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Kitty Cat Connection, Inc. is a non-profit, humane organization dedicated to:
- Reducing suffering and overpopulation among feral and abandoned cats
- Fostering and finding caring homes for all rescued cats
- Promoting spay/neuter and adoption as a way to address the problem of homeless cats in our community

THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to those who have supported us through monthly donations, donations for our 10th anniversary, as well as our fundraisers throughout the year.

A special thank you to all our volunteers who work tirelessly daily to save so many lives! Because of you, we are able to save over 500 cats and kittens each year. We ARE making a difference.

To our adopters, your new kitties thank you for providing them a loving, forever home. You have actually saved two as this allows us to have room to save another life.

Thanks to all who donated to enable us to buy 3 pallets of litter for our foster homes during the Black Friday PetSmart sale.

Happy Holidays to all, and have a safe and prosperous New Year!

Sandy Coffman, President

Announcement!

Perfect gift for the holiday! Get the 2017 Kitty Cat Connection wall calendars, featuring our beautiful rescue cats and kittens, for a $15 donation. The KCC CUTIES desk calendar, featuring oodles of darling kittens, can be yours for $6 or 2/$10. For more information email Savingcatslives@gmail.com

Adoption Location

Adoptions every Saturday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM @ PetSmart Tiffany Springs 8970 NW Skyview Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64154

Cats in adoption center during the week, can be adopted by calling the foster home on the cage card.
Cats Available for Adoption!

**Marlie, female, tabby**

Marlie is a sweet baby girl, who loves to be petted. She is playful and curious, and gets along with other cats, small dogs and kids. The total package!

My adoption fee is $75

Kirsten @ 816 885-4141

**Dove, female, calico**

I was one of 8 rescued from the "chicken coop". I am a very outgoing girl, and love to be petted. I'm loving, playful and ready for a forever home.

My adoption fee is: $60.00

For more information call Sandy at 816-510-4400

**Adoption Callout! Share with your friends, lets give Domino a second chance**

**Domino, male, tuxedo**

Domino was living outside when he was rescued by a nice lady. Now that nice lady has to go into an assisted living facility so Domino needs a new home.

Domino still loves to play and gets along well with other kitties. He loves being petted and is a real lap boy. He also is harness and leash trained and he likes to go on walks. He does have stomatitis and had to have all his teeth removed, but as long as he eats Blue Buffalo food, he has no problems.

For more information on this sweet guy contact Sandi at 816-898-9303.

**Noodle, male, orange**

Sometimes you just know. Sometimes you meet a little critter, and you. Just. Know. Angels exist, and one is with you right this very minute. Watching Noodle sleep, it's easy to believe in angels. This kitten is utterly adorable.

Even when he wakes up and turns into a curious, ornery little scamp, he is the sweetest, most loving little guy I've run into in years.

Cat fee is $75

For more information contact Todd @ 816-352-8957

Watch this amazing video of Noodle!

https://spark.adobe.com/page/hsT4neYxQovq2/
Marshall, male, tabby
I was found in an abandoned car along with my brother Chase. I love kids, dogs, and playing with my foster brothers and sisters. I also love to be petted. I like getting dressed. You can hear my purring 10 miles away!
Please contact my foster mom Jeylinne at 913-202-3809 to find out more about me!

My adoption fee is: $75

Hoodoo, male, tabby
I was found in a parking lot one night by a nice lady. She then took me to a foster for KCC. I have met lots of new kitty friends here but I am ready for a home of my own. If you adopt me we can play and cuddle all day.

Please contact my foster mom Sharon at 816-532-0244 or text 816-392-8820 for more information about me!

My adoption fee is: $75

Midnight, female, torti
Midnight and her siblings were surrendered when her family moved to Omaha. Midnight is sweet; although a little shy at first, she warms up quick. She loves to play chase with her siblings and like feather toys.

For more information on this beautiful girl contact Sandi at 816-898-9303

Success Story
“We had been looking for a new kitten for months...our friend, Kim, had been constantly calling us to tell us when she had rescued another kitten. We knew exactly what kind of kitten we wanted, so we were being pretty picky!

When Kim called us, one day, to tell us Muffin's story...we knew in our hearts she was meant to be ours! Kim had found her, and her mother cat, at a shelter; they were getting ready to euthanize both of them, so of course, Kim had to rescue them! She called me the next day or so, to tell her story and describe what she looked like, and she sent us a picture of her too...she looked so ornery in her picture that I just knew she was the one!!

Muffy is the most ornery, stubborn, funniest, most energetic and the most adorable kitten ever! She definitely has her moments (trouble is her middle name!), but she always has a new adventure every day! She is celebrating her 1st Birthday this month, with us, and we are so blessed to have her in our family! We want to thank Kim for saving Muffin's life, so that she could be a part of ours!!
Several people have inquired about cats chewing cords. Now, it’s important to understand there are medical and behavioral considerations. The Pet Health Network (PHN) states that kittens chewing on cords is seen as part of their exploratory development, but it can become dangerous because they can get out a bit of the plastic and choke. It is essential that you take the cat to the vet to make sure the cat’s teeth are growing properly and the cat is not using the chord to ease some pain. Also, some cats chew or lick on weird objects because they are lacking important minerals in their body, or another medical issue, which is why take the cat to the vet to make sure it’s nothing related to any of those (PHN).

Then, if the vet gives a good bill of health we could say it’s related to boredom and you need to add a playtime routine of at least 2 times a day for 20 minutes.

In addition you can do the following:

- Consider wrapping cords in rubber covers that can be purchased at most stores that sell electrical and home repair supplies.

- There are also different types of cord hiders.

- You can also rub them with a citrus scent, which cats dislike and will avoid.

Get what your cat is craving! Chewing toys
How to Build a Shelter for Outdoor Cats During the Winter

The CSM Stray Foundation Winter Shelter

By: www.csmstray.org

Materials needed:
- Large Rubbermaid storage bin
- 8 ft. x 2 ft. sheet of one-inch thick hard Styrofoam
- Yardstick
- Box cutter or utility knife
- Straw, shredded newspaper or other insulating material.

Assemble as follows:

1. Cut a doorway six inches by six inches in one of the long sides of the storage bin towards the corner. To prevent flooding, cut the opening so that the bottom of the doorway is several inches above the ground.

2. Line the floor of the bin with a piece of Styrofoam, using the yardstick and box cutter to cut out the piece.

3. In similar fashion, line each of the four interior walls of the bin with a piece of the Styrofoam. Perfect cuts are not necessary. Don't make the Styrofoam go all the way up to the top of the bin, but leave a uniform gap of at least three inches between the top of these Styrofoam "wall pieces" and the upper lip of the bin. There needs to be room for an interior Styrofoam "roof" to fit.

4. Cut out a doorway in the Styrofoam where it is lined up with the doorway that has been cut out already in the storage bin. Trace the outline of the doorway on the Styrofoam first before cutting.

5. Stuff the bottom of the bin with straw or other insulating material to hold the Styrofoam interior wall pieces in place.

6. Cut out a Styrofoam "roof" to rest on top of the Styrofoam interior wall pieces

7. Cover the bin with its lid.

Tips:

This shelter can be cleaned by taking off the lid and the Styrofoam roof. It's also lightweight and may need to be weighed down. A flap over the doorway is optional. Catnip can be sprinkled inside at first to attract the cats.
Medical News!

What is FIV?

The feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) is a complex retrovirus that causes immunodeficiency disease in domestic cats. Immunodeficiency is the medical term used to describe the body’s inability to develop a normal immune response. FIV is mainly passed from cat to cat through deep bite wounds, the kind that usually occur outdoors during aggressive fights and territorial disputes—the perfect reason to keep your cat inside (Petmd.com). Another, less common mode of transmission is from an FIV-infected mother cat to her kitten. Now, it is important to note that FIV does not commonly spread through sharing food bowls, litter boxes, grooming, sneezing and other types of contact. This means that as long as your cats get along, you can have a cat with FIV living with another cat. The main form of infection is through biting.

These are some of the symptoms according to Petmd.com:

- Enlarged lymph nodes
- Fever
- Anemia
- Weight loss
- Disheveled coat
- Poor appetite
- Diarrhea
- Abnormal appearance or inflammation of the eye (conjunctivitis)
- Inflammation of the gums (gingivitis)
- Inflammation of the mouth (stomatitis)
- Dental disease
- Skin redness or hair loss
- Wounds that don’t heal
- Sneezing
- Discharge from eyes or nose
- Frequent urination, straining to urinate or urinating outside of litter box
- Behavior change

To diagnosed the virus any vet can do a quick blood test. If negative, make sure your cat is up to date on the vaccine against FIV infection. Note that according to vet.cornell.edu “In addition, vaccination may have an impact on future FIV test results.

It is important that you discuss the advantages and disadvantages of vaccination with your veterinarian to help you decide whether FIV vaccines should be administered to your cat.”

FIV Myth Debunked

- **Myth #1**: The FIV test is reliable.
  - **Fact**: 95% of “positive results” on test screens. The same rate although they may vary widely from province to province due to the presence of maternal antibodies. Most tests do not look for FIV antibodies, only for FIV antigens. This means that after your cats gets the vaccine he/she can get false/positives due to the vaccine antibodies.

- **Myth #2**: Kittens that test positive for FIV will always test positive for FIV.
  - **Fact**: The FIV test is not 100% accurate. Kittens under 6 months old can test positive for FIV, but they may not actually have the virus due to the presence of maternal antibodies. Kittens that test positive can still have FIV infection due to the presence of maternal antibodies.

- **Myth #3**: Kittens that test positive for FIV will always test positive for FIV.
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- **Myth #4**: Cats with FIV can infect other animals and become carriers.
  - **Fact**: Not true.

- **Myth #5**: FIV cats will lead healthful, miserable lives.
  - **Fact**: FIV cats can live and do live long, healthy lives, although they may require special care. They may have to be isolated from other cats and may become ill more often.

- **Myth #6**: FIV is a serious threat to other animals because it can be transmitted by casual contact.
  - **Fact**: False. The virus can only be transmitted through blood, food, water or direct contact with the saliva of another infected cat. This means that after your cats gets the vaccine he/she can get false/positives due to the vaccine antibodies.
Kitty Cat Connection spends most of its funding on vet bills, paying for neutering, shots and getting sick kittens well. Another large portion is spent on food and litter for our foster homes. Since we are a small group, we don’t have large corporate sponsors supporting us. We count on individual donations to keep us afloat. We thank you for all your support and all the money given goes to the cats!