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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

Spring is almost here, or that's what it seems like, based on the mild temperatures we have had this winter. The usual kitten seasons of Spring and Fall are getting a head start this year. We have seen several pregnant mother cats already and the phone calls will be coming in fast and furious soon. Many of the older kittens of last year's fall season are getting old enough to reproduce which will compound the overpopulation crisis.

There are several low cost Spay/Neuter Clinics in the Kansas City Metro area that make it affordable for everyone to help us all keep the cat & kitten population in check. The shelters and rescue groups remain challenged to help all the urgent inquiries they get and many are perpetually full with a waiting list and the upcoming kitten season hasn't gotten into full swing yet.

It takes everyone to help the strays who are the victims through no fault of their own. Help lighten the burden of the shelters and rescue groups by getting your pets and strays spayed and neutered. It takes a village!

Sandy Coffman
President

Certified Cat Behavioral Consultant for Kitty Cat Connection

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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 Savingatslives@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.
Soprano, female, black
Sweet Soprano is a young girl who is ready to settle into a forever home. Through no fault of her own she has been handed to and from multiple homes until she ended up in our care. She is a lively girl who is quite the talker. She gets along great with other cats and she loves to be petted. No one is a stranger to her and she is very outgoing. Soprano is a beautiful girl who deserves a home where she will get all the attention she deserves.
For more information call Sandy at 816-510-4400.
My adoption fee is: $100

Angel, female, snowshoe
I was cast outside when my owner left her home. I was living on the streets until I ended up in Kitty Cat Connection's care. I am quiet and sweet. I love to be petted and might seem a little shy at first. I am also somewhat of an independent cat. Maybe that's because I spent time on the streets as a senior kitty, having to do whatever it took to survive. I get along with other cats. It's time for me to have my forever home with a loving, quiet family. No small children. No dogs. No exceptions.
For more information call Sandy at 816-510-4400
My adoption fee is: $100.00

Adoption Callout! Share with your friends, let's give this kitty a second chance
Shyla was found abandoned in the very rural county over 100 miles north of Kansas City. Luckily she somehow managed to come upon a house with a kind lady who fed her. For over a month and a half Shyla stayed at this house always following the lady when she came outside. Shyla would play near her but would never allow the lady to touch her as Shyla was semi-feral since she went so long without human contact. This lady talked to one of our volunteers and the volunteer lent her a trap to catch Shyla. Shyla was trapped and taken to one of our foster homes and in 2 weeks she started to allow her foster to pet her and even enjoyed people petting her. Unfortunately when we took her to get vetted she tested positive for FIV. Thankfully she is a young cat in great health and as long as she lives indoors she can live a long, happy, healthy life. FIV lowers the immune system and makes cats more susceptible to illnesses because their immune system has a hard time fighting off infections and viruses. We've had cats in our care who had FIV who were 12 years old and still in good health so don't let FIV scare you away from adopting a special cat like Shyla.
Cats like Shyla who test positive for FIV do need to be adopted into homes that already have FIV + cats or no other cats. She can also be adopted to a home with a dog because FIV is only transmitted between cats and no other species. FIV is transferred from cat to cat through deep bite wounds and mating. Shyla gets along great with other cats but needs a quieter home with no young or rambunctious children. She also didn't mind the dog at the lady's house where she stayed at before we took her in. Shyla is under a year old and is very sweet. She's a quiet girl who is loving and deserves a home where someone will cherish her as she deserves every day. We are hoping someone will give this beautiful girl a chance.
Please contact Britney at 573-356-2411. My adoption fee is: $100
Carla, female, DSH
Carla was surrendered by her prior owner because she began a new relationship and he didn't like cats. She is a very sweet and loving kitty but is somewhat shy and needs a quiet home without children or other pets. She will make a loving companion for the right home.

Please contact Deana with any questions at 816-898-8128. My adoption fee is $60

Sammy, male, gray
I was a starving stray rescued by a KCC volunteer. I'm a sweet boy and I get along fine with other cats. I'm playful but shy at first. I'm afraid of men! Will you please provide me a forever home with lots of love and patience?

My adoption fee is $60

For more info on me please call Sandy at (816)510-4400.

Sneaky, female, tabby
Sneaky was turned over to KCC when her owner was moved into a senior care facility. She is a talkative, friendly girl who is not too fond of other cats. She loves attention and wants to be the queen of her castle.

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

My adoption fee is $60

Success Story: Mr. Snuggles
Snuggles won my heart the first time I saw him. He had attitude and character and he and Scooter bonded immediately. I know Mr. Snuggles had a bad start, too - but you'd never know it now. He's happy, healthy, loves to snuggle with me and Scooter and purrs like a machine whenever you touch him. They race through the house playing tag, and wrestle around with each other on the bed. We are so thankful to have both of them in our lives. They bring us such joy and comfort. Even Phoebe (our "old girl") is finally learning to get along with them better. Kitty Cat Connection is a great organization and I will definitely keep them in mind when someone is looking to adopt. I appreciate all the hard work that all the foster parents do in keeping all the kitties healthy, happy, and well-adjusted while searching for a forever home for them.
Behavioral News!
How to get your cat off the counters
Jey E, MSW, ACABC

I get this question a lot! How can I keep my cat off the counter?!? Well first there are three things that I want to share

- Cats LOVE high places to rest. It is also in their genes to be curious and oversee their territory to protect themselves from potential predators.
- The counter is the area where you prepare your food and your cat’s, so they might be trying to help you clean the crumbs ;)
- They are physically designed to jump. Some cats have the need to jump to stretch their muscles and release energy

However, if you want your cat off the counter due to potential dangers or just because, here are some tips:

- Clean the counters. Make sure there are no crumbs to attract your kitty to that area.
- Make the counter unrewarding. Add double sided tape or aluminum to the counter top, cats don’t like the texture so they will avoid the area. You can remove once your cat has stopped getting unto the counter top. You can also get unwelcome mats.
- Give your cat activities to do. Get a food puzzle so your cat release extra energy by hunting the food.
- Play time is always essential to release additional energy, 20 minutes will do the magic.
- When the cat gets on top of the cat tree, instead of the counter give your cat a treat. This is called positive reinforcement. Your kitty will start seeing this place as a positive area to be at.
There are several signs you need to watch for when a cat is choking:

- Coughing or gagging
- Labored breathing
- Fainting
- Drooling
- Blue membranes
- Collapse
- Any signs that mimic choking

Things that can cause your cat to choke:

- Small balls
- Bells
- Bones
- Strings
- Small toys

Assess the situation if the cat is sleeping or walking around and just starts making choking noises out of nowhere it is unlikely it is choking, instead, it can be a hairball.

According to PetMd “If your cat is unconscious or breathing with great difficulty do the following:

Open the mouth and pull the tongue forward. If you see a foreign object, try to grab it with your finger or tweezers.

If that doesn’t work, try the Heimlich maneuver:

- Lay the cat on his side.
- Put one hand along his back.
- Put the other hand on his belly, just below the ribs.
- With the hand on the belly, give several sharp pushes in and up.
- Check the mouth for foreign objects and remove them, then close the mouth and give a couple of small breaths through the nose.
- Repeat these steps until you are confident there is no foreign object present in the airway.
- If the cat is still not breathing after the foreign object has been removed, check for a heartbeat or pulse. If none can be found, begin CPR and/or artificial respiration as needed and take your cat to the veterinarian immediately.

A note about strings: If you find a string (thread, tinsel, etc.) in your cat’s mouth, the temptation is to pull it out. Unless it slides out like a wet spaghetti noodle, DO NOT pull it. It is likely stuck somewhere inside and pulling will only make things a lot worse.”
Did You know?

Cats LOVE small spaces, and if they can hide, much better! In the wild small and secure places allow them to observe what’s happening around without fear of being attacked. Boxes provide this type of security due to the 4 wall protection. They can also hide their extremities and get some heat while they are planning how to get their next meal.

Jey E.

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https://www.facebook.com/KittyCatConnection/?fref=ts

One-time Donation through PayPal:
www.kittycatconnection.org/donations.html

Kitty Cat Connection spends most of its funding on vet bills, paying for spaying and neutering, shots and getting sick kitties 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 are a non profit rescue, which means 100% of all donations go towards the care of our foster cats. It is because of donations from the public that we can continue to save cats lives. We would like to thank all of our followers for your continuous support.