



# STREETCATS CHAT

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## YOU CAN HELP THE KITTIES WITH DINNER AT CHILI'S!

**Chili's at 51<sup>st</sup> & Harvard** is sponsoring StreetCats for a "give back" day (**11 a.m. until 10:30 p.m.**) on **Tuesday, June 16**. We will have fliers at our center to give you and to distribute.

The day of the event, you can take the flier with you into Chili's, and 10% of your purchase price will be donated to StreetCats.

We will be passing out fliers to all the vets we use also so that anyone who **loves Chili's and StreetCats** can pick up a flier in lots of places!

Or you can call Linda Holland at 492-8887, and she'll let you know how to get one for yourself or several to distribute.

As everyone knows, "There's No Place Else Like Chili's," so "Pepper In Some Fun" and join us at **51<sup>st</sup> & Harvard** on **Tuesday, June 16 from 11 a.m. until 10:30 p.m.**

Chili's would like everyone to bring in a flier, but if you absolutely can't get one, just mention StreetCats when they take your order, and we should get credit for your purchase.

**See you there!**



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ON JODI WISE

Jodi Wise has been volunteering with StreetCats for about four years now and is currently on the Saturday afternoon crew.

She is married and has three cats: Al, a gray and white female who was originally feral, but that she and her husband Lester tamed about 18 years ago; Ripley, a Ragdoll adopted from StreetCats almost three years ago; and Fiona, a stray calico that adopted her and Lester 10 years ago.

Jody works full-time at St. Francis Hospital in the Non-Invasive Cardiology Department, doing ultrasound. Her hobbies include going to the movies (particularly of the monster or zombie genre), listening to music and just hanging out with friends and family. Her favorite restaurant is Johnny Carino's, and she loves any kind of sweet dessert (especially cheesecake!)

Her favorite spot in Tulsa is Swan Lake because of its beauty and serenity, but she dreams of vacationing in England and hopes to fulfill that travel dream soon!

StreetCats is very blessed to have Jodi as one of its longtime dedicated volunteers.



**Mission Statement:** StreetCats, Inc., believes that all cats deserve a home. StreetCats wishes to reduce the population of unwanted cats by maintaining "A Stitch-in-Time," a spay and neuter program for feral and stray cats, and by sheltering cats who no longer have people to care for them. We seek adoptive families who value animals and will love and protect our StreetCats.

## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT, KATHY BALSIGER

StreetCats has hit spring running, and we are about to jump into summer! Please check out the fundraising events planned and ongoing as the organization relies on these to support our "kitty cause." As always, I want to thank our loyal supporters. Without you, StreetCats couldn't do all the good it does.

The recession is hitting all of us in one way or another: slower sales, decreased donations, fewer adoptions, and the sad truth that so many are being forced to give up their pets. With this in mind, I want to express my appreciation for the dedicated board members and volunteers. StreetCats remains strong in this economy because of perseverance, compassion, some sacrifice and clear direction. We hope to see or hear from all of you in the coming months. Don't forget to shop our Gift Boutique, visit our Web site, and come pet the kitties awaiting new homes!

Your president,

Kathy Balsiger

P.S. Almost forgot to tell you about the ongoing fundraising effort that I help coordinate with Cassie Willbourn, another StreetCat volunteer. Cassie and I pick out the **BOK Center** events that we plan to "work" each month. StreetCat volunteers then run designated concession stands during these events in exchange for a portion of the sales proceeds and tips. This has been a new, successful and fun adventure for StreetCats as we've brought in over \$2,800 for the kitties.

**We now need more volunteers to work future concerts; all that is required is a Food Handler's Permit. I can explain the process and tell you about all the fun we have. Please call me at 521-4039.**

## ELVIS FANS TO ROCK AND ROLL FOR STREETCATS

The Elvis Presley Fan Club of Oklahoma is officially approved by Graceland. It is based in Okemah and is now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year. The club has selected **STREETCATS** to be the beneficiary of the fund-raising proceeds from its June 6, 2009 "*Elvis in Vegas*" theme party!

The party will be at the Brickstreet Café in Okemah and will start at 7:00 pm with DJ Ronnie Kaye from KOMA 92.5 FM. Dancing will last until 10 p.m. From 7 to 9 p.m., there will be a silent auction of new official licensed Elvis items! Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for those 6 years and under, and it will be free for kiddies 3 years and younger. Food and drink will be available for purchase. You can call 623-1814 to order tickets or go to the club's Web site at <http://www.myspace.com/elvisfanclubofoklahoma>. Don't be a "*Hound Dog*." Come out and help the kitties!

## AFFAIR OF THE HEART CRAFT SHOW

Mark your calendar, and make room on your schedule for the upcoming "Affair of the Heart of Tulsa" craft show, July 17-19 at the QuikTrip Center.

StreetCats is participating in the show again this season and will have the same booth as in the past — 343 & 344 — which is one row to the east (or right) if you enter on the south side (where the Golden Driller is). Show admission is \$6 and is good for all three days. Come early for the best selection. See all the new things StreetCats has and stock up on your favorites like the Catnip Escape Pillows, handmade by volunteers. These cat toys were a HUGE hit last year, and there have been numerous requests for more! The hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Hope to see you there!

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## MICROCHIP RESCUE



StreetCats wants to share a story about a frightening, but very positive event. **Groucho** is a beautiful male, but has adoptability challenges because he sometimes bites when being petted. Because of this, he is considered a special needs cat and has been in a semipermanent foster home. He disappeared from that home, however, and was missing for several weeks. We can only imagine that he went searching for his special person and forever home.

Groucho ended up in the Broken Arrow Animal Shelter; however, he was more fortunate than most animals who find themselves in an area shelter. StreetCats has been microchipping all its cats since January 2008. The BA Shelter scanned Groucho and found the microchip. StreetCats was contacted, and Groucho is now safe. He is still awaiting his “purrfect forever home.” If you have an all-adult household and are patient and “cat savvy,” Groucho might be a good fit in your home.

He is a very affectionate, sweet kitty who loves attention ... but sometimes bites! For more information or to meet Groucho, call Catnip Cottage at 743-5600.

## SPOTLIGHT KITTIES

**Jet** is a very affectionate black, short-haired male born in April 2006 who was returned to us when his owner went into hospice care. Jet is an absolutely sweet lap cat who really misses having his own home, which he shared with another cat who has been adopted. He will make a wonderful addition to your home, and he's ready to go home with you now!



white cat who was left defenseless on the streets of Tulsa since he is front declawed. He was a very sad-looking guy when he found StreetCats, but after being groomed and spending a month recovering at Catnip Cottage, he is a very handsome man looking for a new home. Caspurr is a mellow cat, but now that he has his health back, he's outgoing and active and loves food as well as attention from all the volunteers at the shop.



and grey striped tabby with big green eyes. To set her apart from other tabbies, she has orange fur on her tummy — oops, fluffy — tummy. She is quite the diva and keeps all the other

kitties in line with just one look. She's only two years old and would love to be the only cat in the household so she doesn't have to share your lap.

Don't forget to check our Web site, [www.streetcatstulsa.org](http://www.streetcatstulsa.org), and click on Needs A Home to see all the cats we have for adoption.

**Caspurr** is a 6+ year old long-haired

And then there's **Gabby**, a pretty black

## 2009 MY FURRY VALENTINE WAS A SUCCESS

Our 2009 annual fundraiser, My Furry Valentine, was a great event held at the Tulsa Elks Club on February 9. **Karen Moreland** and **Angela DeWalt**, fundraiser chairpersons, organized a fantastic silent auction, thanks to all the wonderful donations we received. **Judy Loyd** once again wowed us with her clever decorations, and **Joyce DeBoard** served up the super-delicious desserts and wine that were donated from local businesses and restaurants. The talented **Joese Glaude** once again donated his soothing guitar music, which added to the ambiance of the event. New this year was the **Oklahoma Jubilee quartet** (associated with Sweet Adelines), which provided a special treat to all who were there as they spontaneously moved throughout the venue with their upbeat harmonies. New also was the talented photographer, **Chris Freeman**, who donated his time to take and produce pictures of everyone to put in their thank-you gifts of magnetic StreetCats picture frames.

**StreetCats raised \$10,000** at this event! Thanks to everyone for their donations, attendance, and hard work to again make this a very special Valentine for the kitties. **Save the date: 2010 My Furry Valentine is planned for Sunday, January 31!**

## MEALS ON WHEELS DONATIONS

StreetCats has committed to the Tulsa Meals on Wheels organization 50 lbs. of dry cat food (new, unopened bags) and two cases of canned cat food each month. Meals on Wheels has many clients that need supplies for their cats in order to afford to keep them. These clients also need scoopable litter.

The donated food and litter are collected and prepared for delivery by volunteers with the TU Paw Law group and Community Care College volunteers. If you would like to help with food or litter donations, please bring the supplies into our Adoption Center and indicate that they are to go to Meals on Wheels. Thank you for helping us support this wonderful organization that is trying to help the less fortunate in these tough times.

## ASK THE VET — HYPERTHYROIDISM

Today, hyperthyroidism is one of the most common diseases seen in middle-aged and older cats. With the ease of diagnosis and availability of medications, it is also becoming more rewarding to treat and manage the condition.

Very simply, hyperthyroidism is the overproduction of the thyroid hormones, T3 and T4. It is usually caused by an enlargement of the thyroid gland by a non-cancerous type of tumor. This causes a high metabolic rate in the cat that creates most of the symptoms associated with the disease. The typical hyperthyroid cat is older and often very thin, with a poor hair coat. Most owners bring their cats to me because they have noticed an overall weight loss despite a ravenous appetite. Other symptoms can include vomiting and diarrhea along with excessive drinking of water and urinating. Secondary conditions that often accompany hyperthyroidism include heart disease and high blood pressure, which frequently must be treated in conjunction with the hyperthyroidism. Concurrent kidney problems can also occur with the disease — and, unfortunately, can often worsen with treatment of the hyperthyroidism and must be monitored closely.

Diagnosis is a simple blood test and can be run in most hospitals at a relatively reasonable cost with results in less than one hour. It measures the circulating T4 levels in the blood. This is also the method for monitoring response to treatment after a diagnosis has been made. Other diseases can have similar symptoms, so it is also important to check a full profile on a geriatric cat that is losing weight and an evaluation of the heart is necessary in most cases. Because hyperthyroidism is being seen more frequently, many veterinary hospitals are now recommending routine thyroid testing in cats over seven years old, even if they are not symptomatic.

Once a diagnosis of hyperthyroidism is reached, there are three therapy options; 1) antithyroid drugs, 2) surgery, 3) radioactive iodine. The primary antithyroid medication is methimazole or Tapazole. It requires lifetime therapy and can cause side effects, but it is now readily available at most pharmacies and affordable. Personally, I have good success with this treatment and have found that most cats respond favorably with few problems. It can also be compounded in an ear gel that is absorbed through the skin and makes medicating much easier. The T4 level is then monitored every 4 to 6 months for dosage modifications and success of treatment. Surgery to remove the thyroid glands is a more radical therapy choice, and it can have many complications due to anesthesia and the procedure itself. It is also expensive and is generally not recommended. Radioactive iodine is considered to be the optimum treatment choice, but it can be cost-prohibitive, and it usually requires up to 10 days of hospitalization at a specialized hospital or veterinary school. The treatment, however, is non-invasive and doesn't require anesthesia. It is also curative in most instances, with no further medications needed. Depending on the situation, there are advantages and disadvantages of each treatment. Your veterinarian can discuss which method would be best for you and your cat.

There are exceptions to the information I have provided. Rare cases of hyperthyroidism can be caused by a malignant tumor that may not be responsive to therapy. Other cases of feline hyperthyroidism may need further diagnostic tests of a free T4 test or a T3 suppression level if the T4 level comes back normal, but hyperthyroidism is still suspected. A scan of the thyroid gland can also be performed for a precise diagnosis at specialized hospitals.

Feline hyperthyroidism is not a death sentence. In most cases, it can be managed effectively or even cured. However, it can cause other serious problems and should not be taken lightly. There is not a right or wrong way to treat hyperthyroidism. Every patient and situation is different. Work with your veterinarian to find the treatment solution that will work the best for you and help your cat to live a long and happy life.

*Written by Dr. Cari McDonald, DVM, Horizon Animal Hospital, 6702 S. Lewis, Tulsa, OK.*

## ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

**Legends Express Car Wash:** StreetCats is still having the fundraiser with Legends Express Car Wash at 10220 E. 61<sup>st</sup> St., which is just to the west of Highway 169 on 61<sup>st</sup> St. Legends is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week and is just the best car wash around. StreetCats receives 20% of every \$10 and \$12 car wash providing our special fundraiser code (#1003) is keyed in when you pull in to get a wash. When you enter the car wash, press Fundraiser on the screen, then enter the StreetCats code #1003 and then select either Package 1 (\$12) or Package 2 (\$10). You enter your method of payment, get a receipt, and head into the car wash where the employees help you. Upon exiting, you can use the free vacuums. Come support StreetCats and get a fantastic car wash, too!

**Old Village Cleaners:** The wonderful people who run Old Village Cleaners and their fantastic patrons continue supporting StreetCats. Their donations are always overflowing in our donation box there! So far, in 2009, we have received more than \$200.00 from them! Additionally, we have a bulletin board there of cats to be adopted, along with StreetCats information. So please go by and patronize Old Village Cleaners dry cleaning at 4637 S. Peoria.



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## SHOP THE STREETCATS GIFT BOUTIQUE!

How many times have you needed a gift for a cat lover? So you stagger through the mall on a quest for the perfect gift, but all you get is tired feet and disappointment? Or perhaps it is YOU that enjoys treating yourself with kitty socks, kitty handbags, stationery, or cat-related jewelry?

Perhaps your kitty needs a new toy? So you go to one of the major pet stores, only to be disappointed in the selection and dismayed at the high price they are charging! Next time, why not go to the "StreetCats Gift Boutique"? The selection of items is amazing! Whether it is beautiful Laurel Burch handbags, scarves and other fine designer goods, or a tiny ceramic kitty to set on your desk, StreetCats has it! Some of the many items they have are: travel bags, T-shirts, stationery, jewelry, picture frames, books, tableware, night lights, garden stakes, car mats, flags ... the list goes on and on. Everything in the boutique is either cat-related or FOR a cat. There is also a very good selection of toys for cats — all of them suggested by cat owners and "tested" by the StreetCats kitties.

A wide assortment of other items for cats is also available, such as bowls, beds, scratchers, collars, grooming tools, and more. Unlike the larger pet stores, you don't have to search for someone to help you, since StreetCats is staffed by patient volunteers who love to help customers. The Adoption Center and Gift Boutique is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the corner of Sheridan and 60th Street, behind Charlie's Chicken. All the proceeds from sales go directly to the care of the kitties, so not only will you be finding "just what you've been looking for," but you'll help the homeless cats of Tulsa!

## STREETCATS FEATURED IN TULSA PETS MAGAZINE

**TulsaPets Magazine** is a valuable resource for pet owners in the Tulsa area. It ran a wonderful article in its Winter issue about StreetCats. In the Spring 2009 issue, you can see **Sharyl Landis'** kitty, King Solomon, in the Pets About Town section. Sharyl is one of StreetCats' newest volunteers. You can also read the story of "Lucky," a very special StreetCat, that is written by another of our volunteers, **Mary Taylor!**

TulsaPets Magazine has now started a new service on their Web page, [www.tulsapetsmagazine.com](http://www.tulsapetsmagazine.com). It features information and pictures of cats and dogs from various area rescue organizations that need adoption. You can find StreetCats' available kitties there, as well as on the StreetCats website, [www.StreetCatsTulsa.org](http://www.StreetCatsTulsa.org). StreetCats also has an ad in each of its issues, and special events will be listed in the magazine when scheduled.

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### Memorials

From Stan and Lucille Shabowich in memory of Sonya Bott's Electra, a beautiful pet  
 In memory of Jean Turnage's ShadowCat from Sheila Chenoweth, Linda Holland, Connie Hutchinson, Joyce DeBoard and Bonnie Moore  
 From Stan and Marva Bear in loving memory of Squeak, Jo and Callie  
 From Anita Hartman and Ron McDowell in memory of the Delvauxes' pet, Miata  
 From Kassandre Young in memory of Pookie  
 From Jo E. Haley in memory of Jane Pillow  
 From Kim Swinehart in memory of Grimm  
 From Ted McClure in memory of Ethel McClure  
 From Ann Chickering in memory of Mr. Tuffy aka The Tuffmeister  
 From Don & Carol Beard in memory of Rhonda Mullenix's kitty, Dennis  
 In memory of Mary Perrine, from Barbara Kauffman, Frank and Joan Main, Bruce & Brenda Magoon  
 From Sadie Carlson in memory of Catherine (Kay) Sheldon  
 From Nancy Griffin in memory of Janice Wall Caro's dear dog, Cuddles who is dearly missed by his cat, Mitzi  
 From David Morse in memory of Patricia Morse  
 From Sheila Catterton in memory of our sweet boy, Ely  
 From Alta Yahola in memory of Tuxie  
 From Kacie Taylor in memory of Sassy and Pookey  
 From Carlton and Janice Rowton in memory of Penny  
 From Janet Thomas in memory of Jake  
 From Jan and Martha Hulsebos in memory of Rosa  
 From Gary Ann Tomkalski in memory of Isaac  
 From Edella Baker in memory of her pet, Mr. York

From L.G. and Judy Huitt in memory of Linda and Bill Cassety's pet, Rudy  
 From J.A. Polkinghorne in memory of her pet, Mike  
 From Robert and Carolyn Hudson in memory of Sassafras and Dulcie  
 From Dorothy Greek in memory of Jeff and Marina Baxter's pet, Buster  
 From Samantha Polen in memory of Bill and Lin Kobsey's kitty, Toby  
 In memory of Sandra Ryle, from Jim and Linda Hess, Race Hamilton, Jean Greer, The Very Rev. Monty O. Gideon VG  
 From Jan Vassar in memory of Andrew's Morris  
 From Judith Holleman in memory of Dean Stewart  
 From Vicki Dunkel in memory of her beloved Smokey, a StreetCat  
 From Sally Ann Turner in memory of Judy Smith  
 From Lola Pizzuco in memory of Lila Lindner  
 From Ruth Harris in memory of Sandra Ryle  
 From Samantha Polen in memory of Lee and Brad Beasley's Callie  
 From the Polen Family in memory of Stacy's, Bennett's and Chris' kitty Aggie  
 From Frank Lindner, Missy and Lucy in memory of Lila Lindner  
 From Dr. Rick and Barbara Cohen, Tora, Libby, & Ricochet in memory of Peaches  
 From Linda Heil in memory of Scott & Mary Graham's Rusty  
 From Samantha Polen in memory of Dale McPherson's Tabby  
 From Southwood Florists in memory of Rodney Sallee  
 From Bob and Elsa Diamond in memory of Lila Lindner  
 From Jan Vassar in memory of Donna Schmidt  
 From Bob and Dede Duncan in memory of Gerry Koons

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## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS, CONTINUED

From Kathy and Bill Potts in memory of Piglet  
 From Sue Woodward in memory of Farryl Stokes' Sparky  
 From Kristi Wittlich in memory of Jim and Shari Gibson's Shadow  
 From Jess and Sylvia Insall in memory of Beauty, our little rescued torti  
 From Gretchen Mitchell in memory of her co-worker, Carolyn Jones Deller  
 From Linda Barrow in memory of Carolyn Deller  
 From Samantha Polen in memory of Russ and Susie Tobeck's C.C.  
 From Cindy Lopez in memory of Gerry Koons  
 From Samantha Polen in memory of Quark

### Honors

From The Catnip Cottage in honor of Miss Scarlett  
 From Dee Ann Ayles on the adoption anniversary of Odie  
 From Kris Haas and Clara Nipper in honor of their kitties, Timothy Tate, Cleo and Jonathan Bennett  
 From Brad and Lee Beasley in honor of little Molly and her new forever home  
 From Thomas Leicht in honor of Holly Hope  
 From Brian Donovan in honor of Estella Franken  
 From Maria Walters in honor of Bunny in Tahlequah for her kindness to kitties and those who love them  
 From Nancy Griffin in honor of her sister, Janice Wall Caro on her birthday  
 From Carl Melnick, Jr. in honor of all the animals and those who care for them  
 From Dorothy Donaldson in honor of Mary Jane Shreck  
 From Phil and Marilyn Hunter in honor of Robert and Linda Brower at Christmas  
 From Renee Newman in honor of her mom, Kathy Balsiger, the lover of all cats  
 From Jean Greer in honor of Posie  
 From Howard Barnett in honor of Heidi Kiser and Mr. and Mrs. William Gray at Christmas  
 From Patrick and Estella Franken in honor of their following friends and relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Darold Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Brian T. Donovan, Ms. Elona O'Day, and Ms. Liz Aliesch  
 From Herb and Joyce Freshwater in honor of Dr. Cari McDonald, Dr. Ginger LaNye & the devoted staff at Horizon Animal Hospital  
 From The Catnip Cottage in honor of Lexi  
 From Christine Dennis in honor of Barney on his 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas  
 From Brad & Karen Turner in honor of Christmas and of Judy

Loyd  
 From R. T. and Ellen Jones in honor of their StreetCat, Emily Rose, whom they adopted in 2004  
 From Lucile Shadowich in honor of Sherman & Mattie, pets of Sonya Bott, at Christmas  
 From Jennifer Eaton in honor of Carol Eaton at Christmas  
 From Bill, Mary Allison, Russ, Jill and Jack in honor of Aunt Martha Williams at Christmas  
 From Clara Nipper in honor of Cleo, Timothy, and Bennett  
 From Sherry Price in honor of Catarina, a stray cat who had her babies in their flower bed – and in appreciation of Feline Specialties for helping find homes for the kittens; Catarina has a home now with the Prices.  
 From Daniel and Linda Brown in honor of their beloved pets, Lily, Daniela and Balusha  
 From Sally Ann Turner in honor of Judy Loyd  
 From Gerry Koons in honor of Sadie  
 From Diane Ellis in honor of her pets at Christmas  
 From Louise Rose in honor of Willey and Yankee  
 From Kathy S Mauller in honor of Layla's birthday  
 From Allison Geary in honor of Patti Sellers and her ongoing devotion to saving animals  
 From Diane Terral in honor of Ms. Edith Buehler's birthday  
 From Marie Walters in honor of Lola, a kitty found in the streets of Tahlequah  
 From the friends and family of Darcie Golden in honor of her birthday  
 From Jandra Smithen in honor of Heffti's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 From many friends and family in honor of the marriage of Greer Fites and Vic Powell, gifts were given for the kitties

### Appreciation

From Betty Atkinson in appreciation of Cuddles and Whiskers  
 From Mary Smith in appreciation of Patty Hanna on her birthday and as a special thanks for taking such good care of Mary's kitties  
 From Lubov Perekrupka in appreciation of Mashka  
 From Kathy Bryan in appreciation of all the volunteers at StreetCats  
 From Barbara Holman in appreciation of Lucy and Charlie Brown  
 From Robert J. Gould in appreciation of the McIntosh Family at Christmas  
 From Tamara Thomas in appreciation of Jeff and Carol Reese for taking such loving care of her kitties

### LUCKY KITTIES!

(StreetCats adopted 10/08 through 4/14/09)

Andy	Cookie	Jumper	Ruthie
Angel	Cowboy	Lady	Samantha
Arnie	Cromwell	Lexie	Sami
Arnold	Diego	Luke	Scarlett
Athena	Dumpling	Mojo	Scotty
Autumn #2	Fonzie	Molly	Shamus
Betty Boop	Fresca	Mr. Kitty	Sheba
Big Boy	Fuji	Mr. M.C.	Sis
Boots	Gabby	Mushu	Snuffy
Carley	George	Olivia	Speedy
Carrie	Glenda	Peaches	Suzu
Cashmere	Gracie	Peggy	Tucker
Cassius	Harry	Pepper	Vicky
Catnip	Hope	Polo	
Cecil	Jimmy	Punkin	

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## A KITTEN'S TALE

My story is simple  
A tale often told  
A cute little kitten  
To cuddle and hold.

But then I got bigger  
And day after day  
It just seemed that no one  
Ever wanted to play.

And then something happened  
There were boxes and twine  
I guess they forgot me  
For they left me behind.

But please don't be sad  
For now I'm not alone  
You see StreetCats just found me  
A "for-ever home!"

Judy Loyd 4/2009