



Adopt A Cat- APRIL 2008

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Cat of the Month- Laura Croft

Walking around in the house section of the shelter you will find many sweet tabbies wandering about, among them is Laura Croft. Laura came to Adopt A Cat in the spring of 2004, one of many brown tabby kittens that were rescued that year. It is hard to believe that two years have passed and she is still residing at the shelter, a left over kitten blossomed into a full-fledged cat. As a kitten Laura Croft was a fearless creature full of spittfire who would challenge adult cats three times her size. As an adult she has calmed her ways a bit, still warning the other cats when they invade her space too closely, but also displaying a softer, more affectionate side when people are involved. Laura Croft loves to sit in laps and will go so far as to guard your lap once she's there, not wanting the human whose lap she is borrowing for the time to be distracted by any other cats. Laura Croft is currently available for adoption. Call the shelter/sanctuary to make your appointment to meet this wonderful brown tabby. **Lisa Ford**



Kitten Season Update:

Is it cold yet? Because of Houston's extended warm season cats breeding cycle is longer than in colder climates. A cat's gestation period is 62 days; which means a female cat can produce two to three litters every year. It is also possible for a female to get pregnant while she is nursing. It is a myth that you cannot spay a female cat when she is nursing. A female cat can be spayed while she is nursing and will still be able to produce milk to nurse her young.

The phone continues to ring with tales of mother cats having kittens under porches, in flower beds and in garages. The shelter is currently housing 36 kittens with an almost equal amount of kittens in foster homes. There have been 34 kittens adopted out since June and we are keeping our fingers crossed that adoption numbers will continue to climb.

Here is an idea to help reduce the number of cats and kittens roaming around where you live:

Collaborate with your neighbors, take up a collection to spay and neuter the cats roaming around your neighborhood. There are many organizations that are willing to help people trap and release cats, or you can have the neighbors pitch in and buy a trap for community use in the neighborhood. There are also many low cost spay and neuter clinics around town. Only spay and neuter will ultimately solve the tragic overpopulation problem. If you start a program in your neighborhood, we'd love to share your stories, contact us!

If you or someone you know is interested in adding a kitten to the family PLEASE remember Adopt A Cat kittens. Our kittens for adoption and soon to be for adoption can be seen on our website at www.adoptacattexas.org



COOL CATS!

We are all very grateful for the generosity of
GENNE THORNTON.

In our February/March issue we discussed our needs at the Shelter/Sanctuary. She responded with a new refrigerator and, as if that were not enough, the kitties (and I) will have a much cooler summer and a safer winter. The a/c was inadequate and the heater had a fatal flaw. They have been replaced with bigger and better.

Several of you sent stamps, saving us needed resources. A load of gravel and a replacement dryer may soon be on their way. You'll have an update next month with THANKS to more caring people.

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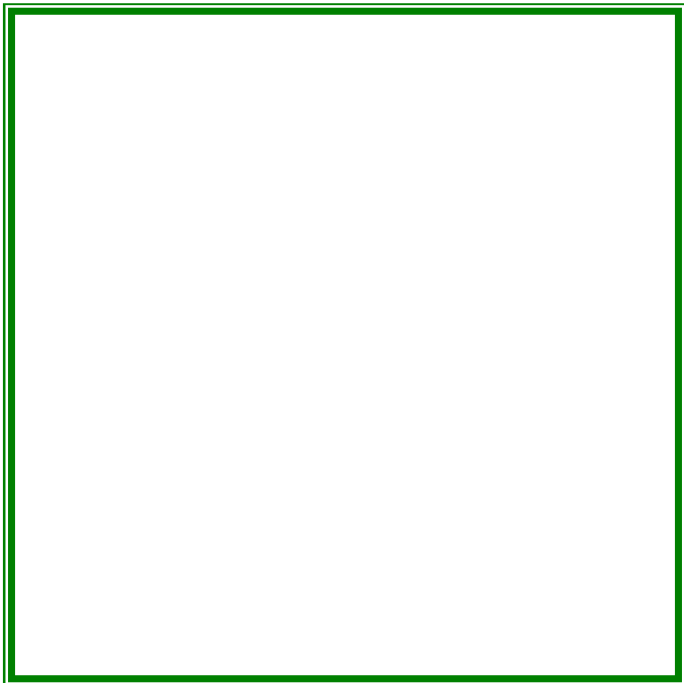
The original domesticated cats were tabby. The first mutation from that seems to have been black. Two wonderful examples of these genotypes are pictured here from among the shelter's denizens. Long-legged **SONNY** (left) and short-legged **PERSKY**. They are both considered "special needs: in the adoption world because they are more than 2 years old, plus **PERSKY** has a" weepy "eye, from an injury as a kitten and ensuing surgery. It is not contagious. **SONNY** stands on the perch you see and arches his back for pets from visitors. **PERSKY** softly and pleadingly meows and rubs legs. These examples of our first cats want a special person.




MARCH was the-machines-decided -to – sabotage-me month. Good friends *Ken and Jocelyn Phillips* again came through with computer assistance. For more than 2 weeks we were computerless. Since typewriters are pretty much a thing of the past now, it's handwritten or it isn't done. Without them, we would be a standstill and in that situation we can't communicate and we can't get the resources to keep our kitties safe and healthy.

IT'S ABOUT 1:5

During the first three months of the year there were **82** adoptions from among the cats of ADOPT A CAT. Of these **18** were from the shelter. We have some wonderful foster homes and we do what we can to help people who find cats and can foster (keep them in their own homes) until they are placed in forever homes.





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I want to sponsor _____ or any cat_____.

Here's my donation of \$_____.

I want to make sure that the kittens all get spayed/neutered and cared for. My donation is enclosed.

I want to volunteer.

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