



Adopt A Cat- AUGUST 2008

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Cat of the Month- JEWITT



This asymmetrical tuxedo earned his name from whence he came. He was brought to the shelter by a long-time friend of Adopt A Cat's whose son had heard a banging noise at the door of their cabin in the Jewitt area. Upon investigation, a small kitten was found swinging on the screen door demanding entrance! His attention- getting device worked superbly well. The next day, after a couple of meals and a night indoors, the little guy, who had obviously been abandoned far from anywhere, was on his way to a safe haven. That was two years ago now. He is a very affectionate cat that gets on very well with the 18 fellow felines, with which he currently shares a rather large, airy space. He greets his caretakers whenever they come. Like many others, he copes well and is healthy, yet we know that best would be a forever home, a lap and personal pets from loving hands many times a day. We have so many wonderful cats here. Thanks for your support of Jewitt and all the others.



We also have pictures now of MARSHMALLOW, referred to in last month's newsletter ---

the big white cat that was struck by a car and found in a PetsMart parking lot on June 27 that had orthopedic surgery on the following Tuesday. He is not now wearing the blue Elizabethan collar he's sporting above, as he no longer is interested in bothering the stitches in his leg. We have pictures of the leg—but thought you would rather see his head! The pin remains in and he has had some problems. We are still seeking financial support for the surgery.



NOW WE HAVE PICTURES of our vision compromised kittens, presented (without pictures) in the July 2008 newsletter. Eye 1 (on the right above) had the imploded eye removed on July 2. Two follow-up exams have revealed that he has healed nicely and that he is totally blind in the other eye. Eye 2, his very-attached-to him sibling has both eyes with some residual sight. The extent of the residual is not known at this time. Perhaps a trip to a feline ophthalmologist would give us that information. What we do know is that they are happy little boys who love to play and eat and love each other. They want a special home where they can be together with people who understand that they have a great capacity for love and are not handicapped. (They may even grow into their ears).

Eye infections, one symptom of an upper respiratory infection, are the number one cause of blindness in cats. They are serious matters and very common in kittens. Eyes should be cleaned if you find a kitten with runny or "sealed" eyes. Seek veterinary attention if the condition continues after the eyes are cleaned well. With these 2 kittens, very expensive anti-viral eye drops were necessary to put the infection to rest. These are lucky little fellows. We want to keep their good fortune going by finding them the right forever home.

P.S. I also call them "I Won and "Me Too."
Beverly

Happily most of the cats and kittens that find their way to the shelter/sanctuary require less drastic treatment to get them on their path to either a home or a haven here than the felines featured on this page. Some have been completely vetted. Others require the usual preventative care: spay or neuter, deworming, flea prevention, testing for feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus. Commonly cats have upper respiratory infections- the reason that they are in need of the FVRCP-C vaccine. (Feline viral rhinotrachitis, calici, panleukopenia and clamidia) These are dangerous and can be deadly if not treated Better safe than sorry. All who leave us, have had these administered.



ADOPT A CAT WISH LIST

Last month we discussed the state of Adopt A Cat's vehicle: a 15 year old Nissan Quest with 156k miles and an increasing appetite for repair money. **As I write this, we have raised \$7500 from our cats' friends.** Two of these wonderful people took me car shopping last Friday. Thirty years ago I knew every make and model of car on the road. Now it's like waking in a new world to be on a used car lot. We found some likely candidates that would fit our needs and our pocketbook. On top of the list is a Chrysler Pacifica. Suzuki and Hyundai make similar models that would do well also. We would like to not have to buy a vehicle on credit and waste our donors' money on interest. Time is important.

Keep the **stamps** coming. Also, **gift cards for Staples.** They are new and in the area and, therefore, have the best offers right now for office supplies.

Don't Forget to mark www.goodsearch.com as your search engine. Every time you search Good Search using Adopt A Cat as "who you search" for we will receive a donation. In today's economy, every penny helps.

The July 26th Fund Raiser held at The Spring Tavern on one of the hottest days yet netted ADOPT A CAT \$2509.32. We halved the proceeds, with SMART, our sister rescue group. Our friends and allies were there to support us in spite of the heat. There were also a number of folks there to celebrate the Tavern's birthday, who bid on items in the auctions.

ADOPTION UPDATE

From January 1 through July 31, 234 cats were placed in homes. Of these, 37 (16%) were cats that had been at the shelter/sanctuary. The remaining vast majority were cats housed in foster homes before placement.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Except for 2 part-time employees, Adopt A Cat is a volunteer group. In this very busy society, we never have enough of those. Ironically, if we had a real volunteer coordinator, we'd have more volunteers. I try. Call me at 281-580-6652 when you can help.

Other fundraisers

We are thinking that October would be a good time for a garage sale. Cooler—we hope. This time we're going to hold it at the shelter/sanctuary. Let you know the exact date soon. Meanwhile, collect items, call us and give thought to volunteering. I'm too old to tote stuff around myself. Also, we are thinking of an outside birthday party here this year. The grounds are large enough. We have to solve the parking problem. We'd like you to see the shelter/sanctuary and enjoy each other's company while we raise money

SECOND ANNUAL PUTTING FOR PAWS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 13 at Cypresswood Golf Course --- 11 am check-in, noon Shotgun Start Many great prizes, dinner included. Guest celebrity former Rocket #50 Robert Reid in attendance. Pre-registration by 8/15. After 8/31 call Cindy Giacona(281)787-1517. Register on-line at www.smartpetz.com or mail entry fee to :**Rescue Fundraising. Attention: Golf Committee, P.O. Box 910, Spring, TX 77383**

Entry fees: Individual: Before 8/15 \$90, after 8/15 \$95; Team \$340 and \$360, respectively. When your company provides a sponsorship, ranging from \$150 to \$1500, they will be publically acknowledged.

All sponsorships are tax-deductible. Please make this a success for the animals sake.

This is a beautiful facility and course.

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Here's my donation of \$_____

___ I want to make a donation to the purchase of a used vehicle for Adopt A Cat. Here's my donation of \$_____

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