

# cat tales

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FELINE FRIENDS NETWORK



## Bruce then and now

Bruce has had an incredible journey on the road to recovery; he's been to the vet more times than we can count and his only complaint has been carrier-related! While he will always have a crooked head, gnarled ears, and a third eyelid that just won't stay put, his personality just shines—when he comes running at the mention of his name, when he is snuggled up against a dog, when another cat is grooming him, or when he just wants to be held and snuggled against his human. He is one fantastic cat.

Bruce is still on medication for his stomatitis—which may take some time to completely clear—but, in every other way, he appears healthy and happy.

It's been quite a transformation and a long haul for this guy; we want to thank every one of you for your support, donations, and well wishes. Many of you donated via the FFN Facebook donate button; unfortunately, all Facebook donations come up as "anonymous," so we're not able to thank you directly.

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## The many benefits of adopting an adult cat

*Since Feline Friends has a number of adult cats in our care looking for loving, forever homes, it seems like a good time to sing their praises. Adults often get overlooked in favour of kittens, but there are many reasons why a grown-up kitty might be the best fit for you. And remember, kittens don't stay kittens forever! The following is "borrowed" from an article published online by The Michelson Found Animals Foundation.*

For someone who wants a mellow pet with minimal effort, a cat is a step in the right direction, but a kitten is not. Kittens need attention and are not exactly relaxed. Although adult cats are overlooked in adoption situations because, well, they're not kittens, they actually make better pets for families with children or existing pets. Check out the benefits of adopting an adult cat!

### THEY'RE NOT NEEDY

Adult cats relish in their independence and privacy so you can leave them at home during the day and not feel pangs of guilt. On the

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FFN would also like to thank the caring individuals who fed this guy when he was on the streets, who brought him to our attention, and who were instrumental in bringing him indoors.



*He seems the incarnation of everything soft and silky and velvety, without a sharp edge in his composition, a dreamer whose philosophy is sleep and let sleep.*

– Saki



## Georgie

Thank you to foster mom Sandra for taking such good care of Georgie. This sweet girl was severely underweight when she came into our care—so thin that it was too dangerous to spay or vaccinate her at that time. It was also discovered she had broken teeth and was in a great deal of pain.

She was prescribed medication and Sandra nursed her back to a stable weight over the next few weeks. Dental surgery was booked and has been completed. Georgie continues to put on weight and will be spayed and vaccinated in a few weeks providing she has a clean bill of health.

If you would like to check out the cats Sandra fosters for FFN, please go to her FB page: Sandra's Foster Kittens.

### **THANKS STACEY'S PIZZA!**

We want to shout out a big thank you to Stacey's Pizza in St. Marys for their ongoing support. Stacey's has recently placed an FFN donation box on their counter, and our first pick-up netted \$43.05! Many thanks! Every dollar goes directly towards helping more cats.



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other hand, kittens, especially the really young ones, need tons of human interaction and attention. In fact, cat experts recommend that kittens receive at least two hours of human attention a day to ensure that they're properly socialized.

#### THEIR PERSONALITIES ARE SET

With an adult cat, what you see is what you get. Behaviors and patterns are generally already formed in your adult cat. If he's a cuddle bug at the shelter [or foster home], you can almost guarantee he'll be that way for the rest of his life.

#### THEY'RE BETTER ROOMMATES

Adult cats make better companions for existing pets. Bringing home a kitten for your 4-year-old Persian mix is not going to be fun for anyone. Kittens have a lot of energy and your existing pet will receive the brunt of it. Instead, opt for an adolescent or young adult that already has some sense of respect for pets that were there before them.

#### THEY'RE BETTER WITH KIDS

Believe it or not, an adolescent or adult cat is often a much better match for young children than a kitten. Kittens operate with reckless abandon. If they're picked up, they will use their tiny, razor-sharp kitten claws to get away. Even if the kitten didn't mean to scratch, they almost always will if they are trying to escape. Adult cats can often tolerate more attention from a child than a kitten who has zero patience.

It is also a lot less likely for a small child to accidentally injure an adult cat.

#### THEY KNOW THE RULES

Many adult cats end up in shelters [or foster homes] after having been an indoor pet for several years only to be given up after a baby is born, the family moves, or someone develops an allergy to the cat. This often means that they've formed good litter box habits and are accustomed to living in a household.

*If you're interested in finding out about FFN's adult fosters, please contact us at [info@felinefriends.ca](mailto:info@felinefriends.ca).*

Source <https://www.foundanimals.org/many-benefits-adopting-adult-cat/>



#### A HUGE THANK YOU

to Olivia at TSC for the large donation of cat food. The kitties in our care are so grateful!



# A visit with Nancy Roney, animal communicator

by Kathleen Barry

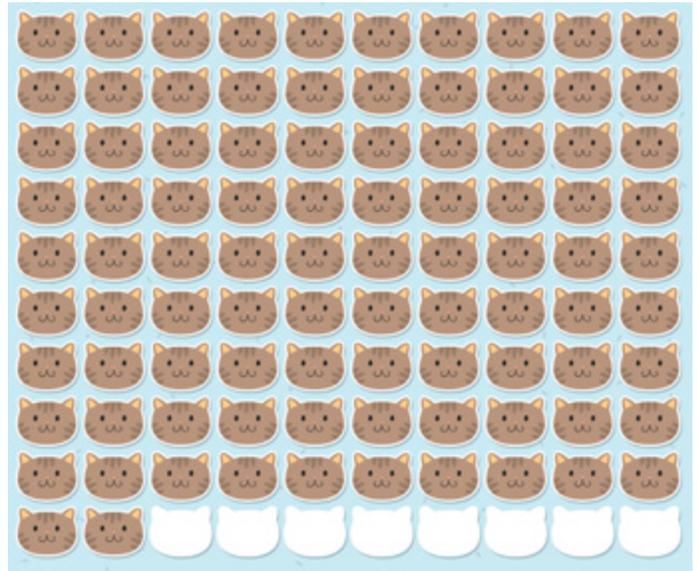
*Thank you to Nancy Roney for the generous donation of \$200.70 from her Animal Communication session that took place at Feed-All Pet Centre on 28 September! The following is a testimonial from that event.*

I had the opportunity to take my rescue kitty, Maisie, to see Nancy Roney during the fundraiser for Feline Friends. My girl had been exhibiting some aggressive behaviour towards me in the past few months that had caused me concern. After trying flower essences for six weeks, I was excited to see what Nancy could provide in the way of help for me/us.

I could not have asked for better results from Nancy. The reading was amazing and the messages that came through have certainly helped me to better understand Maisie and strengthened our bond even more.



Animal communicator Nancy Roney with Maisie the cat.



## 92 Feline Friends!

We're happy to say that we have achieved 92% of our goal of finding 100 very special friends who'll donate \$100 annually to FFN! Could you fill one of the eight vacant places? Please visit [100felinefriends.org](http://100felinefriends.org) to find out all about 100 Feline Friends Who Care and how you might join.

## Online Christmas auction

FFN will hold an online Christmas auction in late November on Facebook (separate auction page on FB), with many new items and/or gift cards generously donated by local businesses, as well as new Christmas decorations, wreaths, etc., to help you decorate for the holidays! Tick some boxes on your gift list and support FFN's spay/neuter and foster/adoption programs at the same time. Please watch for updates!



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