

KATS' TALES

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It's Here! 1st Annual Cat Calendar Photo Contest

We're having a contest to see whose cat is the most photogenic. Send us a photo at least 10 megapixels or larger and we'll put it up on our website. You can then vote for your favorite photo. The entries with the highest number of votes will be featured in our 2014 calendar. We encourage you to tell all of your friends, family and coworkers to vote.



Here are the details:

- Photo entries will be accepted via e-mail (photos@kingdomanimalshelter.com) until August 31, 2013.
- Votes may be cast at www.kingdomanimalshelter.com from August 26 to September 29, 2013.
- Votes will be tallied on September 30, 2013. The photo receiving the highest number of votes will be featured on the cover of our 2014 calendar. The next 12 highest votes will be featured as Cats of the Month.
- We reserve the right to refuse any photos submitted. Please, no photos with people or advertising. Any professional photos must include signed permission from the photographer.

Calendars will be available by mid-November and will cost \$15. They will be available for purchase on the website, at the shelter, and other locations to be announced later. There will be a small shipping/handling charge for online orders.



OSCAR AND FELIX

Oscar and Felix are two brothers at the Kingdom Animal Shelter. Both are black and are about 8 weeks old. They run; they play; they are fearless; they eat well; they use the litter box properly. And they are cute as a bug's ear or two bugs' ears, for that matter. But Felix is a bit of a special needs kind of guy. Sometimes, if a mother cat either gets a distemper shot while pregnant or contracts distemper while pregnant, the kittens may show a neurological disorder called *cerebellar hypoplasia*. The kitten who has this condition will have some motor issues. He may walk in circles. He may wobble when he walks. Felix exhibits a mild form of *cerebellar hypoplasia*. Other than that, both brothers are perfectly fine. They will provide hours of entertainment. Felix and Oscar need to be adopted together as they are just such a wonderful team. If you are interested in giving them some special attention in a forever home, stop in at the Shelter to meet them.

FINAL CALL FOR THE REDUCED ADOPTION FEE AT KAS!

We will continue to feature our adult cats for a very special half-price adoption rate through the end of the month of August. We still have many cats waiting to come in to our shelter, so this would be a great opportunity for you to adopt an adult cat that has already been spayed or neutered. Feel free to stop by during adoption hours or by appointment to meet and greet these fantastic felines. Adoption hours are from 4:00 to 6:00 Monday through Thursday, noon until 3:00 Saturday & Sunday.

GROWING OLD WITH YOUR CAT: TIPS ON SENIOR CAT CARE (Part 1)

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Cats are not just pets; they are part of the family, which is why people want to provide their cats with the best life possible. Just as people are living longer lives, so are cats. Advances in science and medicine have improved the ability to detect and treat disease early, leading to longer and healthier lives for our feline friends. *Cat's Age in Human Years* Aging is a process experienced differently among cats. Factors that affect aging include the quality of human care, other environmental factors, and genetic. Many people find it helpful to associate the age of their cats with the equivalent age of humans. A one year-old cat is generally at the same stage as a 16 year-old person. Now you know why kittens are sometimes so destructive and rebellious; they are going through their teenage years. A two year-old cat is equivalent to a 21 year-old human. Each year of a cat's life after the second is equivalent to four human years. Although we often think of cats of one to three years as still being kittens, these cats are actually the equivalent of human adults. Looking at the aging process for cats makes it much more understandable why your 10 year-old cat does not want to play as much; he is the equivalent of a 53 year-old person. Generally, a cat of this age would be considered a senior citizen. *Nutrition* Nutrition is a key component of caring for an elderly cat. Many cats have a tendency to gain weight with age because of slowing metabolisms and decreased levels of exercise. Some cats have a tendency to become thin as they age; progressive and substantial weight loss may be the sign of a more serious problem. Since changes in weight can be an early sign of disease, it is important to monitor your cat and seek the help of a veterinarian as soon as you notice the changes. Older cats should be fed a lower calorie and lower fat diet if they begin to show signs of weight gain. Weight gain can aggravate problems such as diabetes and arthritis. (continued next month)

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Did you know.....According to *Cat Fancy* magazine, a cat will purr an average of 10,950 hours during its lifetime.

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.

Please forward this to your friends, family, co-workers, or anyone interested in supporting our shelter. If you no longer wish to receive emails from Kingdom Animal Shelter, please hit "Reply" and change the subject line to UNSUBSCRIBE. Kingdom Animal Shelter respects your privacy and will never share or sell your email address or other information.