

Preventing Cat Scratching on Furniture

We all love our cats and wouldn't trade them for the world. However, kitty's claws are sharp and can be very destructive on expensive household furnishings. Cats have certain innate needs: to mark territory, to flake off old nail sheaths and to stretch and exercise. Marking territory is one of the primary drivers of this behavior. Below are a few tricks to redirect scratching you don't want.

• **Provide Alternate Scratching Posts.** Since the tendency to do this is instinctual, diverting the behavior to other outlets often helps. Cardboard catnip treated scratching pads work well with many cats but be sure to give your cat different styles of scratching post – cardboard, carpet, sisal – until you know what kind he/she prefers. Try using catnip to attract your cat to the scratching post, especially initially, and remember that your kitty will want to scratch in a place they consider prominent. You can purchase catnip spray in our retail shop.

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- **Double Stick Tape.** Double sided tape works well to deter a kitty from scratching furniture. Just make sure the sticky tape won't ruin your upholstery either. Gradually remove it once your cat is using the appropriate scratchers. We carry some of this in our retail shop.
- **Aluminum Foil.** Like double stick tape, this can also work as a deterrent and it won't wreck your furniture. Again, gradually remove it once your cat is using the appropriate scratchers.
- Clear Plastic Carpet Runner. Have a large area that you need covered? Try

putting down a carpet runner with the nubby side up. Some cats may like the feel of this surface, and may be drawn to it (rubbing against it might feel good). Like the others, you can remove it once your cat is using its scratchers.

- **Scents & Sprays.** Many cats are deterred by strong odors like cologne, menthol, or citrus, and this can be used to your advantage by applying the scent in the areas that you don't want marred. Some commercial product sprays are available that may work in this fashion with some cats.
- **Exercise.** Making sure you are giving your cat exercise can help too. Just like a kid, a tired kitty is a good kitty.
- **Window Sill Perch.** Giving your cat something to do when they are bored, other than scratching up your house, is another great trick. Strategically place a bird feeder in view so that the cat has something to watch. For those without a windowsill, there are shelves that attach with suction cups to a window or glass door to give your cat a "shelf with a view."

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StreetCats Fundraiser

Wednesday, December 7 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 7104 S. Sheridan (enter off 71st Street just West of Sheridan). Come eat delicious food and StreetCats will get 10% of all sales.

Smitty's Garage has outstanding "burgers" made with ground beef, bison, grilled chicken, vegan or turkey prepared 15 different ways plus extra toppings, along with wonderful fries of various types! A taco selection is also on the menu along with salads, sandwiches, appetizers and a kid's menu.

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Thanks for your support!



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A Word from our President

Welcome Fall and cooler weather. StreetCats' 25th Anniversary year is coming to an end and we are excited about the upcoming events that we are participating in going forward, such as a return to An Affair of the Heart show and a couple fundraisers. Read about them in this newsletter. Also, we had two TV segments this summer. Julie Chin came to StreetCats and filmed one and I went to RSU where Sam Jones interviewed me on Perspectives. We enjoy the exposure because it encourages people to come into our shop and we get more forever homes for our cats. Thank you to our volunteers for the endless hours you put in and our hardworking Board of Directors.

Kathy Balsiger, StreetCats President

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• *Clipping Nails.* Since kitties sharpen their claws to help flake off the keratin sheaths, trimming the claws every couple of months can help minimize your cat's desire to scratch. This can be done at your vet's office or ask them to show you the proper way so you can do it yourself. Soft Paw nail covers work well too, though they can be hard to get on a cat.

With a multi-pronged effort, you should be able to eliminate or at least minimize any damage to your furniture while keeping both you and your cat happy.



Why don't cats play cards? Too many cheetahs

Time for Holiday Shopping

We're back! StreetCats will be participating in An Affair of the Heart-Tulsa again on November 18-20 at the Sagenet Center, Expo Square, 4145 E. 21st St. Hours are 9:00–6:00 Friday and Saturday, and 11:00-5:00 on Sunday. We have had a change in booth location and will be in #287-288 in Section C, one aisle to the right of the center aisle.

We have several new varieties of merchandise that will not only be found at the show, but can be found now at our Boutique at 6520 E. 60th Street (behind Charlie's Chicken) and our booth at Jade on Main in Broken Arrow at 1639 S. Main Street. You'll find a new line of socks, two new T-shirt designs in long and short sleeve versions, magnets for your vehicles and many other gift items. Always available are supplies for your favorite kitties (toys, bowls, beds, carriers, catnip pillows, collars, etc.). There will be cat-themed Christmas items, such as figurines, socks, ornaments, stockings/stuffers for cats, and Christmas cards. Also available this year will be our 25th Anniversary 8 oz. stemless glasses.

All proceeds from sales go to providing care for our adoptable cats onsite and supporting our Stitch

in Time spay/neuter/vaccinate voucher program. We also gladly accept and appreciate donations of cat-related items.

Hours at our Boutique and Adoption Center are Tuesday through Saturday 10:30-5:00. Jade on Main hours are 10:00-5:00 Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday noon-5:00.







Adoptions 4/1 thru 9/30/2022

Athena – S Bookout **Bailey – J Hockett** Buddy – J Bryant ChaCha – A Buzzell Charlie - R Richie Edie – S Kepper Frank – D Elmore Gala – E Fox/B McMillan Gloria – K Stephens Gratti – M McCool Josephine – C Gray Juvie – A Burdick/M Gordon Karl – A Riker Lilv – J Chandler Luca – E Fox/B McMillan Max – A Collins

Pudge – N Andrews River – C Schoenewe Ronni – B Reed Sammie – L Yaffe Scrammy – K Ruggles Smokey – S Christiansen Smudge – M McCool Stella – S Kepper Suzie – K McKinnon Timothy – J&A Smith TJ – J Anderson Toby – L Dowd Toni – M Green Toonces – K Ruggles Tyga – C Lockwood

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Warm and Fuzzy Stories

Kelvin Kline, a very handsome Siamese boy, was adopted by Jeff and Jennifer Rogers. He has since been renamed Kato (sometimes he's called Kato the potato).



Kelvin Kline, now Kato

Jeff hilariously describes Kato as being "aggressively friendly". Although Kato loves all the members of his new family, he is particularly fond of Jeff. Kato likes to climb up on Jeff's chest or even hang over his shoulder. When Kato is ready to relax, he likes to lie down in an unusual position with his legs straddling the furniture. Kato is the third pet at the Rogers' home, they already had two dogs when he arrived. Despite the fact that one dog is 70 pounds and the other is 100 pounds, Kato has totally intimidated both of them. Although Kato never hurts his doggy "siblings", he does mercilessly push them around. I guess we know who is the pet boss.

Juvie #3 is a pretty little blue patched tabby that was adopted by Ashton Burdick and Mea Gordon. Ashton said that they kept her name Juvie since it fits her juvenile personality. Before they adopted Juvie, they bought a unicorn stick cat toy for her. Juvie absolutely loves her unicorn toy and treats it like a baby's security blanket; she doesn't even want to play with other toys. Like many other cats, Juvie has an affinity for boxes. She has fun hiding in the boxes and then popping her head out every now and then. Juvie also has two dog "siblings", a silver Labrador and a Great Pyrenees. She and the Lab are really great pals. Ashton says Juvie is awesome and the best cat she's ever had.



Juvie



Scrammy and Toonces

Scrammy, is a beauty with long black fur, and **Toonces**, is a long-haired gorgeous brown tabby. They were a bonded pair when they came into StreetCats, then adopted by Keira Ruggles. She said that they were scared for about a month after arriving in their new home, but now they are very comfortable. Toonces acts as if he is starved for attention even after hours of being petted. Toonces wants to be anywhere in the house where there are people. Scrammy is the princess of the house. They both love their cat tree/tower and Scrammy is particularly fond of lying on the tower soaking up some sun. Their favorite toys are a laser pointer and toy with a feather on a string. They are working on training Toonces with their work/sleep schedule so that he does not wake them up. It's so great that these two kitties were given the love, time and patience to settle into their new fur-ever home.





TU Fan Fundraiser

StreetCats was chosen by TU T-Town Tailgaters as one of their donation recipients. Jim, Sherri and friends put on quite a party. For a donation, food is provided along with canopies, a big screen TV and a huge grill. StreetCats was chosen because Dan saw the segment on TV about our 25th Anniversary and recommended we receive a portion of their fundraising. We will receive their donation at the end of the season and we are so grateful for all they are doing for us.



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StreetCats Sponsors

We value every donation received, however, we are unable to recognize all donors in this newsletter. Everyone has our grateful thanks for your support that keeps our organization going helping wonderful kitties find "purrfect" homes for the rest of their lives and supporting A Stitch in Time program to get homeless cats spayed/neutered/vaccinated. Listed below are those who made money or in-kind donations valued at \$100 or more received between 4/1/2022 and 9/30/2022.

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D&C Beard	C Hayes & W Lawson	S Macauley
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LOOKING FOR HOMES: Taffy, Pewter and Nickel



My name is **Taffy** and I'm a 6 ½ year old beautiful sweet tortie. I have had several homes in my short life but my StreetCats story starts about 1 1/2 years ago when my person moved and couldn't take me with her. A nice lady watched me temporarily and then I came to StreetCats. It wasn't long before I met a wonderful lady who welcomed me into her home and we had a great life. Sadly, she can no longer care for me so StreetCats has promised to help me find a new home. I love human company and I'm ok with other cats. Since I've been here, I've been spending my time in a cat tree or a cubby watching all the activities and lately I've been doing a little exploring. If you need a new companion in your home, please stop by and visit me.



Hi! I'm **Pewter** and my brother **Nickel** and I are looking for a home that we can share together. We are very handsome blue (grey) and white kitties. I have a little more white on my face and a white stripe on my back so you can tell us apart! We were homeless boys when a nice lady started looking after us and then got us to StreetCats. I can't believe we will be celebrating our first birthday by the time you read this! My brother can be a little shy at first, but we love playing with all kinds of toys and then spending time in the cat trees when we're worn out. All the volunteers think it's really cute when Nickel and I groom each other and sleep together. Do you have room in your home for us?

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Frequently asked questions about donating to StreetCats

Can I donate online?

If you go to the Home page of our website www. streetcatstulsa.org, you'll find options for donating through PayPal (we do pay a fee to PayPal for each donation) and Just Giving (we do not pay a fee, but it gives you the option to include a fee for them). You do not have to have a PayPal account to donate online with a credit card.

Where do I mail donations?

You can mail check donations to StreetCats, Inc., 6520 E. 60th St., Tulsa, OK 74145.

Will I receive a letter acknowledging my donation?

Every donation given to StreetCats is acknowledged with a letter to the donor giving the amount of the donation as well as the method. It is sent to the provided postal or email address.

When I donate in memory or in honor of someone, is that person notified of my donation?

When the donation is in memory or in honor of someone, that person or a family member will also be notified if you have provided a name and address for them. StreetCats will send a letter acknowledging your thoughtfulness but no dollar amount is given.

How do I get a memorial plaque like the ones posted in StreetCats?

If a memorial donation is \$100 or more (for a person or a pet), that donation qualifies for a Memorial Plaque to be put up in StreetCats. Plaques are made up by Grant's Frames, but your wording is used for the plaque and then we'll send you a picture of it when it is completed.

Do you take donations at the Adoption Center?

If you come into StreetCats, you can donate using cash, checks, and most credit cards (sorry we don't take American Express).

Do you take donations of goods and supplies?

Please see our Wish List in this newsletter or on our website if you wish to donate non-monetary items. You may call our message line, 918-298-0104, or email us at cats@streetcatstulsa.org if you have merchandise to donate and someone will return your call.

What are other ways I can donate to StreetCats?

If you shop at Amazon, you can purchase through Amazon Smile and designate StreetCats to receive donations from Amazon based on your purchases. If you make purchases through www.igive.com you can also designate StreetCats as your charity.

Thank you for all your continued support. After 25 years, StreetCats is still going strong because of you.

Linda Holland, Treasurer

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It's been a busy summer here at StreetCats and lately it seems that I hardly get to know the new cats before they leave to go to their new homes. I often see my role here as not only the welcoming committee, but the mentor for new cats to help them get a new home as soon as possible. People usually want to adopt a cat for companionship, either for themselves, a family member, or another pet but cats may have different needs for companionship. Some cats are inquisitive, friendly, and playful with their new roommates. Others just want to be left alone. If you have visited StreetCats you know that our cats have the freedom to roam and sleep or hide wherever they feel comfortable. While freedom is good, it has its drawbacks in that not all cats are comfortable sharing their space with strangers.

We sometimes have bonded pairs come to the shop. They have usually grown up together and we try to adopt them together, but while they are here, we watch to see whether their behavior demonstrates that they depend on each other or not. They may sleep or play together often or even seek each other out when one is in another room. However, they may be so bonded that they don't want to be near any other cats so being in StreetCats is difficult for them.

Some cats have had a close companion relationship with a previous owner and don't know how to be without them, let alone be with other strange cats. Our wonderful volunteers are so good at giving comfort and love to our cats and I try to offer friendship if the new cat will let me.

There are also some cats that don't seem to get along with anyone and we call them "only cats" and try to find them a home by themselves. They may want to be near people for companionship but not necessarily want a lot of petting. They may get overstimulated easily and strike out, so they don't audition well when potential adopters visit. However, many times once they get to a home without the other cats and they settle down, they can become good companion cats, but maybe not lap cats.

Whatever kind of companionship you are looking for in a cat, our volunteers are very good at matching you up with the right cat, so just come in for a visit. In the meantime, I'll keep doing my best to help cats live their best life while at StreetCats waiting for you.

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Memorial Donations

- T Ackerman in memory of Maddie renamed Elsie
- C Bates in memory of Preston

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- A Carroll in memory of Mittens
- J Casey in memory of Trina Griffin
- K Chambers in memory of Kirk Randall Trotter
- J Christian in memory of Cali, Pepper, & Spice killed by a mean resident of Park Plaza 6
- B&R Cohen in memory of Millie; in memory of Britches for Linda Duckworth and in memory of Wally for Ruth McNeill
- Collins & Associates in memory of Judith Novak by her friends
- P&M Craft in memory of Church
- C Croft in memory of Pumpkin for Mary Schaub
- BJ Daughtery & B Rogers in memory of Lynda Tippeconnic
- T & D DeChiara in memory of Lynda Tippeconnic
- E & S Edwards in memory of Mexico & Tarzan
- S Eubanks in memory of Hagrid for Martha Williams
- B Faubion in memory of JoeJoe

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- Foreman Family in memory of Leona Woods
- P&E Franken in memory of Jeannine Tomasine for M et Mme Lu Tomasine et Famille
- E Gaser in memory of my precious kitty Cowboy who died 7 years ago
- R Gilbert in memory of Gene Gilbert
- Gilmartin Family in memory/honor of Lynda Tippeconnic
- B Goddard in loving memory of Lynda Tippeconnic
- A Hansen in memory of Connie Currie who loved her cats Wallace & Stuart and in memory of Lee Janoff who loved her ginger tabby Proom-Proom
- A Hansen in memory of her beloved cat Lily 3/31/2011 to 7/5/2022

J&J Hemphill in memory of Buddy who died in June 2022

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- D&S Hill in memory of Josie at 16 years of age
- L Holland in memory of Millie for Barbara & Rick Cohen and in memory of Britches for Linda Duckworth
- F Jost in memory of Kitty Patches & Kitty Black
- C Lopez in memory of Lynda Tippeconnic
- S Mathewson in memory/honor of Lynda Tippeconnic & her love of cats
- D McGuiness in memory of Boo Bear, a street cat rescue in Maryland
- K Michel in memory of Millie Powell for her husband Steve
- S & P Michel in memory of Millie Powell
- G Miller remembering Jim Holland on the second anniversary of his death for Linda Holland
- T & R Morris in loving memory of Lynda Tippeconnic
- D Morse in memory of Patricia Morse
- P Moser in memory of Lynda Tippeconnic
- M&S Nall in memory of Lynda Tippeconnic
- C&J Newell in memory of Preston & Prissy, former StreetCats, their own cat Cassie & feral cat Oscar
- C&J Newell in memory of Millie for Barbara & Rick Cohen and in memory of Britches for Linda Duckworth
- T Newman in memory of Dr. Gary Freeman, Hillcrest South Anesthetist
- Nielsen Family in memory of Lynda Tippeconnic
- K&K Owen in memory of Siegmund
- The Pahls given in memory with love for Lynda Marshall Tippeconnic
- T Ritterhouse in memory of Terry Wilson, Clayton Smith, Jerry Smith & Bear

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- V Sanborn in memory of her cat Robin who went to the Rainbow Bridge on 8/23/2022
- J&P Schreck in memory of Missy, Heliotrope, Spot & Norton
- B & R Scott in memory of Linus who died in 2019
- R Sears in memory of Carolyn Ramsey, Gilcrease volunteer who was always helpful and an inspiration; she'll be missed
- L Seay in memory of her grandkids' cat Smokey
- M Shannon in memory of Harry Cramton
- K Smith in memory of Brenda Earles
- L&E Smith in memory of Lynda Tippeconnic
- J Smithen in memory of Heffti Katt & Clancy Chester
- C Stephens in memory of Bruno

Donations made in memory of loved ones

received between 4/1 and 9/30/2022. We are very sorry for all these losses and our kitties send purrs of comfort.

- M Stonecipher in memory of Sandy Montgomery
- C Stuart-Powles in memory of Ruby Tuesday
- L Terrell in memory of Paula and pet Andy
- J Thomas in memory of John R. Thomas
- E Tippeconnic Family in memory of Lynda Tippeconnic
- D Tucker in memory of Kiwi, Marcy, & Clarice
- E Tulsa in memory of her husband Anthony
- K Moreland Warren in memory of Chuckie & Louie who died on Thanksgiving 2021
- D Webber in memory of 11 years stray Daisy Bug who gave her lots of love with heart pawprints
- A & L Whisman in memory of Dickens
- C & G Wilkerson in memory of Levan for Heard & JJ Murphy
- M Williams in memory of Sandy Montgomery
- C Zumwalt in memory of Jane Rausch

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- V Anderson in honor of Barbara & Rick Cohen for caring for Millie
- Anonymous in honor of Frances & Chris Kemendo
- M Boshuizen in honor of Bud & Grayson
- L Bosquez in appreciation of all StreetCat volunteers
- L Brown in appreciation of Dominique rescued under a car on Christmas Eve
- K Carter in honor of Buster & Cooper becoming StreetCats
- T Coleman in honor of Chester (River) who he had to return due to allergies
- C Cox in appreciation of Kathy Huber's birthday and her kitty Belle and Happy 25th birthday to StreetCats
- P Crowe in honor of my cat Dusty who is 17 ½ years old
- S Eubanks in honor of Martha Williams for her birthday
- L Evans in honor of Max becoming a StreetCat
- B Faubion in honor of JoeJoe who then died 5/6/2022
- C Fielder in honor of Alice Sprouse's birthday
- J Greer in appreciation of Maudine for all she does for pets
- T Haines in honor of Ellie who was owned by Holly Parks and has been readopted through StreetCats

J Hawkins in honor of Sage & Loki

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M&P Hunter in honor of Allie and Linda Johnson for her birthday

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- L Johnson in appreciation of Phil & Marilyn Hunter
- S King StreetCats you're the best!
- P Knepper in honor of Mel who she fostered & in appreciation of all the care he gets at StreetCats while waiting for a special home
- R Marcus in appreciation of Judy Loyd for the good work she does for StreetCats
- S&M Montgomery in honor of kitty Lily and her mom Sandy Montgomery who died. (Note: Sandy wrote a very sweet book about Lily after she adopted her that we have at StreetCats and her new mom has one too.)
- L Moyer in honor of StreetCats' 25th anniversary
- L Ree in honor of Cosmo
- G Smith in honor of Iva Leona Woods
- MA Smith in honor of my cat Lily on her 16th birthday
- D Spurgeon for the love of cats
- K Stoia in honor of Toonces & Scrammy
- E Tulsa in honor of Spanky & Princess who was Ernie prior to adoption from SC
- L Winsworth in honor of Vicki Anderson
- C Wong in honor of Susan Morris' birthday

We're back!

Look for our booth 287/288 at An Affair of the Heart-Tulsa at the Sagenet Center at Expo Square on November 18-20. Hours are Friday & Saturday 9:00-6:00 and Sunday 11:00-5:00.

Caring for your pets in their home

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STREETCATS WISH LIST

Most Needed - Wal-Mart/Sam's Gift Cards any denomination

Postage Stamps

White Printer Paper

Small bottles of water for volunteers (Neighborhood Market or Wal-Mart)

Tall kitchen size trash bags – Prefer Glad, Hefty, or Sam's Club

CLAY Litter (we use clay in our facility)

Small size puppy pads

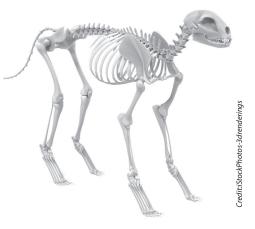
Laundry detergent pods or liquid laundry detergent

Clorox Liquid Bleach

Clorox Clean-Up Spray Cleaner

At this time we do not need any cat food donations (dry or wet) as we have a large supply.

Cat Skeletons



Although humans are much larger, a cat has roughly 250 bones in its skeleton, compared to the 206 bones of the human skeleton. The extra bones in the cat's skeleton are found mainly in the backbone, which gives the cat its extra flexibility and agility. A cat has 52 or 53 vertebrae; humans have 32 to 34.

From Feline Specialties email.



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A Letter to Santa

Oh, Santa Paws, dear Santa Paws we're writing you this letter

We wanted you, especially you to know life's so much better

We truly love our humans we're happy, warm, and dry

But most of all we are so loved with each day that passes by

You see it was our Christmas wish when we wrote to you last year

That we could find a fur-ever home to always hold most dear

So, thank you Santa very much and we'd love it if you'd bring

A sparkly ball for Fluffy and me a mousie on a string

> Much love, Angel and Fluffy



J. Loyd, October 2022

If you are looking for previous poems or articles, our newsletters are on our website under Resources, Past Newsletters.

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