

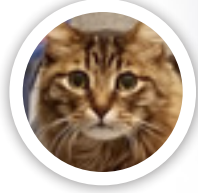
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## When friends fight

By Allison Hunter-Frederick

Rainy is normally a mild-mannered cat that gets along well with her two cat roommates; except for one day when Bootsie came back from the vet and Rainy went after him or another day when Rainy attacked her roommates, seemingly unprovoked, after seeing another cat outside.

What happened and why? How do you fix it? There are two types of behavior going on here—one is called non-recognition aggression and the other is called redirected aggression.

Rainy's attack on Bootsie after the visit to the vet was non-recognition aggression. It's what happens when one cat has spent some time outside the home and is viewed by the cat still at home as a stranger and a threat. Although the most often cited examples involve vet visits, this type of behavior can also happen when a cat goes to the groomer or spends time outdoors. This phenomenon is believed to happen only to cats.

Many theories exist about the causes of this behavior. Some experts believe it's the strange smells that were picked up by the cat while outside the home. Another popular explanation is that after having spent the day in unfamiliar surroundings, the returning cat could smell of stress.

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## Plant lover or cat lover? Be both!

By Ann Adams

Plants are very popular right now. Instagram is full of plant moms (and dads!) who are devoted to their plant children. If you're a cat parent, you may be thinking that plant parenthood is not an option for you. But what if we told you it's possible to be both? Check out these tips on ways to bring plants into your home that won't require your curious cat to turn over a new leaf.

### Safety First

First things first, it's a good idea to research any plant before bringing it home to ensure it's not toxic to your pets. There are many beautiful plants that are perfectly safe to have around cats.

### Hang in There

Just because a plant is safe for your cat doesn't mean it's going to be safe from your cat. If your cat won't leave your greenery alone, you may need to elevate things. Tall plant stands or high shelves may do the trick for some cats. Hanging or wall mounted planters are a great way to enjoy plants while keeping them out of a more persistent cat's reach.

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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](http://thecathouse.org) for updates.

You can fill out a volunteer application online at [thecathouse.org](http://thecathouse.org), come in during open hours to fill out an application, or e-mail questions to [volunteer@thecathouse.org](mailto: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.

March	37
April	21
May	28
June	26
July	30
August	46

# Volunteer Spotlight: Nicolette Brenton

By *Martha Stoddard*

Slider and Butler might no longer be with us, if it weren't for the dedication of Cat House volunteer and long-term foster parent Nicolette Brenton.

Slider was an adult but barely weighed 4 pounds when she was found near a homeowner's mailbox. She spent the next month at a veterinary clinic battling a bite wound, severe anemia, an upper respiratory infection, and eye issues complicated by the feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV). She was still recovering when Nicolette agreed to foster her. She came home with a bag full of medications and a bit of an attitude.

"She wasn't socialized at all," Nicolette said. "She didn't like me for the longest time."

But Slider wasn't aggressive, and Nicolette persisted. She learned that Slider would take her pills if they were followed by food. She worked on getting Slider used to human company and human touch. Slider slowly started coming around. Now, 3 years after going to live with Nicolette, Slider has topped 12 pounds and her health problems are largely under control.

"She has come so far," Nicolette said. "She's actually very affectionate now."

Butler, another FIV+ cat, is Nicolette's newest foster. He was a volunteer favorite at TCH before going to live in another foster home. That ended when the family ran into difficulties and could no longer care for him. Nicolette agreed to take him in, along with his "sister" Dolce.

The two were not in Nicolette's home long before Butler started having health problems. Multiple trips to the vet followed, leading to a diagnosis of probable cancer.



Twice since then, Nicolette has made middle-of-the-night trips to the emergency vet when she woke to find Butler having a seizure. But she persisted and Butler came back home for more days in the sun.

Nicolette said she started fostering cats for TCH after her own cat passed away. Like Slider and Butler, most have been adults who needed some extra nursing or just a bit of TLC. She volunteered to take in the first pair when a request for help was sent to TCH volunteers.

By then, Nicolette was a regular at the shelter. She is currently a team leader for the Saturday morning cleaning and feeding crew. She assists the treasurer and handles paperwork for cats that go through the trap-neuter-return program. She also maintains the flowers outside of the shelter. At other times, she has taken photos for the website, stuffed catnip sticks for sale, and helped with cats and crafts classes.

When not at TCH, this Grand Island native works in the Undergraduate Education Programs office at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and draws on her horticulture degree to nurture her yard full of flowers, vegetables, and fruit trees.

## Catnip sticks, pet beds, and carrier liners!

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



# Matt Dillon

By Martha Stoddard

Matt Dillon spent most of his life on the mean streets of Lincoln, rather than Dodge City, Kansas. And we'll never know if he tried to preserve law and order like the iconic Gunsmoke character. What we do know is that he went through The Cat House trap-neuter-return (TNR) program as a 1-year-old youngster.

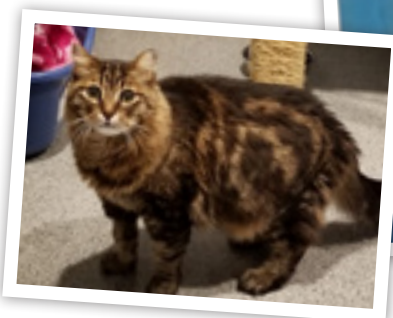
He lived in an older neighborhood, where a friendly person cared for the local colony. She let the cats come and go from her home, so he got used to at least some human company. After the caregiver died, a TCH volunteer started feeding the colony.

The volunteer discovered that Matt loved being petted. She also discovered that his soft, medium-length fur had gotten extremely matted and that he had an infected ear and bad teeth. She thought he could make the transition to indoor living, and he came in to the shelter.

There his health improved with regular medical care and good food. But he had a hard time adjusting to all the new people he met. For weeks, he retreated to the back of his box or cat bed when most people approached. But there were a few people he started to trust enough to allow them to pet him. Then a few more people.

Eventually, he even got out of his bed to greet his friends, rewarding their patience with a full view of his stunning, classic tabby pattern. He even started to enjoy pets from some patient visitors. Meanwhile, he got along with other cats just fine, choosing a live-and-let-live approach with those who shared his room.

Now, Matt is ready to hang up his spurs and retire to a quiet life of comfy beds and tasty food with his own people.



# Peter and Paul

By Martha Stoddard

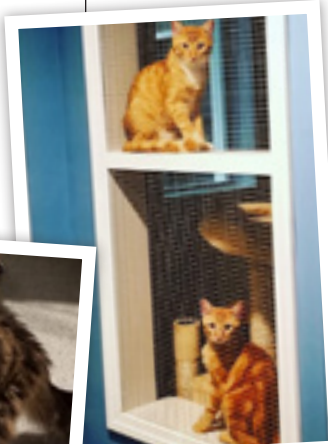
Peter and Paul have been celebrities almost from the time they were born. The kittens were among seven discovered in early March by a sheriff's deputy. They had been shut in a suitcase that had been tossed along a rural road. The kittens went to the Capital Humane Society, which placed them in foster homes, and their story was featured in multiple news reports.

At the time, Peter, Paul, and their suitcase sister Mary were in their first weeks of life and had to be bottle fed. Fast forward several weeks and the three were thriving in foster care. But when it came time to test them, all three tested positive for the feline leukemia virus (FeLV). They were still positive when the test was repeated. That's why they ended up at The Cat House, which is rare among shelters for its long history of successfully caring for and finding adoptive homes for cats carrying the feline leukemia virus (FeLV)

or feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV).

At TCH, the kitten trio became instant hits. Petite Mary charmed everyone who met her, while Peter and Paul entertained volunteers and visitors with their kitten antics. Mary quickly found a home. Peter and Paul remain at TCH, where they are growing into handsome red tabbies who love to play and climb and welcome everyone who stops in to visit. They are best friends and need to be adopted together.

Cats with FeLV have a compromised immune system, which puts them at risk of developing other illnesses, but with proper care, the disease can be managed and cats can live many healthy years. Stop in to learn more about FeLV and see if you can find harmony with Peter and Paul.



## 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.



Margo – 1 year



Kiki – 3 years



Paris – 6 years



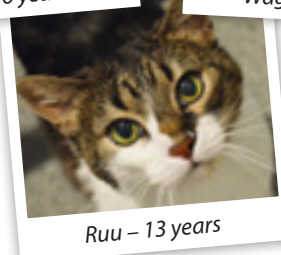
Wags – 11 years



Sunshine – 5 years



Pinto (FIV+) – 2 years



Ruu – 13 years

# Calendar of Events

## Trick or Treat Pet Photo Fundraiser Benefiting The Cat House

**October 10** / 1 to 5 p.m.  
Paws 4 Fun  
222 North 44th St.

## St. Wenceslaus Fall Boutique

**October 16** / 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
15353 Pacific St., Omaha

## Seward Junior Women's Holiday Craft Show

**November 20** / 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Seward County Fairgrounds

## St. John's 35th Annual Craft Fair

**November 20** / 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
7601 Vine St.

## Santa Photos at Petco

TBA – December

## Lincoln Women's Expo

**January 15, 2022** / 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**January 16, 2022** / 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Lancaster Event Center  
4100 N 84th St.

## Plant lover or cat lover?, continued from page 1

### Tidy Cats

If your cat mistakes your potted plant for a fancy new litter box, try adding river rocks or stones to the top of the soil. This may also keep your cat from digging in the dirt and making a mess just for fun.

### Turn the Tables

If your cat is making it hard to enjoy tabletop greenery, try using a terrarium to create a lush display. The closed off environment will keep feline contact low and humidity for the plants high!

With a little extra effort and thoughtfulness, it is possible for cats and plants to coexist in harmony.

## Give to Lincoln results

A big thank you to all the people who gave to The Cat House (TCH) during the 10th annual Lincoln Community Foundation's Give to Lincoln Day held in May.

The generosity exhibited by our donors during this important fund-raising activity certainly made our spring and summer less stressful from a financial stand point. Although off to a slow start, the kitten birth rate seemed to take off like a rocket with foster homes filled with newborns and

kittens. Donations helped to pay for spay/neuters, vaccinations, microchips, other medical procedures, food, and litter.

On-line giving was \$32,724.98, off-line and other giving was \$8,162.74, and matching funds was \$2,939.12.

As a non-profit we rely on our donors to help us maintain the shelter and care for the cats we take in. We cannot thank you enough.

## Chester seizes his new life with both paws

*By Allison Hunter-Frederick*

Senior cats are often overlooked, which is why Alexa Allen has an affinity for older cats. It's also why the moment she met 12-year-old Chester at The Cat House, she applied to foster him. "Chester had a rough time health-wise, and it showed physically. I knew he'd have a tougher time finding a home," Alexa said. "That (plus how sweet he was) was how I knew he was the one I wanted to foster."

The first time Alexa visited Chester at TCH, she picked him up, and he wrapped her in a big hug. Before she could foster him, however, she had to wait for him to be medically released. While she waited, she visited him several times.

On July 11 of this year, Alexa brought Chester home. She has a spare room, which gives her the ability to be a cat foster parent. Alexa has been making Chester's transition as slow and low-stress as possible. She has another senior cat that she describes as being particular and anxious. Although her other cat is still adjusting to Chester, she's also beginning to warm up to him.

Chester on the other hand has zero issues with the transition and acts ready to have a sister. "He is a happy go lucky guy, eager to cuddle and be friends," Alexa observed.

This friendliness extends to people too. According to Alexa, Chester doesn't view anyone as a stranger. "Anyone who comes into my home is welcomed by him with snuggles," she said.

Alexa shared that one day she had three friends over. For an hour, Chester kept going from one person to another, cuddling them, until he moved on to the next person.



"Chester was elated to have all these new friends," Alexa said. "It was so sweet, and you could see how much he loved people."

With regard to the transition into Alexa's home itself, Chester is doing equally well. "He loves my home! He now has seven beds including a window seat where you will find him 80 percent of the time."

Since going home with Alexa, Chester's health has improved. A thin cat with matted hair when he arrived at TCH, he has put on almost two pounds and more than half of his shaved hair has grown back. "Fostering can have such an impact on a cat's health—both mentally and physically. It really shows with Chester!" she said.

When I asked whether there have been challenges relating to Chester's age, Alexa said Chester is a bit hard of hearing, and sometimes he doesn't know she is home or in the room.

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# Donations in memory & honor of...

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Pauly, beloved kitty of Mabel, Violet, and Arlo Lang, from Mary Chisholm

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Bree, beloved cat of Molly Hoffmann, from Robert and Nancy Stanley

Smokey Boone, my best friend, from Edward Boone

Nancy Jelinek from Susan Lervig

Camus, beloved kitty of Dianna and Morgan, from Denis Dean

## In honor of

Faye Stevens' birthday from Sharon Stevens

Jim Volkmer from Nancy Sloan

Judith Gibson's birthday from Sarah Gibson

Homer from Shelli Rine

Orphaned kittens from Oklahoma from Dolly's Legacy Animal Rescue

Frank from David and Erin Burnette

Kate Hartten's birthday from Steve Hartten

Janean Schack's birthday from Karen Beck

Berkleigh Gish and her participation in the Scott Middle School Make A Difference Fair from Janet Irwin

W Arezzo mama cat and babies and Megan and Matt Yank from Johanna Rhoads

Kaitlyn Waller for being a great cat auntie from Adam Rothenberger

Cosmo Creampuff from JoAnn Zimmerman

Donovan Burger's birthday from Marna, Tim, and Charlie Munn

Allison Hunter-Frederick from Susan Steinegger

Seashell Stahlnecker, on behalf of Danielle Stahlnecker and Chris Gorman, from Shannon Poysa

Martha Stoddard's birthday from Hugh Stoddard

Donovan Burger's birthday; instead of gifts, Donovan asked for donations to The Cat House

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# Thank You!

## Chester seizes his new life with both paws, continued from page 4

He'll start meowing, trying to find her. "When he finally sees me, he perks up and runs to me, then he paws at my legs to be picked up and held."

Otherwise, Alexa couldn't really think of any challenges, unless you count his boundless energy. "I have a strong love for senior pets and have had many of them. However, I've never had a senior pet with this much energy," she said.

Alexa went on to describe Chester as a kitten trapped in a senior cat's body. Just

like a kitten, he plays as hard as he naps, loves to explore new things, and enjoys



adventures. She noted his energy has only been a challenge because it's so unexpected, while pointing out that discovering this side of Chester has also been so much fun.

Fostering Chester has been the perfect choice for Alexa who hopes to eventually adopt him. In Alexa's words, "Senior cats are the best! They are so loving and deserving of amazing homes."

## When friends fight, continued from page 1

If the returning cat has been to the vet, the cat may have expressed its anal glands so it now smells of fear. Alternatively, the returning cat's body language might convey pain. Either case can trigger an aggressive response. Finally, the smells from the outside environment might remind the cat at home of its own scary experiences at the vet, a groomer, or the outdoors.

Although experts know a lot more about non-recognition aggression now than they did a decade ago, there is unfortunately still no consensus as to the fix. In an informal survey that I conducted of cat owners, 64 percent of the respondents had the most success when they brought their two cats to the vet (or groomer) at the same time, so that the two cats smelled alike. Another popular idea, but which only had a 14 percent success rate, is to rub each cat down with the same cloth before reintroducing them. The two most other successful ideas were to remove strange odors or separate the cats for a day.

Rainy's attack on her roommates after a strange cat came into the yard illustrates redirected aggression. It's what happens when a cat is aroused by a stimulus and directs its frustration at whatever animal

or person is closest. Another common stimulus that triggers redirected aggression is a loud noise. This phenomenon can happen to other animals.

Only one explanation exists for this behavior. Basically, if a cat is unable to reach an intended target, the cat will instead redirect its response to whatever is nearby. In the example I gave, a window prevented Rainy from attacking the cat on our deck but not our own cats. What made the situation worse is that our other two cats were so startled that they in turn attacked each other. In a split second, all of our cats that had formerly been friends were acting like enemies.

There is a consensus thankfully as to the fix for this behavior. First, you should separate the cats for a minimum of a few hours. When you eventually have the cats spend time together again, set them up for success by giving them short but frequent interactions. Also, turn the experience into a positive one by using their favorite treats or toys. If after a week the cats still aren't getting along, you might consider hiring a cat behavior consultant.

In addition to reintroducing your cats, you should try to identify the trigger and

find a way to prevent it. If the trigger was a strange animal, find a way to block your cat's view of the outside and/or deter animals from coming into your yard. Motion-activated deterrents can help with the latter. If the trigger was noise, desensitize your cat to the noise. To do this, play a recording of the sound on the lowest volume and gradually increase the sound until your cat doesn't react to it. You could also try to minimize the impact of the noise on your cat by playing soothing music.

Although I know how to handle redirected aggression, I still sometimes struggle with handling non-recognition aggression. The best solution for me to date has been to rub a cloth on our cats, separate them for a minimum of 24 hours, and then reintroduce them to one another.

If you'd like to be part of my efforts to find a solution for this phenomena, please fill out my form on non-recognition aggression. Through this form, I'm hoping to discover the predominant reasons and solutions for non-recognition aggression. Then I'll report my findings in writing on my blog and in various publications. Here's the form link: <https://forms.gle/kJzdsHKv3DwQ8woM7>.

## Donor makes special volunteer gift possible

By Martha Stoddard

Volunteers at The Cat House may be looking a little more stylish this fall, thanks to the generosity of a long-time donor. Betty Vanlund had been giving to TCH for many years before she died in 2019. After her death, the shelter was a beneficiary of her estate. More specifically, TCH volunteers were the beneficiaries.

In life, Betty had been a major advocate of volunteering and a cat lover. So the money from her estate came with the request that it be used to show appreciation for the valuable volunteers who keep the shelter going and the cats fed, cared for, and loved. The first portion of the money was used to provide sweatpants bearing the Cat House logo for all volunteers. The pants arrived in the heat of the summer so they haven't



been seen much yet. But they should start showing up now that the weather is cooling.

Betty's generosity will allow TCH to continue showing appreciation for our volunteers in ways beyond kitty hugs and purrs.

## Quick licks: Fast facts about feline tongues

By Ann Adams

One lick will tell you that cat tongues are very different from human, or even dog tongues. Check out these five facts about what makes cat tongues so unique:

- Cat tongues are covered with tiny, backward facing spines called papillae that help cats stay clean and tangle free.
- Cats cannot taste sweets--at least not the way we do.
- Cats use their tongues to fluff their fur in the winter for extra warmth and to wet it in the summer to cool down.
- Cat tongues defy gravity while drinking by pulling water upward and into their mouths.
- A change in the color of your cat's tongue (or gums) can help diagnose low oxygen levels.

# Cat pairing advice when you're considering a second cat companion



Dear Advice Cat:

One of my 12-year-old cats just died, and his brother seems so lonely. He has gotten very clingy and seems to sleep more. I'm thinking he needs a new buddy to perk him up, maybe a kitten. What do you suggest?

Signed, Grieving

Dear Grieving:

Oh, this is sad. I feel so sorry for your cat. To lose his best buddy after they spent a lifetime together? No wonder he is acting different, everyone does when they are grieving. And I'm glad the newsletter people are letting me do another advice column so I can help him. Writing this column has been the best gig ever! I think I'm even getting good at it!

Now back to your poor cat and your question about a new companion. Maybe he would like another friend. I don't know his personality. But you can't just assume some random stranger would take the place of his brother. And you definitely can't assume he would welcome a rowdy kitten into his familiar home.

Before you add another cat to your home, think about your current cat. A new cat will add stress to his life, even if it improves it. Is your cat healthy enough for that kind of stress, which could aggravate existing health problems or tip the balance so he develops health problems?

Then think about ensuring your cat doesn't lose resources to a newcomer. Make sure he keeps his time with you or his favorite sleeping spots and window views. Make sure he doesn't have to compete for access to his litter box or his food and water. He was there first, after all.

If you decide to add a cat to your household, think hard about whether it should be a kitten. May-December pairings can work and some cats adjust well to a roommate with a little more energy. But allow your older cat to have alone time if he wants it. Be prepared to spend time playing with the kitten yourself, so he or she doesn't aggravate your older cat by trying to chase and jump on him all the time. You might get two kittens so they can play with each other and your older cat has the choice to join in or not.

Whether you bring home an adult cat or a kitten, take the introductions slowly. It could take weeks for the two cats to adjust to each other. Some recommendations include: Put the new cat in a separate room. Let the cats get acquainted by smell. Rub a sock or old washcloth on each cat's cheeks, then give the sock to the other to sniff.

Feed them on opposite sides of the door, so they have positive interactions. Use a pheromone diffuser to help calm the cats. Crack the door open so they can see each other. Supervise when you finally let them interact and let them take things at their own pace. If things don't go well, back up in the process and be patient.

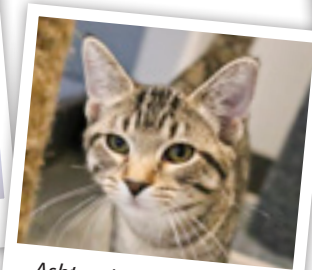
Whew! That's a lot of stuff to tell you. I hope you both get through your grief and, if it seems right, open your home to a new cat companion.

This column-writing stuff is making me hungry. I think I'll start reminding the feeders about suppertime.

Until next time,  
Almond Joy



Keagan - 7 years



Ashton (FIV+) - 4 months



Mouse - 10 years



## Trick or treat pet photo fundraiser

By Cheryl Johnson

No tricks, only treats when it comes to helping The Cat House (TCH)!

Cherished Images by Beverly is hosting a Halloween photo fundraiser on Sunday, October 10. Your well-behaved and vaccinated pets are welcome to come in their favorite costume.

The event will take place at Paws 4 Fun Indoor Dog Park at 222 N. 44th Street in Lincoln from 1 to 5 pm. No appointment is necessary, and curbside assistance is available if requested. Cost is only \$25 for one pet plus a \$5 donation to TCH. Photographs including an additional pet or children posing with their pet are an additional \$5 each. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Cherished Images by Beverly is also donating a portion of the event proceeds to TCH. You will receive two 4x5-inch prints and eight wallet-sized prints. Additional prints and greeting cards will be available for purchase at the time of the event.

**Hope to see you there!**

**October 10** / 1 to 5 p.m.

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