



The Scratching Post—Furry Friends

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Furry Friends' Mission Statement Our mission is to help homeless, abandoned and abused cats by providing spaying and neutering, medical care and foster shelter until the cats are re-homed.

Kitten season is, for the most part over, but that doesn't mean there are plenty of adult cats who need homes.

Why should you adopt an adult cat rather than a kitten?

Everyone loves to watch a kitten play and sleep and do what kittens do best, look cute. There are many, many YouTube videos to prove this. Many people want to adopt a kitten for those very reasons. They don't realize the time and attention a kitten needs.

If you are busy person with a family and/or a have job that takes you out of the house for hours on end, an adult cat is a great choice. They can entertain themselves without destroying your curtains or furniture. They find a good place to nap and then are awake when you are home to spend time with them. They make great companions.

Another really nice thing about an adult is they have matured past the state of believing everything in sight is a toy and put on the earth for them. So, your shoes, purse or ankles aren't always fair game to us—but to a kitten they definitely are.

Adult cats know how to use a litter box and many of them will not go unless they have a box to use. This is a huge plus in my book and I am sure in many of your books.

When you adopt an adult, the cat you meet at the shelter or in a foster home is the cat you get. Cats' personalities are formed when they are between 12-15 weeks old. So, if you like a shy cat or an outgoing cat, the cat you meet is basically the cat you will have. Of course once you get them home and they get comfortable, they will change a bit. Perhaps they will be more friendly or playful because they are relaxed in their own safe space.

The best reason I can think of to adopt an adult is you will be saving a life. Furry Friends DOES NOT do this, but many other shelters euthanize older cats because it is too expensive for them to continue paying to take care of them until they are adopted. The cats at our halfway house and in our foster homes are very lucky because we promote them at the PetSmart Hazel Dell every week and at Petco Hazel Dell and PetSmart Van Plaza a couple of times a month. On average, cats stay at our halfway house for about 3 months before being adopted.

We do have an older cat who was recently adopted who was at our halfway house for about 2 years. She was shy and really sad there. The volunteers tried to spend as much time as possible with her to reassure her that she is loved and that we were trying to find a home for her. This is what her new guardian said about her after her first night with her:

"...She follows me everywhere! She did sleep on the bed last night and this morning, we've been playing a game with the wand with the toy mouse on the end of it. She likes the window sill in the family room where she watches the birds at the feeders... She is eating well and using the litter box appropriately. She is very frisky-hard to believe she's the same cat I saw a week ago at your shelter."

This is why we do what we do. We have given a cat a chance to live out her life at a home where she is loved.

Spring Fundraiser: Shoebox Recycling:

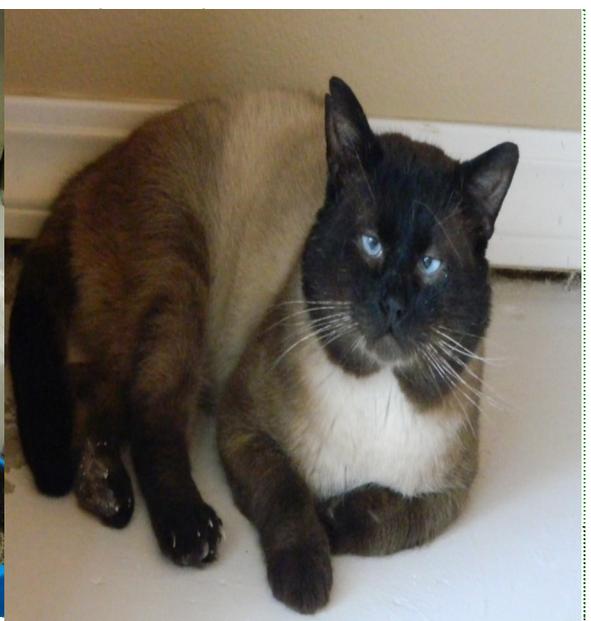
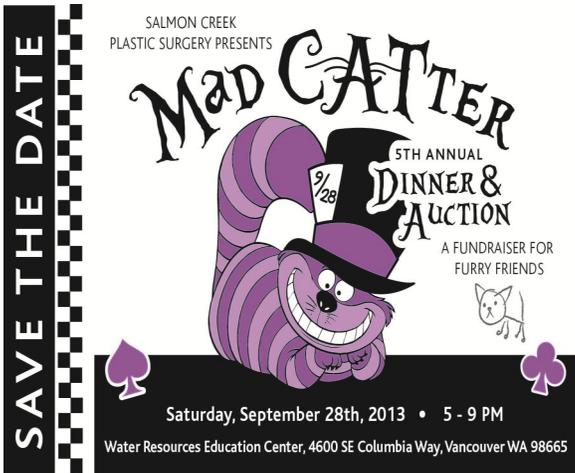
Do you have shoes in your closet that you can't or don't wear anymore? We are accepting donations of all kinds of wearable shoes (except: skates/rollerblades, snowboots or ski boots) from March 15, thru April 30th. They will be sold at an affordable price to people who need shoes all over the world. By donating your old shoes you will keep them out of the landfills on on the feet of people who need them. Furry Friends will receive \$.50 per pound of shoes we donate to ShoeBox Recycling. Contact Cindy Goodrich at 360-487-677 or lukincin@gmail.com to schedule a time to drop the shoes off or have them picked up.

FREE SPAY/NEUTER FOR CATS ONLY

Clark County residents who are 65 years or older and low-income families in zip codes 98660, 98661, 98663 and 98664 are eligible to receive FREE spay/neuter procedures for their CATS only. If you are interested and meet these requirements please contact Furry Friends at [360-608-6098](tel:360-608-6098) or visit us at www.furryfriendswa.org. This opportunity has been made possible by grants from the Washington Federation, PetSmart Charities and the Handsel Foundation. The grants are allowing us to spay/neuter approximately 100 cats more than we have been able to do in the past, thus reducing the overall population in Clark County.

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Israel, NM, DOB 11/2009

This handsome young kitty is incredibly playful and so much fun to watch. He is very social and friendly and loves people and string toys! He will gladly show you what he likes by head bumping your hand for pets and if you are not looking he may sneak in one of his special love-nibbles, so watch the tip of your nose and your ear lobes!

Kasie, SF, DOB 2/2007

Kasie likes people and really wants lots of love, but she gets over stimulated. She prefers her own space and more peacefulness. She will meow to get your attention, and then when she has your attention makes sure you pet her and tell her how pretty and adorable she is. She is playful and loves having her picture taken.

Sammy, NM, DOB 1/2010

Sammy had been living on the streets for a while, thankfully he was fed and cared for by a compassionate person. He has a few scars but he is healthy and anxious to find a nice home. He is getting used to life indoors, enjoys having his ears and cheeks scratched and I think will be a very willing lap cat.

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