

# The LITTER SCOOP

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

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## Tiny Tim

There's an old saying that good things come in small packages. Now, you and I both know that this saying isn't always true, but I know one couple who would say it is absolutely true of one tiny package who found his way into their home and hearts this past January.

Timmy's story began like that of so many other kitties born outdoors to stray or feral cats: in a world filled with danger and deprivation, without much hope of a brighter future. But Timmy was among the fortunate ones whose prospects improved dramatically, thanks to the efforts of volunteers like Kathy S., who tirelessly trap and rescue homeless cats and kittens to be spayed or neutered, and if friendly or young enough to be socialized, given an opportunity for a very different life in an adoptive home. Timmy and several other kittens Kathy trapped in one of these roundups were young enough to work with and came to FosterCat for placement last winter.

From the start Timmy was small for his age, probably the runt of his litter. But what he lacked in size he more than made up for in energy and personality. There was no possibility of overlooking his presence; he was always in motion, always eager for a chase or wrestling match with whomever or whatever would go along. Sometimes he just didn't know when to quit, until his playmate would cry out to be rescued from his indefatigable pursuit. We even had to separate him from his friend and cage mate at PetSmart when he got too rambunctious for her liking.

Not everyone is looking to adopt a kitty with that much energy, especially if there are older or more sedentary kitties in the home. But when Jennifer and her husband began to look seriously for a kitten to add to their existing family of two cats and a dog, she couldn't get Timmy out of her mind. She had met and spent time with several other FosterCat kitties, but there was just something about tiny Timmy that told her he was the one.

We were very confident that Jennifer and her husband would provide an excellent home for Timmy, but somewhat concerned that he might be a bit too much for her other two cats. Jennifer assured us, however, that Murphy, their two year old Wheaten Terrier, was very playful and could hold his own with "Timmy the Tornado".

When I called to check on the status of Timmy's integration into the family about two weeks later, here's what his adoptive mom had to report: "We are absolutely in love with him. He is so affectionate and loves to rub noses and give kisses. I swear he is always on the move. He and Murphy chase each other all around. Sometimes Timmy just stands underneath him and then he doesn't know what to think. My husband likes to say that he can move around through the whole house without ever touching the floor. He still spends the night in the powder room so the rest of us can get some sleep."

Three more months had passed when I emailed Jennifer to tell her that I would like to write about Timmy in an upcoming issue of the Litter Scoop and ask for an update and some current photos. She responded right

away with great enthusiasm: "I am so excited that I can show off our gorgeous boy. After about a month he calmed down considerably and now is glued to us all the time. He and Henry, our Persian, sleep wrapped up with each other ... on my lap. And he now reaches up for us to pick him up. We kept his name because he has remained so tiny.

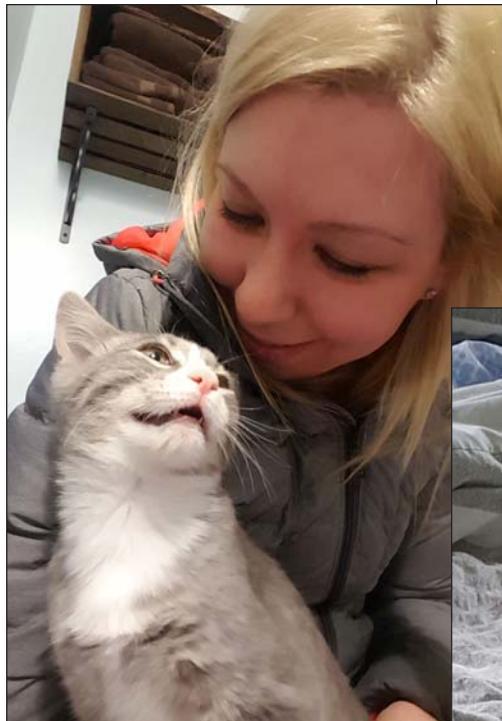
Timmy is easily the best decision I've ever made."

Wow! Those are the words of a very satisfied customer. Those words tell the story of a very happy ending for a very fortunate kitty. Those words are music to our ears. Those words make it all worthwhile.

## Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Some things just can't be said too often. That's how we feel about telling all of our friends and supporters how grateful we are for their generous response to our 2016 Membership Drive campaign. Thanks to all of you, we raised \$3780.00 to help defray the expense of providing care for the homeless cats and kittens in our charge.

I hope each one of you who became a member or renewed your membership this year will accept our thanks and share our joy in having been a part of bringing about happy endings like Timmy's for so many other homeless cats and kittens.



**11th Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 P.M. To 8:00 P.M.**

**St. Catherine of Siena Church**

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**(McCann Hall, lower level of church)**

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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.

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## Happy Tails!

We always love to receive updates and photos of our alumni from their adoptive families. If you've meant to send us a photo or an update, just attach the photos to an email and send them on to us at [fostercat@zoominternet.net](mailto:fostercat@zoominternet.net).



Here is a photo of Dobby with his brothers, Puffball and Matt, Jr. He is such a sweet kitty and we adore him. P.I.

Ranger is doing great with our son and everyone else. Here he is cuddling with our Golden Retriever, Rueger. A.H.

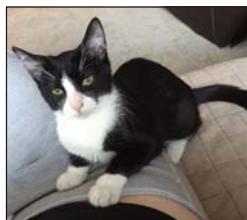


Mozart (now Carleigh) is doing great in his new home. We love him and so does our other kitten, as you can see in the attached photo. M.L.



Picasso is doing very well and has made a great transition into our family. He and our oldest male cat, Booth, have become best friends. Thank you again for everything you have done to make it possible for us to adopt him. He is a very special kitty and he will be spoiled rotten here. M.R.

Schroeder (formerly Linus) finally sat still long enough for me to get some pics. He is a very rambunctious little guy with lots of spunk and he makes me laugh. He loves chasing his tail, playing with his toys, watching TV and looking out the window. S.C.



June is doing great and getting along well with her brothers and sisters. She is a great addition to our family. J.B.

Duncan (formerly Khackee) has settled in very well and is doing great with his new brother Lucius. He loves cuddling up to our faces and lounging on our laps. J.K.



I am sending this photo of Betsy and Winston. They have become best of friends. She has trained him so well that he is now very respectful of the other kitties, especially her. This is how they lie, every single night. E.R.



Despite our best efforts, Eddie has completely won us over. We are so thankful for everyone who helped give him a second chance. He is such a great little guy. E.R.

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