



# The LITTER SCOOP

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

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## A New Beginning for Four Lucky Felines

Sometimes fate or just good old fashioned luck can often mean the difference between a cat or kitten spending its entire life outside or enjoying the comforts of indoor living. This is one such story of four lucky kittens that were fortunate enough to receive our help.

I first found out about four kittens named Spencer, Julius, Stevie and Sammy with an email from a woman in Cranberry who had been feeding feral cats on her back porch. Tina M had never heard of FosterCat nor of any volunteer organizations willing to come and trap, spay/neuter and release. Tina was concerned that she had many females that were breeding and there were at least eight kittens in



her back yard that desperately needed trapped and vetted. Most of the adults were feral, but the kittens she felt could be socialized and adopted. I agreed to take in the kittens and the one friendly adult female who was nursing. Tina arrived at my house with the mom and four kittens in tow. The mother and these four kittens were immediately placed in a foster home and ultimately all were vetted and placed into caring, loving homes.

The other set of four kittens were placed in my spare bedroom until another foster home opened up. What a delight these kittens turned out to be. They were playful, loving and wonderful kittens and very well socialized. One of our new foster moms, Edie, decided she would love to foster the four kittens until they were old enough to have all vet work completed and placed at one of our local PetSmart stores for adoption. Within a week Edie texted me that Sammy was very lethargic, not eating and slobbering a good deal. Edie, being a former veterinarian, thought we should get Sammy to the vet ASAP. Sammy was immediately taken to a local vet where it was determined that he had the feline **calicivirus** infection which is a common respiratory disease in cats. The virus attacks the respiratory tract – lungs and nasal passages – and the mouth, with ulcerations of the tongue. We also tested Sammy for Felv/FIV which turned out negative. Edie and I were extremely relieved and after a regimen of antibiotics for 14 days, Sammy was back to his old self, playing, jumping and running with his other brothers.

As you can see by the pictures, Sammy has made a full recovery and all four kittens have been placed into new homes where they are loved and cared for as valuable members of the family. John and Ashley M who adopted Sammy and Stevie write “Sammy and Stevie are the sweetest brothers and are very happy in their new home! They are extremely friendly and love spending time with their parents who love them unconditionally. They love to cuddle with each other when they are not busy wrestling or exploring their four story palace.”

Libby K who adopted Spencer and Julius (now Leo and Charlie) states “OMG I’m in love with them and I can’t get over how perfect they are!! I just want to stay home with them all day and I am so glad that I adopted both of them! They sure are loving life and are everyone’s favorite kittens.”



These statements from happy adoptors are a testament that with your on-going help and support, we were able to rescue and save the lives of eight kittens and a mom. That is what *saving lives, one cat at a time is all about.*

Just in case you were wondering what happened to the other cats in Tina’s yard, I am happy to report that all have been trapped, spayed/neutered and vaccinated, and heated shelters have been provided so that Tina can continue to feed and care for these cats on a continuing basis.

## Attention, All Adopters

Many of you have kindly kept in touch with us via emailed updates and photos of your adopted kitties, and we hope you will continue to do so. Please note, however, that the email address to submit your future emails/photo attachments has changed to **[bsnowymarie@comcast.net](mailto:bsnowymarie@comcast.net)**. Thanks, and keep those updates coming. We love to receive them!

**Check out our website:**  
**[www.fostercat.org](http://www.fostercat.org)**



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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!

Thanks to all of our adopters who have taken the time to send us updates and photos of their new feline family members. We are happy to share these from recent adopters:



Luna has adjusted well to her new life as a California girl. She's loving all the new smells to sniff and the beautiful view from her favorite window. She loves to spend her days trying to kill small pieces of trash, stealing socks, eating the tiny pieces of corrugated

cardboard that come off her favorite scratcher, investigating mysteries with her credentials of "world's tiniest detective", and calculating feline pounce trajectories. We love our beautiful, strange furry daughter with all our heart!

G.G.

Bell and Bo, formerly Cruz, are looking very healthy and happy in their new home. We are doing our best to spoil them. They made themselves at home almost immediately and have become good friends with both our cat and dog.

J.K.



Lexi, formerly Cha Ching, is doing very well. She has definitely stood her ground with the two dogs and I'm very happy about that. They are getting to know each other and I'm confident that they will be fine in time.

Lexi is super friendly with my husband and me. When the dogs go into their crates for the night, she is "in heaven" and comes in to cuddle and sleep with us in bed. She is eating well and using her litter box with no problems. We are very happy with her.

J.F.



Sheldon and Boss are still doing great! Their big brother Austin loves them.

B.W.



Callie, formerly Koda, and Kenya, formerly Ellie, are enjoying their new home and spending time with Zoey. They have become best friends. Looks like

things are working out just fine.

S.C.

Gypsy, formerly Hershey, was immediately playful and wanted lots of attention. Misty, formerly Star, went right to the scratch post and was a little shy. They both warmed up to our home right away and are very active, playful, and lovable. Complete love bugs! Gypsy loves to chill by the window, while Misty loves the cat



tree/scratch post, but they love each other's company and can't be without each other! They sleep with me every night. They love people and are also great with my five year old daughter. We are so happy to have them part of our family and very thankful Foster Cat made that happen!

K.L.

Felix has gotten big and long. He is a really happy kitty and very intelligent. He keeps his brother Remi on his toes. Plays constantly. We are blessed to have him and his brother.

D.M.



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