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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JULY CRAFT SHOW!

StreetCats will once again be at **An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa** show in the QT Center at the Fairgrounds. The dates are July 16, 17, and 18. The show starts at 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Our booth is always very popular with attendees, and even our Boutique regulars find wonderful "never seen before" items to purchase. We will have some **toys** for your very special kitties, as well as **great gift items** for you, your family, and your friends.

Mark your calendars for this fun event, and we'll see you at the show! Our booth is in the same place: When you come in from the south side behind the Golden Driller, just go to the right of the ticket booth and walk straight ahead.



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ON JESSICA GLAVAS

While **Jessica Glavas** has only been volunteering with StreetCats for about six months, she jumped in with both feet when she joined the My Furry Valentine committee. We quickly realized we had another amazing volunteer among us! In addition to pouring wine for patrons at the event, she solicited many auction and dessert donors to help make our fundraiser successful. She volunteers in the Adoption Center and Gift Boutique one Saturday a month and enjoys playing with the kitties and seeing them go to forever homes.

Jessica graduated last year from OU in Norman with a degree in finance. Throughout school, she worked at Quik-

Trip stores, and she continues working at various QuikTrips in Tulsa and hopes to move to a position in the QT Finance Department. She loves her job because there are always interesting things going on, and she is challenged and motivated every day to work hard but still have fun.

Jessica has a shorthaired gray tabby cat named Bella who is about two years old. Bella and Jessica live with Jessica's parents, who have a tabby cat, Cookie. Her sister Katie also lives there with her Lab, Tatie. It is one big, happy, pet-loving family! We're glad Jessica found StreetCats, and we look forward to her volunteering here for a long time.



**Volunteer Jessica Glavas**

**Mission Statement:** StreetCats, Inc., believes that all cats deserve a home. StreetCats wishes to reduce the population of unwanted cats by maintaining "A Stitch-in-Time," a spay and neuter program for feral and stray cats, and by sheltering cats who no longer have people to care for them. We seek adoptive families who value animals and will love and protect our StreetCats.

## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT, KATHY BALSIGER

As StreetCats' president, I am humbled that I am part of a short but rich history. One such bit of history is a cat I have that was named Licorice at our first StreetCats fundraiser. Licorice is still strong and active after 14 years, just like our organization!

Thanks to our ongoing fundraisers created and produced by devoted volunteers, the donors that regularly support the cause, and the community that utilizes our services, StreetCats is a success! StreetCats recently received a certificate from the City of Tulsa for our effective effort to spay and neuter Tulsa's feral and stray cat population on the streets. Continuing this program is possible through your generous donations and support. Don't miss our fun and important fundraising events coming up that you will read about in this newsletter. Be sure and come into the Gift Boutique and spend some time shopping and visiting our kitties awaiting new homes.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH THE DRILLERS

The **Tulsa Drillers** have a new stadium, and they want **StreetCats** volunteers to help sell their delicious concessions. This will involve working with other StreetCats volunteers (5-6 people) in one of the four large concession stands. Some games might be during the day, but most will be at night. You have to be at least 16 years old and very dependable to work the shifts you sign up for. Volunteers will be required to show up two hours before game time. The concession stand will close during the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, but then there will be cleanup. The entire commitment should be around five hours each game.

If you are interested in this volunteer project for the benefit of StreetCats, please contact **Kathy Balsiger** at 521-4039.

## JENKS MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPORTS STREETCATS

**Elizabeth Ketrick**, art instructor, and the students at **Jenks Middle School** had two fundraisers for StreetCats that provided a total donation of \$600. This is the Chinese New Year of the Golden Tiger, so their saying was, "For a lucky tiger year, it is always good to give to little tigers!" During home base and in their art classes, the students were able to "purchase the right" to do things like texting or listening to their iPods or buy special candy and gum. They also created and displayed posters throughout the school. We really appreciate all they did to help out our "little tigers."

## INCLUDING STREETCATS IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST

StreetCats periodically gets questions concerning whether one can leave money or cats in their will or trust to our organization. Here are some responses to these questions based on some research we have done.

As for leaving cats, StreetCats cannot commit to do this, as we don't know whether we can care for your cats at the time they might be left to us. First and foremost, StreetCats has serious space limitations. Further, even if funds are left to care for the cats, costs cannot be properly estimated. Some documented numbers show that it could be as much as \$100,000 per cat, depending on medical needs.

StreetCats receives no support beyond donations, so income and capital are never consistent and cannot be depended upon in any given year.

It is, however, very important that you make arrangements for your pets upon your passing. So many end up in the city shelter and are euthanized because no one has secured a home for them in the event of the owner's death. Speak with your attorney or estate planner about the most effective way for this to be documented.

If you would like to leave funds for StreetCats from your estate, StreetCats would be most appreciative. However, we suggest that you include a contingency plan in your will or trust in the event that StreetCats is no longer in existence. It's also important that you stay in touch with StreetCats to know that it continues to be the organization you want to leave money to.

While we certainly expect StreetCats to continue helping cats in the Tulsa area like we have in the last 13 years, there are no guarantees. Since StreetCats receives no support beyond donations, income and capital are never consistent and cannot be depended upon in any given year. Thank you very much for thinking of us in your future plans, and remember that it is important to discuss estate plans with your attorney or trust officer to ensure everything is handled properly.

## SPOTLIGHT KITTIES

**Speedy** is a very affectionate senior who needs his own person in a home where he can run "speedily" around. He has a grouchy tone of voice, but he is very sweet and loves to hug you, sleep with you, and be petted. Inside is the only place for this sweet declawed boy, so he does need an owner that will make sure he doesn't get outside, because he will try! He is friendly with other cats, so he can share his new home with another cat. He needs to be fed canned food. Speedy is currently in a foster home but can be seen almost any time.



**Holly Hope** is a beautiful 3-to-4-year-old "dilute tortie" or tortoise shell-colored kitty with emerald green eyes! She is grey and white and peach all mixed together into a very sweet girl. Holly Hope is a bit of a diva and would likely be happiest as the only cat. At the StreetCats Adoption Center, she calls the office her castle. We feel certain that she is using the computer at night, perhaps to make orders on QVC! She has been at the Adoption Center for quite a long time and is ready for a forever home. Do you have a computer?



Pretty **Libby** loves to talk. She is a grey and black tabby, striped on her back, with a white tummy. She loves to sit in your lap and be brushed. This position puts you totally under her spell, and you may not get up until she decides that you can. She would be ideal for someone who is home a lot. Libby is declawed on her front feet. She is about 6 years old and would likely prefer to be an only cat. To see more about these cats and others that are available for adoption, visit our Web site: [www.StreetCatsTulsa.org](http://www.StreetCatsTulsa.org)



## MY FURRY VALENTINE OR MY SNOWY VALENTINE?

Thank you for another successful **My Furry Valentine** on January 31! With the snow falling several days before the event, we were all concerned about the outcome of StreetCats' biggest and most popular fundraiser, but in fact, it couldn't have been more beautiful. The snowy backdrop at the beautiful mansion of the **Tulsa Historical Society** created a purrrfect afternoon for all patrons and volunteers who ventured out. Delicious food and music, all donated by StreetCats' supporters, made for a fun and pleasurable event!

This year, about \$14,000 was raised. After \$4,000 in expenses, the \$10,000 net income will cover our Adoption Center rent for a year! This success could not have been possible without all the generous donations and discounts we received from people and businesses for auction items, the quilt we raffled, desserts, refreshments, entertainment, rentals and supplies. A big thank you goes to the Tulsa Historical Society and our volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event happen.

**Eva Kilbourne** of Mesa, Arizona, sent us money to purchase raffle tickets for the wonderful quilt made and donated by **Nancy Adams**. Eva waited until she could come to Tulsa to pick it up in March. She loved it and is pictured showing it off to her friend **Jim Cook**, who is also a big cat lover.



While we haven't finalized our event for next year, we are again considering the Tulsa Historical Society, with **Sunday, Feb. 13** as the event date. Please don't hesitate to give us feedback for 2011. All of the volunteers and kitties of StreetCats thank you for your continued generous support.

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## CELEBRATE SPRING AT STREETCATS BOUTIQUE

On the official first day of spring, Tulsa had a snowstorm! But don't worry — StreetCats' Boutique can bring a little spring into your life.

The shop is filled with the newest items from artist/designer **Laurel Burch**. Her "Fantastic Felines" grace such clothing items as **T-shirts, scarves**, and even **ladies' socks!** Her bright colors and unique designs can be found on **earrings, handbags, wallets**, and **makeup bags** in a myriad of textures and fabrics. If you're planning a short trip, a Laurel Burch **tote bag** is the perfect carry-all, especially with a matching **luggage tag**. Not only are these bags in several styles and designs, but many have **hand-sewn beads** and other **sparkles** to add a touch of bling to your spring! Even if the flowers in your yard haven't bloomed yet, an accessory by Ms. Burch can brighten your day. The price for these items is much lower than other stores, and every dime of the profit goes for the care of the kitties.

Speaking of kitties, nothing brightens a day more than playing with our feline friends. StreetCats boutique has a large selection of **interactive toys** for you and your cat, including feather poles, sparkly wands, and play mice on a rope.

Highly recommended, and cat tested, are "**DA BIRD**" by GO TOYS; a **feather on a "fishing pole"** that twirls when you move it; and a little **mouse on a wire** by GO TOYS which wiggles as you drag it on the ground. Cats pounce on it and drag it off — a wonderful toy for hours of pleasure.

When you can't be there with kitty, we have a plethora of little **fur, leather** and **cloth mice; glitter, furry** and **rubber balls;** and **fabric fish** for your cat to bat around the house. We also carry the best **catnip toy** around ... **catnip pillows** handmade by volunteers, using superior **organic catnip** from Cape Cod! These have been a huge seller, and they come in many choices of fabric, including special ones made for special holidays. For kitty's nap time, we have **plush beds** and soft, warm blankets sewn like **kitty sleeping bags** — perfect for your cat to crawl into and snuggle.

Brighten up your kitchen with such cat-themed items as **cookie cutters, measuring spoons, refrigerator magnets, cheese cutters** and **spoon rests**. Humorous **coffee mugs** can bring a smile to your face as you sip your coffee or tea. Also, every cat lover should have a kitty **door mat, car floor mats, flags,** or a **license plate holder**, to announce to the world "I Love Cats!"

Come visit us. You'll see all these items and more! We're at 60<sup>th</sup> and South Sheridan, behind Charlie's Chicken, and we're open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. While you're there, please visit our cats currently in residence. You never know — you might fall in love with a kitty and adopt it!

All the proceeds from items sold in the shop go toward the care of the kitties we rescue and toward our spay and neuter program "A Stitch In Time." StreetCats is run entirely by volunteers. We look forward to seeing you!

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**PANERA TO HOLD BENEFIT FOR STREETCATS**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 6, from 5-9 p.m.

Panera Bread at **15th & Utica** is sponsoring a fundraiser with a twist for StreetCats: Local author Bill Stauss will be present to visit with customers and sign books. He will donate his profits from all sales made at Panera that night!



**Simply go to Panera Bread at 15<sup>th</sup> and Utica on Thursday, May 6, between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m.** Mention **StreetCats** or just say you are there for the fundraiser. There is no coupon needed!

Panera will donate 10% of the evening's proceeds if at least 50 people participate for StreetCats! **Please send or bring your friends and family to enjoy an evening of delicious food.**

Panera Bread serves delicious meals using only the highest quality, freshest ingredients in the food offered. Panera believes in making a lasting contribution to the neighborhoods in which their customers and employees live and work through benefits like this. Come out and support the "kitty cause."

**Bill Stauss, Tulsa author of the book *Billy's World, The Saga of an American Staffordshire "Pit Bull" Terrier***

*Billy's World* is a work of fiction based on the real-life experiences of the author and his dog, Billy Bob, who was rescued from an owner involved in dog fighting. It is the story of how a runaway finds the kind of man who will fight to keep him safe. It is a love story about a man and a dog.

The author, Bill Stauss, is a petroleum engineer who has worked all over the world and also is a college professor. He grew up in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains in Oklahoma and now lives in Tulsa with his wife, Kay, and a cat named Sage. For more information about the book and the author, visit [www.billybobbook.com](http://www.billybobbook.com).

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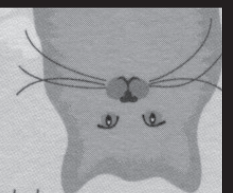
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# ASK THE VET: PARASITES IN CATS

Why it's a bad idea to bring in rescues without a visit to your vet first —the five-minute list:

Hookworms • Roundworms • Coccidia • Giardia • Amoeba • Sarcocystis • Toxoplasma • Trichomonas • Cytauxzoon (Theileria) • Ringworm (Microsporium canis) • Feline Leukemia Virus • Feline Immunodeficiency Virus • Mites (Sarcoptes, Noettedes, and Cheyletiella — also known as “walking dandruff”) • Ticks • Fleas (Ctenocephalides felis) • Feline Infectious Peritonitis (TGE-like virus) • Feline Panleukopenia Virus (Feline Parvovirus) • Feline Upper Respiratory Viral Complex (Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, or Feline Herpes 1; Feline Calicivirus; and Feline Chlamydia)

I made up this list in about five minutes and mostly off the top of my head, so it is far from exhaustive. Nevertheless, I think it sufficient to get the point across that there are a lot of things out there for a stray cat to pass to your cats at home or, in some cases, to you as well. I'm the last person to discourage taking in stray cats and making pets out of them, as my wife and I do it all the time, but we have learned (often the hard way) that a modicum of caution is warranted along with the TLC and sympathy.

That sweet little homeless pussycat at your door, or hanging around the Dumpster at your office, may be clean as a whistle, but the odds are against it. More likely, it needs to get shed of some infestations before it is safe to bring in with you and your other pets. (I'm assuming most of us softies already have a pet or two.) Come to think of it, unless your pets have had a recent checkup, the pets at home may be carrying something that they could pass on to a new cat coming into the house, too.

There is always going to be a particle of risk, even with a thorough exam and every test known to man. One hundred percent certainty is usually only illusory, especially in medical science. On the other hand, a thorough physical exam and a few cost-effective tests can reduce the odds of danger down to the same level as that of being run down by a helicopter on your way to the office. Even without the tests, your vet can detect or rule out lots of infections and/or infestations that your eyes are just not trained to see.

The American Association of Feline Practitioners Council recommends that every cat be screened for the Leukemia virus at least once in its lifetime. A negative test with the in-office ELISA kits we now have afford virtually 100% certainty the patient is virus-free. The odds of a positive test being reliable depend on a number of other factors, but there are other tests available if confirmation is needed. It is axiomatic that a fecal examination is a very good idea, if only to rule out the garden variety of intestinal parasites that are lurking out there in our lush, temperate environment (they don't call it Green Country for nothing).

If I haven't convinced you yet, take another look at my Five-Minute List above. Whether you choose to place all of them under the rubric of “parasites” is immaterial. The point is: All these are out there, and the chances are significant that a stray cat will have encountered at least some of them. You shouldn't be discouraged about rescuing strays, but you should exercise enough caution to constitute common sense — take your rescue to a vet first!

*Written by Max Rust, DVM, former owner of Animal Care Clinic at 71st and Memorial, who now owns Affordable Pet Care at 11th and 129th Street in Tulsa. Dr. Rust is a participating veterinarian in our Stitch in Time program for feral and stray, unowned cats.*

## LUCKY KITTIES!

(StreetCats adopted 10/1/09 through 3/18/10)

Angel	Diva	Mick	Snickerdoodle
Ashes	Felix	MikiMoto	Snickers
Baxter	Foots	Molly	Snowball
Bear	Garfield	Patience	Sponge Bob
Bernie	Guinness	Peaches	Spooky
Bert	Ivan	Phoebe	Star
Bono	JinJin	Precious	Tabby
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Butch	Kit Kat	Rainey	Tibby
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## OUR WISH LIST

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!

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| Wal-Mart/Sam's gift cards         | HP 02 ink cartridges – black and colors                       |
| — any denomination                |   |
| Tall kitchen trash bags           |   |
| Liquid laundry detergent          | <b>Please don't forget the Wish List for Meals on Wheels:</b> |
| Liquid Plum'r                     | Scoopable Litter  |
| Postage stamps                    | Dry cat food (unopened)                                       |
| Canned cat food                   | Canned cat food   |
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## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### Memorials

From Myrna Kurle in memory of King Olaf, the sweetest cat in the world  
 From Myrna Kurle in memory of Myrna's Aunt, Orva Smith  
 From Diane Dubwig in memory of Myrna Kurle's King Olaf  
 From Don and Carol Beard in memory of Linda Brady's Kitty Kat  
 From Vicki Huntley in memory of Don and Barbara Pike's Sugar Pie  
 From Denise Tumlinson in memory of Missy  
 From Michael Nickelson in memory of Tubby  
 From Liz Himmel in memory of Jan Woolverton  
 From Carey Miller in memory of Davy Miller, a lover of all animals  
 From David Morse in memory of Patricia Morse  
 From Irving P. Frank in memory of Rz and Dz  
 From William and Sherri Griggs in memory of Patch, a faithful boy for 18 years who joins Grandma in Heaven  
 From Cliff and Mary Johnson in memory of Cami Marie, their second StreetCat kitty who they loved so much  
 From Dent Terminator in memory of Diamond  
 Rebecca Naiman in memory of Molly  
 From Linda Howard in memory of Pood  
 From Deborah Stanley in memory of Mack Stanley's Lola  
 From Laura Frossard in memory of Kathy Evans Borchardt  
 From Sylvia & Jess Insall in memory of Primo, their Burmese that died 11/10/09  
 From Lynne Henson in memory of Lilly who died on 11/19/09 at age 17  
 From Beverly Taylor in memory of Tommy Henbest  
 From Gary Ann Tomkalski in memory Isaac  
 From Kathy Potts in memory of Princess and the love and joy of having her  
 From Gary and Judy Bryant in memory of Alley  
 From Laura Redemann in memory of her beloved Linus, a StreetCats kitty, who went to cat heaven on 13 Nov 2009  
 From Kacee Taylor in loving memory of Sassy (1979-1990) and Pookey (1886-2004)  
 From Heidi Jones in memory of Figaro, her sweet cat  
 From Jean Bond Spears in memory of Suzanne Spears  
 From Edella and Larry Baker in memory of Ann Franklin's Nathaniel  
 From Patsy R. Baker in memory of her daughter Joan  
 From Carl and Kathryn Melnick in memory of Willie and Callie, their wonderful cats that they loved so much  
 From Clair E Powers in memory of her cat, Sadie  
 From Suzanne Collins in memory of Ivan and Kono  
 From the Very Reverend Monty O Gideon VG in memory of Sandra Ryle  
 From W. Wesley Brown in memory of Kathy Borchardt  
 From Martha Hulsebos in memory of Rosa  
 From Frances J. Potter in memory of Mocha Hontus  
 From Peter and Sally Leininger in memory of Angel  
 From Sandi Woolverton in memory of Rose  
 From K. Lynn Yeandle in memory of her awesome kitty Jasper  
 From Linda Ree in memory of Betty Anne Davidson  
 From Dr. Robert and Carolyn Hudson in memory of Gloria Rhoads' Scarlet, an elegant cat and companion for two decades.  
 From Jeff and Kristy Tackett in memory of Jan Woolverton

From Anni Brown in memory of Kim Cowden's sweet boy, Casper  
 From Susan B Singh in memory of Betty Anne Davidson  
 From Diana Hale in memory of Betty Anne Davidson  
 From Mona K. Shannon in memory of Marie Mildren  
 From Kathy Balsiger in memory of Tracy Nyquist's kitty, Bear  
 From Kathy Balsiger in memory of Erin Johnson's Katie  
 From Nancy and David Martin in memory of Betty Anne Davidson  
 From Stephanie Carnahan in memory of Helen Arnold  
 From Ruth Harris in memory of Helen Arnold  
 From John and Connie Seibold in memory of Betty Anne Davison  
 From Jean Coffey and Joan Scheulen in memory of Betty Anne Davidson  
 From Diana Dubwig in memory of Myrna Kurle's Gunther  
 From Donald and Terry Carey in memory of Donna Swaffar's mother, Mrs. Tommie Dupy  
 From Janice Rowton in memory of Dusty

### Honorariums

From Diane Terral in honor of Edith Buehler, a really special lady  
 From Louise Rose in honor of Willey and Yankee  
 From Martha Carothers in honor of Judy Loyd  
 From Helen Schneider in honor of Caspurr, a former StreetCat  
 From Penni and Wyman Walker in honor of StreetCats for taking care of the kitties  
 From Barbara K. Ward in appreciation of Bettie Oliver  
 From Carol Brown in appreciation of the assistance through "A Stitch In Time" for the feral cats in her backyard  
 From Rebecca Marcus in appreciation of Judy Loyd and all the great work she does for StreetCats  
 From Helen MacKay in honor of Butter and her four babies who are now 7 1/2 years old and happy, healthy and much loved!  
 From Rebecca Naiman in appreciation of Fluffy and in honor of Mr. Kitty  
 From Julia Todhunter in appreciation of StreetCats in helping place an abandoned kitty in October, 2009  
 From Jack and Shirley Bendler in honor of Sarah and Sheba  
 From Brian and Heather Donovan in honor of Estella Franken  
 From Mary Smith in honor of her sister-in-law, Patty Hanna's birthday  
 From Melvin Craft in appreciation of Juke  
 From Mike Hurewitz in honor of his sister, Toby Hurewitz, on her birthday  
 From Sheila Catterton in honor of Mia and Mylo  
 From Irene Chambers in honor of StreetCats for the wonderful job in taking care of cats  
 From Dee Anne Ayles in honor of Odie  
 From Leslie Zieren in honor of Lily the cat  
 From Renee Newman in honor of her mother, Kathy Balsiger's, birthday  
 From Philip and Marilyn Hunter in honor of Molly owned by Linda and Robert Brower  
 From Kirsten Pace in honor of Clara Nipper for her birthday and Christmas  
 From Cheryl Smith in honor of Ringo

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## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS (CONTINUED)

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From Sally Ann and Gene Turner in honor of Judy Loyd  
 From James and Orene Evans in honor of Joaquin  
 From Beverly Keeler in honor of Lisa Keeler  
 From Melanie Abczynski in honor of Samantha Polen, a friend of animals  
 From Daniel and Linda Brown in appreciation of Lili, Daniela, Balusha and StreetCats  
 From Joanne Alderman in honor of Daniel and Linda Brown  
 From Mike and Maurine Thornton in honor of their cats, Sis-syphus, Moxie, Baby Boo, Angelo and Pele  
 From Dr. Linda M. Reis in appreciation of Helen MacKay and her work with StreetCats and especially the kitties  
 From Patricia Hanna in honor of Mary Smith's birthday  
 From Robyn Porter in honor of Delinda Hill's birthday  
 From Anne Ritter in honor of Elly deKraker  
 From Nikki Reece in honor of Cole and Allison Cunningham's

birthdays

From J. Cheree Fischer, DO, in honor of the kindness of Kathy Balsiger

### Christmas Honorariums

From Howard Barnett in honor of Heidi Kiser  
 From Gary and Pat Crocker in honor of Rita Rowe  
 From Janet Thomas in honor of StreetCats, John Thomas, Stretch, Lyle and Roxie  
 From Karen Turner in appreciation of Judy Loyd  
 From Emily S. Hall Hutton in honor of Carol and Harold Hutton  
 From Don and Emily Renberg in honor of Sharon McMahon  
 From the William Coleman family in honor of Martha Williams, with love  
 From Brad Turner in honor of Judy Loyd  
 From Margaret McCarthy in honor of Rebecca Fowler  
 From Ruth Williams in honor of Kiki at Christmas

## WARM AND FUZZY STORIES FROM ADOPTED KITTIES

**Bernie**, a lean orange tabby, went to his new home in December. His new owner already had a cat named **Sunshine** due to her coloring; she wanted to keep the theme, so Bernie became **Sunbeam**, and is usually called **Beamer**.

According to his new owner, the first week of feline introductions was very interesting, as it so typically is! Sunshine had been an only child for over five years, and wasn't too sure she wanted a brother. At first, Beamer was very polite and followed Sunshine's instructions as to when, where, and how long he could occupy her territory, but after observing her for a while, he began to talk back to her.

It took a little while, but Sunshine and Beamer are now best friends, playing, sleeping and sitting on their mom's lap together. They easily play with each other's toys, bathe each other, and truly enjoy each other's company. Their companionship is a great example of how social cats can be: More often than not, cats enjoy having other feline companions in their lives.

**Mick** was in our shop for only a few days when his future dad came to visit. Mick's future mom, a volunteer, had him stop by to meet some of the cats in hopes they would adopt a new cat for their animal-friendly home. It must have been fate, as he was immediately drawn to Mick. It was only a matter of time before Mick was able to go to his new home.

His new owners then set out to make the proper introductions to their other animals. Mick spent a couple of days sequestered in their office so he could get comfortable with his surroundings and familiar with the smell of the greyhounds outside the door. On the third day, they placed two baby gates in the doorway, one on top of the other, so Mick could see the dogs while still feeling safe from them. Apparently he



*Mick relaxes at his new home.*

decided this wasn't necessary — he was ready to meet the dogs right then, so over the gates he went!

He immediately felt at ease with the gentle dogs, making for a seamless transition into his new home.

Mick enjoys drinking water from the faucet, and he loves water so much that using a squirt bottle for discipline is completely counterproductive!

He also has an affinity for co-mingling with the family turtles, an unusual trait for a cat. His owners often find him cuddling with their turtles, in the 50-gallon tub in which they are wintering. They have even found him squashed into the 20-gallon terrarium with the tiny hatchling turtles — a strange and wonderful relationship, indeed!



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### INSIDE

I know the sunshine beckons you  
The blue sky calls your name  
And that your velvet nose can scent  
A hint of summer rain.

And that the wind has changed a leaf  
Into a magic toy  
For Mother Nature when she smiles  
Can be so very coy.

But the front door will not open  
I know how hard you've tried  
Because you see I love you  
And your world is now inside.

That world is full of danger  
And I would not have you roam  
And so I'll keep you safe inside  
My heart as well as home.

— Judy Loyd