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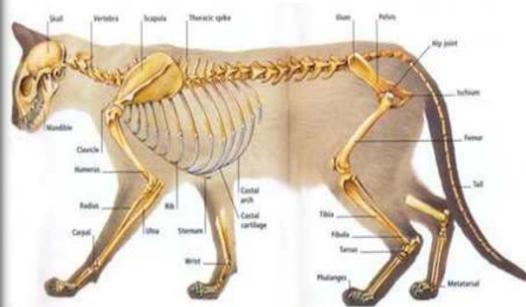


Cat Naps 2015 Highlights

- **Adopted 98 cats/kittens to loving homes**
- **Last year we spayed/neutered 336 cats/kittens**
- **We took in 99 cats/kittens to help find forever homes**
- **We also celebrated having 12 FIV Cats adopted, read about them in the next few pages**

• Size doesn't matter

Despite their tiny size a cat has almost 290 bones and 517 muscles while humans, who are much bigger in size, have only 206 bones. Cats rarely damage their bones and are generally unaffected by a fall. For Healthy cats Add Fat to their food because they can not produce fat after age 6 months .





THE HONEST TRUTH ABOUT FIV

Many high kill shelters will euthanize cats diagnosed with Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) cats for lack of space and fear that they won't be adopted. Veterinarians first discovered FIV in 1986, and since that time, FIV cats have been the victims of ignorance and misconception. ***FIV is NOT a horrible and crippling disease.***

There is no need to be afraid to adopt an FIV cat! An FIV cat does everything a cat without FIV does. Many FIV positive cats live just as long as any normal, healthy cat with most succumbing to the same maladies as non-FIV cats. The biggest difference between FIV cats & other cats is that they cannot be left to their own devices to battle the occasional upper respiratory infection. They must be seen by the vet. FIV cats have a slower immune system and need a little extra care. FIV is a lentivirus which means that it gradually affects a cat. You must also be proactive with their dental care – a small price to pay for all the love you'll receive in return.

The reason FIV can be found in some stray cats is because of tomcats that fight and spread the disease through bites and open wounds. Saliva from an infected cat enters the bloodstream of the other cat thereby causing it to become FIV positive. Neutering is a simple solution that can virtually eliminate the fighting behavior (directly related to breeding rights) thereby eliminating the spread of FIV.

FIV is not harmful to humans or other animals. An altered cat with FIV rarely infects other cats. It DOES NOT transfer to other cats from playing or eating. Many times if FIV mothers give birth, the virus does not pass on to the litter of kittens. On the unlikely chance it is passed along to the kittens, does it really make a difference based on what you've just read?

A few of our celebrated FIV adoption updates

SYLVESTER



Sylvester came from South Street in Pottstown & his future mom used to be his pet sitter for the foster home! Fell in love with him & adopted him!

STEELER



Steeler came from South Street in Pottstown. He could be Sylvester's brother for all we know! He was spotted at PetValu in Royersford & turned on his charm to convince Holly he should join her family.

LOX



Lox was hanging around the synagogue in Pottstown (that's how he got his name!) It didn't take long for someone to see past the FIV initials & fall in love with his personality. Lox was adopted from PetValu in Audubon.

NEMO



Of all our FIV positives, Nemo waited the longest to get adopted - 5 years! He was one of the first cats we trapped in 2010 in Pottstown, and he was too nice to put back out. He has a nice family now, and is totally happy being there.

MINNIEPEARL



MinniePearl showed up at a community in the Parkerford area. She was trapped & brought to Cat NAPS where we discovered she was previously spayed. At first MinniePearl was wary. With love & patience from our volunteers, Minnie's true personality showed through. She now lives with one of our volunteers & 4 non-FIV cats!

BLACK VELVET



Black Velvet was caught behind PetValu in Audubon suffering from severe bite wounds and an upper respiratory infection. He was barely 5 pounds and was all skin & bones. It took him a while until he fully recovered & ended up looking like this. It didn't take him long to get adopted, though!

ELLIS



Ellis came from a community in Upper Pottsgrove Township. He sustained a bite wound to his leg, necessitating a minimum 6-month stay with Cat NAPS. Ellis quickly became a favorite & was happy to engage in conversations. Ask him any question, and he had an answer. Ellis got adopted the day after his quarantine was up - he lives with a non-FIV cat & sleeps with the dog in his crate sometimes.

KIRK & MAX



Our first double FIV adoption. Kirk & Max came from the Forgotten Cats Clinic in Willow Grove. Kirk is the outgoing one while Max tends to be reserved. These formerly homeless cats now live in the affluent Chester Springs area & are thoroughly spoiled.

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SMOOCH



The Montgomery County SPCA occasionally asks us to help with friendly FIV cats. This time it was an FIV kitten. Someone had wanted her but when they found out she was FIV positive, they decided not to adopt her. Instead of euthanizing her, the SPCA asked if we would take her. Smooch was adopted with her non-FIV cagemate, L-Vis, from Pet Valu in Audubon. There are several non-FIV cats in her new home.

MERINGUE



Meringue also came from the Forgotten Cats Clinic in Willow Grove. He had been living on the mean streets of Philadelphia when he had the good fortune of being trapped. When we discovered how nice he was, there was no putting him back outside. Meringue was filthy upon arrival. It took 3 baths until the grime was cleaned off. He was adopted by one of our volunteers & has non-FIV "siblings."

News worthy Cat NAPS Adoption Updates



One of our most celebrated adoptions of 2015 were long-time residents

Black & Decker!

This was extra special news because they were adopted together after spending four years here as foster kitties!! The latest update from their mom is that they have started jumping up on the bed at night!



Trivia Corner

What small thing got in the way of Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber's completing a sequel to his smash Broadway hit *Phantom of the Opera*?

(A) His kitten, Otto. Webber had composed the musical entirely on his digital piano, and one day in 2007, the six-month-old cat hopped onto the instrument and managed to delete the entire score. He didn't let the loss completely deter him; however, he got to work again and *Love Never Dies* debuted in 2010.

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Events and Website:

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Upcoming Events

February 13

Soft Pretzel Sale

11am-2pm

@ Boscov's, Coventry Mall

March 4-6

Come out and see us and some of our adoptable cats and kittens at the:

[Pottstown Family and Home Expo](#)

@ Coventry Mall

Meet and Greet

PetValu Audubon:

- Feb 6 from 6pm-8pm
- Feb 12 from 10am-2pm
- Feb 20 from 6pm-8pm
- Feb 26 from 10am-2pm