



The LITTER SCOOP

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

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Sweet Taffy

Taffy's story starts about a year ago in July of 2021 when we received a call from a volunteer who happened to be trapping in the Mt. Washington area. There have been many, many ongoing trapping projects in the Mt. Washington area over the years. As residents became older and either moved, went to nursing homes or passed away, more and more older cats were being found outside. When that happens, cats form colonies in order to survive and continue to have kittens. This in turn becomes many colonies of unspayed/unneutered cats in the area.

Taffy was one of the older cats who most likely had a home at one point and found herself outside through no fault of her own. Cats that have lived indoors most of their lives are not equipped to handle life on the streets. They have no knowledge of the outdoors and no way of finding food or shelter. Most of these older cats end up sick and starving on the streets.

By the time Taffy was found, she was very thin, matted and very sick. Of course, as is the case with most strays we find, she was not spayed either. The vet estimated her to be around ten years old. While extremely thin, she had constant diarrhea and was very weak. After taking her to numerous veterinarians, she was put on cortisone shots and phenobarbital. Poor Taffy (now Shiri) does not play at all because of her meds and health issues. Still, she had a will to live.



FosterCat placed her with a wonderful woman named Joyce. Joyce has been instrumental in getting Taffy over her rocky start in life. Joyce reports ".....sometimes love hits you over the head and sometimes it takes awhile, but Taffy made me love her." Joyce stated that Taffy was so pathetic when she first came in as a foster that Joyce just wanted to cry. Over the last year, this wisp of a cat has gained some weight and her fur has come back silky and soft. Taffy loves to sit on Joyce's lap and purr and purr. Taffy even loves to meet new people!

"Nobody should be tossed away or rejected because of age." Joyce reports "I don't know how many years Taffy has left, but I will try to make them good years." She celebrated Taffy's "adopt anniversary" on July 30th!

I know everyone loves kitten stories, but I feel drawn to reporting on the senior cats out there because they so desperately need our help. Every single day you hear stories of neglect and abandonment, but with the help of so many dedicated volunteers and people who care, we CAN and WILL turn this tide around through education.

Taffy is only one senior cat out there who needed our help, but there are so many more. FosterCat will continue our work to help an animal (regardless of age) in need. That is what FosterCat is all about!

Gabby and Willow Need a New Home

Could you be a potential foster or forever home for Gabby and Willow? These loving, affectionate female cats, both 11 years of age, were adopted from FosterCat and have enjoyed a good life together with their owners since 2013. One owner sadly passed away and the other is moving into assisted living. At this time, FosterCat's foster homes are completely filled



and we cannot take on these two cuties. Gabby and Willow are currently boarded at Wexford Veterinary.

Go to <http://fostercat.org/adoptionform.html> if you wish to fill out an adoption application. Please contact us right away if you can help.

Visit our Facebook page and website www.fostercat.org for upcoming events!

Happy Tails!

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

Please mail to: FosterCat, Inc., P. O. Box 23414, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-6414

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

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- I would like to become a foster parent.

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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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