

The Cat's Whiskers

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Cat of the Quarter

Stella

If you are a regular that comes to the center, you may have noticed the Tortoise Shell cat that is either in the window sleeping, on the desk, or walking freely around the center. Well meet Stella, our Office Manager. Stella is a 6 year old female cat with a charming personality. She is vocal and will chat with you as she knows her name and loves to have her head scratched and body rubs while she is laying down. Though many people see her when they visit, they don't think she is adoptable. BUT SHE IS!! She is waiting for the family that wants an adult cat who wants to love and take care of her! Come see Stella!



Thinking of Adopting - Things to Consider

Some points to consider when adopting:

... This should be a 15-to-20-year commitment. You are adding a member to your family, and the cat will think it is a member too! What will happen to the cat if you move or add a new member to your family?

... Once a year vet visit is Mandatory - In Parker County, rabies certificates are required, even when your cat is indoors and are only good for one year and then must be renewed. Along with Rabies, our kitties have received their FVRCP & FELV vaccines which also need an annual booster. Health visits keep your kitty healthy.

... To keep litter box problems from occurring (accidents outside the box), it is recommended that the ratio of cats to litter boxes is 1:1. For every cat, they need a litter box. Cats will not use a dirty litterbox so daily scooping is a must!

... There is a need to scratch - instinctive... Get firm, solid scratching posts that do not move. A cat puts muscle into the scratch to loosen up the outer layer of the claw so that it can fall off and new growth covers that area. This is why they like heavy chairs or couches rather than a flimsy scratching post.

... Like any animal, fresh water and food are needed. Stainless steel bowls work best and are the easiest to keep clean. Having a dirty slimy water bowl promotes intestinal problems and kidney infections (which result in bad litter box behaviors). Small fresh portions of food are better than a giant bowl of food (kibble) that stales over the days being left in the open.

... Cats like routine. If changes are made (even moving furniture around), cats can get nervous and go into hiding or start acting strangely. Adding a new baby, husband or wife, or another animal will stress your cat and very likely cause behavior issues until it can once again feel at ease.



By the Numbers

We have 27 adoptable cats in the center at this time - June 1st

98 Barn Cats were delivered during this first half year (Jan 1 to Jun 1)

We have adopted 28 cats this first half year (Jan 1 to June 1)

We have loaned out 320 traps this first half year to help others control their community cat populations.

We had 212 people attend our Kitten Shower in April. A new record!

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We are a 100% volunteer organization - no paid staff! We have a fantastic group of dedicated, helpful, and caring group of people who do all kinds of jobs around the center to keep our kitties happy and healthy. BUT... we could always use a few more!!! We are short on Fosters - both levels (see article on right) and cleaners currently. For more details talk to the desk people when you come in the center.

- **CLEANERS** - assigned to clean 2 or 3 rooms either morning or evening once a week. A great way to be a private 1 on 1 with our kitties!
- **HELPERS** - helpers show up on busy days to help with explaining our cats to the public, the process of adoption, etc... basically a floater that people can ask questions about the cats.
- **TRANSPORT** - sometimes our cats have to go to the vet and we need someone to take them and bring them back. We provide the carrier and take care of all billing... you just keep the cat company on their nervous journey!

INTERESTED? - Come chat with one of our volunteers working the front desk and they can give you more details on any volunteer position. cats? We need help in this areas!

What are Fosters and what do they do?

Fosters are volunteers who take in baby kittens and raise them in their homes for a period of time until they are old enough to be brought to the center for adoptions (about 12 weeks old).

We have different kinds of fosters: Bottle Baby fosters 0-6 wks, Mush/kibble fosters (bottle baby graduates) 7-12 wks, Special needs foster (for a special need kitty), Mama & Kittens foster where mama and kittens are together, and Medical fosters who help healing kitties and/or cats who have had a major incident and need time to heal away from the busy center.

Weatherford Whiskers provides the formulas, drugs, or what is needed for each of these volunteers.

There are special rules in place to insure safety and well being of our kitties for these positions. If you are interested, come talk with one of our desk volunteers to get more details about fostering our little ones.

Our Wish Lists



Bottle Baby Needs



Whiskers Wishes



Pet Food Pantry



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Cash donations taken at the front desk.