The Cat Adoption Tails Times
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It is always amazing to people who love animals what uncaring and thoughtless things people are capable of against animals. Imagine going to your local park and finding a tiny kitten in a paper bag. Not only abandoned and left to die but with a life threatening and painful injury also. A shocked teenager found little Crouton and rushed him to a vet right down the street. Having no money to help the kitten her mother called S.C.Cat Adoption Tails to help. Crouton needed an emergency vet and fast. We rushed him over to Chatoak Animal Hospital where he got immediate care and medical treatment. This little guy is a fighter and he recovered with flying colors. Thanks to the Wimsatt family who donated all of his medical care for two weeks in the hospital this sweet curious kitten is thriving and growing. Crouton is in a foster home where he will grow and thrive and wait for his forever home. Another wonderful rescue kitty saved.

Thank you to his wonderful foster family Max & Adrianna with their two daughters (pictured above) Yael and Ester.

In addition to rescuing homeless cats and dogs S.C.Cat Adoption Tails also helps many kittens that have abandoned by their mothers. Every year young teenage cat mothers give birth to kittens that they don’t know how to take care of. These young cats are confused and frightened and often try to move their kids to different locations. In doing so one or two sometimes get left behind. These are the orphans that Cat Adoption Tails get calls every day to save. Young kittens have to be fed every two-three hours around the clock. If the kittens were alone for too long often times they don’t survive. This is a painful and agonizing situation. As a rescue we always have to try. This not only involves a lot of time but also expensive formula and supplies. It takes two-three months for these survivors to be ready for adoption. We are always looking for people who would like to help!

Sometimes the babies get no time with their mothers. For whatever reason mom left them and not always by choice. Life as a homeless cat is hard and survival not always an option.

When the kittens are newborn and have no mom time their chances are not good. This little guy is fighting his best battle and is still hanging in there.
The First Assignment
Written by Nina Meinhart

It was a few days before New Year's Eve when I got my first assignment as a kitten foster mom. Julia, not knowing me, but desperate for a foster home for newly abandoned feral kittens took a chance and asked if my family could foster these little ones for a few weeks. *My teenage daughter, Renee, was ecstatic! So was I- several days before this day I was playing with my friend's kitten and said to myself "I miss kittens, I want some kittens" then the voice of reason spoke "yeah, but they turn into cats and you already have two of those". And so, our journey began.

That night she showed up with Angel, her granddaughter, and five small, scared, hungry, lost five, maybe six week old kittens. They were not yet weaned and totally unprepared for a domestic household with dogs and big cats and lots of people.

*There was Ski Mask and Mittens, a black and white male. He came to be known as Simon, the social director, and Gus, a white fluffy female with brown tabby spots on her. She was just Gus, a bruiser, who, like George Burns, always played herself. Then there was Pippin; a brown tabby, cute as the Pillsbury doughboy, the explorer. There was Flash, who had a lightning streak of white down his nose. He was one of the smaller ones, yet took the assistant social director position with gusto. Last but not least, we had Runt, AKA Phoebe, who was tiny, calm, and all black. She was the logical one.

*We did not know what to do with them at all. Julia showed us how to show them the food, encourage them to pee-all the normal things we take for granted. She also left a bottle just in case. Around midnight that night my Renee was sitting on the floor trying to feed them the wet food and comfort them, to no avail. All if them were wandering around aimlessly just meowing and meowing, inconsolable. Renee said to me "Mom, I don't know what to do, they won't settle down"

*My mommy instinct kicked in. "Let's just try the bottle." So we prepared the bottle with formula. The kittens could not get enough. They were crawling on top of each other, on us, ignoring everything but the bottle. And so it went until each of them got their fill and cuddled up in their bed and went to sleep.

They grew quickly, and one by one gave up the bottle until Ski Mask and Mittens was the only one left. He eventually got so obnoxious about it that he bit through and demolished three nipples before I took it away. After all, his mother would not have stood for that. Not at all.

*A few weeks later, just as quickly as they came, they left, adopted, one by one and two by two to their forever homes. The last one, Flash, decided we were his family until he found out that our other cat was, and always would be, Top Cat. Thankfully, his forever home showed up that day and he flew into his new mommy's arms.

*And then there were none......until the next litter of little ones showed up.

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Olivia

Olivia is a very special kitty who will be looking for a forever home soon. She had a tough start in life right from the beginning. Her mom lived at a race track where she finally settled after being dumped by her family. There were other cats here and a sporadic food supply. After a time Olivia and her siblings were born. Her mom did her best to take care of her babies, but she was only a baby herself.

Olivia was eventually caught in a trap and taken to Fix Nation where she was to be fixed and released at the race track. But Olivia is missing an eye and probably would not have been able to survive for long. S.C.CatAdoptionTails rescued this kitty and we are now looking for her forever home. Olivia is loving, sweet, purrs all the time and is healthy otherwise. She is a very special kitty, already fixed and tested and vaccinated – would you like to love her forever!

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Help! Help! Help!

Please consider making a donation today. Summer is the worst possible time for rescues – not only are family’s on vacation and putting off adopting till school goes back, but the kittens and puppies are reaching an adoptable age. Our resources are stretched to capacity. We are a private rescue and supported solely by your donations. Every penny is greatly appreciated. An envelope has been provided, but supplying a stamp was too expensive for us. Please help us by applying your stamp.
**Elvis**

Meet Elvis – he has never had a real home! He has lived on the streets all of his life. As best we can figure he is 2-3 years old and has fostered some awesome kittens. He has seven toes on each front foot. This is known as a polydactyl originally breed by Ernest Hemingway. Today they are called Hemingway polydactyl's. Poor Elvis yearns for a home of his own-he loves to be stroked and he is so laid back. His feet are absolutely amazing. We don’t know exactly why he loves people so much-he has never been loved, but he is dying for his own place in the sun.

Elvis is quiet, undemanding and yearns for his own home. Can you add Elvis to your family. Call us today for more details!!!

S.C.CatAdoptionTails is desperate for your donations. Please consider donating towels, blankets, cat food (dry and canned), kitty litter and money for supplies. Many of these kitties have multiple vet bills and we won’t just let them die. Every cat and dog we rescue stays with us till they get their forever home-no matter how long that may be. We never euthanize an animal because it doesn’t get adopted!!!

People ask us all the time where the animals come from. We rescue cats and dogs from many different places. Most of the animals we rescue are left on the streets and neighbors call us because the family down the block moved and left their pregnant cat behind. Dogs are frequently just dumped and left to fend for themselves. Since we are an adoption partner both with Petsmart and Petco the local stores refer all rescue calls to us.

Recently a box of kittens along with their mother was dumped at a local pet store – in a box marked “Free”. The four kittens are extremely emaciated and have been malnourished from the start. These tiny babies are 5-6 weeks old and are the size of two week old kittens. Mom is just a baby herself. We are working hard to help them catch up and flourish. We feed them special food, vitamins and kitten formula along with flea meds, worming meds and vaccines. With your help we can turn them around and find loving homes.

2011 has been a tremendously difficult year as everyone can attest. Expenses continue to mount and many of the companies that used to donate food and supplies are not doing so at this time. Vet costs are skyrocketing. ANY AND EVERY DONATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. Our web site CatAdoptionTails.org accepts PayPal donations as well. If you would like to donate directly to one of our vets offices please contact us for information. Every member of CatAdoptionTails is a volunteer and works for free. We have no administrative costs. Please help us to help the homeless starving cats and dogs!
It all started with the rescue of one dog. Granted she was pregnant and three days later had 11 puppies, but while trying to catch her (it took 10 months of almost daily trips) we discovered several dogs running the streets hungry. The first litter she abandoned rather than be rescued so we hand raised 12 of her first puppies. Momma dog is now at home with us, but saving dogs just seemed to keep happening! There are always wonderful dogs at local shelters sometimes red-listed with all hope gone. These shelters will release these dogs to rescues rather than euthanize them. This is how some of the dogs came to us – others off the streets or found by people who know us and know it’s hard for us to say no. How can anybody not love a dog with big sad brown eyes pleading with you for help? If you or someone you know is considering adopting a dog please take a look at what we have available.

Happy is an eight year old Shih Tzu that we originally rescued from the shelter. He was adopted last year to a young family who really wasn’t ready to make a long term commitment (an adoption boo-boo). Now Happy is back with us and looking for his “forever” home. This dog is amazing – totally laid back, easy going, sweet, friendly, and great with kids. He also does tricks!

Georgia – rescued from the shelter with her four puppies one hour before they were all going to be euthanized! She is so happy and sweet. She’s about two years old and ready to be adopted. Her kids are on their own.

This mom was going to meet the same fate as Georgia. She had four one-week-old puppies when we whisked her from the shelter. She is going to be a mom for awhile—the puppies are now three weeks old, but she is super sweet, calm and very gentle.

Meet Jack (Jack Russell Terrier mix) and Zoe (Cocker & Terrier mix)

Both of these puppies were saved by someone and then surrendered to S.C.Cat when they couldn’t find new homes. What can we say … they are puppies!!

Katie is a special needs dog. We think she was abused and someone kicked around a bit to keep her out of the house. She is sweet, and willing to love but she has some trust issues. We would be willing to have a trainer work with her and a new owner to make her the perfect fit.
We have many kitties that have been with us for awhile. These cats are awesome and we don’t know why they have not been adopted. Every cat is guaranteed to bring joy and happiness to your life. Consider these cats today.

Dave  Isabel  Charlie  Crissy

Honey  Minerva  Tommy  Katie

Sam  Max  Bubbles  Chanel

Mango  Pearl  Ellen  Lucy

Jerry  Mark  Sherry  Marmalade

Most of these kitties are one – three years old. Marmalade is FIV positive and Charlie has ADD, Ellen is missing the bottom of her back foot and her ears are silly-she is also very shy at first. Crissy wants to be an only cat and loves people-but not other animals. We would be happy to work with the donation to get these kitties into great homes. Please call us for more details!!!
Happy

Many people are surprised that we ask a $120.00 adoption donation for our kitties. While that may seem like a lot of money in actuality it is quite a deal. That donation covers spay/neuter, testing for FELV/FIV, microchipping, vaccinations, worming and flea medication. Many vets would charge two – three times this amount of money.

Sometimes we have a cat that needs special care. Cats that come off the streets or out of shelters often have a multitude of issues. Kittens are like kids-they catch everything out there.

When we have cats with special needs we try to take care of each and every one of them. Happy is the perfect example of what can happen when a cat gets sick.

Happy was rescued when his owner passed away unexpectedly. Since Alan was a friend of S.C.Cat his brother called us and asked us to rescue his two cats – it was us or the shelter. As sad as this is, lots of families won’t take the beloved pets of deceased family members and many end up in shelters. Happy was so shy and he grieved for Alan right from the beginning and had a really hard time adjusting. He lived in a closet for a time and that’s where we fed him and kept his litter box. Eventually he decided the world was an o.k. place and started to join the rest of the family, exploring the house and sharing meals. He ended up loving the kitchen where he could sneak drinks out of the sink when the water was running. Happy never bothered anyone and loved extra attention and affection. All of a sudden Happy seemed to be drinking lots and lots of water. Cats hide their illnesses sometimes till it’s too late but we knew this could mean trouble and got him to the vet right away. Poor Happy was in tough shape. Not only were his teeth a mess and he had to have most of them pulled, but his kidneys were also in trouble. Tricia and John Wimsatt have been a blessing to the cats that we have rescued. All of Happy’s medical bills were paid by Tricia and everyone knows what teeth pulling and hospital stays can cost. Now Happy gets fluids everyday and an antacid to help his kidneys function better. The only thing we cannot give him is the love and attention he deserves. Happy desperately needs someone who can deal with his fluids and love him best. Please consider adopting this special needs kitty and we will help with his medical supplies.

Angelica

S.C.Cat Adoption Tails has been very lucky to have rescued and placed some amazing cats. We have had a pure bred Bengal, Havana Brown, Maine Coons and of course Angelica – our pure bred Sphinx. Some people find hairless cats ugly and some people adore them. To pet Geli is a true experience – her skin is like velvet. Angelica is 9 years old and has a chronic sinus problem – when she sneezes it can be messy but she is also an amazing cat. She adapts instantly, loves to be under the blankets, gets along with any environment and animals.

We have decided that keeping Geli with us is denying her true happiness when she could have an adoring family of her own. We have decided to see if there is any interest in adopting her and will hold a silent auction if there are multiple adopters. That is not to say we wouldn’t make sure she gets the best home ever. We love her a lot and want her to be happy. Please contact us if you are interested.