

THE Kitty Scoop



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Eleven FFR Cats Find Homes at Super Adoption 2004

By Janet Bennett



KITTEN EVA FOUND A HOME WITH KYLE AND JESSICA.

Super Adoption 2004, sponsored by No More Homeless Pets in Sacramento County, was held on Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26 at the Country Club Plaza mall. Folsom Feline Rescue participated in the event both days.

On Saturday, one FFR kitten, Eva, was adopted. On Sunday, FFR brought 11 cats for adoption. By the end of the day, only one cat was left. The other 10 were adopted! Kittens Bentley, Irving, Elani, Raina, Peanut, Frito, Cheeto, and Dorito all found homes. Adults Malory (a/k/a “Knucklehead”) and Katalin were adopted as well. The only FFR cat not adopted on Sunday was Sheba, a female adult, who hid under her blanket all day, making it hard for prospective adoptors to get to know her. Rumor has it that she is very friendly and usually not at all shy—but on Sunday she preferred the company of her blanket to that of people.

Several FFR volunteers assisted with the event over the weekend. Christy Drewry, Lynda Bates, Larry Barrows, Pam and Randy Aspinall, and John Bennett were all there to talk to folks looking to adopt a kitty. FFR volunteer Shirley Brown treated everyone to delicious homemade cookies.

The total number of animals (cats, dogs, birds, and rabbits) adopted at the event from all the shelter and rescue groups was 53, and calls continue to come in from people who met animals at the event.

Thank you to the FFR volunteers who worked so hard over the two days of the event, and thank you to the people who came to the event and offered these cats loving homes. ■



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www.folsomfelines.org/tshirt.shtml

Please visit our Web site to find links to other great deals and shopping sites:

www.folsomfelines.org/shop.shtml ■

Cats Can Get Heartworm, Too

By Laurie Rich

You may have recently picked up monthly heartworm prevention medicine for your dog, but is your cat protected as well?

The same heartworm that infects dogs can infect cats. Just like with dogs, transmission is by mosquito bite, which injects heartworm larvae into a host animal.

Heartworms are approximately six inches long, and live primarily in the heart and the large blood vessel carrying blood from the lungs to the heart. Adult male and female worms living in the heart produce thousands of microscopic baby worms which circulate throughout an animal's body.

If a mosquito bites an infected cat, it will ingest baby heartworms. When another animal is bitten by that same mosquito, that animal will become infected, too.

For many months after infection, there may be little or no apparent change in a cat. However, as the adult heartworms grow to a length of 6 inches or more, the cat's heart will become strained.

Usually, an infected cat shows no symptoms; but when seen, the symptoms resemble those of other common problems, including:

- Vomiting
- Choking; coughing
- Wheezing; sporadic respiratory difficulty
- Anorexia; weight loss
- Lethargy or fainting spells
- Paralysis of hindquarters

Unfortunately there is no safe treatment for heartworms in cats, so prevention is critical.

Medications (pills, liquids, and topical agents) are available from your vet, and will prevent heartworm infection. Most of these medications are administered just once a month at home. In addition to preventing heartworm disease, most of these medications also kill adult fleas and prevent their eggs from hatching; treat and control ear mites; and treat and control roundworms and hookworms. Preventive medicines include Revolution, Interceptor, and Heartgard.

Even indoor cats can be bitten by a mosquito. Talk to your vet about feline heartworm disease—it's easy to prevent.

*Note: **Never** use dog medications of any kind on your cat. Dog medications can deliver drug doses at life-threatening toxicities to your kitty. ■*

ASK TRAPPER JOHN



Q. There's a cat I've been trying to catch for weeks and it won't go into the trap. What can I do?

A. This is a frustrating issue. You can't just make the cat go into the trap. The first step is to make sure all food sources are removed and the cat has not been fed for 24 to 48 hours. Then try various baits, such

as mackerel, tuna, ocean fish flavored cat food, etc. If the cat still will not go into the trap, try locking the trap door into the open position (a clip or wire tie can be used to keep the door open) and then feed the cat as usual, but with the food inside the trap. Initially, place it close to the opening, and then move it farther and farther inside until the cat is going all the way into the trap to get to the food. When the cat is eating out of the trap regularly, remove the tie from the trap, set it as usual, and Pow!, you have a trapped cat!

You can find additional ideas from the following Web sites devoted to feral cat issues.

Alley Cat Allies: www.alleycat.org

Neighborhood Cats: www.neighborhoodcats.org

Feral Cat Coalition: www.feralcat.com

Wild About Cats: www.wildaboutcats.com ■

Cypress and Cinnamon—Two Sisters Together in One Loving Home

By Dawn Nozicka

I previously fostered kittens and decided that I wanted one of my own. Originally I adopted a great kitten who was very loving, but she needed more attention than I could give her. With a full-time job, I was gone too much of the day, so I decided to return her to Folsom Feline Rescue.

Over the next couple of months, I checked back with FFR to see if any kittens had come in that would fit my lifestyle. One weekend I mentioned that I was interested in a short-hair tabby kitten who had six toes. After speaking with a volunteer I thought that it would probably be better to adopt two kittens so they could keep each other company while I was at work. The volunteer let me know that two kittens had just come in and were at the vet recovering from being spayed. They were littermates (sisters), both tabbies, and one happened to have six toes. It was exactly what I'd ever wanted in kittens.

Cypress and Cinnamon (a/k/a "Big Foot"), formerly known as Zha Zha and Eva, were adopted from FFR in November of 2002. They just celebrated their second birthday at the beginning of September.

Like any "twins," unless you are around them constantly, they are hard to tell apart. Even with Cinnamon's six toes, we couldn't always tell them apart right away. Different colored collars helped with identifying them. Now that they have grown so much and have their own individual characteristics, it's easy to tell them apart.

The kittens were raised with a chocolate lab and he was great with them. When they were about a year and 4 months old, we moved into our own home. The kittens really enjoyed running the house by themselves. Now they share a home with me, my fiancé Joe, his kids Libby (13) and Joey (9), and two new dogs, Sierra and Stoli—and they all get along great.

Cypress and Cinnamon have been a great addition to my life. They are the best cats I could have asked for. ■



SPAY / NEUTER UPDATE

Folsom Feline Rescue has now exceeded the 1000 mark for number of spays and neuters performed for companion pets and feral cats! We have been spaying and neutering community animals for more than three years now and we're still going strong.

We've recently received grant funding of \$10,000 to continue our SNYP (Spay/Neuter Your Pet) program for companion animals, plus another \$10,000 for FSNP (Feral Spay/Neuter Program), for feral cats. Thanks to these grants plus donations from the public, we're able to continue these valuable programs.

There is a great need for spaying and neutering large-breed dogs, and our SNYP program will be focusing on these breeds in particular. Please visit our Web site and download an application at www.folsomfelines.org/snyp.shtml.

FFR volunteers go out "trapping" every first and third Monday and enjoy the social aspect as well. Our Trap-a-Long Café Social meets at Starbucks on East Bidwell at Glenn at 7:00 p.m. We set our traps, enjoy a steaming cup of coffee or another hot beverage, and then pick up the traps that have hopefully caught something. Please come join us and learn how to humanely trap a cat! ■

Adoptions

FFR volunteers work to find homes for our foster cats at adoption events throughout the month.

Adoptions are held from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. both days every weekend at the Folsom PetsMart on E. Bidwell. Cats are rotated through the Luv-A-Pet adoption center every few days.

Saturday adoptions are 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Petco on Madison at Hazel.

Sunday adoptions are 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Folsom Petco on E. Bidwell at Montrose (across from Lowe's).

No adoptions are held at either Petco location the last Saturday or Sunday of the month.

Feral Trapping and Café Social

Volunteers meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month to trap feral cats for our trap/neuter/release (TNR) program. In colder months, we meet at Starbucks, 603-A E. Bidwell, Folsom.

LapCats

FFR volunteers bring LapCats to an assisted living residence in the greater Folsom area the third Saturday of each month. LapCats Special Care visits are held the first Saturday of each month.

FFR General Meeting

FFR volunteers meet at 7:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Lane, Folsom. All volunteers are welcome to attend and join in the discussion (and fun!).

For More Information

To find out more about FFR's programs, or if you'd like to volunteer for an event, please email info@folsomfelines.org or visit www.folsomfelines.org/volunteer/. ■



JOHN BENNETT

I have great news to announce on the feral cat front. PetsMart Charities has recently awarded Folsom Feline Rescue a \$10,000 grant to help fund spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats. In addition, we have received funding to continue our companion animal spay and neuter program (SNYP). We'll offer low-cost spay and neuter services to help extend our funding.

I am thrilled to see these programs thrive. With the discontinuation of the Maddie's/CVMA program in 2002, Folsom Feline Rescue was

ready to step up, and we began our own programs because we felt it was important to keep moving forward with animal spay and neuter. It's a very effective way to reduce the number of animals in our shelters and the number of homeless pets on the streets.

For those of you who have received our newsletter in the past, you will notice a new look this quarter, thanks to our new editor and marketing director, Laurie Rich. I hope you like it as much as I do. Thanks for reading. 'Til next time. ■

John
John Bennett

F E A T U R E D F E L I N E

N A M E
Sovann

B R E E D
Siamese

S E X
Female

S I Z E
Medium

A G E
14 Years



This Lovely Lady is Ready for a Forever Home

Sovann, a beautiful Siamese cat, was found stray in a Folsom neighborhood. She was rescued three times from the roof of a house (the third time by city animal control). No owner could be found, so she is now looking for a forever home where she can spend the rest of her life. She is a wonderful, loving companion, born 8/16/1990. She's catbox trained, spayed, and up-to-date with routine shots. She does not like other cats but will tolerate an older, easy-going one. She doesn't do well with dogs, and would prefer a quiet home without children.

If you'd like to meet Sovann, please contact Folsom Feline Rescue at (916) 484-4099 or email info@folsomfelines.org. ■

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You will find an expanded issue of each newsletter, containing additional articles and useful information, on our Web site. Visit www.folsomfelines.org/kitty_scoop.shtml.

Number of cats and kittens adopted from FFR in 2004, through September:

250

Number of felines spayed and neutered through FFR's SNYP and FSNP programs in 2004, through September:

390

How Your Donations Help

\$30 spays one female cat

\$17 neuters one male cat

\$10 vaccinates one cat

\$10 feeds one foster cat for one month

\$ 6 buys litter and toys for one foster cat for one month

The work we do would not be possible without your support. Thank you for helping to make a difference.

We'd like to hear from you! Please send your comments, questions, feedback, and article suggestions to Laurie Rich, editor, at kittyscoop@folsomfelines.org.



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