



The LITTER SCOOP

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A Tale of Snow White and the Seven Kittens!

"Magic Mirror on the Wall, who is the Fairest One of all?" Why it's Snow White of course! Snow White (a totally long-haired "black" female cat) was found on the south side of Pittsburgh in August of 2020 with seven of her all-black kittens. FosterCat had to really hustle to find a temporary foster home that would agree to take in all 8 cats. One of our new fosters Terry, agreed to foster all until permanent homes could be found.

Fortunately, all of the kittens were vetted and adopted pretty quickly. Snow White had a harder time being placed. After poring over many applications, FosterCat finally was able to single out a person who agreed to foster (and possibly adopt) Snow White. While I would like to report that this was a "happily ever after" story, it was anything but. It seems the new foster's boyfriend took Snow White out on a "harness" and she proceeded to bolt when she heard a car backfire. This is one reason why we do not permit any of our cats to be taken outside period!

FosterCat had many volunteers combing Highland Park looking for Snow White. Abandoned churches, buildings and parking lots were combed every night. Posters were put up in the area and our expert trapper Kathy went out nightly setting traps and setting up cameras, all to no avail. We were all terribly upset. Winter was coming and it was bitter cold out. I was heartsick and could not sleep at nights knowing this cat was outside, all alone and trying to fend for herself.

I almost gave up any hope of rescuing this cat and then one day in March I received a call from a vet in Highland Park stating that a woman had rescued a cat and it was chipped to FosterCat. Thank God for microchips!!! I immediately called and told them it was our cat Snow White, who had been missing since last August!

I immediately called the number the vet gave me and spoke to Maria R. Maria informed me that she had been feeding Snow White all winter. She assumed that since she had a pink/orange collar on her, that it was an owned cat. After a few months the collar disappeared and Maria knew that the cat was probably lost or was abandoned. Snow White started spending her time in Maria's heated doghouse. In the meantime, Maria had been feeding her all winter and was eventually able to lure her into her house. For that act of kindness, I was extremely grateful. I explained to Maria what had happened and she immediately asked me if she could adopt Snow White. Needless to say I was absolutely thrilled!

Maria adopted Snow White and gradually introduced her to her two other female cats. It took some time and patience, but all of the cats are now happy and healthy. Maria texted me recently and let me know that she had been transferred to Germany. I was a little worried about transporting Snow White in a plane after all the trauma she had been through, but she assured me that she hired a professional company who arranges all animal transports across seas.

Since the move, Maria has consistently texted me pictures and everyone has made it to Germany safe and sound. Snow White (now Tomasa) is still leery of the doorbell and people knocking on the front door. Maria laughed and told me that when anyone comes to the door, Snow White bolts for upstairs. She wants nothing to do with going near the front

door or having to be outside ever again!

And Snow White lived happily ever after...(my kind of happy ending!)



Happy Tails!

Contributors should send your updates and photos to bsnowymarie@comcast.net, and watch for your kitty's photo in future Happy Tails.

Bug and Dani have quickly become best friends. They run around and play nonstop. They love to curl up together. I am so lucky to have two of the sweetest sisters to love on. L.B.



Hector is eager and exploring more, and is very calm and relaxed. He is having fun watching the bird feeder outside. Hector is also doing great with our dog Penny!

T.B.

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