



Adopt A Cat- July 2008

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CAT OF THE MONTH



TAFFY is a calico with a few orange and black markings on her sparkling white coat. She's a great groomer! She also loves to sleep on the desk while I work and is not a bother, just a presence. The bed and most any place above floor level are also favorite hangouts for this almost 3 year charming girl. She came to us when she was a year old and pregnant. Being "with kittens" is probably the reason she was found abandoned. (Many people are unaware of how short the gestation period is and how many litters a cat can have in a year's time. They aren't prepared—but then either is the poor cat!) Taffy gets on very well with other cats, except for one who has decided that he has to engage her whenever possible. That's all on *his* side. Calicos have a reputation of being capricious and testy --not our girl. She is happy to have a lap and human hands to pet her and a secure place to be and food to eat regularly. Here it's secure and the food is regular, but the laps are insufficient in number and the hands are very busy keeping the whole operation afloat. As happy as she is here, in a forever home she would surely be *extremely* happy for being special to someone. Consider her. Perhaps you have friends who adore calicos—many people do. Call us at 281-580-6652.

SOME NUMBERS LOOK REALLY GOOD! From January through June we placed 185 cats in what we hope will be forever homes! In all of 2007 we placed 1 less. Of the 185 adoptees, 35 were shelter cats. Our volunteers AND our cats are real winners. Congratulations to the new parents.

A PERSONAL PLEA

I admit that I am a dinosaur. However, I can still learn. I really want someone to teach me how to understand and use a digital camera and download the pictures into the computer so that I can then USE them. Adopt A Cat needs this. Any wannabe teachers out there?

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY WAS HAD BY ALL During the month of June you, the recipients of our mail out, sent Adopt A Cat \$7099! We received an additional \$2300 from internet donors and \$1250 from rebates and rewards from two pet food/supply companies.

About 14 ½ years ago when I was contemplating starting an as -yet – unnamed-cat welfare group, I was advised by someone, wiser than I am in matters of money, not to do that. He said that I would need a backer with lots of money. Having not much common sense and a lot of trust in the innate goodness of people, I didn't listen for long. Thank you for showing that the trust was well placed and that leaps of faith are most often rewarded. I still do not know much about money and finance, but I sure know a lot more about cats. I find the latter much more interesting. *Beverly*

WISH LIST PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Our thanks to Loretta Cowger for her donation so that we can alleviate the problem caused by the septic tank inlet and outlet pipes being reversed. The company sent a couple of men who told us that the other fellow was incorrect. They cleaned the field lines and cleaned the lines and the tank in front of the house and vacuumed out the basin pipes. Guess what? The basins still don't empty. I'm getting a second opinion—as soon as I have a moment to spare.

Keep those forever stamps coming! Emily Croom has been especially generous with those. We need them always.

And now a pressing need is a **weed eater**. The one we've been using for about 4 years has ended its tenure. Some areas around here look a bit more unkempt that we like to have them looking when people come.

ADOPT A CAT and I have a 15 year old Nissan Quest. I try to make the best decisions that I can for the use of the non-profit's (the cats') money, so I paid \$3800 cash for that vehicle in April 2004. I have no personal car- it's not affordable. It was a good buy, but with 156K miles on the odometer things are beginning to wear out. Until recently, I was lucky enough to have some *pro bono* mechanic labor. Parts alone aren't **too** expensive. However, that situation has changed and this year the fuel pump has been replaced, a fuel injector was replaced, and several gaskets and belts replaced because of multiple oil leaks :total cost a bit more than \$2210.00. Where this leads me is that soon a different vehicle will be needed. Smaller with better gas mileage.



Updates and Up Coming Fund-Raising Events

JOIN US AT THE SPRING TAVERN located at 24401 Aldine Westfield in Spring on JULY 26. It's the SECOND ANNUAL HOGS FOR DOGS... and kitties too and the 13th Birthday celebration for the Spring Tavern. It's a motorcycle poker run to benefit ADOPT A CAT and Sunmart Animal Rescue Team "SMART". First bike out at 10:30, last bike in at 3:30. Food drink, silent and live auctions in between. If you can or cannot attend and would like to be a sponsor here are the levels: Platinum \$500, Gold \$250, Silver \$100 and Bronze \$50. The Tavern isn't charging us. For more information call Dean Sellens at 713-822-4368. On September 13 at the Cypresswood Golf Club the Second Annual Putting for Paws Charity Golf Tournament will be held with a high noon tee -off time. We need sponsors and also players, Former Houston Rocket #50 Robert Reid will join us. Go to SMART's website www.smartpetz.com to get more information about both of these important events.

HAPPY ADOPTION TAILS



SCOTTY

This handsome, if somewhat vintage-looking fellow came to us in much worse condition than shown here sporting a cauliflower ear from being on the losing end of street fights with other unneutered males. Abandoned by previous owners who moved from their apartment and left him behind, another tenant coaxed him into a carrier with food after months. He trusted no one and his many wounds had to be cleaned while he was anesthetized. With caution and skill we were able to give him injectable medication daily for about 3 weeks. Miraculously he tested negative for both feline leukemia and FIV- which unneutered males are at especial risk of contacting out there. It took about 4 months before touching him was OK. Slowly he ventured out of his cage into the shelter population. Nearly a year after his arrival he moved himself from there into the house. Never saying a word, never fussing with other cats he enjoyed the strokes he got as well as the food and safety. A phone call came in May expressing interest in Scotty from a woman who had seen him on our PetFinder website. Her husband had seen his story and, although he had told her that they could have no more cats, *he* wanted to meet Scotty and take him home. About a month later the appointment was set and Scotty and the couple that had been so touched by his story came to take him home. I did not know how he would respond to people who were so eager to hold and love him. No need to have worried- he was ready for a home again. We worked hard to heal his wounds. Healing his spirit was and still is part of that process. I'm grateful to his new family, who is carrying that forward.

PICTURELESS

The immediate reason for the plea above has to do with some special cats I have come to know and love this past month. I wanted to share their pictures with you. My pre-digital history is precluding that. On June 22 I received 2 orange and white male kittens about 5 weeks of age with terrible eye infections. One eye of one of the little mites had imploded. It had to be removed. Sadly he is blind in the other eye. His brother has retained both eyes but he will never be fully- sighted. The good news is that they are playful happy kittens, bouncing around in their cage and learning to be cats together. In the right home, blind kitties are awesome. I'm calling them "Eye One" and Eye Two". Our hard work, competent vets and money have brought wonderful results. On June 25 a black and white tuxedo cat that had been hit by a fan belt came to us. Fortunately, although he had received a concussion, he looked worse than the actual injury turned out to be. He's healed and ready to be neutered and has a home waiting. On June 27 we found a large, white, unneutered cat that had been hit by a car in a PetsMart parking lot. It was determined that one rear leg had been fractured above the knee and he had some abrasions. He spent the weekend at the shelter and on July 2 an orthopedic pin was installed. They named him Marshmallow. He's healing and will have the pin out 6 weeks from the date of surgery. He eats like a horse. We can only do this because our work is financially supported by the community.

THANK YOU



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I want to help pay for the care of special kitties like the Eye Kittens and Marshmallow. Here's my donation of \$_____

I want to pay for needed spays and neuters. Here's my donation of \$_____

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