



KATS' TALES

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LOLA AND MARY....BEST FRIENDS by Helen Morrison

Miss Mary is a beautiful all black feline girl who is about 11 months old. She is pretty suspicious of humans. She will watch you carefully, she will take treats from you, and she might just let you pet her. Mary has been with Kingdom Animal Shelter for about seven months. Though she isn't too sure about humans, she loves kittens and is absolutely ecstatic when she sees new kittens come in. She has made friends with several over the past months, only to have to watch them taken away to their new homes. She watches them go, and she cries out to them as they leave.

Less than two months ago we took in an 8 month old feline girl, Lola. Lola is all gray. She is so friendly and playful. At the time of her surrender, she weighed only 4 pounds. She should have weighed 8 pounds. And she had had two seizures in the home. When she was first with us, she had another seizure...and perhaps another, though if it was a seizure, it was a very mild one. There have been none since, but we don't know if other seizures will come.

When Lola came, Mary perked right up. We began letting them out together...and they loved it. They play and play and chase each other around the cat walk. They wrestle, they hug each other. And when they are in their adjoining condos after having been out and playing, they lie right up against the nearest side and reach through the wires and touch each other...saying Hi, I am here, I love you, you are my friend.

So...we have decided that Lola and Mary need to go home together. We don't want Mary to lose another kitten friend. And we want Lola to have her special playmate.

It will take a special person to adopt Lola and Mary, someone who will have patience with Lola if she does have more seizures and give her her meds, and someone who will have patience with Mary as she gains confidence towards humans. Who knows? Maybe Lola will be able to help restore this trust.



Meet Lola and Mary....their story is a special one...see accompanying article at left.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 15 YARD SALE at Butler's Bus Service—Lyndonville 9:00—2:00 Call Nancy for more info: 802-249-3199**
- **April 30 Buffet Dinner at the Danville Restaurant and Inn from 5:00 P.M. on...**
- **June 17 Bark in the Park/Pet Parade. Tennis balls on sale next month Saturdays at White's Market; also at Locally Social Coffee, or call Helen at 563-2488....\$5 each**

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Did you know...The scientific word for whiskers is *vibrissae*. They're not just found on the face—cats have whiskers on their legs, too.

MASTERING THE STRESS-FREE VETERINARY VISIT by Terri Johnson, CVT

Taking your pet to the veterinarian doesn't have to be a stressful event. And helping your pet, whatever her species, to relax and perhaps even enjoy the trip is something you can do with a little advanced behavior conditioning and training. The trip to a veterinary practice can be one of the first trips a new pet may take. Creating a positive experience can include your pet's favorite treats--treats that he may only receive when he goes to the veterinarian's office--or a favorite toy. Julia McPeck, co-owner and administrative director of AAHA (American Animal Hospital Association)-accredited Harmony Veterinary Center of Arvada, Colo., offers several ideas for stress-free trips to the veterinarian, including tips for both pets and people.

She recommends scheduling a fun visit where you stop by for a little play time, treats, and cuddles, then leave without any kind of examination or treatment taking place. This kind of conditioning can be helpful for pets, encouraging them to think of the veterinary practice as a happy and fun place to visit. Work with your pet at home and duplicate situations similar to what your pet may experience at the veterinary office, like gently playing with and holding her feet, looking into her ears and eyes, and softly opening and looking in her mouth. Creating these situations in a nonthreatening, and perhaps even playful, way will help your pet be more relaxed with these kinds of experiences during examinations. The more often you repeat these experiences in nonthreatening environments when your pet is young, the more he'll think of these situations as normal and routine—not just something that happens when he visits the veterinarian. (continued next issue)

(Source: <http://www.aaha.org/PetsMatter>; February 19, 2014 newsletter; retrieved: 4/8/2017)

****NEW MONTHLY FEATURE** MARCH ADOPTIONS- - "FUR-EVER HOMES" found for: Paisley and Sheba Hip, hip, hooray!!**

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 that promote health, care and handling; and to prevent overpopulation 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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