

# **PAWS FOR THOUGHT**

HUNGRY AND HOMELESS CAT RESCUE NEWSLETTER

# **MARCH 2012**

#### Hello Fosters / Adopters / Volunteers & Friends of Hungry and Homeless kitties!!

Welcome to our second newsletter - Paws For Thought - to touch base with you, let you know what we have been up to and to keep you informed about any upcoming events.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Cat Trees/ Cat Scratching Posts For Sale - proceeds to Hungry and Homeless Kitties** Hungry and Homeless Cat Rescue has partnered with a local manufacturer of cat trees / cat scratching posts. The manufacturer will donate twenty (20) % of all cat tree sales via our website to our vet, to help cover some of the vet care costs that our hungry and homeless rescue kitties require. Order your beautiful hand-made cat tree now.



# Candles for Sale - proceeds to Hungry and Homeless Kitties

A kind volunteer has generously offered to donate all proceeds from the sales of hand-made candles to provide food and vet care for our kitties in need. These hand-made candles in a variety of sizes and scents make beautiful hand-made gifts. Go to <u>Our Shoppe</u> to view price list and order your candles now.



#### WHAT'S NEW?

Of the Group of 40 cats / kittens outside that we have been bringing in since last fall (see press release & media coverage for details), we have brought in and provided vet care to 35 kitties so far..... There are only about three or four left outside from this group.

Hungry and Homeless Cat Rescue volunteers have done all we can do to help these kitties. We have brought them inside, spayed / neutered them, provided vet care, food and shelter for these kitties. We have prevented thousands of cats being born homeless outside from one mother alone - see Cat Over-Population - Stanford Cat Network

Now it's up to the community to provide them with permanent homes. Please help...



#### URGENT CASE / FEATURE CAT OF THE MONTH - TOM







Tom, a formerly abandoned and abused cat, is a special needs case who urgently needs a permanent home by March 15<sup>th</sup>. He is in a temporary foster home until that time, and would do well in a patient and caring home, where he could learn to trust humans again, and help him recuperate from being so sick outside Please read his <u>profile</u> for more details about him.

#### CAT HEALTH TIP - WHAT IS FIV?

FIV, or Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, is basically a compromised immune system for cats. There are many myths concerning FIV. No, it is not transferable to humans or any other animals. It is transmitted to other cats through large quantities of blood or saliva being exchanged, usually through fighting and biting. Incidentally, of all the cats we have brought inside who were sharing food and sharing sleeping quarters with other cats outside, only one cat in the group had FIV, but the others did not. FIV is not a death sentence. If a cat is fed good quality food, and provided with a healthy non-clumping litter, and an ample source of fresh water, a cat with FIV can live as long and healthy a life as any other cat. Please don't dismiss adopting a cat because it has FIV. <u>Read more.</u>

#### **YOUR STORIES - DEXTER**









Dexter came into our lives April 1, 2011 when our hearts were broken to pieces. We had recently lost 2 of our cats to diabetes and renal disease. We had one kitty, Corson left who was very lonely, as were we. We then took in a kitten to add to our family. Unfortunately he had a reaction during his neutering and we lost him. We contacted the Hungry and Homeless Cat Rescue and told them our sad story. Later that week, we were contacted by Hungry and Homeless Cat Rescue to let us know that they had just brought in a kitten in need of a loving family. We wanted to meet him immediately!!

We fell in love with Dexter as soon as we met him. He is a beautiful tabby with 4 white feet and big green eyes. He is such a sweet and friendly little guy. He has settled right into our lives and him and Corson have become buddies!! Dexter has an amazing personality, very comical and loving! He's been with us for almost a year now and was definitely meant to be part of our family! We strongly believe that everything happens for a reason and Dexter has come into our lives when we needed him the most!! Thank you Hungry and Homeless Cat Rescue for bringing him to us!!

Toni & Jeff Pilgrim

#### CAN YOU FIND THE CAT - ?



Sadly, many cats end up in garbage dumps. If they are lucky, they are rescued..... The first person to email us an answer as to where the cat is located in the picture wins a basket of cat supplies.

#### YOU CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR ONLY 60 SECONDS A DAY!!

As per last newsletter, we have until March 18<sup>th</sup> for a chance at winning funds to help our rescue kitties - please **vote for us** by clicking <u>here</u> and **insert the following information** -

> Shelter name: Hungry and Homeless Cat Rescue Country: Canada Province: Ontario City: Ottawa



If you vote for us everyday (along with your friends!) until March 18, we have a chance at winning some much needed funding to help more cats in the Ottawa area.

#### VOLUNTEER

If you would like to volunteer your skills, we are urgently seeking assistance from:

- · Graphic designers and website designers
- Accountants / Bookkeepers
- Administrators
- Handy / "crafty" people who sew and knit catnip pillows, cat beds, cat toys, etc to be sold on <u>Our Shoppe</u> to raise funds for our hungry and homeless rescue kitties
- Distributors of posters we have a variety of adoption posters available for distribution in pet stores and vet clinics in your neighbourhood. Please <u>email us</u> to receive the updated posters for distribution.

#### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

Stay tuned to our <u>website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> for our latest rescue stories, pictures, and capers of our rescue kitties!

Contact us to post to post your rescue kitty's videos on our YouTube.

#### **THANK YOU!**





Thank you for helping us to accomplish our mission of rescuing hungry and homeless cats in need of vet care, rehabilitation, and a loving forever home!

# HAPPY EASTER FROM THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS CAT RESCUE CREW!



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