

cat tales

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FELINE FRIENDS NETWORK



Friday, June 7, 2013
Stratford City Hall
6:30–10:30 pm

[Film screening 7:30–8:30 pm]

You're invited to the Feline Film Festival!

It's movie night! Enjoy a selection of the finest short cat videos – the cute, the funny, and the amazing – in a one-time-only public showing!

Vote on your favourite film felines and enjoy a relaxed evening while munching on delicious hors d'oeuvres and sipping a glass of wine, beer, or a non-alcoholic beverage.

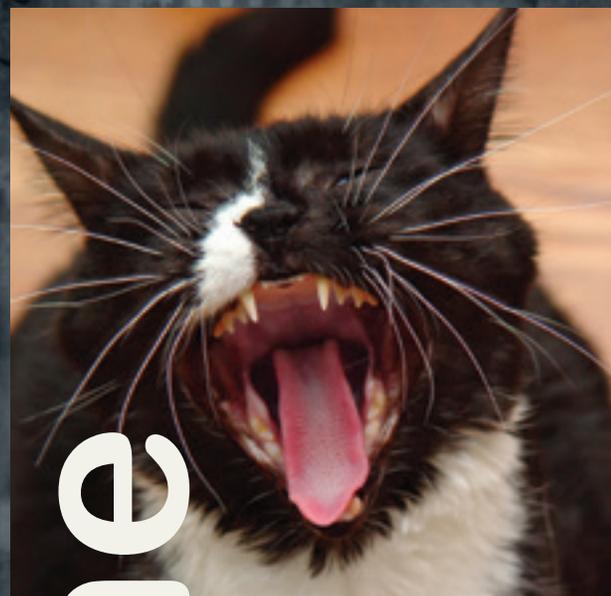
FFN VP Sharon Morrice is excited about the selection of videos, although she admits that the process was challenging.

“Some of our selection committee members have had to seek treatment for laughter-related injuries, such as falling off chairs and cramped smile-muscles,” she says with a wink, “but all are recovering well.”

In addition to the film screening, the gala even will feature a silent auction and tarot readings. Pet-related items will also be sold.

Tickets are available at the door on a first-come-first-served basis so be sure to get there early. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children under 13 accompanied by an adult. Admission includes hors d'oeuvres and one beverage. Additional beverages for sale.

For more info, call Sharon at 519-271-3401 or email videocat@felinefriends.ca.



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Journey's End

In April, *cat tales* featured a story about Trixie, a beautiful tabby who was trapped, spayed, and released by FFN back in 2008. Subsequently taken in by the colony caretaker, Trixie had lost her companion and was in need of a new home.

When FFN member Margery Leggott heard about Trixie, she recognized her instantly as the cat she had trapped and released years ago.

"I immediately remembered the dismay I felt at the time she was released," Leggott said, "She had been far more friendly than most ferals and had clearly demonstrated that she wanted a home – and we didn't have one for her."

Over the past year, Margery had said goodbye to two of her four cats, losing one to old age and another to cancer. She was finally in a position to look after Trixie and quite sure that she would fit in with her two remaining cats, 19-year-old Noel and Mudpie, who is about the same age as Trixie. Margery contacted Joanne Moeser of Paws of Perth County to arrange the adoption and bring Trixie home.

At first, Margery put Trixie in a large cage to make the transition but by the first morning it was clear that she hated it so Margery let her out and put Trixie in her bedroom.

"By the end of the first week, she had introduced herself to the cats without incident," Margery said. "She was much more careful around my dog, Daisy, and it was quite funny to watch her sniff Daisy from one end to the other while Daisy was soundly asleep. The next day Trixie walked up to Daisy and gave her a head butt to indicate they could be friends."

Trixie knows her name and comes when called. She enjoys watching the fish in the pond in Margery's garden and napping the afternoons away on the chaise in the shade. While she has readily adopted Margery as her human, she is still wary of strangers.

"Trixie spends her mornings on my newspaper where she can be petted while I read and drink



Sitting pretty. Trixie makes herself comfortable in her new home.

my coffee (she has to be picked up to turn every page!) and sleeps in a chair beside my bed at night. She still disappears when guests arrive, but recently came out to have a look at them from a distance – that's progress."

As for Noel and Mudpie, Margery said, "Noel tries his best to ignore her and she's a little bossy with him but she and Mudpie have bonded. Mudpie accepts Trixie's assistance with grooming and they play a mean game of "hunter" in the garden."

After a tumultuous journey, Trixie has found her forever home and is fitting in just fine.

FFN IS SEEKING
VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE
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ANSWERING THE CELL
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CAROLE HUBAND AT
519-271-4466



Catapawlooza!

IS COMING ... SAVE THE DATE!

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WE NEED PEOPLE TO STAFF AND PUT UP
POSTERS FOR THIS AMAZING EVENT

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SATURDAY, 24 AUGUST 2013
10 AM TO 3 PM
OPTIMIST HALLS
(UPPER & LOWER)
72 WATER STREET
STRATFORD, ONTARIO

- On-site adoptions
- Educational speakers and displays
- Local vendors
- "Tabby's Tats" temporary tattoos
- Barbecue
- Free claw-clipping

Free admission! But donations of
canned cat food would be greatly
appreciated.



For more information on these
adorable foster babies, see page 4!



FFN foster babies need loving forever homes

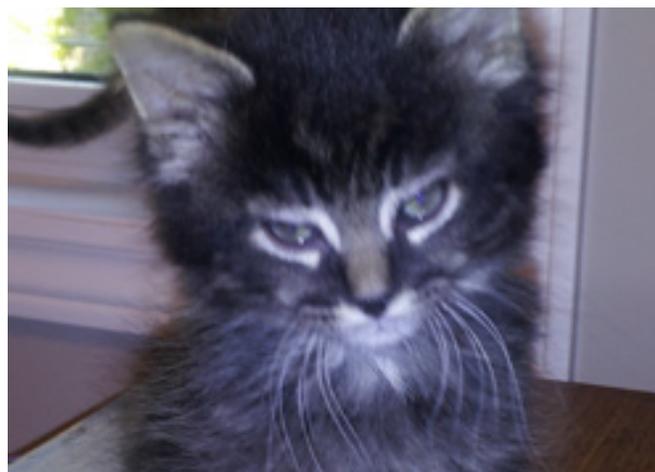
Earlier this spring, FFN rescued a litter of four five-week-old kittens – three girls and a boy – and the adorable quartet are now looking for loving forever homes.

“They were too young to have any fear of humans and were very easy to socialize,” says former foster mother Holly Roulston. “Even at such a young age, all of them have distinct personalities. I’d forgotten how much fun it is watching kittens tumbling around together.”

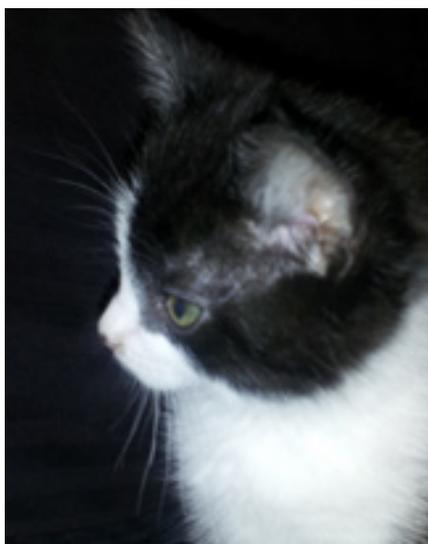
So much fun that Roulston had to pass fostering on to another FFN member because she was in danger of getting too attached!

Now about 9 weeks old, the kittens will be adopted out through the Stratford-Perth Humane Society and will be ready for their new homes once they have received 2 more vaccinations and been spayed or neutered. The adoption fee is \$180.00 but SPHS has an “Adopt one, get the second for \$10” special. Roulston hopes the kittens will be adopted in pairs.

“They lost their mom so early,” she explains, “it would be less stressful for them to go to a new home with a sibling and they are so cute together. They keep each other company but still want attention from us.”



If you are interested in adopting any of these sweethearts – the tabby above is the boy and the other three are girls – please contact the Stratford-Perth Humane Society at 519.273.6600.



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