

Paws To Consider

Winter 2011

A Fairy Tail Wedding

By Cyndy Unwin

The countdown was on. Sarah and Danny's wedding was ten days away. Out-of-town family members had arrived, and in a week, everyone would be caravanning from Reston to Charlottesville for the wedding.

That's when it happened. Danny saw a car pull up alongside the woods outside his and Sarah's new apartment. A hand reached out of the car and dumped something into trees, and then the car drove off. Danny told Sarah what he saw and, hearing crying sounds, they went to investigate. What the couple found was destined to complicate their wedding plans a bit. They discovered an orange tabby mama cat and her two kittens—an orange tabby male and a blonde tabby female, about two months old.

Sarah and Danny brought the little family to their apartment and made them comfortable on their covered, enclosed patio while their dog looked on curiously from inside.

Sarah's mother, in town for the wedding, had been a volunteer at the Edwards Air Force Base Animal Shelter in California. Her soft spot for animals in distress served her well in Virginia, too, as she

(along with Sarah's brother) got the cats situated with food, water, and lots of attention. Sarah called the SPCA of Northern Virginia and fourteen other

rescue organizations for help. This is a very busy time of year for cat rescue organizations, so Sarah wasn't having any luck finding space for this little family. Meanwhile, Sarah's mother was getting concerned about the male kitten, who had inflammation and discharge in his scrotal area. Not yet knowing whether we could find foster care space for these wonderful kitties, but wanting to help, SPCA of



Mini & Malley

Northern Virginia agreed to take them into our care.

I arrived to pick up the cats on Wednesday afternoon, one day before Danny, Sarah, and the rest of the family were due to leave for Charlottesville and the wedding. Scattered around the living room were all the preparations for the wedding—boxes of beverages, wedding favors, and

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Holiday Wishes and Thanks



It is customary this time of year to reflect on our lives and count our blessings. Personally, I am grateful for family, friends, and the company of my four-legged companions who provide me with many giggles, head butts, and snuggles. I am grateful that I have gainful employment that keeps a roof over my head and enables me to feed my family and pets.

As President of the SPCA of Northern Virginia, I am thankful for these blessings:

Kathleen and Barbara, who somehow manage to keep up with all the cats and dogs coming in and going out.

Our humane investigator Edith and Barbara, a former humane investigator, who spend their own time, unpaid, every week driving all over Fairfax County to investigate complaints about animal abuse or neglect.

Our wonderful volunteers willing to spend countless hours providing guidance for animal lovers and helping animals in need. Our volunteers respond to frantic phone calls, drop everything and drive into the night to rescue animals, and spend their weekends at vets and adoption events.

Our foster families, who are like gold. They nurture our animals, teaching them good habits, healing their wounds, and mostly just showing them lots of love, before releasing them to their adoptive families.

Our wonderful vets, who use their considerable expertise to diagnose and treat the cats and dogs we bring to them with all manner of illnesses. Frankie and Abby, Fabio and Shelby, and all our other charges thank them with all their hearts.

Our tremendous supporters who provide us with the monetary and in-kind donations we need to fulfill our mission of rescuing and rehabilitating animals so that they can find loving forever homes. Without our supporters, we could not have rescued and found homes for the hundreds of animals we took in this year.

Our hard-working SPAY Inc. staff of two who went above and beyond this year, referring over 3000 families to low- and reduced-cost spay/neuter services and helping dozens of families with free spay/neuters.

As you're putting together your naughty and nice list, I hope you'll put the SPCA of Northern Virginia on the nice list and make as generous a donation as you can so that we can continue to be there when the animals need us. Donations can be made easily using the form on the back cover or by credit card online from www.spcanova.org.

All of us at the SPCA of Northern Virginia thank you for your support and wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

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the like. The whole family was out on the patio, playing with the mama cat (now named Molly) and



Molly

her kittens. Though everyone had grown quite attached to all of them, Sarah, Danny and the rest of the family were very grateful to know that the kitties were headed to a happier life than the one they were rescued from.

The first and most important destination for Molly and her kittens was the veterinarian. Molly and her daughter checked out just fine, but the little boy kitten, Sunshine, presented a grimmer picture. After some



Sunshine

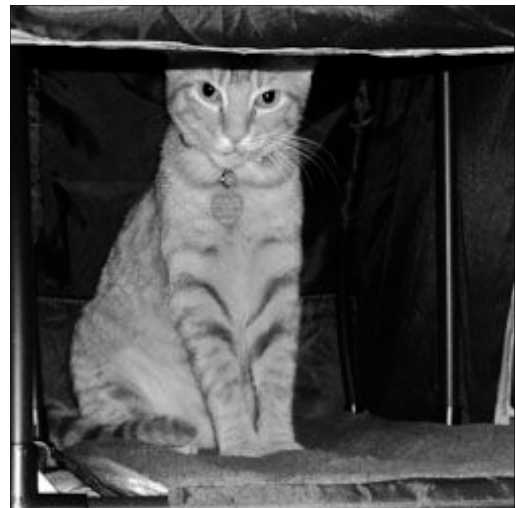
testing, it was determined that he has cysts on his kidneys. Sadly, this is causing his kidneys to not function properly. He was treated with antibiotics for his skin infection (due to urine scalding), and he began to feel better. His ultimate prognosis is still not known, but one of the veterinary technicians who fell in love with him has offered to provide him with a loving home.

The little girl kitten (now named Mini) easily adjusted to life in her foster home. In fact, Mini did so well with her big feline foster sister, Malley (also an SPCA of Northern Virginia rescue kitty), that her foster mom, Betsy, has adopted her! Molly did very well in her foster home as well and was quickly adopted into a home of her own. All three kitties are precious and deserve the very best.



Mini

As for Sarah and Danny? They are well on their way to living happily ever after, just like the cat family they rescued!



Molly in her new home!

“Happy is the home with at least one cat”

Doggone!

By Joan Hughes



Benson/Voltaire

Have you ever lost a beloved pet? Did you find that pet? When a missing dog or cat is never found, the uncertainty of what might have happened to it can be worse than

learning of its death, which is a certainty.

Many years ago methods for locating a straying pet were little more than luck, posting notices, and asking neighbors to keep an eye out for Fido or Fluffy. Today's technology makes it easier to achieve a happy outcome. The internet can spread the information to rescue groups, shelters, and animal hospitals. A humane trap with a motion-sensitive camera can be set up in areas that the pet might frequent or where it has been sighted. Check out our website, www.spcanova.org and click on "Lost and Found" for further information.

When the SPCA's newly adopted miniature pinscher, Benson (now Voltaire), had a panic attack, jerked the leash from "parents" Alex and Rachel, and took off running into the woods, they immediately got in touch with us.

Volunteers combed the area for several nights but failed to spot the elusive canine. Voltaire hadn't vanished, though. Neighbors who had seen our posters called to report sightings as he wandered through the area where he had taken his walks with Alex. Voltaire was afraid to approach people, preferring to establish his own territory where he wandered freely, if hungrily. Although humane traps were set where Voltaire had allegedly been seen, Voltaire was not captured. A "tracker" was hired to lend her insight and the use of her special trapping pen. Finally, a motion-sensitive wildlife camera was set up close to where several sightings had been reported. When the camera confirmed that Voltaire

regularly visited the area, a feeding station was established to keep him coming back. Lisa Reid, owner of the kennel where our dogs are kept and adored by all of them, set up a chicken-baited enclosure near the camera, and waited. Barbara Deathe, a long-time and loyal SPCA member, organized volunteers to take shifts near (but not too near) the enclosure and be ready to react quickly and close the pen door should Voltaire deign to enter and stay around. Fittingly, it was on Barbara's three-hour watch one night that the little vagabond approached the feast and lingered a moment too long. Barbara slammed the door closed just before Alex was to come to relieve her. Voltaire ricocheted off the sides of the pen a few times, and then settled down.



Voltaire & Colette

Controlled commotion ensued. Barbara called Lisa to shriek "I got him!" Alex arrived, grabbed his pup and popped him into a crate. And Voltaire was probably asking himself, "What just happened?"

The triumphant captors returned with their prize to Voltaire's home where a tearful Rachel welcomed him back. Voltaire's 17-day adventure was at an end.

Recently, Alex brought Voltaire to an adoption day to buy dog food and say "hello." By coincidence a female min-pin had been returned to us that day. She and Voltaire had come to us together several months before each was adopted separately. Alex and Rachel now have adopted Colette, too, and the dogs are renewing their relationship.

Nipping and Mouthing: Nip it in the Bud

By Yuliya Sysoyeva

Nipping and mouthing are very natural behaviors for puppies. This is the way littermates play with each other and greet each other. In a litter, if one pup nips another too hard during play or greeting, the other pup will most likely yelp very loudly, turn around and walk away, ending all the fun. The offending pup will then learn quickly that if he bites too hard he does not get to play.

If you adopted your dog as a very young puppy, he may have been taken out of the litter too soon to learn how to interact with other dogs and what the consequences are for being too rough with brothers and sisters. Therefore he must learn this from you. You will have to teach him that if he is being too rough, all the fun will end. Dogs are social animals like humans. "Turning off" all the attention and social interaction is a very effective consequence for mouthing and nipping, but also be sure to praise him whenever he is being good.

First of all, if you play with your puppy using your hands (rough playing, face slapping, grabbing his cute little snout, etc.), stop it immediately. He will learn to view your hands as toys. NEVER use your hands as toys. Hands are for petting, scratching and grooming only.

Second, set him up for success and encourage acceptable behavior. You know he will want to nip and chew when you try to pet him or play with him, so have acceptable toys on hand to redirect his attention to them instead of your hands.

Third, when your pup nips you, yell in sharp voice "OUCH" (or whatever word you want to use) as though you have been mortally wounded and then completely ignore him. You can even leave the room. Your puppy will most likely follow you, wondering what the heck just happened. Give it 15 seconds or so. Wait for him to calm down and then start interacting with him again. If he nips again, repeat the exercise.

Keep using this technique until your puppy understands that EVERY TIME he nips, you end the fun. If you let him get away with nipping even one time,

you will have to start the training from the beginning. All that work will be for nothing.

Now let's work on a specific situation. I hear a lot of complaints about nipping while people are trying to pet their puppy. When this happens, do the following:

Reach for him with one hand as you offer a toy with the other. This will keep his mouth busy while you scratch behind his ear and will help him associate petting with things he likes.

You can also use a treat instead of the toy. Keep the petting exercises short at first, increasing the sessions in small increments until he is accepting petting for longer periods of time without mouthing or nipping.

YOU HAVE TO BE CONSISTENT 100% of the time for training to work. If you are not consistent and let your puppy do the wrong thing sometimes, he will not take you seriously and will not be consistent with his behavior either. Dogs cannot differentiate that sometimes it's ok to mouth your hand and other time it's not. It is way too confusing for them. It's either ALWAYS or NEVER.

Keep in mind that your puppy is not going to stop nipping and mouthing within a few days or even weeks. He may have been getting away with this for some time and expecting him to stop the behavior he is so used to in a short period of time is just not fair or realistic.

Also, remember that training is a lifetime commitment that requires strong, fair and consistent leadership. Good luck!



A Wish Granted

By Dana Meeker



Abby

Abby's saga began during kitten season in 2009. The SPCA took in several litters of kittens from a feral cat colony in Annandale and did TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) on the females to stop to kitten production. But

the influx of kittens did not stop as the year wound down. We'd been told about a house in the complex that seemed to be Kitten Central where a female was producing litter after litter of kittens.

With a big snowstorm about to hit the DC area, Kathleen and I visited the owner of the townhouse at Kitten Central. The owner said that spaying and neutering was against his religion. Although clearly the family was providing food and shelter, in the form of a Dogloo, the homeowner said that Abby did not belong to his family and described her as "weird in the head." We did what we could to ensure that the mom cat and her teenage kittens would be safe during the snowstorm, but clearly the family would not cooperate with us. Edith, our humane investigator, visited them several weeks later and received much the same story. The gentleman would not let us trap in his yard but grudgingly agreed to leave his back gate open and not feed the cats on days when we would be trapping.

We got some help from Chris, who frequently handled large-scale TNR efforts and took the cats into a feral cat clinic. Community residents Margaret and Kathy helped with the logistics, including getting the support of the homeowners' association. More cats were trapped and TNRed but never Abby. Then the family moved out, leaving the remaining

cats, including Abby, to fend for themselves. Virtually starving, they made their way to Kathy's house, competing with her own TNRed cats for food. Abby's reputation grew, apparently chasing dogs and humans who dared get too close to her kittens. Observers noted that when Abby chased the dogs, she had a funny gait. With Abby and her female offspring still breeding, Margaret and Kathy contacted us again to see if we could help complete the TNR project we had started the prior year.

With the cats now in a common area, it was easier to set the traps where the cats would go in. Over several months, Kathy and Margaret trapped two more adult females, a litter of kittens, and several adolescents, with Margaret's kitchen serving as the recovery area for the cats after surgery. Abby continued to elude capture until finally, during the summer, Abby let her guard down and walked into a trap. It was an exciting moment, signifying the end of this cat's long breeding history. We didn't know what to expect, given the anecdotes about her nastiness.

After being spayed, Abby was ensconced in a large cage in Margaret's kitchen to recover. She watched the goings on, enduring the daily visits by Kathy and Helen to socialize the kittens captured at the same time. One day, Kathy got the nerve to reach in to pet Abby. Slowly, slowly. Abby lunged, planting her soft cheek firmly against Kathy's hand for a good rub! Then Abby whirled around and offered her other cheek for a rub. Some vicious, mean cat this was! Kathy was smitten and asked us to place Abby in a home, rather than returning her to the outside.

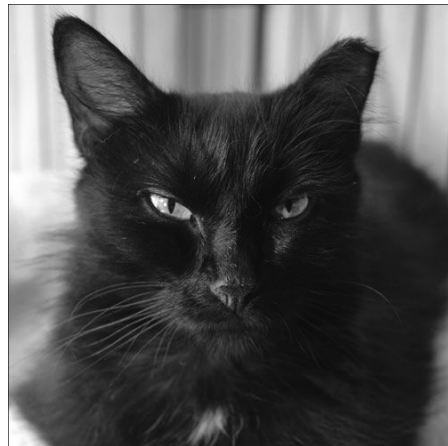
It came time to decide what to do and I offered to foster Abby to see how she adjusted to a home environment. I spent time with her in her room. She surprised me with her determination to be petted non-stop. Her whirling dance was nothing more than a quick turn so she could be scratched on both cheeks, her favorite thing. Never once did she try to bite or scratch. What a funny girl she was! When allowed access to the whole house, she followed me

like a dog, begging for affection. Abby didn't have toys outside, so she didn't know what to do with them, at first. Gradually, she discovered different toys around the house and started playing like a kitten.

I now knew that Abby would be a charming addition to an adult household. We still needed to know what was wrong with her back legs. X-rays revealed that both of Abby's rear legs had severely luxating patellas, both kneecaps completely off to the side of her legs rather than in the middle groove where they should have been. This was probably a genetic defect and the vet doubted that surgery would be successful after so long. Abby's got some arthritis in those joints but she gets around just fine. She looks like a bunny going up and down stairs, following me as I go about my chores.

We'll never know for sure, but my theory is that Abby's family got her when she was a kitten and showered the cute little kitten with affection. When she was no longer small and cute, she was left outside to do what came naturally and her maternal instincts took over.

As I wrote this, Abby sat at my feet, waiting for me to move so she could ask for more petting. Abby's holiday wish was for a home of her own where she can be loved and petted to her heart's content. It is a wish suppressed as she raised her family. Just a couple days ago, Abby headed to her new adoptive home. Already she is enjoying the undivided attention of her new family. Abby's wish has been granted.



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Nine Lives, Good Samaritans, and Guardian Angels

By Kathleen MacKinnon

Ever wonder where the notion came from that “cats have nine lives?” This myth is usually attributed to a cat’s amazing ability to escape life-threatening situations – especially the ability to land on their feet unscathed after falling from high places. Cats are naturally supple and amazingly swift. This enables them to get “in and out” of situations that tend to be hazardous to other creatures. Cats are also very resilient. Time and time again we’ve seen cats endure medical and psychological challenges and somehow survive – especially if they have Good Samaritans and Guardian Angels looking out for them.

Whether you are superstitious or not about cats having nine lives, most of us have seen or heard about cats who have defied the odds. Here are a few stories about some recent SPCA rescue kitties that have overcome many challenges, and lived to tell about it!

Meet Shelby. So far, Shelby has used up at least three of her nine lives. First, she survived whatever situation she was born into and ended up at a local shelter with her siblings. At least at a shelter, Shelby had a chance of finding a good home. However, when it was discovered that she had a large abscess in and around her right ear, possibly from a



bite wound, Shelby was slated to be put to sleep. Luckily, her second of nine lives came into play when a shelter employee contacted a Good Samaritan she knew, Sherry, hoping she would take Shelby into her care. Sherry agreed to help Shelby and took her to a local veterinarian for what she thought would be a couple weeks of antibiotics. Needing a foster home for Shelby, the veterinarian’s office turned to a client who they knew, Katie, who fostered kittens. Of course, Katie couldn’t turn little Shelby away – especially since everyone thought Shelby would be “good as new” in no time. However, three months later, Shelby’s infection was still raging despite numerous attempts to clear up her infection.

Sadly, the Good Samaritan, Sherry, who was trying to save Shelby’s life, had limited financial resources to further investigate what care she needed. Shelby’s

third life came into play when Katie wouldn’t give up on her! Katie turned to the rescue organization she had volunteered with in the past – SPCA NOVA. Once in our care, a veterinarian we work with examined Shelby’s inner ear with a scope and discovered a huge polyp which had shattered her ear drum and prevented antibiotics from reaching the infected area. Shelby underwent surgery to remove the polyp – and has survived, once again, with flying colors!

Shelby needed two weeks of hospitalization following her surgery to monitor her recovery, clean her wound, administer antibiotics and make sure she didn’t “bounce around” as a normal kitten would! Shelby has made a remarkable recovery. She is deaf in her right ear but other than that she is a happy, healthy kitty. Through all of this, Shelby has proven to be very resilient. She is a sweet, loving kitty who got along great with the two cats and two HUGE Great Danes in her foster home. And, amazingly, shortly after posting Shelby on our website, she was adopted by a wonderful person who has a GREAT DANE-mix. Shelby did so well with the Great Danes in her foster home that we couldn’t pass up the opportunity to pair her up with a canine buddy. ***So, after using up many lives, Shelby finally has a forever home of her own! Thanks to everyone who supported Shelby through our Guardian Angel Program.***

Meet Shadow. We figure Shadow has easily used up



two of his nine lives! He was rescued from the great outdoors by a Good Samaritan, Lisa, who noticed Shadow, along with his four siblings, living under a trailer at a local business. The employees at this business had been feeding an adult cat when they suddenly realized she

had four kittens stashed away. After contacting SPCA NOVA and following our instructions, Lisa plucked the kittens out from under the trailer one-by-one, put them in a box, and brought them to a local veterinarian where we arranged for a veterinary technician, Angie, to bottle feed them. They easily learned to drink from a bottle and to lap up watered-down canned kit-

ten food. All five kittens were examined by a veterinarian and appeared very healthy.

However, late one night, Angie called me to say that one of the kittens, Shadow, was having trouble breathing. She didn't think he would "make it through the night" without emergency care. When I asked her what she thought was wrong she speculated that he may have aspirated food or water into his lungs. Angie's suspicions were correct. After whisking him off to an emergency veterinary hospital, a veterinarian examined him, took x-rays and determined that Shadow had developed pneumonia probably after aspirating food or water into his lungs. The veterinarian said Shadow's prognosis was not very good – weighing in at just one pound, his lungs were so tiny and his ability to fight off infection was not very good. We decided that this little guy deserved a chance and authorized overnight care. This included keeping him in an oxygen cage to help his breathing and administering intravenous antibiotics and other medications to help him breathe.

To our delight, Shadow proved to be a very strong little guy! After surviving the first 24 hours in emergency care, we knew he had a chance to live. Angie was able to nurse him back to health and closely monitor his care by bringing him to work with her every day. And, at night, she kept him in a cage in her baby's room with a "baby monitor" close by so she could listen to his breathing. Funny that Shadow found himself in a baby's room sharing a "baby monitor" with Angie's infant son. While Shadow has recovered about 80%, he still continues to fight upper respiratory infections and has a partially collapsed lung. ***What Shadow needs now are a few Guardian Angels to watch over him! Meet Frankie.*** We're not sure how many lives Frankie has used up other than "quite a few!" Frankie came



into our care when he was 10 years old during one of the infamous blizzards of 2010. A Good Samaritan, Eve, had seen enough! Frankie had been living outside his family's home for quite a while. They were apparently feeding him, but not providing any

shelter. This Good Samaritan took it upon herself to

bring Frankie inside her home as a temporary safe haven. After consulting with SPCA NOVA, she talked with her neighbors who agreed to turn Frankie over to our care. Luckily, her sister, Julie, was available to foster Frankie. Nearly two years later, he's still in our care after a series of challenging medical issues.

Shortly after coming into our care, we discovered that Frankie has inflammatory bowel disease and chronic ear infections. While under anesthesia to have his teeth cleaned, Frankie's veterinarian gently cleaned his ears. After waking up from the anesthesia, we were shocked to find out that Frankie had developed severe neurological problems – he had difficulty walking, eating and drinking. His head was tilted to one side and his "third eye lids" were droopy. After a couple of months of rehabilitation under a neurologist's care, Frankie's condition greatly improved. He started walking better, eating better, purring, snuggling with his foster mom and getting curious about life again. But then his improvement reached a plateau and Frankie's ears started bothering him again.

Following a CT scan, the neurologist concluded that Frankie had a very serious deep inner ear infection. Without surgery, the infection would spread to his brain and would be fatal. After consulting a veterinary surgeon, Frankie underwent surgery that enabled the surgeon to culture, drain, and treat the infection. The surgery was performed this past summer and Frankie is doing much better. However, he still has some discomfort in his ear and continues to need trips to the veterinarian to clean out the "debris" in his ear – a side effect of the surgery – and medication to keep the inflammation in check. Frankie's surgeon has recommended additional surgery but we are hoping his condition can be managed with medications. Now that Frankie is 12 years old, additional surgery would be risky and stressful. Despite all of this, Frankie has been amazingly resilient. He is walking around, eating and drinking on his own – something he wasn't doing before the surgery. And, on good days he purrs up a storm and is quite playful! His foster mom, Julie, has taken amazing care of this sweet boy who deserves the best. ***What Frankie needs now are a few more Guardian Angels to watch over him!***

Guardian Angel Program—Most of our cats and kittens have defied the odds. They *do* seem to have nine lives. It also helps to have Good Samaritans and Guardian Angels watching over them. Please help us by becoming a Guardian Angel. To learn more about our ***Cat Guardian Angel Program***, go to: http://www.spcanova.org/help/guardianangels_cats.php



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"AVI", NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND, SPCA ALUM, STILL WELL AND ACTIVE AT 10 YEARS OLD

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"CALICA", FORMER TURKISH STREET CAT, NOW SPAYED AND ADOPTED IN ISTANBUL

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"CHOCOLAT'S" 10TH BIRTHDAY FROM HIS FAVORITE NON-FAMILY PEOPLE

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"EMILY", PIT MIX, SPCA ALUM, STILL SWEET AS EVER AFTER 13 YEARS TOGETHER

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STACY, WHO IS SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON!

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Spotlight on Successful Adoptions

Colette, Alexandra and Jaron began fostering kittens for SPCA NOVA in December 2010. They quickly fell in love with their first foster kittens, Harley and Rhu, and decided they couldn't part with them. So they adopted them! When kitten season came around in 2011, they decided to continue fostering kittens. So far this year, they have fostered seven kittens. Five of them have been adopted; two kittens are still in their care. Below is what Jaron (age 12) has to say about their experience with fostering and adopting kitties.

"In December of last year, we got Harley and Rhu. When we first got them we were just fostering but we adopted them within a week. It was a couple of days before Christmas so we put up our Christmas tree and the both of them continuously went behind it and knocked it over.

After the two kittens got used to their new surroundings, we got them a six foot kitty condo that they adore.

Ever since we started getting new foster kittens, our cats have been trying to get along. And we really love our two kitties and we are happy we got to adopt them."



Harley & Rhu

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to SPCA NOVA (for cat food and litter) and to St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church (for apartment rental assistance). These donations are helping a woman and her cats who were facing eviction for being unable to pay rent after losing her job. A special thanks to Cyndy Unwin, SPCA volunteer and member of St. Mary's, who is working with her church to provide this person with longer-term social services support.

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 Weber's Pet Supermarket
 11021 Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030
 (703) 385-3766
 12:30 - 3:00 pm



DATES (Saturday):

January 14	May 12	September 8
January 28	May 26	September 22
February 11	June 9	October 13
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March 10	July 14	November 3
March 24	July 28	November 10
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April 28	August 25	

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 Petco
 7434 Little River Tpke
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January 7
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