



The LITTER SCOOP

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Sweet, Sweet Sebastian

We receive many, many requests over the course of a few months' time, to help with stray cats and kittens that are abandoned outside. One request in particular truly stood out screaming "Help Me!" This request came in from a woman named Michelle D. who saw our Facebook page and thought we could help. It only took a moment to realize this cat was in danger and needed our immediate help.

Michelle's teenage son happened to be walking in an alley in Natrona Heights when he saw some teenagers had somehow cornered a cat and noticed they were laughing and throwing rocks, bricks and water on the cat. The cat was frightened and cowering against the assault of rocks. Michelle's son ran home to tell his mother and she immediately told him to go and get the cat and bring it home. This brave boy stepped in front of the teenagers and told them



the cat was his and to leave it alone. The boy immediately picked up the frightened cat and took it home, where they housed the cat in their garage until help could be found. "Sebastian" did not seem to be seriously hurt (other than a few cuts and bruises), so Michelle reached out to local rescue groups to help.

I knew that we were completely out of foster homes due to it being an extremely overwhelming kitten season, but I certainly could not turn my back on this poor cat. We had over 60 kittens in foster (not counting adults), but I was determined to make room somewhere! It must have been Sebastian's lucky day all around; first that this boy happened to be walking home through this particular alley to rescue this cat; and secondly that one of our former foster parents Jackie C. (who worked with me at PNC recently and moved to another state), had just moved back to Pittsburgh, and was available to foster this sweet cat. Sebastian was lethargic and had an upper respiratory infection which was treated immediately. Once vetted and settled in, he cuddled up with Jackie and was all too happy to be indoors and safe.

Well, I am happy to report that Jackie fell totally and hopelessly in love with Sebastian and decided to adopt him! Jackie states....

"We couldn't be happier to have Sebastian as part of our family. When we first started fostering him, he was a bit lethargic as he was fighting off an upper respiratory infection. He was also a bit jumpy due to being out on the streets for a while and being mistreated by some teenagers. We were told when we started fostering him that he was found by a boy who claimed Sebastian was his cat after he saw some other boys throwing rocks and water at him. I am thankful every day that the boy stood up to the others to

protect Sebastian. I was pleasantly surprised that Sebastian was still so loving after all he had been through.

After some time to adjust and get better, he has really blossomed. He likes playing and running around like a crazy kitty. He loves to snuggle and is always there to greet us when we get home. He is loving the warmer weather since we open the windows and he can look out the screen door. He likes to sit in the window and chatter at the pigeons that sit on the roof. Whenever I work from home, he is my constant companion and only leaves to greet my boyfriend when he gets home. We are so glad that we became foster failures and have Sebastian in our lives."

Well there you have Sebastian's story. I often wonder how many other "Sebastian's" are out there that are sick, frightened, abused and need our help. This story and others like



it makes me resolve to continue our work in helping these animals with all of the determination and resources that we have. "Saving lives...one cat at a time." That my friend is what FosterCat is all about.

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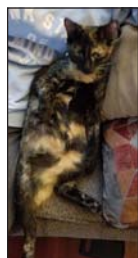
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Happy Tails!

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

We all just love Enzo! He is so cuddly! Luna is finally getting used to him and now they lay on the bed together! S.G.



We adopted Pippa back in September from PetSmart! She is one amazing kitty and is doing well. We are thinking about adopting another and wanted to see if you had other torties with spunk, or as much personality as Pippa. L.A.D.



Coconut was dropped off at a feral colony, but was super friendly. He's already made himself right at home with his new adopter! S.W.



"Kira" is great! Comfortable on the first floor, but willing to come down to the den. Very affectionate and playful! We've changed her name to a Harry Potter character "Tonks", all in love! Thanks! J.C.M.

Gideon, now named Jasper, was recently adopted. As you can see, he's made himself right at home! M.L.



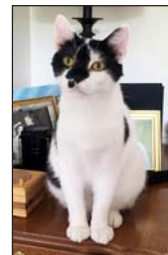
Anton's done super well. Cheddar took a few days, but they love to play together. M.P.

Aubrey is doing great! And so so sweet. I re-named her Lydia. N.D.



Petra and Callie have become best of friends and Petra is a great addition to the family, although they are complete opposites. J.H.

We love Mocha! She is the most adorable sweet kitty and is bringing us a lot of joy. Mocha moved in and took over the house and our hearts. I think she rescued us! Thank you so much. D. and L. P.



Calliope has been such a joy. She is a blessing in my life. A.S.

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