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Hairballs: A laughing matter?

By Ann Adams

Hairballs are common in cats. Because of this, many cat owners have come to believe that they are normal. It makes sense that if an animal is covered with fur and uses its mouth to groom itself, the animal would have this kind of problem from time to time. But how normal are hairballs really?

Hairballs in cats are caused by grooming in the sense that the cat is ingesting a certain amount of hair in the process. Ideally the cat's digestive system will process and digest any hair that the cat swallows.

When this hair does not make its way through the digestive system properly, it collects and wads up inside the cat's stomach. At this point it can cause gagging and vomiting. Grooming is the delivery device for the hair into the cat's system, but it is the improper function of the digestive system that causes the hairballs to form and become problematic.

Brushing is recommended to help remove some of the excess hair that your cat could possibly ingest in the grooming process, especially in long-haired cats. Most cats enjoy being brushed, and brushing can become a great bonding experience between cat and owner.

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Work progressing on new home for TCH

By Martha Stoddard

Early next year, people heading down O Street should start seeing The Cat House residents lounging and playing in the windows of the new shelter. TCH President Faye Stevens said the target is to move the cats into their new home by the end of February.

"It's going to be a little bit of an adjustment for them," she said.

The new shelter and adoption facility will be at 3633 O Street. TCH bought the former office building earlier this year, but a lot of renovation remains to be done before the cats can move in.

The first step was planning. Board members have spent many hours researching the design and operation of other shelters and deciding how to reconfigure the space in the new building. The goal is to provide flexible space for cats of differing temperaments – rooms for single cats, small groups of cats, and larger groups.

Shelves will be installed to provide vertical space, and most of the cat rooms should have a window or two. The rooms will be constructed to make it easier for potential adopters to see cats. The plans also call for making volunteer work spaces more efficient.

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Volunteer Opportunities

The Cat House has a very hard-working and dedicated crew of volunteers committed to improving the lives of cats in Lincoln and the surrounding area.

If you are interested in helping, you can fill out a volunteer application online at www.thecathouse.org, come in during open hours to fill out an application, or e-mail at volunteer@thecathouse.org.

You're in for a rewarding experience!

Opportunities to help include:

- Care, feeding, exercising, and socializing of cats
- Laundry
- Facility maintenance
- Newsletter articles, photography, and production
- Assisting with communication to volunteers and/or the public
- Adoption counselor
- Post-adoption follow-up calls
- Filing
- Grant writing
- Fundraising
- Data entry
- Retail events
- Feral/TNR program
- Construction skills, including drywall, carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical

Happy Tails Stats

Here are the number of cats adopted in recent months.

April	18
May	9
June	33
July	41
August	29
September	26

Serving Love: Megan and Matt Yank

By Ann Adams

Megan and Matt Yank have been volunteering at The Cat House for five years. What began as a way to fulfill required volunteer hours for Megan's undergrad degree, turned into a permanent part of the couple's lives.

They do everything, from weekly cleaning to fostering cats, to making follow up calls to adopters, and to helping with TCH's Trap-Neuter-Return program for feral cats.

Faye Stevens, TCH president, said of the couple: "Matt and Megan are truly dedicated to animals, cats in particular. They have fostered many skittish kittens, teaching them to trust and bond with humans. This isn't usually an easy thing to do and takes time and patience. Even with all they are already doing, they never hesitate to drop everything



to drive across town to help a cat or kitten in need."

This dedication to helping TCH cats led Megan and Matt to combine two of their passions into a great fundraising effort with the first Litter Box Rally volleyball tournament. They were able to raise money for TCH while getting people to work together on teams on a sand volleyball court. Matt even crafted a large cat tree to be auctioned off at the event. They hope to make this a yearly fundraiser.

Megan and Matt have adopted several cats from TCH and continue to foster kittens when needed. They have found a way to combine their love of cats with their talents, interests, and passion for serving the no-kill shelter they believe in.

TCH sets, spikes, and wins at Litter Box Rally

By Alma Vlasak

Nine volleyball teams hit the courts August 3 for the first-ever Litter Box Rally to raise money for The Cat House, Lincoln's no-kill cat shelter.

The event, which was organized by TCH volunteer Megan Yank, proved to be a great success. The cat-themed event raised \$1,531 for the shelter. A raffle also was held during the event for a hand-crafted, 5-foot-tall cat tree built by Matt Yank, another TCH volunteer.

Use of the volleyball courts was donated by Spikes Beach Bar and Grill. Competing were local teams with such exotic names as the Furballers, It's Raining Cats & Volleyballs, and Sand Scratchers, as well as We Showed Up, P Street Homies, "Dolla, Dolla Bills," and Casual Sets.

The "Diggin" Kittens volleyball team won a well-stocked gift basket as the winning team. The Paw Print Posse finished in second place.



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Paul Lansing from Lou Lansing
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Hairballs

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This can be especially beneficial if a cat has been diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease, which inhibits digestion and normal passage of stools.

Dietary changes can also help tackle the hairball issue. Dry foods that have a high content of grains and fillers can contribute to the deterioration of a cat's gut health. Canned, grain free, or raw diets can help restore and cultivate a healthy gut flora in cats. This will allow hair to pass through their digestive tract and be broken down with greater ease. A healthy diet will also lead to a healthy coat and can actually reduce shedding.

Frequent hairballs can be a sign of other illnesses. In rare cases, hairballs can block the digestive system and require prompt veterinary care.

If you are worried about hairballs and their implications for your cat's health and happiness, you should consult your vet. Informing your vet of the frequency and severity of your cat's hairballs will help your vet develop a hairball prevention plan for your cat.

Construction

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Other new features will include be a meet-and-greet room where potential adopters can spend time with cats and a space to display the popular fleecy cat beds, catnip sticks, and other retail items. Sales of those volunteer-made items help support TCH. There also will be space for the Cats and Crafts events and other small gatherings.

Stevens said she expects the planning will pay off in the coming weeks. Work is well underway on demolishing the previous offices, and new rooms should be taking shape this fall. Most of the work is being done by volunteers, but professionals will be called in for specialized tasks, such as plumbing and electrical work.

TCH is looking for people interested in helping get the new building ready and the cats



moved. Volunteers are needed for demolition work, construction work, and the ultimate move. Getting 100 or so cats from one shelter to another, along with all of their supplies, will be no easy task. Stevens said the move will require lots of people and lots of vehicles.

People interested in helping with the building or the move should send an email to volunteer@thecathouse.org.

org or stop in at 1935 Q Street during open hours (Sunday 1:30-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 6-8 p.m.). To check progress on the building and the move, visit the TCH Facebook page (facebook.com/thecathouse) or watch the Neighborhood Extra in the Saturday Lincoln Journal Star.

Calendar of Events

Sandhills Cat Club & Midlands Cat Fanciers Cat Show

October 11 & 12 / 9 am-4 pm
Ramada Plaza Hotel
3321 S. 72nd St (72nd & Grover), Omaha

Meow & Chow

October 12 / Doors open at 5 pm
Scottish Rite Temple, 16th & L Streets
Fundraiser for TCH and Lincoln Animal Ambassadors.

Cats & Crafts

October 18 – Kid's Costume Party

November 8 – Adults

December 6 – Adults

December 13 – Kids

6-8:30 pm

The Cat House, 1935 Q Street

Registration required.

Fundraiser and education for TCH.

St. Mark's Craft Show

November 8 / 9 am-4 pm
84th & Pioneers

Seward Craft Show

November 15 / 9 am-3:30 pm
Seward County Fairgrounds

Garage Sale

November 14 / 9 am-5 pm
November 15 / 9 am-3 pm
The Cat House, 1935 Q Street

O'Dell Craft Show

November 29 / 9 am-4 pm
O'Dell, Nebraska

Santa Photos at Petco

December 6 & 13 / 48th & O St.
December 6 & 13 / 56th & Hwy 2
Times TBA

Lincoln's Women's Expo

January 24, 2015 / 10 am-6 pm
January 25, 2015 / 10 am-5 pm
Lancaster Event Center

TCH donors give big

By Alma Vlasak

The third annual Give to Lincoln Day held May 29 was an exciting event for cats and volunteers alike at The Cat House (TCH). We were the happy recipients of \$41,465 as the result of our donors' generosity.

The Lincoln Community Foundation initiated this event as a way to raise money and increase new donor participation for non-profits in and around Lincoln.

We were pleased to win a \$300 special prize during an hourly special drawing sponsored by Allstate.

The funds raised during this event went in large part to help defray the cost of our many spay/neuters, dental work for the cats, and general expenses.

Plan to give next year and make 2015 the best year yet for your TCH feline friends.

TCH garage sales ending

Attention, bargain hunters! The days are numbered for The Cat House's popular garage sales. There will not be enough space in the new TCH building for the sales, which have been valuable fund-raising events for the shelter but which also require a fair amount of space.

Plans now call for at least one and maybe

two more sales. The next sale is set for Nov. 14 and 15 and will feature plenty of holiday items. A final blowout sale is possible early in 2015, so watch the TCH Facebook page (facebook.com/thecathouse) or check the Neighborhood Extra pet page on the first Saturday of every month in the Lincoln Journal Star for more information.

Catnip stix, pet beds, and carrier liners!

To purchase, stop by the shelter, or call the hotline at 402-441-9593.



In addition to monetary donations, you can donate items that we use in the day-to-day care of our feline friends. To arrange a drop-off time and location, you can call us at 402-441-9593 or email info@thecathouse.org.

DRY CAT FOOD

- Any dry cat food
- Royal Canin Baby Cat
- Science Diet Original, W/D, R/D, C/D Calm or K/D*
- Purina NF*

CANNED CAT FOOD

- Science Diet or Iams – kitten & adult – turkey, chicken, salmon (ground or minced)
- Fancy Feast – turkey, chicken, salmon (Classic)
- Science Diet A/D, W/D, R/D, I/D, C/D Calm, or K/D*
- Purina NF*

CLEANERS

- Scent-free liquid laundry detergent (sensitive skin)
- Scent-free dryer sheets (sensitive skin)
- Clorox bleach (regular type)
- Anti-bacterial hand soap
- Dawn dishwashing soap
- Dishwasher detergent
- Clorox disposable wipes
- Swiffers
- Hand sanitizer

CAT LITTER

- Non-clumping, regular clay litter (no clumping, pine, or newsprint type litter)

SUPPLIES

- Brooms
- O' Cedar Light 'N Thirsty cloth mop refills
- Paper towels & bathroom tissue
- Large trash bags (heavy duty)
- Kitchen and office size trash bags
- Copier/printer paper

MISCELLANEOUS

- Shallow, stainless steel food/water bowls, 16 oz or larger, with a wide bottom and low sides to accommodate whiskers!
- Meat flavored baby food (chicken, turkey, beef, ham)
- Small chenille or cotton reversible bath rugs (no rubber backs)
- Rotating teeth combs for cats
- "Slicker" brushes for cats
- "Cable Cuffs" or "Cable Clamps" cable management tool
- Pet carriers, hard plastic with metal doors
- Large litter boxes without covers
- Aluminum trays (no smaller than 8"x13")
- Lint rollers

* sold at vet clinics

Shadow & Shiloh

By Mindy Peck



It would be tough to find a more dynamic duo than that of Shadow and Shiloh! The two complement each other in every way possible. Shadow is mischievous and athletic; he can leap high into the air, snatching toys with his paws, and land gracefully on his feet, rarely missing his prey. He is friendly and ornery in the most charming way. Shiloh is more reserved and quiet; she loves lying on the top of her cat tree, surveying the

world around her. She is sweet and friendly and manages to keep her brother in check (most of the time).

When they arrived at TCH, the two were stressed and frightened. They would hiss and spit at any passerby. Yet, after some love from the TCH team, these two have turned into well adjusted young cats. TCH volunteer Belinda smiles and says, "Watching these two kitties bloom under our care and go from being terrified to quite playful has been such a joy!"

These two have been through a lot in life, including the death of their former owner, but through it all they have always had each other. In fact they have a special trick that they like to perform together. This trick requires not only stealth but superior timing; the set up begins as soon as the TCH team has finished cleaning their room for the night. *POOF* a fleecy purr-pad will magically appear in the water bowl, while the kitties look on innocently!

At first it was thought that Shadow was working alone; he is after all the most roguish and ornery of the pair. No one suspected sweet and charming Shiloh! It wasn't until Belinda happened to catch the kitties in the act, that it was discovered that BOTH were in on the joke! Shiloh takes one corner of the purr-pad in her mouth and Shadow takes another corner in his and they work together to drag the pad into the water bowl!

"I think this is just a little quirk that they have picked up while staying here at TCH, I don't think it's a permanent thing," Belinda says. This quirky combo is considered a bonded pair and will need to be adopted together. After all, when you have cats that can work as a team like this, there is no stopping them!

Henry

By Mindy Peck



While all cats are special and have their own individual gifts and hobbies, you won't be able to find a more avid reader than Henry! Not only does he inspect nearly every book that comes into TCH (for our Garage Sale events) but he also insists on helping our younger volunteers with their homework!

Abby, who has been volunteering with her grandmother Gail for "quite awhile," says, "Henry is really great; he is so cheerful and helpful! He is always helping me with my homework and reading!"

Henry greets every visitor to the Penthouse with a head



butt and a meow, inviting the visitors to stroke his soft fur. He has a sweet disposition and loves to be around TCH volunteers and visitors. He is a favorite among many of the volunteers because of his charming personality and sweetness. He has a special spot in the middle of the table where he can view the entire Penthouse. Henry is a special cat with special needs. He has the feline immunodeficiency virus, which weakens his immune system but doesn't shorten his life. Yet, this doesn't slow him down any. At age 12, he actively keeps tabs on TCH and all of its occupants.

As Henry is such an avid reader, he does enjoy a quieter environment where he can read and nap in peace. And while Henry loves the company of people who share his love of reading, he would prefer a quiet home without other cats, where he can have all the attention and love he deserves.

"He is such a happy cat," Abby says, "He loves to lie on my books, and he is just so sweet. I really appreciate all of his help with my homework!"

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) severely weakens a cat's immune system. Infected cats that receive supportive medical care and are kept in a stress-free indoor environment can live a normal lifespan. The virus is spread to other cats only through deep bites, so Henry could share a home with laid-back companions.

These cats are looking for forever homes.

Visit our shelter at 1935 Q Street on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm and Sundays from 1:30-4 pm. You can also visit The Cat House kitties at the PetSmart adoption center located at 5200 N 27th Street.



Sonny - 4 years



Chloe Sue - 4 years



Herschel (FeLV+) - 1 year



Rhianna - 9 years

Small gets a chance to live large

By Ann Adams

Six months ago, Lisa and Renato Scotton visited The Cat House to find a cat to share their apartment and life with. They were instantly drawn to a large, long-haired guy named Small. They had seen his picture on the TCH website, and he reminded them of their daughter's cat, an older gentleman with a laid back demeanor.

Small, 12 years old at the time of adoption, was one of TCH's most veteran cats, having lived there for 8 years. During that time, he earned celebrity status as one of the rare cats to overcome the feline leukemia virus. The virus normally cuts short a cat's life. Small's immune system eventually defeated the virus, but until then, his infection put off many potential adopters over the years.

Small may have had to wait a long time to find his forever home, but it did not take him very much time at all to become a member of the Scotton family.

"It was like we had him all our lives. He was that type of a special cat," said Lisa.

Small quickly made himself at home,

joining Lisa and Renato on the couch upon invite. He even got to enjoy some quality outdoor time on a balcony patio.

Lisa and Renato began to wonder if Small missed having other cats around since he had spent so much of his life surrounded by them. The couple decided to return to TCH in pursuit of a companion for their "Small Man." That's where they found Greyson, a cute little kitten brother for Small.

Small and Greyson got along well. But about a month after bringing home a baby brother for him, Small got sick. It became hard for him to breathe, and he died of congestive heart failure.

"I cradled Small in my arms and told him not to worry and kept telling him how much we all

loved him. And by 'we,' I meant not only us but his true family at The Cat House," Lisa said.

Small made a big impact on Lisa and Renato – they will never forget him. They still have his little brother Greyson and have since adopted another kitty from TCH, Gracie.

Greyson and Gracie are not actual litter mates, but they have become a bonded pair that bring such joy to the Scotttons.

Small, the cat who had lived at TCH so long, got his chance for a home of his own and he opened the door for two other TCH cats to find their forever homes. There is nothing small about that.



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Calling crafty cats

The fall series of Cats and Crafts offers a great way for children and adults to have some creative fun, get ready for the holidays, and enjoy time with the awesome cats at The Cat House.

First up is the popular Costume Party for children on Oct. 18. (Yes, it's an away football game.) Next is an adults' art night with clay on Nov. 8. (It's a bye week.) Finally, there will be a pair of nights for adults and children to make cards and gift bags. The adult night will be Dec. 6, followed by the children's night Dec. 13.

Sessions are on Saturdays from 6-8:30 p.m. at The Cat House, 1935 Q St. Registration is required and space is limited so register early. There is a \$20 donation per attendee. All money raised goes to benefit the cats.

Look for updates on the TCH Facebook site ([facebook.com/thecatshouse](https://www.facebook.com/thecatshouse)) or watch for flyers closer to the anticipated times.

Cats online: funny pictures and more

By Mindy Peck

You probably noticed that our feline friends have taken over cyber space! There are cute pictures, funny pictures, LOLCATS, grumpy cats, and cats that just want a cheeseburger. So, where should you go to get trustworthy cat information, in addition to seeing all of the new cat memes? How do you know a good website from a bad website? Here are some guidelines and suggested sites for you to check out the next time you find yourself surfing in cyber space!

First, how can you tell a good site from a bad site? Pay attention to how the site is constructed. Does it look professional? Be on the lookout for anything “phishy.” Is the website asking you to fill in lots of questions or requesting a credit card number? Take a moment to check out this useful site on Wikihow, giving suggestions on how to tell if a site is legitimate: <http://www.wikihow.com/Find-if-a-Website-Is-Legitimate>.

Next, take a look at the information being presented. Let’s say that you have a question on how to cure your cat’s shedding problem. You type this information into Google and

up pops a website for alternative remedies to cat shedding, one of which includes making your cat wear a purple sweater with pink pompoms. Ok, so I made this up, but I’m sure there are stranger things out there on the internet. If even the smallest of warning bells rings in your mind when you read the information on the site (especially on a forum page), run it past your vet before trying anything at home, especially making Fluffy wear a purple sweater with pink pompoms!

One great site is created by the people at Cat Fancy, called The Cat Channel: <http://www.catchannel.com/>. This is a good site for all things cat related, from getting your first cat, to cat behavior, shopping, and more. This site has useful cat information along with humor. One really cool feature is Cat College, an online “classroom” where the user can sign up to take cat classes, starting at Cat 101 and advancing through five different levels. <http://www.catchannel.com/cat-college/default.aspx>.

Another site with a good reputation is the

Cornell Feline Health Center, maintained by Cornell University: <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/fhc/>. It has medical information, plus some fun facts, pictures, and cat songs. (Just to be clear, they are songs about cats, not by cats.) For behavior problems, many people have gotten help from Jackson Galaxy, the star of Animal Planet’s My Cat from Hell series. Jackson has lots of advice under the Learn tab on his site: <http://jacksongalaxy.com/learn/>.

However, if knitting sweaters for Fluffy is your thing, I would strongly recommend you check out Pinterest, <http://www.pinterest.com/>. Here you can find not only cute cat crafts to make, but hundreds of cat pictures, both cute and funny! Speaking of funny, there is The Grumpy Cat page, <http://www.grumpycats.com/>, and Simons Cat, <http://www.simonscat.com/>, where you find the animated adventures of a cat and his human. Also, don’t forget to check out one of our favorite sites: The Cat House! <http://www.thecathouse.org/>.

Cali’s column

Dear Cali:

My cat hates the vet. She yowls all the way there in the car and fights when the vet wants to look at her. Is it OK to just skip visits (unless she gets really sick, of course)?

Signed, Stressed out



Dear Stressed:

What a preposterous notion! Why, it’s because I get good veterinary care that I have outlived most lesser cats. (That, and my superior breeding, naturally.) Getting regular health care, especially preventive care, can help your cat live a longer, more comfortable life. Seeing to your cat’s every need and making your cat comfortable should be the aim of properly raised humans.

I will confess that, in my youth, I had some pretty strong ideas about going to the vet myself. I refused to be put in a carrier, and I had to set straight some impertinent vets. However, age brings wisdom and I have changed my ways. I will share some ideas that may help your cat.

First, you simply must take your cat in a carrier and the carrier should be belted in.

Being loose in a car is not safe either for the cat or her chauffeur. In an accident, she could be tossed around and get hurt or hurt you or she could escape. A carrier also keeps her from escaping at the vet’s office or the parking lot.

You can help your cat be more comfortable with the carrier by leaving it in an area where she spends a lot of time. Put some familiar cushy bedding in it and treats, catnip, or toys to make it more enticing.

When it comes time to get your cat in the carrier, move slowly and calmly. Try to do it in a room with few hiding places. A top-loading carrier may make it easier to tuck your cat in. With other carriers, try putting her back end in first. Another method is to remove the top half of the carrier, set your cat in the bottom and replace the top. The vet can use the reverse process to see your cat. While on the road, some cats like to have a towel over the carrier so they don’t have to see scary things along the way.

At the vet’s office, it helps if you remain calm. Your cat can pick up on your stress, which makes her more anxious. Take a few

deep breaths. Remember, the vet is used to cats of all kinds. If your cat is a little bit hungry going to the appointment, she may be willing to take treats from the vet, thus building a bond.

If you have other cats at home, take it slowly when you bring your cat back from the vet, especially if your cat had to spend the night. She may smell like the vet’s office, which may upset her housemates. If necessary, keep your cats separated for a day until she gets to smelling normal.

So, do not skip those vet visits. With luck, your cat may remain part of your life almost as long as I have graced the world.

Sincerely, Cali 🐾

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