Kitty Cat Connection Newsletter

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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

Can one be your Valentine?

We have so many wonderful cats and kittens available for adoption. Yes, due to the late kitten season, we do have kittens; some still too small to be fixed and adopted. You will see them appear on our website and our Facebook page when they are ready for a forever home.

In addition, there are some mature, lovely kitties that have fallen on hard times and lost their families. They are looking for a quiet home to land where they can be loved. The cold weather has brought us many appeals for help for freezing, starving kitties.

Can one or two be your Valentine(s)?

Please come see us at adoptions or look on our Website for yours! If you are not ready for an addition to your home, let others know about us so we can help them and help us save more as a result.

Thanks for your support!
Sandy Coffman, President

Certified Cat Behavioral Consultant for Kitty Cat Connection

Jeylinne is an Associate Certified Cat Behavioral Consultant, certified by the International Association of Animal Behavioral Consultants. She has worked with felines for numerous years. She is certified by the Humane Society of the United States for the Cat Behavior and Retention course and has been trained for Pet Nutrition. Jeylinne is passionate about felines and their innate behaviors. Her main goal is to help owners and cats have a better relationship by enhancing behaviors utilizing theory and training.

Calendars Available!

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 Savingslives@gmail.com

Adoption Location

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

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

Gilligan, male, black
Gilligan was surrendered to us by his owner in late December. Someone had dumped Gilligan and another cat on a lady’s property. Unfortunately this lady did not want the cats and they were not being well taken care of so we took them into our care. This picture was taken the day he was surrendered, and as you can see he was frightened and confused at first. But now he is a very active, happy, loving guy who loves people. He has beautiful soft fur, and is a joy to be around. He does have an old small injury by the base of his tail where he has no hair. He gets along great with other dogs and cats! Contact Sandy at 816-510-4400 for more information.

My adoption fee is: $60

Karlee, female, tortie
Sweet one-eyed tortie Karlee was found outside in late December with her only baby, Solstice. Thankfully someone found her and she and her kitten are now safe and warm in their foster home. Karlee is still feeding her kitten and will need to stay with him until he is weaned from her, but Karlee can be pre-adopted now and put on hold. Karlee has been FIV/FeLV tested and it came back negative. After her kitten is weaned she will be spayed and ready to go to her new home. She makes cute squeaky sounds when she is happy, and it seems she is happy all the time. She’s a very friendly cat who will make a lucky family very happy!

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

My adoption fee is: $60

Dove, female, calico
I was rescued by a KCC volunteer who rescued me and 5 other adults from a horrible place. I was locked in a 10x10ft chicken pen with multiple cats, all of us were unaltered for over a year. Due to extreme temperatures some of the other cats died and most of the kittens born in the chicken pen did not survive. I was one of the lucky ones. I am a beautiful girl with lovely markings. I am playful but so sweet and I’ll shower you with love and affection all day. I am ready for a real, forever home. I get along great with children, of all ages, cats and dogs, as long as they are mellow.

For more information call Britney at 573-356-2411.

Flash, male, black
Poor Flash has been through a lot. He was abandoned in an apartment complex and a nice lady found him and surrendered him to KCC since she couldn’t keep him. He is real shy at first but is a loving boy once he knows he can trust you. Flash needs a quiet home with no young or rambunctious children. Flash is a special cat who has had a tough start in life and he needs someone to give him a chance at a real home. Flash is currently being fostered in Savannah, MO which is 1 hour north of Kansas City.

For information contact Sandy at 816-510-4400 .

Adoption fee is $100
Raichu, male, tuxedo
I was rescued from a kill shelter and am a very playful, loving kitten. I can play rowdy so I need an older kitty or a dog to play with. I am currently playing with other kittens. I would enjoy an active, loving home where I have others to play with!

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

My adoption fee is: $75

Penny, female, tabby
Penny came to KCC just shortly before giving birth to a healthy litter of kittens. She was a great mama, and now it's time for her to find her forever home! Penny is very talkative and social. She loves to be held or sitting on the window ledge. She needs a home with no dogs and must be introduced to other cats very cautiously.

For more information about me contact Tina at 816-588-0368

My adoption fee is: $60

Marlow, male, grey
Marlow was born to a feral barn kitty. After he was caught, he was initially very scared of people. Now he comes when he is called and loves to play. He snuggles with his foster mom. Once he gets to know you he will give you tons of love and snuggles. He is a very sweet boy. He will need a patient forever home where he can be himself.

For more information on this special boy contact Sandi at 816-898-9303.

Adoption fee is $60

Success Story

“I just wanted to say thanks to Kitty Cat Connection. I adopted Bernie (renamed Brady) on January 22, 2011. He is a 10 month old male gray with short hair and we absolutely love him. I thought I had wanted a kitten but just fell in love with him at the adoption site. He is still very kittenish (really playful), very good natured, loving and well trained. It took him a few days to adjust to our home and other cat but he is doing just great.

You and your organization have done a wonderful job rescuing and nurturing these cats. So thank you”.

- Stephanie
You decided to bring a new cat home! This is a new environment and a big transition for your kitty. Before you get your cat you will need to have your house ready for your new cat. Getting Feliway Plug-ins will help your cat feel more relax at your house.

Prepare a small room for your cat. The room should include toys, litter box, cat scratcher, water/food and a bed. Make sure you go into the room several times a day to play with your cat, snuggle, and show love! This will help your cat to start adapting to your smell and to you, and to the sounds and smell of this new environment. If you have children make sure they only interact with the new cat under adult supervision. The cat will be under a lot of stress, so become a role model and demonstrate how to be gentle around the cat.

Its important that you allow your cat several weeks to adapt. The cat might show fear, and lack of trust in the beginning, but these will disappear with time. Playing with your cat is 100% encouraged, since this will develop your bonding relation with your cat.

Now, once you feel your cat has bonded to you and he starts feeling curious to come outside, let him come out of the room. Allow him to investigate around. There could be times were your cat decides to spend hours or days hiding. This is normal, don’t force your cat to come out. Just leave water/food and the litter box visible. Slowly, but surely, the cat will come out to you. You can also use a toy to get the cats attention.

If you have another pet follow these steps for introduction:

1. separate the cats into different rooms.
2. Provide enough attention to each one of them so they do not feel neglected.
3. Every 3 days, switch beds, toys, anything that you knows retain smell, so they can smell each other. See how they react. If they remain calm, continue to the next step. If not, then remain in this step until the cats have achieved their usual relaxed behavior.
4. Now, when it’s time to eat, feed each cat near the door. Don’t open the door, they can smell each other through the bottom of the door. This is called positive association. If you don’t have 2 rooms you can use a baby gate and add a towel on top so they don’t see each other. They only need the smell.
5. If the food goes well you can start opening the door a little bit and see how they react to each other. Use treats to reward good behaviors. Keep performing this until the cats feel more relaxed towards each other; no hissing, just curiosity.
6. Once they feel more relaxed, you can get a 3-foot baby gate on amazon, Walmart, Petco, PetSmart and start playing with them for at least 10-15 minutes. See how they react. If you have a partner or a family member that can help you in this step that would be great because you will need to play with both cats at the same time and they shouldn’t share the same toy. At the end of the session, provide a treat so they can associate playing and being near each other as a positive activity. Remain on this step if the cats react negatively toward each other. Once the cats feel comfortable around each other try playing without the gate in the middle. Watch their body language at all times. Don’t leave them by themselves the first days. If they start behaving negatively redirect with playing.
How do you know if the cause for your cat vomiting is a hairball, gorging (over eating) or a serious illness?

According to PetMD.com what you need to watch for is “what the cat vomits up, how much he vomits, how often he vomits, and if the vomit is associated with eating or drinking, especially before the first episode of vomiting.”

As in people the main cause for vomiting is anything that affects the stomach’s normal environment. According to PetMD the following guide should be used when a cat has been vomiting multiple times within a day:

1. Check your cat for pale or cold gums, listlessness, diarrhea, fever, or other unusual symptoms.
2. If possible, locate the food or item that caused the vomiting.
3. Remove food from trays for about 12 hours, but continue to provide water.
4. If the cat stops vomiting, try offering a teaspoon of his usual food.
5. If he keeps this down, continue offering small amounts of food every few hours for the next 24 hours, then go back to his usual schedule if all others symptoms subside.

It is essential to note that if your cat is vomiting blood and is not drinking or retaining any water. The cat needs to be seen by a veterinary/emergency clinic.

Now, if your cat has been vomiting a couple of times a month but there is no blood, diarrhea, the cat is eating and drinking water and performing normal activities. Then the vomiting could be an allergy to the food. Talk to your vet about this. Make sure you keep a journal of when it happens and how it looks like.

If your cat has been having issues with hairballs, you can get different remedies at PetSmart, amazon, Petco etc., to help your kitty better dissolve hairballs.
Will you be My Valentine?

Valentine’s day is right around the corner and we have some special kitties looking for a Valentine! The cats featured below have been with us for awhile, and are hoping someone special will be their Valentine. We are hoping someone reading this special edition want to make this Valentine’s day extra special for an extra special cat. Each cat listed will have their brief history along with item(s) that particular cat would want/need. If you will be willing to get a featured kitty the item(s) he or she wants please go to https://www.facebook.com/KittyCatConnection/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10155005714146617 and in the comment section below the kitty that you want as your Valentine type “My Valentine”.

In the comment section we will have specific pictures of the item(s) wanted for each cat. Items can be purchased and dropped off between now and February 19th at the Tiffany Springs PetSMART during their business hours. All you need to do is write the name of “your Valentine cat” on the donation and a PetSMART employee will put the gift in the Cat Adoption Center where the foster can pick up the gift for your Valentine. We also do adoptions every Saturday 9:30am to 4:30pm at the Tiffany Springs PetSMART if you would prefer to talk to our fosters/volunteers personally when you drop off your special gift(s). If you live out of town but would still like to get a kitty a gift, you can send/give a check or cash for the foster to purchase the item(s) for your Valentine. Checks can be mailed to Kitty Cat Connection PO Box 902085 Kansas City, MO 64190 Or if you would prefer to make a paypal donation for your Valentine you can use the following link to send a paypal donation http://www.kittycatconnection.org/donations.html If you have any questions about being a cats Valentine please feel free to message us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/KittyCatConnection/ and one of our administrators will be happy to answer any questions.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us make it possible for us to continue to save the lives of these sweet cats. We are only able to continue our life saving efforts because of our followers generous support.

We originally took in Whinenona when she was found as a kitten abandoned in an apartment complex. Her original adopter moved and couldn’t take her so she is once again in our care. She is a very sweet girl who would prefer a home without other cats. Whinenona likes to eat Purina Cat Chow Indoor dry food and would love if you would send a bag her way!

Princess Yum Yum is quite the character. She has beautiful coloring along with tortitude! She is a sweet cat that can take a while to warm up to strangers and needs a home where she can be the only cat. She would enjoy a bag of Purina Cat Chow Indoor dry food.
Sneaky. This picture does not do her justice and was the first picture we took when we first took her in. Her owner had to go to a nursing home so we took her in. She is a talkative, friendly girl who loves attention and is the queen of the castle! She would love a bag of Purina Beyond Grain Free dry food.

Marlow was born to a feral mom who was living in a barn. He was scared at first when we caught him and his siblings but he now loves to play and loves his foster mom. He will need to be adopted into a patient home. He would enjoy a bag of Purina Beyond Grain Free dry food.

We rescued 10 year old Snickers from a kill shelter. Snickers is an extra large kitty who is declawed. He is a big teddy bear and is as sweet as can be! He's a big guy and goes through a lot of litter... so 2 pails of Purina Tidy Cats Clumping Litter would make him happy.

Beautiful Dove! Dove is one of 8 cats we rescued from a 10x10ft chicken pen over the summer. She and the other cats had been locked in the pen for a year and a half. Dove is a gorgeous calico who gets along with other cats and...
Raichu. We pulled this sweet boy from a kill shelter. He is very playful and is a rowdy boy! He would enjoy a bag or 2 of Purina Cat Chow Indoor dry food!

Sonora is a very quiet kitty. She was found along with her kittens in the outdoors until we took her into our care. Sonora is very shy and scared of new people. But we know she deserves a chance at a forever home and we won't give up on her. She is making progress in her new foster home where she has a room all to herself. She will allow to be petted and no longer will run from you. She is slowly making progress and will need to be adopted into a special home with a family who will understand her. We really think she would enjoy a short sisal scratching post that has a perch on top along with a Sentry Cat Calming Collar for Cats to make her feel more comfortable!

Ellie Mae was found in a parking lot on a cold rainy night. She is very shy and scared of people but gets along great with other kittens. We are working with her so that she can learn to trust people. We think she would enjoy a short sisal scratching post and a Sentry Cat Calming Collar for Cats.
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!

To see more of our cats go to http://www.kittycatconnection.org/adopt.html

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