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Helping our cats stay emotionally healthy

By Allison Hunter-Frederick

In light of the pandemic, we have become increasingly aware of how important our cats are to our emotional health. Unfortunately, we are often less aware of our cats' emotional needs.

Consider the following research. A study conducted at Ohio State University in 2011 found that healthy cats were just as likely as chronically ill cats to refuse food, vomit frequently, and leave waste outside their litter box in response to changes in their routine. A 2017 study from South Korea linked stressful events, such as living in a small space, living with too many cats, or living with limited vertical space, to an increased risk of urinary tract disease. And a 2018 pet census by Petplan revealed 55 percent of owners believed their pet had suffered from a mental health issue.

Some stress is unavoidable. A certain amount is even necessary for survival, as it triggers a fight or flight response and allows cats to respond to challenges. Physiological systems within the cat's body have evolved to deal with short-term or acute stress such as meeting a new household pet or being taken to the vet.

Unfortunately, their systems are less adapted to dealing with chronic or long-term stress, meaning that ongoing stress can lead to behavioral problems and stress-related disease.

To make matters worse, we may miss the subtle changes in their health because cats are masters at hiding signs of illness and these changes are gradual.

As cat owners we need to become masters at observing our cats' behaviors. Any change in their behaviors warrants a visit to the vet. Some reasons to see your vet include: increased or decreased appetite, inappropriate elimination, diarrhea, inappropriate scratching, excessive chewing, overgrooming, clinginess, or sudden aggression. If a medical cause is ruled out, stress might be the culprit.

To recognize what constitutes stress for cats, we must consider their perspective. For them, stress can arise from any of the following:

Interaction with people: We might force cats to have more physical contact (petting, holding, picking up) than they are comfortable with, react inconsistently to their behavior and leave them uncertain as to how to respond, or share our stress which can then rub off on them.

Interaction with the environment: We might not provide adequate resources (litter boxes, scratching posts, vertical space) or sufficient playtime. Loud noises in the form of parties or remodeling projects can also stress cats.

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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.

Our volunteer needs change frequently. We encourage you to check our website at thecathouse.org for updates.

You can fill out a volunteer application online at thecathouse.org, come in during open hours to fill out an application, or e-mail questions to volunteer@thecathouse.org. You're in for a rewarding experience!

Opportunities to help include:

- Open hours
- Daily care, feeding, room cleaning, and socializing of cats
- 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
- Foster care

Happy Tails Stats

Here are the number of cats adopted in recent months.

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| October | 31 |
| November | 34 |
| December | 36 |
| January | 33 |
| February | 31 |

Volunteer Spotlight: Summer and Levi Preuit

By Jeff Kennedy

When Summer Preuit became the Short-Term Foster Coordinator for The Cat House in 2019, it was because she knew a thing or two about the fostering process. Summer and husband, Levi, have been fostering pregnant cats and providing safe, comfortable environments for the birth of many litters of kittens for the organization since 2013. They have overseen the birth of more than 100 kittens. "I stopped counting after 100," Summer recalled.

The phrase "short-term" fostering refers to the fostering of pregnant cats or recently born kittens, who only stay in the foster home until they are old enough to come to the shelter for adoption. "My favorite part of short-term fostering is the mother cats." Summer says, "The transformation of them going from scared and nervous to being loving and nurturing is special to me."

As with many animal foster homes, Levi and Summer have experienced "foster failure," which is when a foster family

decides to adopt one of the cats they have been caring for. In the Preuits' case, it was with Annie, a special kitten born with deformed legs. Levi and Summer have also adopted Greta and Caboose from TCH.

In addition to overseeing the fostering program, Levi and Summer participate in a number of other TCH activities, including catnip stuffing, helping with feral cats, and one year Levi was even Santa in the annual Photos with Santa event.



New t-shirts coming!

New t-shirts are coming to The Cat House (TCH) soon! They will be in addition to the current t-shirts.

Several volunteers worked to come up with a new design that would still convey the essential TCH message of adoption and support.

T-shirts will be available in ash grey and deep purple, in sizes small, medium, large, extra-large, 2XL, and 3XL. They will be priced at \$15 each and should be available by mid-April.



TCH sets adoption record

The year 2020 brought disruption, heartache, and fear into many humans' lives with the pandemic and everything else going on. But it turned out to be a very good year for the cats at The Cat House.

Apparently, lots of people in Lincoln decided that the best way to find a little happiness and some company for all those

hours at home was by bringing home a purring bundle of fur. TCH set a record for the number of cats adopted in a year, with 495 cats finding new homes.

That, in turn, opened up spots for more cats to come in to the shelter and get a chance at a new life. Adoptions are continuing at a pretty good clip for 2021 so far.

Max

By Elise Gettig

Max, or “Maxie” as she is lovingly called, is a beautiful medium-haired, tail-less, tortoiseshell princess. She has more spunk than any other cat in town. She came to TCH through Husker Cats after living on the streets for a few years and then spending a few more years in a home in Lincoln. Unfortunately, the pandemic forced the family to return home overseas, and thus Max came in to us.

With her room right next to the TCH office, she likes to hop in the window and join the volunteers in discussion. You can tell what mood most cats are in based on their tail movements, but since Max’s tail is missing, she lets you know what she’s feeling with her cute and nasally meows. If you sit down with her, she’ll walk over you, begging to be brushed. Brushing her beautiful fur is an experience that would calm most cat lovers. When you are done styling her fur, she’ll likely retire to her cat cave but continue to keep her eyes on what’s going on.

The perfect home for Max would be one where she will be the only princess around as she doesn’t like to share the spotlight with other cats or dogs. She loves children as long as they are old enough to know not to pull her fur. After living on the streets, being forced to be given up by her family, and now finished getting to know our volunteers, she is ready to settle down in her forever home with you.



Maximus & Leonidas

By Elise Gettig

Sometimes, fate brings two souls together; that is what happened with Maximus and his best friend, Leonidas. Though not related, the universe intertwined these two handsome guys’ path. They were strays from the Minden area where they were rescued and brought to The Cat House. Maximus is a blue-and-white short-hair with little white slippers. Leonidas is known for his Scottish-fold-like ears and cream markings.

Where you find one is where you’ll likely find the other. When Leonidas settles down for his afternoon nap, Maximus follows suit and snuggles his way into the same bed. They are a little shy, but they will ask you to get down on the floor with them, and with some patience, they will come closer for pets. When you bring them home, they will need some time to adjust but don’t be surprised if – despite their shyness – you catch them chasing toys around the room when no one is around. With a little TLC, they are sure to warm up to their new family.

Maximus and Leonidas carry the feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) but that doesn’t stop them from living a normal life. The virus weakens their immune systems, making them more susceptible to infections and diseases than other cats, but FIV is a slowly developing disease and they can live a normal lifespan. While we will be sad to see them leave, we will be much happier knowing they are getting all of the cuddles they deserve with their forever family.



These cats are looking for forever homes.

Visit our shelter on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm and Sundays from 1:30 to 4 pm.



Frank – 7 years



Pearl – 3 years



Pink (FeLV+) – 8 years



Blackbeard – 8 months



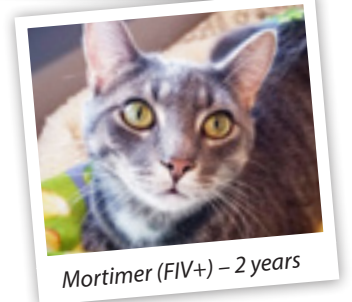
Lil Gray – 2 years



Biscuit (FeLV+) – 2 years



Pepper – 6 years



Mortimer (FIV+) – 2 years

Calendar of Events

Mother of All Garage Sales (MOAGS)

April 9 / 5 to 9 pm

April 10 / 8 am to 3 pm

Lancaster Event Center
4100 N. 84th Street

Cinco de Meow-o Photo Event

April 11 / 1 to 5 pm

Paws 4 Fun Park
222 N. 44th Street

Give to Lincoln Day

May 25 / Midnight to 11:59 pm

Option to give May 1 through 25 at:
thecatshouse.org/give.

Haymarket Farmers Market Saturdays, June 26 through

August 7 / 8 am to Noon

Booth on 8th St, between P and Q.
Dates subject to change.

Pet beds, catnip sticks, and other items available.



give To Lincoln Day

The 10th annual Lincoln Community Foundation's Give to Lincoln Day (G2LD) is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25. The Lincoln Community Foundation started G2LD as a way to help raise money for Lincoln and area non-profits.

All non-profits will share a proportionate part of a \$500,000 match based on the amount of money raised on G2LD. This is the same match as last year.

The Cat House (TCH) has benefited from this important source of funding for the shelter and cats. Funds will help us keep our roof in repair and with other shelter needs. G2LD is an easy way to support Lincoln's only no-kill cat shelter by increasing the amount donated through the match funds.

Additionally, funds raised on behalf of TCH pay for spay/neuters, necessary veterinary procedures on behalf of the cats, and our Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) program.

Check for the link on The Cat House website or go to givetolincoln.com. Gifts made online at this site beginning May 1 qualify for G2LD totals and match funds.

Your generosity and caring will let us continue our work in 2021 for the Lincoln community.

Cinco de Meow-O Photo Event

If you missed Santa photos last year and are looking for an event that will let your pet shine and benefit The Cat House (TCH), have we got something special for you! Cinco de Mayo aka Cinco de Meow-O is going to be a professional photo shoot just for you and your furry friends or other household pets.

Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the Battle of Puebla against the French in 1862. It is celebrated on May 5 by Mexican Americans and anyone else who is looking for a really good time.

Our Cinco de Meow-O event will be held on April 11 from 1 to 5 pm at Paws 4 Fun Park, 222 N. 44th Street, in Lincoln. Currently vaccinated cats and dogs, or any other well-behaved pets, are welcome. No appointment is necessary, and themed costumes will be provided. Yes, there will be sombreros.

Photos will be ready for pick-up on April 25 from 1 to 3 pm at Paws 4 Fun Park. Pet

portraits will not be available at Paws 4 Fun Park after this date and time.

The cost is \$25 for the photo package plus a \$5 per pet donation to TCH. Payment can be made by cash or check. Credit or debit cards will not be accepted. The photo package includes two 4- by 5-inch prints and eight wallet-sized photos. Additional prints and greeting cards can be ordered at the event.

TCH will also have retail items available for purchase. These items include catnip sticks, fleece pet beds, refillable catnip mice, and TCH t-shirts.

If you have an elderly or special needs pet that requires special accommodations, please contact Beverly at cherishedimagesbybeverly@yahoo.com to make arrangements. Curbside service will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there, and as always thank you for supporting your local Cat House!

Catnip sticks, pet beds, and carrier liners!

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



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Interaction with other cats or species: We might unintentionally force them to share a space with animals that they dislike. Living in an area where the outdoor population is high can also stress cats.

Changes in the household: We might expose cats to changes that stress them even if we enjoy them, such as new people, pets, household items, or routines.

Growing older: We might not recognize that senior cats have joint pain, arthritis, memory loss, or sadness. Physical pain can cause cats to hurt when cuddled; mental changes can cause cats to feel insecure.

Emotional pain: We might not recognize cats can suffer from mental

illness. A traumatic experience, history of abuse or neglect, or lack of socialization might be the cause. Cats can also suffer from an obsessive-compulsive disorder or separation anxiety.

Besides addressing the above, how can we help our cats cope with stress?

- Give anti-anxiety medication or diets with anti-stress nutrients if recommended by a veterinarian.
- Try feline pheromones, which are calming tools available in diffusers, sprays, and collars.
- Play classical music. Studies have shown it relaxes cats.
- Maximize a cat's resources, as

mentioned above, and maintain a household routine. Both are important enough that they bear repetition.

- Alleviate boredom with puzzle feeders, battery-operated toys, and interactive playtime.
- You might also integrate a daily training routine and teach your cat new tricks that build its confidence and increase your bond.

Studies have shown that cats benefit our health in multiple ways. We owe it to them to help them feel safe and relaxed where they live so that they too might enjoy emotional health.

Making Easter cat-friendly

By Ann Adams

Spring is in the air, and Easter is right around the corner. You may not think of cats when you think of Easter, but there are some hidden dangers you should be aware of. There is no need to walk on eggshells, just take these preventative steps to make sure your Easter celebrations are safe for your cat.

Food for Thought

A lot of human foods are toxic to cats, such as chocolate, grapes, onions, raw dough, and garlic. Even foods that may not be toxic can cause your cat to have an upset stomach, such as salty or fatty foods. It is best practice not to feed your cat human food so it doesn't get in the habit of thinking it can eat food that isn't meant for cats.

A good smelling holiday meal can make even the best-behaved feline want a taste, so keep any food left out on counters or tables covered and unavailable to your cat. Hiding Easter candy can be a fun family game, but make sure all candies are accounted for and not left out for kitty to find.

Easter Decor Don'ts

Easter baskets are commonly filled with mounds of plastic Easter grass—it's cheap, cute, but very dangerous to cats. Ingesting plastic Easter grass can cause serious intestinal issues and blockages that require surgery to fix. Opt for paper confetti to keep things cute and safe.

Another common piece of Easter decor is lilies. All lilies, including Easter lilies, are highly toxic to cats. The pollen, leaves, flowers, and even the water in the pot are dangerous. Do not keep lilies indoors (or anywhere your cat may come into contact with them) and inspect any bouquets you may receive for lilies before bringing them into your home. Artificial plants are a good option if you like the look of lilies.

Amaze your friends and family: Teach your cat to High-Five

By Allison Hunter-Frederick

Some people believe cats won't do tricks. Don't believe them. Not only is it fun to teach your cat to do tricks, it can also be practical. For example, teaching cats to high-five can give them a way to interact with strangers. It can also help them become more comfortable with having their paws handled. As with all training, teaching cats can boost their confidence and increase their bond with you.

You will need to mark your cat's behavior so that your cat knows it has performed the desired behavior. This "marking" is a signal to your cat that is given at the very instant your cat does what you want. The most popular marker is a clicker. You can buy one at a pet store or make a clicking sound with your tongue.

I also recommend the use of a sticky note. Giving a high-five draws on the natural behavior of cats to touch items, in this case a sticky note, and eventually your hand. There are two parts to teaching your cat to high-five.

PART ONE: Touch a Sticky Note

- Show your cat a treat.
- Place a sticky note on top of the treat.
- Click when your cat touches the sticky note.
- Praise and reward your cat with the treat.
- Repeat these steps 5-10 times a day for a few days.

PART TWO: Touch Your Hand

- Hold your palm up and place the sticky note on it.
- Click when your cat paws it.
- Repeat 5-10 times a day for a few days.
- Praise and reward your cat with the treat.
- Add the verbal cue "High-Five" just as your cat lifts its paw.
- Fade out the sticky note by reducing its size each time you use it.

High-five can be taught without using a sticky note. However, by using a sticky note you are building a foundation for other tricks. You could teach your cat to low-five, fist bump, or touch any object of your choice. Have fun with the possibilities!

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
- Science Diet Optimal
- Science Diet M/D, C/D Stress*
- Royal Canin Baby Cat
- Calm or Royal Canin Rabbit*

CANNED CAT FOOD OR PACKETS

- Science Diet or Iams – kitten & adult – turkey, chicken, salmon (ground or minced)
- Fancy Feast – turkey, chicken, salmon (Classic); Grilled Delights with Cheddar; or Broths sold in pouches
- Fancy Feast Kitten
- Hartz Delectables – sold in packets
- Science Diet Light
- Science Diet A/D, M/D, C/D Stress, or Z/D*
- Royal Canin Rabbit*
- Royal Canin Baby Cat Loaf

SUPPLIES

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

* sold at vet clinics

CAT LITTER

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

- Meat flavored baby food (chicken or turkey)
- Small chenille or cotton reversible bath rugs (no rubber backs)
- Large litter boxes without covers
- Aluminum trays (no smaller than 8" x 13")
- Lint rollers
- FortiFlora® Feline Nutritional Supplement
- Gift certificates to entirelypets.com
- Gift cards to Tractor Supply, Walmart, Target, Petco, or PetSmart

Almond Joy dishes about getting your cat to drink

Dear Advice Cat:

My cat has health problems, and her veterinarian said I need to get her to drink more water. How do you get a cat to do anything, especially drink more?

Signed, Out of My Depth

Dear Out:

Oh, this is exciting! The newsletter people asked me back! I get to write another advice column. Did you read my last one? It was lots of fun. I hope it helped people. And now you are asking me about a topic on which I am an expert!

I have to get plenty of water myself or else my pee gets too concentrated. If that happens, it hurts and I go outside my box. Here's what I do. I have my Cat House friends give me two water bowls, one with plain water and one with a little chicken broth for flavor. Plain water gets so boring, you know. Then, they give me my wet food just the way I like it--with lots of water added to make it soupy. Delicious!

Let me back up a little, so you understand. See, cats like me originally lived in the

desert and we evolved so we could get by when water was scarce. We got most of our fluid from the animals we ate, not from drinking. We don't get as thirsty as animals like humans and, if we don't drink enough, our bodies concentrate our urine to keep us hydrated. Health problems that develop when we get older can make us pee more and be more likely to get dehydrated.

Now, you are right that you can't make your cat do much of anything. But there are ways to encourage your cat to get more fluids. Start by feeding wet food, which has more moisture. Try mixing in some water. It doesn't have to be as much as I get. Even a couple teaspoons will help. If your cat won't eat wet food, try adding some water to their dry food. Maybe they will like it.

Then take a look at the water bowl. The best kinds are ceramic, glass, or stainless steel, not plastic. Some cats like shallow bowls, some like them deep. A few even prefer a drinking glass. Some like the bowls filled almost to the brim. Some don't care



how full they are. Some even like having a ping pong ball floating in their water to make it move. Some cats prefer running water. You can turn on the faucet for them or, better yet, buy a pet fountain. My friend Belinda's cats swear by their new fountain.

Then try different water. Some like tap water. Some prefer filtered. Collect rainwater and see if that attracts your cat. Some enjoy their water with an ice cube or a tablespoon of no-salt chicken broth or a taste of the liquid from water-packed tuna. Experiment to see what your cat likes.

Make sure the water is convenient to the food but not right next to it. Put it in a quiet area, where your cat is not likely to be disturbed, and have enough water bowls so all the cats in the household can get some. There you go! That should be enough to get you started. All this writing has made me hungry. I wonder where my soup is.

Until next time,
Almond Joy

Karen and Daisy: "Something just clicked"

By Jill Green

Karen Benner was not unfamiliar with The Cat House when she came looking for a new feline friend to adopt. Having a heart for older animals who don't seem to get as easily adopted, she had done some research on shelters and found The Cat House website. As soon as she saw pictures of a then-13-year-old Daisy, something "just clicked." Karen had to meet her.

Daisy is a sleek, black cat with beautiful green eyes that instantly melted Karen's heart upon meeting. "She had been at The Cat House for three years," Karen said. "I couldn't understand why. She is the sweetest thing!"



Older cats can sometimes come with health challenges that make them more difficult to adopt out, and Daisy had high blood pressure and kidney issues, which most likely added to her extended stay at The Cat House. Karen was not deterred in the least, especially since Daisy's health concerns were so manageable. Karen had a long history of taking care of and loving cats and dogs with medical issues and those that developed medical concerns over time.

Karen immediately reserved Daisy for adoption and with her, another older cat from the shelter named Bayou, who sadly passed away only 3½ weeks after being adopted.

Daisy settled into her life with Karen very easily, teaching Karen to always be close to her when they are relaxing at home and that treats are welcome and necessary; the more the better! Daisy loves sitting in front of Karen's wood-burning fire on cold nights, but prefers constant company and follows Karen wherever she goes in the house.

Daisy is never alone, though, as Karen has two dogs and adopted another cat, Rocky, after Bayou passed away. Even though Rocky gives Daisy a good chase now and then, she enjoys her twilight years as the matron of the roost and spends most of her time lounging and watching over the bunch.

With a house full of love, care, and company, Daisy has found the match she patiently waited for at The Cat House.



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