



The LITTER SCOOP

A quarterly newsletter for members and friends of FosterCat, Inc.

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Dear Santa: All I Want for Christmas ...is a Furrever Home of My Own!



As the end of another year draws nigh, we would like to take the opportunity to showcase some of our kitties who have been waiting a long time for homes of their own. These are sweet, lovable, normal kitties, who have been in and out of the adoption centers numerous times, but just haven't caught the right eye. Snowball, Dominic, Allie and Cashew have all been in foster care for at least a year and would really like to be home for Christmas this year. Won't you consider making their wishes come true?

Snowball

Hello out there all you "white cat" lovers. I'm Snowball and I was one of a litter of five white kittens born outside to a white feral mom. Some nice employees on the North Side brought all of us inside their warehouse to find us good homes. Our mom was spayed and released, and continues to be fed by our pals at the warehouse. One nice lady decided to call FosterCat to help place us. We were so lucky to be placed into a foster home where we could run and play all day. All of my siblings got homes last Christmas at Northway Mall PetSmart. I was so lonely all by myself and I don't know why no one chose me. I am sweet and loving, and I get along with people, cats and dogs. My eye runs a little when I get stressed, but that's no big deal. I would look great under your tree!



Dominic

Hi cat fans! My name is Dominic. I was found outside a rental property in Evans City crying for food. A really nice lady decided to take me in, give me food and care for me until she could get me into FosterCat's foster program. My foster mom tells me that black cats are always hard to place. I can't understand why, since my hair is so silky soft that everybody loves to pet me. I am sweet and affectionate, and I like everyone, including cats and dogs. Sometimes my tummy gets upset when I get stressed, but it's nothing to worry about. Snowball and I love to wrestle and play together. We would both look great under your tree!



Allie



Hi. My name is Allie. I am now about 2½ years old, so I am still just a kid. I was found with my five babies in a park in McKeesport in May 2009. A lady took us home until she could get us into FosterCat's program. Then we went to live with our foster mom, who has taken such good care of me ever since. All of my babies have found wonderful homes, but I am still waiting. I love people, even kids who will play with me. I might even enjoy a dog. I love to play with flippy toys or just run around the house like a crazy cat. When I am ready to settle down, I like to do some snuggling. I am frisky, a little feisty, and have some attitude, but I also have lots of love to give. I just don't like living with other cats. I love my foster mom, but she has kitties of her own and I would be so happy if I could find a home in which I would be the only kitty. I would look great under your tree, but I don't want to share it with Snowball and Dominic!

Cashew

Hi there. I am Cashew, but that is only my name when I am in trouble. I usually answer to Shu-shu. I am about 1½ years old. I was found with my sister in the summer of 2010 in Squirrel Hill. She found her family last fall. Now I am ready for my forever family. I love, love, love toys of just about any kind, especially toy mice and practice golf balls. I am very energetic and also very loving. Like Allie, I enjoy sunny windows, where I can perch to soak up sun and watch the great outdoors. It takes me a little while to warm up to people I don't know. If you would only be a little patient with me, I promise that I will want to love and be loved once I feel at home. It's just not easy to go in and out of cages month after month and see other kitties going home, always being passed by. I would look great under your tree, although I think I might rather climb it!



Check out our website:
www.fostercat.org

Pet Photos with Santa

FosterCat will again be participating in this PetSmart sponsored fund raising event at four of the local PetSmart Stores! So plan to round up your cats, dogs, ducks, birds, monkeys, ferrets or other critters and bring them down to your local PetSmart to whisper their Christmas wish lists into Santa's ear. Our volunteers will be assisting Santa and FosterCat will receive \$5.00 for every photo purchased during our assigned hours:



Northway Mall PetSmart

Saturday, December 3
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cranberry PetSmart

Saturday, December 3
Sunday, December 4
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Monroville PetSmart

Saturday, December 3
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Century Square PetSmart

Saturday, December 10
Sunday, December 11
11:00 am to 4:00 pm



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Mission Statement

Our mission is to develop and sustain an organization to provide temporary foster care for cats and kittens in private homes until permanent homes can be found.

FosterCat, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

Happy Tails!

We are thankful to all of our adopters who have sent updates and photos of their new feline family members. Here are some we'd like to share with you:

Sophia is doing very well and adjusting smoothly to her new home. She and Hunter really like each other and he is actually protective of her. She is such cutie pie and super sweet. We just love her and are so happy that she is a part of our family. C.E.



Jasper (formerly Truffle) has adjusted well since our move to



Florida. We adopted two female kittens and he's having a great time with them. They all make us laugh with their shenanigans. He's a very curious little guy – we had to rip the panel off one of our kitchen cabinets because he got stuck back there trying to get at a cat toy that must have been left behind by the former owners! R.M.



members have come to visit. We're so happy to have him. C.T.

Diego (now Stewart) is doing great. He is very playful and loves his jingle ball. He's also very affectionate and loves to cuddle, especially in the mornings. He has adjusted very quickly and has been wonderful when family mem-

Tux is such a sweet heart and so handsome too! J.R.



Skeeter is doing very well in his new home. Everyone loves him! It would have been a terrible crime if this cat had not had a shot at life. FosterCat is a most worthwhile organization. L.D. and H.D.

Oodles of Noodles!

Yes, you read it right! A record crowd of FosterCat supporters and friends turned out for the sixth annual Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser September 10. Thanks to a host of generous donors and volunteers, we raised over \$4000.00 for the care of the cats and kittens in our program

There was plenty of great food (including some extra delicious desserts) and lots of great items for folks to bid for in our Chinese auction. Many folks who had attended prior events commented that this was the best one yet.

We are grateful to all who came out to support the event, and especially to those who donated food and auction items, solicited donations, sold tickets, helped serve at the event, and or lent their time and talents in any way to help us organize, publicize or host the event. Many thanks go to volunteers Ron and Diane Gruendl, Kathy Schwenning, Michelle Dunn, Lois Wray, Ginnie Haid, Kellie Gormley, John and Jennie MacKay, Nancy Carmen, Irene Hardman, Jen Stepic, Kathleen Tontala, Kathy and Charles Kacvinsky, Jim and Marsha Lash, Bobbie Schiegg, Mary Ann Mitro, Denise Consonery, Tom and Audrey Franzetta, Gary Benko, Elaine and Lydia Quinke, Flora Brandi, Rose Weber, Erin Backowski, Barbara Slade and Alexa Howald.

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Yes! I want to support FosterCat's life-saving efforts for cats like all shown here.

Enclosed is my contribution of:

\$100 \$50 \$35 \$25 \$15 Other \$ _____

Please credit my contribution towards:

Membership General Support
(Annual membership: Family \$30.00 • Adult \$20.00 • Student/Senior \$15.00)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

I would like to become a FosterCat volunteer.

I would like to become a foster parent.

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