



KATS' TALES

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The Saga of Shadow and Willow

In early August, the lives of two tiny, fragile, all but broken kittens were changed forever by the kindness of two of our remarkable foster parents, Jim and Polly. Upon hearing of their plight, they agreed to take in both of the kittens and provide the tender, nurturing care that they needed to repair their physical and spiritual wounds. They began recording their experiences from Day 1 in a journal, which they have kindly shared with our Directors. Included here are some excerpts from their heart-warming story. *I picked up the male about an hour ago, and he was absolutely silent all the way home. Bright, yellow eyes and totally black, except for what I would describe as white "highlights" on some hairs on his back and flank. Mia and our oldest cat hissed at him when I got him home and he literally spit in my face when I opened the door to let him into his crate. He stares into your soul with those piercing, yellow eyes. Day 2 The little black male kitten was very vocal this AM and hates not being able to see you. He's in the crate in the LR just outside the kitchen, so sees most of where you are. He actually put his paw out and tried to touch my hand, so a positive sign. I'm sure he misses his sister, and let's hope it won't be too long before she is able to join him. Day 7 Shadow's sister came home today. She traveled identically to her brother in silence and backed into a corner of the crate. Upon arriving home, I placed the crate on the floor and Shadow immediately tried to enter the crate in any way he could, climbing all over and around it. I opened the door and both immediately greeted each other and were kissing for a time. This kitten will take much more time, as the trauma experienced by her was not only psychological but physical as well. She is clearly damaged in many ways and will take constant handling and encouragement before trust is seen. Day 10 A good day for both Shadow and now named Willow. Willow is a tree that endures. It bends in the strongest winds and its wood is used for charcoal, hence our selection. She has come a long way, but continues to remain mostly silent. Willow will clearly need lots of time and healing before she's ready, but is socializing quickly and purrs when held. We will keep you updated on their progress in future issues. See "Shadow Play" at <http://tu.be/E5MWpkctyck> Thank you, Jim & Polly, for sharing this with us. ☺*

Traveling With Your Cat (part 2)

Here is a list of items to bring with you when traveling:

- vaccination history as well as any important medical history
- Health certificate from an accredited veterinarian as per interstate and international regulations (usually 10 days)—if you are exporting a pet, make sure you thoroughly research quarantine and export requirements
- a safety breakaway collar or harness with identification tag, and have the cat microchipped by your veterinarian well in advance of travel
- carrier—consider spraying the artificial pheromone Feliway® into the

carrier just before loading or using the herbal liquid Bach's Rescue Remedy (dosage given orally) as both have a calming effect on cats

- food, water, and bowls,
- litter pan, clean litter, scoop, and disposal bags
- old towels or paper towels to clean up any "accidents"
- toys, blanket, brush



Did You Know?

People wishing to make a donation to KAS can now do so safely using their PayPal account. In addition, a special account has been established to enable automatic deposits to us from accounts at the Union Bank and the Passumpsic Bank. Visit the website for more info.

Special Thanks to...

*Danville -HealthSource Chiropractic and Progressive Rehab™, for offering a free screening in June in exchange for items needed by KAS, such as bleach, trash bags, pet food, etc.

*The Honest Kitchen, a California-based producer of natural, human-grade pet food, treats, and supplements, for choosing KAS as their Charity of the Month for July. They donated a portion of their sales that month, sending us \$500 for the care of our cats and kittens! Thank you, Honest Kitchen, for your help!

*Lee Anthony Fabric Fragiles & Furniture in Lyndonville- for arranging a yard sale on August 7 for our benefit.

*Price Chopper—for allowing space for a collection basket in their store.

*Nate Somers and KATV for producing and airing a video on KAS (starring our own V.P. Aine Baker!)

*Danville Animal Hospital for assisting us with the spay/neuter project of an overwhelming colony of cats in their town.

*PETS of the Kingdom for helping with this case.

*Cats Pajamas-Littleton for accepting five kittens who needed help.

*ASPCA® for their grant which made doing this all possible.

Moose Races Benefit KAS

Summer campground residents at the Moose River Campground on Portland Street in St. Johnsbury held their annual Moose Races on July 10, raising over \$800 for the benefit of the animals at KAS! Campers yell and scream for their favorite moose and win tickets, which are turned in later in the day at the annual benefit auction for great prizes. Other items are donated as well, with the proceeds each year generously donated to a nonprofit organization. Owner Mary Lunderville reports, "It was a wonderful time and we had lots of fun. Everyone was enthusiastic and knew it was for a good cause." THANK YOU CAMPERS at MOOSE RIVER CG!



Upcoming Events

- **Yard Sale** - Saturday, September 25, 8:00 to 2:00 at the Kingdom Canine Center, 100 Hemlock Lane, just off Main Street in Lyndonville. If you have items to donate, call Deanna at KCC (802) 274-6033, or Sandy (802) 673-7954. Lunch will be available.
- **Autumn on the Green** - Sunday, October 3, on the green in Danville, Vermont 10:00 to 4:00. Stop by and visit our booth!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT The purpose of the Kingdom Animal Shelter is to facilitate the placement of stray and unwanted animals and pets in desirable homes; to establish and maintain an animal shelter and associated procedures which promote the health, care and handling, and prevent over population and the prevention of cruelty to animals. The animals in our care, our guests, are never euthanized merely because we lack space or because the animal's stay with us has exceeded a predefined amount of time.

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