



KATS' TALES

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WORTH THE WAIT by Helen Morrison

You may have heard about Lola and Mary. In case you haven't, here is a bit of background. Lola is a beautiful and very friendly 10 month old grey kitten. She came to Kingdom Animal Shelter on Valentine's Day, 2017. She had not been taken proper care of and had been having seizures. After she came into the shelter, she had one, maybe two, seizures but has not had any since. Mary is a lovely all black girl, a bit stand-offish, shy, who is about a year old. Over the past more than six months, Mary has made friends with many of the kittens who have passed through our doors, only to watch them be adopted and go off to their new homes. At one point, when one of her feline friends left, she called out to him the whole time he was leaving. And then Lola came in. They were quickly fast friends. We decided that Mary and Lola would need to go home together. It might be quite a wait for the right person, but it would be worth the wait. And then...the right person came along in early June. When the young woman came in to meet Lola and Mary, they put on quite a show for her. Lola was her very friendly self. But Lola and Mary chased each other around, tumbled about, Lola got a bit rough for Mary, and Mary told Lola off. Lola wandered off...and Mary came back over and reached out her paw to Lola and touched her on the forehead, as if to say, it's alright, we are still friends. Watching all this, the young woman decided to adopt Lola and Mary together. And they are all having the time of their lives. Lola cuddles her new mom, sucks on her shoulder, explores and plays all about the house. And stunningly, Mary is venturing out and about, and even has come up on the woman's bed and slept across her feet at night. It is one of those perfect times for an animal shelter, when just the right person comes along for a cat or cats that you think are going to be quite difficult to adopt. And low and behold, home they go to the best home imaginable. We are thrilled.



Ranger and Target are two very sweet older boys. Ranger is a mottled gray color and is about 8 years old. Target is a long-haired fella', white and gray, with double paws in the front, about 12 years old, with an extremely mellow and sociable personality. They need to go to a good home together as they have

lived in each other's company and are bonded. They would do best in a quiet home as the only pets where they could just dote on their humans and spend time in their laps.



THREE ESSENTIAL SUMMER TIPS FOR CATS by Karen Nichols

Today, we've got three essential summer tips to keep your cat comfortable, healthy and safe as we summer begins. These tips boil down to three little words: Hydrate, Furminate and Educate. Here's how: **HYDRATE** – Keep fresh water available for your cat. Just as humans are encouraged to drink lots of water when the weather heats up, so, too, should cats. Always keep fresh water available in several different spots in the house (and outdoors, if your cats spend time outside). Outside water dishes should be placed in spots with daylong shade. I throw ice cubes into our water dishes when it is super-hot, to ensure that the water stays cool. If you're away from home during the day, freeze a plastic dish of water overnight, and put it out in the morning. The ice will melt during the day, providing a continual source of cool water. During hot weather, consider adding an additional water source by putting a water dish in the bathtub (or sink), with water slowly dripping into it, and train your cat to use it as a water dish. Consider a cat fountain with an add-on reservoir which ensures your cat will have a continual source of fresh water. Many Drinkwell fountains have the option of adding a reservoir. *Senior Cats Have Special Hydration Needs* It's especially important to keep senior cats hydrated. They often have compromised kidney and thyroid functions, and keeping them hydrated can save you a trip to the vet. Like many geezer cats, my 18-year-old, Rocky, will nap all day, looking like a melted pool of butter, not stirring to eat or drink. I make a point, every hour or two, to take the water dish to him, and encourage him to drink, which he usually does with gusto. **Eliminate Unhealthy Water Sources** When your cat is thirsty, she'll try to drink anything, whether it's safe for her or not, so eliminate any dangerous sources of water. Indoors, this might include a toilet, if you use chemical self-cleaners (or if family members are lax about flushing), so keep the lid down. Outdoors, empty any standing water receptacles that can harbor dangerous bacteria and parasites. (continued next issue)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 17 Pet Parade at 10:00, Main St. in St. J. Registration starts at 8:30 Bark in the Park raffle to follow. Tennis balls for the raffle for sale at Locally Social Coffee, or call Helen at 563-2488....\$5 each; great cash prizes**
- **June 24 Cats and Roses 206 Cliff Street, St. Johnsbury; 9-2, cookout, yard sale, 50/50 raffle, KAS shirts & hats for sale**



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June is Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month Our adoption fees are: Kittens under 5 months -\$125.00; Senior cat (6+ years old) - \$47.50; Senior cat to senior citizen (60+ years old) -\$40.00; All others - \$95.00; *Additional fees apply if the cat/kitten is not altered

****NEW MONTHLY FEATURE**** MAY ADOPTIONS- - "FUR-EVER HOMES" found for: Ty, Nadia, Lilac, Victor, and Libra



Did you know...The group of words associated with cat (catt, cath, chat, katze) stem from the Latin *catus*, meaning domestic cat, as opposed to *feles*, or wild cat.

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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