



The LITTER SCOOP

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The Three Little Piggies

If you've been receiving our newsletter for very long, you undoubtedly know that many of the kitties who come into our program bear the scars of a difficult life on the streets. Flea ridden, parasite infested and malnourished as they often are, they need remedial treatments and some time on a nutritionally sound diet to gain some weight and restore the bright eyes and shiny coat that characterize a healthy feline.

Of course, there are exceptions, and Sila, Burt and Ernie definitely fell into that category. Their story began when Sila, a six month old kitten, showed up at a woman's door searching for food. The woman took pity on her and began feeding her, not realizing that she was pregnant. One day Sila showed up for her breakfast with two kittens in tow. Now there were three mouths to feed.

The kindhearted woman eventually brought all three into her home and took them to her vet for exams and sterilization. They became a part of her family for about a year, until she became quite ill and had to move, at least temporarily, from her home. Because she loved the cats and didn't want them taken to a shelter, she persuaded her daughter to come to her home to feed and care for them on a daily basis until she could resume those responsibilities herself.

Regrettably, after six or eight months it was determined that the woman would not be able to return home, so her daughter contacted Just Us for the Animals, a rescue group in her area. Last February, one of their volunteers contacted us to ask if we could possibly help them find new homes.

When they were delivered to us, we were shocked to discover that all three were, shall we say, more than a little on the chubby side. Apparently during the months of living mostly alone in the woman's home, they had found comfort for their loneliness in their food bowls! Sila, a small framed female, who should have been carrying a weight of 7 or 8 pounds, tipped the scales at 13, and Burt and Ernie weighed in at 20 pounds and 16.7 pounds respectively. All were estimated to be in the 2 to 3 year old range and were, despite their obesity, pronounced to be in good health, but definitely in need of a weight reduction program.

Only a few days after Sila's arrival, I received an online application from a gentleman who had recently lost his 18 year old cat and was looking to adopt a new feline companion. He lived alone with no other pets and seemed to be a good match for Sila, a very sweet kitty who would appreciate a quiet home. And he had no problem with monitoring Sila's food intake to help her regain her girlish figure. After a trial period of a few weeks, Jess and Sila decided to tie the knot. Jess tells us that she is wonderful company and doing well in her weight loss campaign.

Burt and Ernie, who had remained longer in their adoptive owner's home, shared a different foster home. Their foster Mom had taken them to the PetSmart in Monroeville several times before Sara and Beau spotted them when they visited the store in April to load up on supplies for their dog and two cats.

They hadn't really been looking to adopt, but being their size, the boys were hard not to notice. After spending some time getting to know the gentle giants, they filled out the adoption application and the next day, welcomed Burt and Ernie into their new home.

Here's what Sara had to say when she sent me some photos and an update a few weeks ago: "the boys are doing quite well

in their new home and are even losing a little weight. They hid the first day or so, but then began exploring their new home and now are out and about and getting along great with their adoptive feline and canine siblings.

They are two of the biggest lovers you could ever meet. Tiberius (formerly Ernie) loves to sit at the screen door and watch the birds. He also likes to sit on the stairs, and he blends in so well with the carpet that I have nearly tripped over him several times. I taught Severous (formerly

Burt) to sit for treats, but he gets impatient quickly and reaches up and grabs my hands to take the treat.

Even though Tiberius is the smaller of the two, he likes to attack Severous, who just rolls over onto his back and gives up. They are the best addition we have ever made to our home and we feel very lucky to have them as part of our family."

And the three little piggies lived happily ever after....



Sila



Tiberius



Severus

Happy Birthday, May

Some of our long term members and supporters may remember the September 2005 issue of the Litter Scoop, which featured three senior kitties we had recently helped to find their forever homes. One of those kitties was May, a 9 year old brown tabby we had taken into our care from the Western PA Humane Society in December 2004. She was adopted from the Century Square PetSmart a few months later and has been a much loved member of David K.'s family ever since.

Over the years, David has been kind enough to send us photos and periodic updates about how May was doing. Earlier this year, when he mailed his 2017 membership donation, he included a handwritten note: "May is still doing well and will be 21 in July."

So please join us in sending a special belated birthday greeting to this very special FosterCat alumna. Happy 21st, May, and you keep on going, girl.



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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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Happy Tails!

Thanks you to all who have taken the time to send updates and photos of your adopted kitties. We love getting them and sharing them with all of our readers.

Diva has adapted very well to her new home. She is great with our kids and lets them pick her up and carry her around. She loves attention and wants to be with us all of the time. We are thinking of changing her name to "Needy". She makes my husband laugh.



S. S.



Tyler (formerly Abe) and Franklin are doing well and we just love them. They are sometimes so affectionate that we have to put them down from our laps to get anything done.

H. C.

Kylo (formerly Lorenzo) has settled in wonderfully and has become an important member of our family. He is truly loved and we are grateful to FosterCat for bringing him into our lives.

J. Z. and C. J.



Trixie is such a great cat. I am struggling a little with my allergies, but I will make it work. I just love her and can't imagine giving her back.

L. P.

Fox (formerly Wookie) is just wonderful. He loves to be in someone's lap as often as possible and loves to be held, but he is a LOAD. My fiance and I are totally in love with him. He is just fantastic – and such a goofball.

D.W.



Melvin (formerly Alvin) is such a lovable kitty and becomes more so every day. He has been a Godsend to us. He and our other cat Herbie became best buds almost immediately and we have so much fun watching them play and cuddle together.

R. E.

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The kittens (Luigi, Mario and Peaches) are doing very well. Everybody seems to be set-



ting in and getting used to their new home and with Mocha. They are eating like little piggies They do keep us busy, but they are such fun.

B. B.

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