B.W.



Teagan, formerly Chino, loves to help with paperwork. He is very playful and loving! Teagan has the run of the house and is doing great. I can't imagine him not being here! We are both blessed. Thank you again for everything! B.J.



I just am so thankful for Brownie and Suki, and I love them so so much. Thank you! D.S.



The dog absolutely adores the kittens and they just love him right back They are definitely the perfect fit for us, exactly what we needed. Thank you so much! B.B.



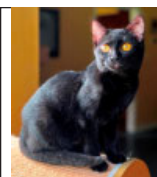
Things are going great with the girls. They are settled in and having a great time! Most definitely here for their forever home. Thank you! C.R.



My husband and I adopted Henry (formerly Nathan) and Mira quickly after fostering them. They wiggled their way into our hearts! We're so happy and wanted to send a quick update.

Henry and Mira are very bonded and inseparable! We couldn't be more thankful for them or picture our lives without them. Henry will launch himself into your arms for love and Mira sleeps on my chest every night! Thank you FosterCat! B. and B.K.

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

Enclosed is my contribution of:

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Please credit my contribution towards:

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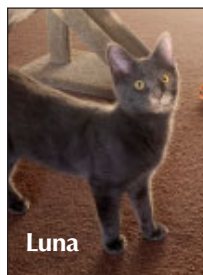
I would like to become a FosterCat volunteer.

I would like to become a foster parent.

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each other and enjoy getting lots of love, cuddles and pets from their human friends! B.B.

Octavian and Luna are two bundles of joy! They love playing with all their toys, but mainly ones that swing from a stick. They love cuddling with



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