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The small print on cat adoptions

By Alma Vlasak

You're excited! You've made up your mind. A new cat or kitten is just what your household needs, and the adoption fees are in this month's budget! STOP before going any further. What are the real costs of owning a cat?

Adoption fees typically include spay or neuter; initial rabies and RCP (a combo shot including distemper) shots; testing for feline leukemia and, possibly, for feline immunodeficiency virus; and microchipping. Keep in mind that if you find a "free" kitten listed in the newspaper or online, you will probably need to pay for some or all of the above. Always clarify what is included when adopting a cat.

Plan to buy a hard-sided carrier for your new cat and have it with you when you go to bring your furry marvel home. Carriers can cost \$25* or more. If your new arrival is a kitten, plan to buy a mid-sized carrier that will accommodate your kitten as it grows. Kittens grow rapidly and reach their adult size by one year of age.

When adopting an adult cat, ensure that it has a large litter box so that it can comfortably do its business and then cover up the evidence. A litter box that is too small can lead to accidents and stress for your cat. Cats in general prefer an open cat box. Prices for litter boxes start at about \$10*.

A good scratching post is essential to provide your cat with an appropriate surface to scratch and exercise. A 30- to 36-inch scratching post covered with sisal or carpet will ensure a good full-body stretch for your cat. Short scratching posts generally are useless for a cat past three months of age. The cost for a 36-inch, sisal-covered cat post at The Cat House is \$45* at this time. Expect to pay more in stores.

Good quality food is essential to your cat's health. Science Diet, Iams, Eukanuba, Royal Canin, and Purina One are good brands of cat food. Prices vary depending on the brand and the size of the bag. Stay away from most brands of cat food sold in grocery stores (except for those listed previously) because they include filler to keep the cost down. Always check the label to see that meat or fish is listed first as an ingredient. Consult your veterinarian for specialized diets.

The cost of litter will depend on the type you choose—either clay or clumping. Stay away from heavily perfumed products as a cat's sense of smell is highly developed and, if offended by fragrances, your cat may not use the litter box. When you find a product your cat likes, stick with it. Keep in mind that a clean litter box is

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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 or contact us by phone at 402-441-9593 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
- Facility organization and restocking
- Transporting cats to and from vet clinic
- Newsletter articles, photography, and production
- Assisting with communication to volunteers and/or the public
- Adoption counselor
- Post-adoption follow-up calls
- Volunteer training program assistance
- Volunteer scheduling assistance
- Filing
- Grant writing
- Fundraising
- Feral/TNR program
- Foster home

Spotlight on... Patrice Scharfen

By Rebecca Bolger

Little did Patrice Scharfen know that a visit to All Feline Hospital would result in a rewarding second life. During her visit there in 2009, she noticed a Cat House calendar on the wall, which prompted her to do some research on the organization online. Subsequently, she applied to volunteer and two years later she continues to offer her services at The Cat House in several different capacities.

Though Patrice divides her time amongst multiple areas, her zeal and dedication to The Cat House cause remain undiminished. Just as she did several years ago, every Saturday she helps clean the Special Unit area. While she fetches dirty food bowls and scoops litter boxes, she bonds with Special Unit cats including Merry, KC, and Otis. Her efforts have earned her the role of backup Special Unit Coordinator. On every other Thursday morning and every other Saturday evening, she also offers feasts of rabbit to Thunder and Sloopy, who require a special raw food diet.

Additionally, she has taken on other important roles. Patrice takes the photographs of the facility's new feline residents. These photos become integral in identifying the cats so volunteers know which cats should be relocated to new housing areas, which should receive medication, which should receive special food and, most happily, which recently have been adopted. With so many incoming residents, this can become quite time-consuming, as Patrice must load each photo into TCH's electronic database and add a physical copy to the shelter's photo album. Prospective adopters may even see Patrice's photographs on TCH's website, thus urging them to visit the shelter for an adoption. Patrice's photography skills also aid in capturing memorable moments during special TCH occasions like the annual Meow and Chow Bingo Night, or during pet photo-shoots at Petco and PetSmart during the holiday season.

Patrice's love of TCH and all things feline has even carried over to her home life. She



Patrice with Elvis

currently fosters four TCH cats—13-year-old Thomas, 2-year-old Sebastian, 14-year-old Arlo, and 10-month-old Bennie—some of whom require special medical care or socialization. In addition, she has her own furry family of five, which includes 18-year-old Booger, 13-year-old Louie, 12-year-old Foxfire, 11-year-old Sporty, and 2-year-old Elvis. With such a full house, it is unlikely Patrice will be welcoming any new felines into her home any time soon, but, as with any cat enthusiast, she always wishes she could take in even more.

Patrice's efforts demonstrate her tremendous love for animals in need and show what positive changes are possible at the hands of a single volunteer. Her work has influenced others in her life to volunteer. A friend's young daughter looks forward to the day when she is old enough to volunteer at TCH, just like Patrice!

Happy Tails Stats

Here are the number of cats adopted in recent months.

October	20
November	22
December	20
January	26
February	26
March	17

Donations in memory & honor of...

In memory of

Linda Emery, a long-time resident of Lincoln and a life-long cat lover, from Gail Linderholm, Michelle Holliday, Bob & Linda Auxier, Theresa Auxier, Jim & Vivian Auxier, Joe Auxier & family, Lana Flagtwet, & Linda's niece Jill Elbracht

EY McDowell from Jeanette Stamm

Angie Carman's cat Max from The NCSA Staff

Stacy Vollmar's & Zuleika Doremus's cat Reggie from Linda Markussen

Bat from Christopher Greene

Lloyd, who died in 2008 with his favorite cat Thaddeus, a Cat House alumnus, lying across his legs, from Lloyd's parents Harlan & Charlene Francy

Gail Ihle's cat Lilly from Denise Wiemer

Kelly O'Casey from Larry & Suzie Meierdierks

Donated by or in honor of

Jerry & Carol Northrop, Ed & Debbi Wicks, & Jeff Northrop

Debbie & Dan Custar from Ieland & Barbara Brockman

Bill & Marge Biven from Judith Hill

Cory Storm's birthday from Elizabeth Shanahan

Barbara Roker, a very compassionate animal lover, from Sue Beckler

Jessica Hoburg, who chose The Cat House to receive an alternative Christmas gift, from her great-aunt and -uncle Robert & Joan Hoburg

Special thanks to

Dr. Shelley Knudsen from All Feline Hospital for donating her time to make onsite vet visits to The Cat House.

BK Pet Necessities for providing wonderful cat furniture for TCH cats and donating a percentage of sales.

Cause For Paws for donating a percentage of sales.

Nature's Variety for donating food for Sloopy, Thunder, and ferals in Lincoln.

First Annual Meow & Chow Event is a Souper Success!

The Cat House (TCH) and Lincoln Animal Ambassadors (LAA) hosted their First Annual Meow & Chow Bingo Night on November 6, 2010. The event was a huge success, and the money raised will help many animals. More than 170 Lincoln locals and visitors came out to enjoy a night of fun, food and fundraising to support the two organizations.

Dinner in the form of delicious soup, bread, dessert and beverages were generously donated by local restaurants and volunteers. Entertainment included bingo games with prizes and an exciting raffle with amazing items donated by local businesses and friends of the organizations.

TCH & LAA would like to give a special thanks to everyone who contributed to the event. This kind of support from the community and animals lovers across the city will undoubtedly have a significant impact on the groups' continued effort toward improving the lives of animals in need.



 **LINCOLN
Animal
ambassadors**
3rd annual

**Wine
& howl**
fund raising event

**Saturday, May 14
11am-5pm**

Deer Springs Winery

162nd & East Adams St

www.deerspringswinery.com

**Bring your dog, a blanket, lawn chairs,
and enjoy the country air!** Please have your dog on a leash.

Vendor Exhibits • Wine Tasting • Gift Raffle • Food • Live Music

Suggested \$5 Donation per person

Calendar of Events

Please join us in participating or celebrating the following events.

Wine & Howl

May 14 / 11am-5pm / Deer Springs Winery, East of Lincoln

Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month

June

Farmers Market

End of June through July / 8am-12pm / Haymarket, Downtown Lincoln
Exact dates TBA

Midlands Cat Fanciers Cat Show

August 27 / Time TBA / Omaha, NE

Sandhills Cat Club Cat Show

October 8 / Time TBA / Fairgrounds, Seward, NE

TCH Garage Sale

Here's a two-fer opportunity: Clean out your house and help the cats. The Cat House is seeking donated items for a fund-raising garage sale to be held late summer or early fall. Items should be in good condition and ready to be sold. No large appliances please. To arrange a drop-off, please email info@thecathouse.org or call 402-441-9593.

Happy Tails...

Lowki finally finds his perfect match

By Denise Anderson

Sometimes it takes being adopted a few times for a cat to find the perfect forever home. This is so true for a male Ragdoll named Lowki, who was born in 2004.

Lowki had been surrendered to The Cat House in July 2008 after having litter box issues. Due to his charming personality and handsome good looks, he was quickly adopted out in August 2008 but soon expressed fear of his new surroundings by not using his litter box. His new owner tried anti-anxiety medication, which seemed to work when given, but was unable to medicate on a continual basis. Lowki was returned to TCH in May 2010.

In July 2010, Lowki was again adopted but was returned in September 2010 due to the same issue and the new owner's unwillingness to try medication to resolve the problem.

Finally, a person came along who was willing to be patient with Lowki, providing him a quiet home and medication as needed. He was adopted just after New Year's 2011. His adopter, Laura Katich, has not had any

problems medicating him, or any litter box issues since taking him home.

Laura, who travels back and forth between two homes because of her work schedule, also has multiple dogs. Lowki now plays with the dogs and cuddles with Laura.

Laura recently wrote to TCH that "He is eating well, taking his meds, and hasn't had a litter box incident. He is home! I just love him!" and again, "...so glad he could come and live with me." Another e-mail stated "Lowki is holding his own! He is doing better than I ever expected considering it's just been a little over 6 weeks. The tomcat is starting to come out of his shell. He has even jumped up on my bed and sniffed my nose. Again, so glad he could come and live with me. His personality is emerging, and he is a funny guy."



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

- Science Diet, Regular Adult & Kitten
- Science Diet Light – Adult
- Iams Regular & Kitten
- Royal Canin Baby Cat
- Science Diet W/D, R/D, C/D 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 (ground or minced)
- Science Diet A/D, W/D, R/D, C/D, 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
- Hand sanitizer

*sold at vet clinics

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
- Dixie heavyweight disposable bowls, 10 oz
- 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)
- Catnip in bulk
- 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

Cindy

By Martha Stoddard

Cindy is one feisty little cat. She had to be, to survive being tied in a bag and tossed in a lake when she was pregnant. Fortunately for her, a Cat House volunteer was walking nearby and saw the struggling bundle. What the volunteer found inside the bag was a gorgeous, long-haired patch tabby with white accents.

Testing showed that Cindy was infected with the feline leukemia virus (FeLV). Again, she was fortunate. Some shelters won't consider taking in a cat with feline leukemia. The Cat House has an area just for cats with FeLV. Cindy found a home there after her kittens were born. (The kittens—named for country music stars—were taken away at birth and hand-fed so they would not contract FeLV from nursing. All have been adopted.)

Cindy was named after former supermodel Cindy Crawford because of her birthmark. Now four years old, Cindy the cat holds her own with the larger male cats in the Special Unit. She is independent and loves to play with wand toys and balls, especially ping pong balls. Her health has been good, but her long hair means she needs regular grooming.

Cats with FeLV have a compromised immune system which puts them at risk of developing other illnesses, but with proper care, the diseases can be managed and cats can live many healthy years. FeLV is incurable and can be transmitted to other cats through prolonged exposure to saliva and other body fluids.

Stop by the shelter at 1935 Q Street to meet Cindy and her roommates in the Special Unit.



Lowell

By Martha Stoddard

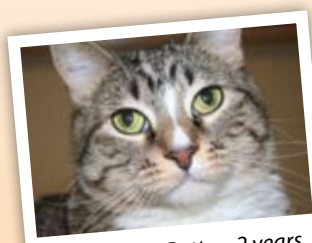
Lowell has an amazing purr. It's so loud and raspy some people have thought he had a medical problem. Others have mistaken it for the cooing of a pigeon. It's neither—it's just Lowell being happy and telling the world how much he loves having people nearby and getting attention.

He wasn't always as fond of people. Lowell and his siblings were born under a deck in southeast Lincoln to a feral mother. The owners of the home understood his mother couldn't be tamed, and they were willing to provide her food and shelter so she could live out her life in the place she knows. But they wanted the kittens to have a better life. The entire family was trapped and, while the mother cat was spayed, her kittens went to a foster home to be socialized.

There, Lowell and the other kittens figured out pretty quickly that they didn't need to be scared, that good food comes from people and being petted is nice. All were soon adopted. Lowell went to live with a single woman; however, Lowell's adopter returned him to TCH after she became engaged to a man who was allergic to cats. Now Lowell is looking for a new home. He gets along well with other cats. His only special request for a new home is a good supply of canned food—he prefers the chunky kind with gravy. Oh, that and someone who appreciates a unique purr.



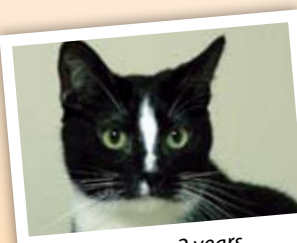
These cats are looking for forever homes.



Peppermint Patty – 2 years



Nemo – 2 years



Flower – 2 years



Brady – 8 years



Hunter – 11 years



Charisma – 5 years



Pandora – 13 years

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.

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very important to your cat, so plan to scoop daily.

TCH recommends that you take your new cat to your vet for a well-kitty checkup soon after adoption. At this checkup, the vet will see your cat when it's healthy and obtain a baseline for future comparisons. Selecting a vet is more than just considering the cost of the vet care; your vet should be someone who has trained in small animal care and has the knowledge to care for your cat throughout its life.

Plan to have your cat seen annually for a routine checkup which, if no tests are required, typically will range from \$40 to \$48* for the office visit/exam. Adult rabies and RCP vaccinations are good for either one or three years. The vaccinations range from \$16 to \$21 for rabies and \$10 to \$18 for RCP, depending on the vaccine used. Consult your vet to determine which vaccines are appropriate for your cat. Note that rabies shots are required by law, and RCP vaccinations are strongly recommended.

To ensure that your cat is a good citizen, licensing is required in Lincoln and many other towns. The cost to license a spayed or neutered cat is \$19 a year in Lincoln. Prices may change annually. Proof of a rabies vaccination is required for licensing with Animal Control. Prices and policies outside of Lincoln may vary.

An indoor cat may live upwards of 15 years, and the ongoing cost of caring for your cat during the later senior years should be carefully considered before adding this expense to your family's budget. An 8-year-old cat is considered to be a senior by most vets and may need changes in its diet and frequency of health care depending on the individual cat.

Now that you have considered and anticipated likely expenses associated with responsible pet ownership, go enjoy and love your new cat! Congratulations from all of us at TCH.

**Note: All prices listed are what can be expected in 2011 and are not specific to any one veterinarian service or store. Call your veterinarian for exact prices. Prices listed are intended to serve only as a guide.*

Young helpers

By Martha Stoddard

It takes a pretty special child to give up birthday presents, especially when it's only your sixth birthday. But Lily Mack did it. She asked her friends to give money for The Cat House instead of buying her presents this year. "The cats need the money more than I do," Lily told her parents, Bryan and Rachel Mack.

It's also pretty special to give up your hard-earned babysitting money to help the TCH cats. Victoria Troutman did that. She's only 12, so she doesn't do a lot of babysitting yet. But the Lincoln girl saved enough to buy a box full of much-needed supplies this year.

Reed, an 8-year-old girl from Colorado, also helped TCH cats recently. Reed was inspired after hearing about TCH from her older brother, Jimmy, who was home for a visit. As Jimmy tells it, Reed ran upstairs unprompted, grabbed money from her piggybank, and asked Jimmy and his wife, Sara, to donate it to the cats at The Cat House. Jimmy was so proud of his little sister that he matched the donation.

Lily, Victoria, and Reed are only a few of many children whose generosity and love of animals help make life better for the TCH cats each year. Some donate money or supplies, many as part of a youth group project. Some volunteer along with their parents, cleaning and feeding or helping

with special events.

Lily's parents have volunteered at TCH for a couple of years. Although Lily is too young to help with the cleaning and feeding, Bryan said

she likes to come in and pet cats. He said Lily came up with the idea of donating her presents all on her own. He and Rachel were impressed with the suggestion and extremely proud when the family came down to the shelter and Lily handed over a total of \$124 in donations. "It was a really cool deal. She's a really cool girl," Bryan said.

Victoria, on the other hand, had never been to TCH before she and her mother brought in her donations. Victoria, who is home-schooled, said she loves animals of all kinds. The family has a cat, a dog, a bird, a tarantula, a turtle and four guinea pigs. She discovered TCH while looking for no-kill shelters on the internet. On the TCH website, Victoria noticed the shelter's wish list and got inspired. She filled her donation box over several weeks, adding items as she had the money.

A big thank you to Lily, Victoria, and Reed, and thank you to all the other children who help the cats.



Lily with Brady

Help The Cat House when you shop!

By Martha Stoddard

There are many ways to help the cats at The Cat House. Not all involve scooping litter boxes or mopping floors. Nor do they all involve donating your own money. You can help as easily as buying Best Choice products at Super Saver grocery stores, then clipping and saving the UPC bar codes from those products. When you have a stash, mail them to The Cat House, Box 23145, Lincoln, NE, 68542, or drop them off at the shelter, 1935 Q St. Super Saver will donate 3

cents to TCH for each label collected.

You also can help by searching the Web and shopping using GoodSearch.com or iGive.com. Both will donate to a charity of your choice for every search done through their sites or every purchase made at a participating Internet store. Each search provides about 1 cent for TCH. The amount donated for purchases varies with the store. TCH supporters have provided \$775.79 for the cats by using the iGive site and \$414.79 by using GoodSearch.

Catnip stix, pet beds, and carrier liners!

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

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Please visit the shelter to purchase one of our new tees or sweatshirts, available in many colors!



Vonda's Views

Dear Vonda,

I am completely beside myself. I recently met Shelby, the man of my dreams, and he says he is allergic to my male cat "Mr. Pookie Bear" (aka Pook). Shelby wants me to get rid of my angel, and I am kind of leaning that way to keep the new man in my life happy. What should I do?

Thanks,

Cat Mom in Distress

Dear Cat Mom in Distress,

Shelby has a very common misconception about cats and allergies; people actually are not "allergic to cats" but are allergic to feline dander. The dander is created when a cat cleans itself. It gets onto a cat's fur and into the air. As people breathe in this dander or touch a surface that has dander on it, the allergy reaction can occur.

Don't make a hasty decision and get rid of Pook. Give this issue some serious thought to ensure the right decision is made. You do not want to regret your decision.

Since you seem sure Shelby has to stay in your life, I would verify he is indeed allergic to Pook. Has Shelby been tested for allergies? If not, ask him to do this for you. An allergist will run a series of skin tests in which the skin is exposed to small samples of the proteins shed by cats and dogs and other substances to see if there is any reaction. Remember, tests are never 100% accurate but are a strong indicator. Maybe Shelby is allergic to something else in your home such as dust. (How good of a house cleaner are you by the way?)

Now, let us just say the tests come back and the love of your life is allergic to cats. A number of strategies can be implemented to help Shelby:

- Confine Pook to one area of the house or bar him from certain rooms to reduce allergic reactions. You may need to close the bedroom door to try and keep the cat allergen down in the bedroom.
- Remove carpet, rugs, pillows, curtains, etc., from the house. Remember, allergens are airborne and survive for months or even years by themselves. Removing anything that can trap and hold dander

and other allergens would be a great idea.

- Vacuum up cat allergen with a high-grade HEPA vacuum cleaner twice weekly. You should vacuum walls, carpet, flooring, and furniture...everywhere. Use the hand tools on the vacuum. Cat allergen particles are very small and invasive so you really have to do a thorough job.
- Dust and wipe down all hard surfaces to control the dander and allergens in the home.
- Use a vapor steam cleaner to clean your home. This chemical-free way of cleaning kills dust mites, bacteria, mold spores, and cat allergen.
- Replace air conditioner and heater vent filters every four to six weeks. A high-efficiency filter or an electrostatic filter also may reduce dust in your home.
- Change the kind of cat litter that you use in Pook's litter box. Shelby may be allergic to the dust particles from the litter itself.
- Frequently wash your hands, especially after handling Pook, and always wash your hands prior to touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Wash bedding in 140-degree hot water at least twice monthly to eliminate both dust mite and cat allergen.
- Regularly brushing and bathing Pook will reduce the amount of loose fur (and its attached saliva) in the air so there is less cat allergen in the air. Bath Pook at least once or twice a week, if possible, and/or wipe his fur with a damp cloth or hand towel daily. If Pook has long hair, cut Pook's hair shorter so that there is less surface area where dander can build up.
- Try applying Allerpet(c) to Pook's coat to cleanse his hair of saliva and dander and thus reduce the amount of cat allergen in the air. Your vet may sell Allerpet.
- Feed Pook a high-quality diet with plenty of Omega-3 fatty acids to help keep his coat healthy and minimize dander.
- Allergies can often be controlled with over-the-counter or prescription medications. Antihistamines and decongestants may provide allergy relief. Prescription steroids, like Flonase(c) or Nasonex(c), are a common treatment for allergies.



Have a question for Vonda?

Email her at info@thecathouse.org

Selected questions will be answered in the next newsletter.

- Some allergy sufferers find relief in immunotherapy, a periodic injection therapy that stimulates the body's natural immune responses to cat allergens. Ask the doctor if allergy shots are an option for Shelby. Allergy shots can help some people, but they may not be effective for others and treatment can take years. They also are not safe for children under 5 years of age.
- If Pook isn't neutered, have your vet neuter him immediately! Unaltered cats have more dander than cats that have been altered. And even more important, unaltered cats continue to make babies!

By implementing these suggestions, Shelby's cat allergies, if he is allergic, should be significantly decreased. Keeping a cat when someone has allergies is not impossible, but it takes a concerted effort. You can have Shelby and Pook in your life if you want; you just need to make some changes around the house.

I have two pieces of advice. First, change Pook's name. Mr. Pookie Bear is pretty unmanly. How about Thor or Rhett? Those are better names. Second, if Shelby is allergic to Pook and unwilling to make these simple changes, dump him. He is too controlling if he is unwilling to share you with someone as important as Pook. If need be, I will make a house call and help you. Just give me a ball of string and a quiet room to speak to "the love of your life." I am sure we can come to a consensus. Shelby may then understand what REAL cat allergies look like.

Sincerely,
Vonda 🐾

The Cat House needs your support so we can continue helping our feline friends. To donate food, toys or supplies, please call 402-441-9593 for an appointment. Contributions can also be made with a credit card through Paypal. Please consider donating, or visit our website to learn how you can help!

The costs to operate the facility continue to grow. One way of reducing costs is to minimize the number of newsletters that are printed and mailed out to our supporters. We are, therefore, asking if we can send future issues of The Cat House Scoop to your email address instead of mailing you a printed copy. Rest assured though, if you don't have access to a computer, we will continue to send the newsletter to you by mail!

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