



StreetCats

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Solving Litter Box Problems

A host of circumstances could explain why your cat might be missing the litter box. Sometimes it's a behavioral problem, but sometimes a health condition may cause your cat to go outside its box. If left unchecked, a health issue, such as a urinary tract infection, can lead to a potentially life-threatening condition for your cat. A visit to your vet is a good first step in solving the problem but here are additional ideas.

Wrong litter box. Choose a box that is one-and-a half times your cat's length. Some cats like the privacy of a covered box but many senior or disabled cats may have difficulty getting into and out of a deep or covered box.

Wrong Box Location. If it's near a door or in a part of the house that gets a lot of traffic or there are scary sounds and smells or it's in a tight space that's hard to get into and out of, the cat may avoid it. Also, place



the box on the level of the home where your cat spends the majority of its time to avoid difficult stairs or a long commute. Locate the box well away from food and water bowls.

Not enough litter boxes. The optimal number of litter boxes is one for each cat plus one more. Note that the boxes need to be in totally different places in case you have a cat or dog who might be "guarding" the box to keep other cats out.

Smelly Litter Box. Scoop clumps from the litter box daily and deep clean it frequently. This means disposing of the old litter, scrubbing the empty box with mild dish soap and warm water, rinsing it with clean water, letting it air-dry, and pouring in a fresh supply of clean, unscented litter (sometimes scented litter is unappealing to finicky cats).

Litter choice. Cats tend to prefer ground litter granules and some may have aversions to scented or highly dusty products. Others may prefer paper or other natural products. There is a litter called Cat Attract that can be used to encourage your cat to use the box. Whatever litter you and your cat can agree on stick with it consistently. You could set up several different boxes with different litter to see what your cat likes.

If, in spite of your best efforts, your cat goes outside the litter box for any reason, thoroughly clean the area with an enzymatic cleaner so your kitty doesn't catch the scent and think it's OK to go there again.



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A word from our President

I hope you are as happy as I am that summer has finally ended. Even though it has been officially Fall for a while it didn't feel like it. Once again, I want to give many thanks to all our volunteers, supporters and Vets who make StreetCats who we are. As of October, I have put 60 cats on our intake list, but some found homes before coming into StreetCats or the person bringing us the flyer kept the cat. Our average intake is 60 to 80 a year. Nothing warms our hearts more than a wonderful adoption and updates throughout the life of the cat. To know where the cat had come from and then find the next forever home is priceless. We are forever grateful for everyone that contributes to making this possible. Enjoy the rest of 2019 and the upcoming holidays.

Kathy Balsiger, StreetCats President

Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping in December

An annual tradition is for StreetCats' volunteers and supporters to do gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble in Southroads Shopping Center on 41st St. between Yale and I44/Sheridan. We hope to get many monetary donations for wrapping Barnes & Noble purchases only. We have open dates for both day and evening shifts between Tuesday, December 17, and Sunday, December 22. Please give Linda Holland a call at 918-492-8887 (home; you can leave a message) if you'd like to help us by volunteering this year. This is a fun fundraiser for us and there are many holidays (Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa) in December so we expect to be busy.

BARNES & NOBLE

Are you ready to shop till you drop?

It is almost time to do all that shopping at "An Affair of the Heart of Tulsa" located at River Spirit Expo on November 22-24. We are again in booths 463 & 464. Visit our booth from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.



You know we will have lots of "got to have" items like the following:

For Kitties: Our very popular DaBird wand and refills, a variety of balls, mice, catnip pillows in a variety of cat fabrics, Zoom Groom for kitty massages, and more.

For Humans: A variety of new towels including Christmas-themed towels, Christmas cards and ornaments, jewelry, mugs, socks and unique vintage cat curios. Plus, we will have our ever-popular Laurel Burch purses, cosmetic bags, umbrellas and scarves.

If you can't wait until "An Affair of the Heart" you can shop at our booth in **Jade on Main** located at 1639 S. Main St. in Broken Arrow. It is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.



Another must place to shop is our **Boutique and Adoption Center** located at 6520 E. 60th St. behind Charlie's Chicken. We are open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. We have many more items for sale other than what is listed above such as: pictures, books, cards, cat carriers, scratching posts and cubby hidey holes.

All our sales go to feeding and caring of our cats waiting for their furr-ever homes. Our cats appreciate you coming in for shopping, visiting, playing and petting them. Maybe you'll fall in love with one of our adorable babies and adopt. We look forward to seeing you and talking cats!



Linda Duckworth, Merchandise Manager



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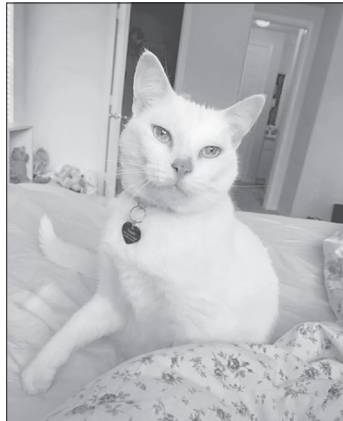
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Warm and Fuzzy Stories

Darci is an adorable calico that was adopted by Linda White. The joke of the family is that anyone who didn't want a cat is now the member of the family that Darci loves. Linda said that some people think that cats shouldn't be on the counter, but Darci is just helping her cook. Darci really likes the cat bed that came from StreetCats, even though they have bought several other beds for her. She loves watching birds from her cat tree by the window, and Linda says that she thinks Darci is on a first-name basis with all the birds since she knows them so well. She is a wonderful "sit around" cat



Tenshi

that she has ever had. Tenshi is obsessed with being petted and she will reach up and use her paws to grab Alisha's hands so that she will pet her. Tenshi likes to sleep with Alisha and follow her around everywhere. She loves to play with her string toy and with balls that have bells inside of them. It sounds like she is the purr-fect little angel.

Fred is very cute little blue and white kitty that was adopted by Chris and Rachel Moore. Fred is an active fellow that loves running up and down the stairs. When he needs some down time, he likes to relax by sitting all night on someone's chest. Fred has a big brother at his new home that he really likes to play with. Some of the activities he enjoys with his big brother, Pac Man, are chasing him around the house and cleaning his ears. Fred seems very at home with his new human and feline family.

Princess is a black and white long-haired beauty that was adopted by Sarah Davis. Princess, very aptly named, loves to play with her little mouse toys and enjoys looking out of the windows. She is very affectionate and loves being petted. She will also reach out with her paws to grab



Princess

you to make sure you pet her (just like Tenshi). Princess also likes to act like a kitty alarm clock - she wakes Sarah up at six in the morning. Sarah says she is spoiled with toys and affection. Seems like this Princess is the queen of the house.



Darci

and she was sitting with the family when I called. Linda says she is really happy and a wonderful cat who doesn't leave them alone for a second.

Lilly is a beautiful girl with all-white fur and blue eyes that was adopted by Alisha Saied. Her name is now **Tenshi**, which is "angel" in Japanese. Alisha says that Tenshi is so happy and that she is the best cat



Fred

Are Jigsaw puzzles your thing? Would cat puzzles be even better? You'll find cat pictured puzzles on www.jigsawplanet.com.

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Fundraiser!

**9718 Riverside Parkway –
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

New location and new date to enjoy the great food found at The Garage – Riverside.

The Hal Smith group of restaurants has invited us to do a fundraiser at their newest location on Riverside Drive (we've loved being in Owasso as well as at the 71st & Sheridan location). If you are a Feline Specialties client, you know exactly where it is since you drive by it, but for others it backs up to the Arkansas River and is behind Outback Steakhouse and Red Robin, just west of Riverside Parkway.

Please come to enjoy their "burgers" made with ground beef, bison, grilled chicken, turkey, or a vegan option. There must be a "purrfect" burger for everyone because they can be prepared 15 different ways plus extra toppings. Of course, they also have scrumptious sweet potato and regular fries, and onion rings too. If you want something different, try their tacos, nachos, salads, sandwiches or appetizers – and there is a kid's menu so bring the kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. For a full menu go to their website www.eatatthegarage.com. StreetCats will get 10% of all purchases during the fundraiser hours of 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 11/19. No coupons or flyers are needed. We look forward to seeing everyone there for another great fundraiser for our wonderful StreetCat kitties.

**Interested in fostering cats?
Call 918-298-0104**

LOOKING FOR HOMES: Belle and Monkey

Hi. My name is Belle and I just celebrated my sixth birthday. The first thing people notice about me are my striking green eyes and then my beautiful sleek black fur. Perhaps you saw my picture in the StreetCats ad in the Sep-

tember/October 2019 Tulsa Pets Magazine? The ad also mentions my short legs which most people find really cute. Many of my roommates here at StreetCats have already been adopted including my sister and I am very happy for them. But now it's my turn so I'm trying to get the word out. I came from a home with a growing and busy family that had too many pets. Here at StreetCats I keep to myself and don't socialize with the other kitties. I like to sit quietly in the window watching the world and napping. But if you come by to visit and dangle a toy in front of me you'll see how much I like to play with people. I also like to be petted! I would really like to find my forever home. Maybe it's with you!



Hello, pleased to meet you – I'm Belle.

My name is Monkey and I am a beautiful full-figured 3 year old tortie. My story is like so many. I was on the streets when I was young until a very nice older couple took me in. Sadly, my adopted mom died and my dad could no longer keep me, but fortunately he got me to StreetCats and I found a new home with a very nice young man. However, a few months later his circumstances changed and he could no longer keep me. His mother kindly took me in but her kitty chased me around and it wasn't good. Therefore, she got me back to



Hi! My name is Monkey

StreetCats where the volunteers have made me very comfortable while I look for my forever home. They say I'm independent and a little shy. But given my story, that shouldn't be surprising. I spend my time looking out the window or curled up on a soft blanket. And I do love to be petted and brushed by the volunteers. I have lived with dogs in my previous homes. I have heard humans say that the third time is the charm. Certainly my next home will be my forever home. Please come by and give me an opportunity to charm you.



Pet Your Cat More to Benefit Both of You

One of the first things you do with a cat is to offer your hand to pet it. The most obvious reason we love to pet our cats is because they are soft and the purrs that often follow bring happiness to both of you, but it turns out that there are even more benefits to petting your cat—both for her and for you! As if you needed any extra reasons or incentives to pet your cats, here are a few reasons to justify the experience.

- **Communicate love**

Petting is one of the best ways that you can communicate your love to your cat. There's no mistaking what your caresses and scratches mean. And in turn, she can communicate her love through nudges and purring.

- **Reduce stress**

Cats make great therapy animals because studies have shown that petting a cat can reduce stress and anxiety, plus help lower blood pressure! Can we get “three purrs” for that?

- **Detect fleas and ticks**

When you pet your cat often, you'll be more familiar with her body and coat. That'll help you notice if there are any creepy crawlers trying to make a meal out of your kitty. Fleas, especially, multiply fast. Noticing them quickly can help you eliminate the problem before it gets out of control.



- **Detect new cuts or bumps**

Petting your cat often will also help you notice changes in her body that may not be visible under her coat, like scratches, bumps, or patches of dry skin. Noticing these changes can help guide you to action—whether that's simply keeping an eye on it or making an appointment with your veterinarian.

- **Detect tenderness**

Since cats are masters at hiding pain, you may not even notice that your cat's left leg is feeling tender until you pet her and your touch elicits a flinch or whimper. Being clued into an injury can help you

take the steps necessary (likely through a visit with your veterinarian) to manage her pain and get her on the road to healing.

However, remember that not all petting sessions are created equal. Many cats don't like to be petted on the belly, for instance, because it can make them feel too vulnerable. Instead, stick to her chin, the base of her ears, and her cheeks—tried and true places that most cats loved to be scratched—and other places by mutual agreement.



StreetCats Sponsors

We value every donation received, however, we are unable to recognize all donors in this newsletter. Everyone has our grateful thanks for your support that keeps our organization going with wonderful, healthy kitties for adoption. Listed below are those who made monetary or in-kind donations valued at \$100 or more between 4/1 and 9/30/19.

Come in soon to get your purrs of thanks from our kitties.

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We are so very sorry for all these losses and our kitties send purrs of comfort.
April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019

- B. & C. Albert in memory of BonBon adopted from StreetCats in 1999
 M. Armes in memory of her dog, Lady, who died at 18 years old
 C. Arsenis in memory of GI Joe & Ishe Deanetoo
 P. Baker in memory of her daughter, Joan
 J. & T. Bohannon in memory of Arthur Hanslik, a dedicated cat lover sorely missed by his beloved Takeela and wife, Patricia
 B. Cassell in memory of Bitty for Judi & L.G. Huitt
 R. & B. Cohen in memory of Tyson
 R. & B. Cohen in memory of Ricochet, a former StreetCat, 1999–2015
 T. & D. Collins in memory of Buster Brown
 P. & M. Craft in memory of Church, a former StreetCat, who died 3/15/19
 G. & P. Crocker in memory of Rita Rowe's beloved sweet cat, Gracie
 P. Crowe in memory of Cookie & Nestle'
 S. Cunningham in memory of our daddy, Ira Cunningham, from Gretzky & River, family pets, and his wife, Senna
 L. & T. Denson in memory of Dexter Brown for Bobbie Brown in Phoenix
 J. & V.L. Foy in memory of Pretty Boy
 J. Gildon Galarza in memory of Barbara Gay for her daughter, Christine Gay, and Emma, Barbara's cat
 M. Grasso in memory of Alex, our kitty who lived to age 19 years
 K. & L. Gray in memory of Elizabeth "Lisa" Ann Ketrick
 C. G. Hart in memory of her cat Charles and in appreciation of StreetCats
 P. Heath in memory of Missy who died in 2018
 C. & L. Helm in memory of Dan Bohnsack for his wife Liana
 R. Holly for Marlo Holly in memory of her mother, Penny Stewart
 F. Jost in memory of kitty "Black" 2008-2019
 K. Rieger, Katy's Pantry, in memory of employee, Marsha Harper
 L. Ketrick in loving memory of Elizabeth Ann Ketrick
 J. Meyer in memory of Heftti & Clancy, very special cats of Jandra Smithen
 M. Miller in memory of Jane Carter for her daughter, Laura Carter
 R. & D. Myers in memory of Elwood for Sandy Cahill & David Scott
 C. & J. Newell in memory of Ladybug
 J. Nichols in memory of her daughter Kristin Lee Davis who died 9/17/15
 B. Phelps in memory of Louanne, their oldest pet
 J. Polkinghorne in memory of Louann
 E. Potter in memory of Elizabeth Ann Ketrick
 N. Ransom in memory of her mother, Elva Tillery
 W. Rumley in memory of Susan Pohl and her love of felines for B.J. & Heather Pohl & sons
 S. Russell in memory of Killer, the kitty of the NY Fire Department, Station 57
 V. Sanborn in memory of her parents, James & Nancy Swindler
 B. & R. Scott in memory of Linus
 D. Smith in memory of her Precious McCloud
 J. Smithen in memory of her precious tabby, Clancy Chester, and in memory of her sweet tiger tabby, Heftti Katt
 J. Smithen in memory of Tyson, beloved cat of Barbara & Rick Cohen
 J. Thomsen in memory of Dottie Hafner
 T. Tuss in memory of Rookie on the 4th anniversary of his passing; he will never be forgotten
 R. Wilson in memory of Doug Wilson & Flirt
 B. Yule in memory of Max for Leslie Reed

Appreciation and Honors

- Aetna Foundation in honor of Christina Rybacki
 D. Buchanan in honor of Missy Lou
 T. Cellino in honor of Christy
 C. Fielder in honor of Alice Sprouse for her birthday
 R. Fuhrman in honor of her mom, Kathy Balsiger, for Mother's Day
 K. Huber in honor of Grayson & Carol Cox's birthday
 S. Jarecke in honor of Luna who StreetCats took in
 M.A. Jennings in honor of Dr. Robert Jennings for his birthday
 M.A. Jennings in honor of Mikan & Kabocha adopted in 2010 from StreetCats
 Mr. & Mrs. C.P. Leininger in honor of Star and her good health
 L. Moyer in honor of Diva
 ONEOK Foundation in honor Teresa Hamer & Susan Moldenhauer
 S. Parker in honor of Beau who is a red & white tabby adopted as Peanut from Street-Cats on 3/25/17

Donations given in appreciation of or in honor of someone between April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019

- C. Pace in honor of Baby
 J. Roelofsen in honor of Rumble (G.K. Whiskers) who was adopted in 2011 on his return to StreetCats for a new home
 J. Smithen in honor of StreetCat volunteers who cared for Felicity & Charity before I adopted them
 State Farm Companies Foundation in honor of Shari Arnold
 B. & L. Sullivan in appreciation of all pets past and present
 K. Taylor in honor of her parents S. & E. Taylor for their 59th wedding anniversary
 A. & E. Tulsa in honor of former StreetCats Spanky and Princess who they adopted
 N. Swab Vaughan and C. Swab LaLonde for the wedding of L. Hallon & J. Kinslow
 C. Wong for what would have been her sister's (S. Morris) 67th birthday for the kitties she always loved
 K. Wood for his mom's (D. Wood) birthday who loves StreetCats
 D. Wright in honor of all StreetCats volunteers; thank you for all you do

Adoptions 4/1/19 through 9/30/19 StreetCat names and then(new name)

Annie – A Blake	Frannie – M Hill	Lil Kitty (Kayla Marie) – T Lamb	Pretty – S Kepley
Baxter – R&MK Grimm	Fred – R&C Moore	Liliana – J Engle	Princess – S Davis
Benny – J Freeman	Gizmo – L Harding	Lilly – A Saied	Rumple – M Stover
Bitty – J Engle	Gloria – J Call	Logan – R&C Tipps	Salem (Callie) – D&L Dunham
Boots (Rocky) – A&A Ramseur	Goldie (Bailey) – J Whitley	Luna – J Fulda	Silvie (Churchill) – J Whitley
Brandi – A StClair	Heidi – I Griggs	Mike – M Hill	Sparta – S Kepley
Calibus – N Weroniecki	Hubble – A&S Decker	Missy Lou – T White	Woody – P Lloyd
Captain Teemo – R & MK Grimm	Juliana – N Potter	Ninja – K Farris	Ziggy – I Griggs
Cleo – B Shepherd	KitKat – H Holt	Okie – J&F Khalil	
Darci – L White	Leon – A&R Buford	Piper – M Tucker	

Lambrusco'z Deli Fundraiser

Lambrusco'z has been a very popular deli since it opened in 1985. All of their food is made from scratch and there is a lot to choose from – whether you eat in or take it out (fresh or frozen). We are excited that they are sponsoring a fundraiser with us on December 6 & 7. StreetCats will receive 10% of all purchases (**must take in a coupon**) of their delicious food or other items they have for sale. On Friday (12/6) they are open from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Saturday (12/7) they are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. They are at 1344 E. 41st St. just east of Peoria. We greatly appreciate everyone cutting out the flyer below and taking it into Lambrusco'z to make your purchases – you can copy it also and give to your friends or make purchases on both days! To get your mouths watering, check out their web site at www.lambruscoz.com.

We thank Lambrusco'z for all their support of StreetCats and thanks to everyone who participates in this fundraiser!



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LAMBRUSCO'Z DELI

1344 E. 41ST ST, TULSA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
11 A.M. – 6 P.M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
10 A.M. – 5 P.M.

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WITH YOUR PURCHASES
OF (EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT) FOOD
OR STORE ITEMS WHEN CHECKING OUT**

STREETCATS WISH LIST

For StreetCats:

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any denomination

Tall strong kitchen size trash bags;
prefer Glad, Hefty, or Sam's Club
Clay litter (we use clay in our facility)

Laundry detergent pods
or liquid laundry soap

Clorox liquid bleach

Clorox Clean-Up spray cleaner
or refill container

Fancy Feast small cans in both gravy
and pate textures

Friskies canned food in both
gravy and pate textures

Bottled water –
(small bottles for volunteers)

Small paper plates

Postage stamps

Mr. Clean Antibacterial Summer Citrus
(floor cleaner)

Bags or boxes of dry cat food
for voucher customers
(opened is OK)

Meals on Wheels Wish List

Scoopable Litter

Unopened bags or
boxes of dry cat food

Canned cat food



Thanks to Oil Capital Vinyl, 2607-A S. Memorial Dr. for collecting monetary donations for StreetCats. Their services include record cleaning, film scanning, and darkroom printing. They have records, tapes, CDs, turntables, receivers, speakers, film cameras, and more. The owner is a cat lover and offered to collect donations for our kitties.



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Christmas Litter

Judy Loyd
October 2019

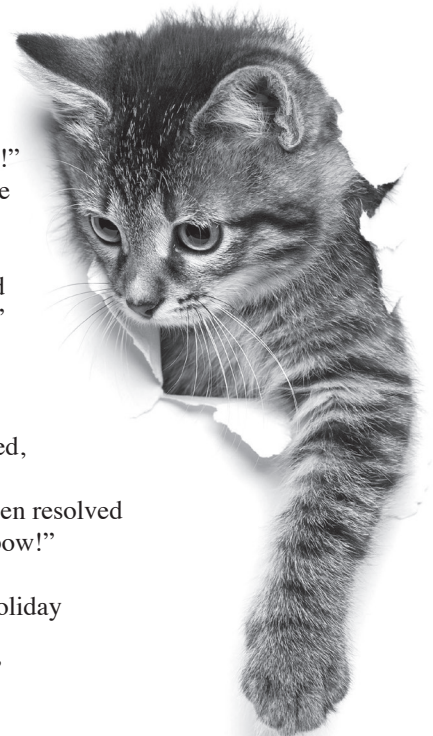
Listen every one of you
I know that you can hear
Of a special celebration
That comes but once a year

You see it's almost Christmas
"Rocky get down off that tree!"
Because it's such a happy time
I know you'll all agree

But you must all be very good
"Rachel drop that jingle bell!"
For Santa Claus is listening
And he can always tell

You see I wasn't quite prepared,
Four kittens in a row
And though that problem's been resolved
"Snowflake don't touch that bow!"

Though we'll have a lovely holiday
And when the day is done
"Oh, Fluffy don't eat icicles!"
God bless us every one



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