



"Whiskers Words of Wisdom"

A TRIBUTE TO WHISKERS

The amazing cat that started it all is "WHISKERS". He was rescued from an abusive owner. Though he was a trusting and sweet boy, that did not stop his owner from abusing him so severely that he was paralyzed for more than ten weeks. Whisker's injuries included a broken back, cracked ribs, broken teeth and several visible abrasions. When this poor baby was rescued, he was thin and dirty and in tremendous pain. He had been kept in a cold, porcelain bathtub by his owner because



he was paralyzed and could not make it to his litter box. To complicate matters, "Whiskers" has a damaged retina, most likely inflicted from blunt trauma to his eye. according to the vet who treated him. Happily, though, "Whiskers" is now SAFE at home with the founder of S.W.R.O. Hence, the story of our mascot cat who is the inspiration behind Saved Whiskers Rescue Organization, Inc. ...there are too many silent "Whiskers" suffering every minute, of every day. It is our hope that with your help and support we can make a difference with our rescue.

"JIMMIE" is a lovable gray tabby cat that

unfortunately tested positive for the feline leukemia

virus and is currently looking for a home to call his own. "Jimmie" is a total lap cat that loves to give tons of kisses.

Only problem is, "Jimmie" needs to be adopted into a single cat household so that he doesn't transmit the leukemia

virus to another cat. Feline Leukemia is a highly contagious disease that is transmitted only to other cats, but

NOT to people. "Jimmie"

is a healthy kitty, with a

hearty appetite and energy

beyond belief. He lets you

know he is around by letting out little

meows. Won't you please give this

poor guy a chance and adopt him, he

definitely deserves one! If you are

interested in adopting "Jimmie",

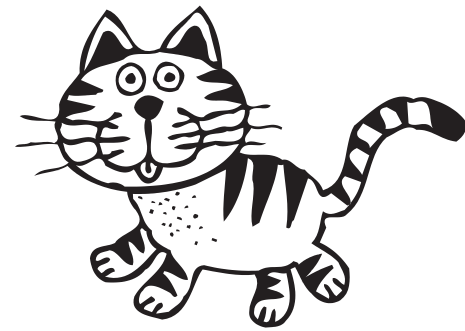
please feel free to contact us so that

you can learn more about the Feline

Leukemia Virus.

ORGANIZATIONS HISTORY

Saved Whiskers Rescue Organization, Inc. is a non-profit all-volunteer organization dedicated to the rescue, care and adoption of homeless cats and kittens. Formed May 6, 2003, our mission is to provide the necessary veterinary care for the cats and kittens in our program, to find permanent, loving homes for them where they will be treated with love and respect for the rest of their lives, and to educate the public regarding responsible cat care. Cats in our program reside at private homes of foster caregivers and remain within our organization until a permanent home is found. No healthy cat is ever euthanized by S.W.R.O.



Did you know... for every cat spayed or neutered, 420,000 homeless kittens are prevented in just seven years?

Donation Form

Thanks in advance for helping us care and find homes for needy cats and kittens in our community!

- I'm interested in volunteering
- I'm interested in being a foster parent
- I'm interested in helping with the TNR feral program

Please ensure my donation goes to the:

- General Operations Fund
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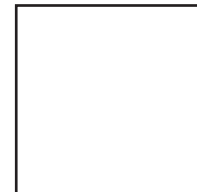
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WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED READING & ENJOYING OUR 1ST ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER, PLEASE, DON'T TOSS IT! PASS IT AROUND TO YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND CO-WORKERS SO THEY CAN ENJOY IT ALSO :-). WE ARE HOPING TO GET THE WORD AROUND TOWN ABOUT SAVED WHISKERS RESCUE ORGANIZATION, INC.'S GOAL AND GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Please encourage every pet owner you know to spay and/or neuter their pets!!



Featured
kitty...

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

Letter From the President....

Hello Friends....

You rarely hear rescue work described as inspiring. Frustrating? Yes! Heart-wrenching? Absolutely! But inspiring? Not usually. However, since taking on the role at Saved Whiskers Rescue Organization, Inc., (S.W.R.O.) as President and Founder last year, and incorporating as a non-profit cat and kitten rescue, I have been inspired! Inspired by "Whiskers" (our mascot cat), recovering from such abuse from his previous owner and being able to walk again after being paralyzed for more than ten weeks. Inspired by our great volunteers and supporters, who bring it all together and keep us running with contributing so much time, energy, and creative efforts; and inspired by many of the cats that have passed through our foster care system, and those still in our foster care system, for whom we do it all.

S.W.R.O. has had a successful first year, we have managed to place many cats into new wonderful homes, and we have been lucky enough to have raised funds to put towards the necessary medical care that each and every kitty that we rescue receives. We do not adopt out any cats or kittens prior to being spayed and/or neutered. Since our goal is to help put an end to the overpopulation of cats and kittens, we feel that spaying and/or neutering is one of the most important steps towards the adoption process.

Rescue work is difficult at best. Through my experience as a certified veterinary technician and increased involvement with our great group, I have been able to enjoy inspirational moments that make the hard times worth it. Every day, I am inspired by and reminded of the whole reason for our existence- the cats! "Whiskers" and "Whitey" for example, who you will read about in this issue are part of the group of cats we lovingly dub "Special Cases". Looking into the magical eyes of wonderful souls such as "Whiskers" or "Whitey", I feel blessed to be part of an organization that does everything in its power to rescue, nurture, and love these beautiful beings when no one else will. And that's what leaves me inspired to do more and to work harder each and every day and during the course of this coming year!

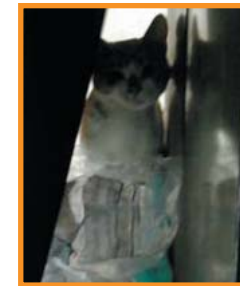
With great appreciation for all of your support,

Pamela J. Ott

Pamela J. Ott, Certified Veterinary Technician
President and Founder

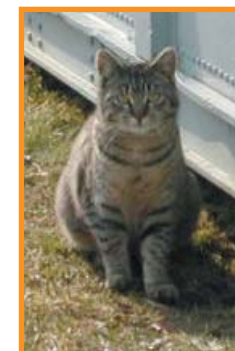


Ferals Not Forgotten....



"Willie" a feral cat, safe inside, waiting for adoption from an understanding home. You would have never know this poor little guy was feral because he was on death's door, skin and bones, wound on his nose and fore paws. He spent a week in intensive care and was nursed back to health during the course of 12 weeks by the founder of S.W.R.O.

"Rooney" a feral cat that was part of our TNR program. He is a doll baby. Both him and his colony are fed and cared for on a regular basis. See his girlfriend, "Partner", below.



"Partner" also a feral, coming out of her shell more than the rest. Her two sisters are very wild, you can barely snap a photo as they don't hang around when people are there.



"Madame Fluff Tail", "Rooney" and "Tar Baby"

catching some fresh air



The whole gang from the above picture and
"Sir Grey-Grey"



Wish List.....

Cat Food - Wet & Dry *

Clumping Cat Litter *

Cat Toys *

Cat Treats *

Scratching Posts *

Monetary donations for vet care *

A sponsor for our \$35 monthly webpage fee *



ALL CATS ADOPTED FROM S.W.R.O. COME WITH A 100% RETURN POLICY. S.W.R.O PREFERENCES THAT THE CAT COME BACK TO OUR ORGANIZATION RATHER THAN ENDING UP IN A SHELTER OR FOISTED OFF ON TO SOMEONE ELSE.



Foster Families: We Desperately Need You!

"LIZZIE" "LEXI", & "LUKIE"

As we prepare for kitten season, we desperately need foster families to open their homes to homeless cats and kittens. Fostering spans the gap between homelessness and the security of a permanent, loving adoptive family. The need is especially acute in springtime when pregnant cats, nursing moms and orphaned kittens seem to appear under every shrub or on every doorstep in our community. In addition to this overabundance of moms and babies, wonderful adult cats and teenagers are being abandoned in record numbers and also need the safe haven of a foster home until their "forever and ever" families find them.

A big part of what Saved Whiskers Rescue Organization, Inc. does involves fostering cats until permanent homes can be found for them. A cat can be in foster care for as little as a few days or as long as year. We are always in need of reliable foster homes. If you are thinking of adopting a cat, fostering is a great way to find out if a cat is indeed the right companion animal for you.

Most of the cats and kittens turned into our rescue are due to medical or behavioral problems, or because the novelty of the kitten or cat has worn off, while others were strays living an uncertain life in a dangerous environment. Foster parents truly are life savers, and all it takes is a spare room, a little time, and lots of compassion. You can make an enormous difference in the lives of these great cats and kittens! And by Fostering, you provide many homeless cats and kittens the opportunity for a second chance at life - literally.

So if you're not sure you can take on a pet full time, or if you have pets of your own and would like to help other animals find their own loving homes, fostering may be for you! Become one of our dedicated foster volunteers which enables us to take in more needy kitties. To be part of this wonderful process, please contact us today!

BIG NEWS!!! Anyone who adopts a cat from Saved Whiskers Rescue Organization, Inc. on Petfinder.com will receive 2 months FREE of ShelterCare pet health insurance. ShelterCare is a PetCare Pet Insurance Program that is specifically designed to cover illnesses and accidents that may be common to many homeless pets. For example, urinary tract infections, upper respiratory infections, ear infections, as well as foreign body ingestion removal just to name a few. Petfinder.com has generously pre-paid for the policy, so you are not obligated to pay anything. Once you adopt your kitty, you simply call Sheltercare to activate your coverage, it will continue for 60 days, once the 60 days are up it will either automatically cease, unless you choose to extend your coverage, which at that time will you will have to pay. This is one of the many **WONDERFUL** reasons that you should adopt a cat from Saved Whiskers Rescue Organization, Inc.

Find us at:



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Low-cost Spay & Neuter Surgery

The Animal Welfare Association operates a low-cost spay/neuter clinic that is open to all members of the public regardless of residence or income.

Low-cost Vaccinations

The Animal Welfare Association provides a low-cost vaccination clinic each Monday (except holidays) between 10 am and 3 pm. No appointment is needed. Rabies vaccinations are \$10. Cat Distemper Combo vaccinations are \$9 and dog Distemper Combos are \$16.



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Location of Clinic

The clinic is located at 509 Centennial Boulevard in Voorhees, across the hall from the shelter. You must make an appointment for surgery and you can do that by calling 856-424-2288 extension 105. Leave your name, phone number and the best time to reach you and your call will be returned to schedule an appointment.

THANKS TO THE DOCTORS AND STAFF AT THE ANIMAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION FOR HELPING SAVED WHISKERS RESCUE ORGANIZATION, INC. ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL OF HAVING EACH AND EVERY ANIMAL THAT WE RESCUE SPAYED AND/OR NEUTERED AND VACCINATED PRIOR TO ADOPTION.

Adoptable Kitty List

The animals available for adoption from S.W.R.O. come from a variety of sources. All our animals are examined and treated by a licensed veterinarian and their health is continually monitored while under our care. Our adoption fee includes all age-appropriate vaccinations, examinations, deworming, nail trims, feline leukemia/FIV testing and the AVID microchip. If necessary, treatment for fleas, ticks and ear mites will also be done. All cats and kittens rescued by S.W.R.O. will be bathed. All these necessary treatments that are done would cost you much more if your veterinarian were to do them for you. All cats will be spayed and/or neutered prior to adoption. The adoption fee also helps to cover the expense of food and litter while the cat is under our foster care program. S.W.R.O. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All fees go directly towards the care of cats rescued by S.W.R.O. We thank-you for considering our organization for adoption and we will do our best to assist you in finding the right animal that is compatible with your lifestyle.



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Volunteer Opportunities.....

S.W.R.O. is an all-volunteer rescue group and we can only expand efforts to help abandoned and homeless cats by increasing our number of volunteers. Everyone who loves cats and wants to help homeless cats get adopted into new loving homes has a talent or skill to offer - whether it's making phone calls, baking cupcakes for a bake sale, providing a temporary foster home, or writing articles for our newsletter. We need experienced, willing folks who can help in marketing, fundraising and public affairs. By donating a few hours a week or month, you can make a difference in the life of a cat. For more information on volunteering, e-mail Pam at SavedWhiskers@aol.com or call 856-719-0512 and leave your name and phone number. That's a first step in joining a group which is dedicated to giving homeless cats and kittens a second chance in life literally!

When Cats Come Back to S.W.R.O.....

We usually love, and always appreciate, hearing from people who have adopted kitties from us. As strange as it may sound, we are even grateful when adoptive families call us if they have to give up their S.W.R.O. cats. Why grateful? Because such calls mean that the safety net built into our adoption process works - the contractual promise each adopter makes to return the adopted cat to Saved Whiskers Rescue and our promise to reclaim the cat, no questions asked.

The reasons for returns differ, but our response is always the same: We assure the adopter that we will reclaim the cat(s) and begin making arrangements to bring the returning adoptee back into our foster care system. This, of course, is easier said than done. More often than not, the returning owner's call does not coincide with a foster home opening. Each returning adoptee who comes back into our foster care system postpones the rescue of a homeless, unwanted cat on our rescue list. This breaks our hearts, but we must honor our commitment to our kitties and begin anew the process of finding each one a loving home.

Among S.W.R.O. "alumni" who were returned into our foster care system through no fault of their own, and who are looking forward to being adopted are:



"Solomon" a nice kitty cat that has been returned to S.W.R.O. after his owner has had him for five years. His previous

owner let S.W.R.O. know that "Solomon" can have some aggressive tendencies like lashing out at your leg when walking by the coffee table or nipping unprovoked. He also has been found to spray around the house. These are all behaviors that make our job much harder to place him in a new home. S.W.R.O. doesn't feel comfortable adopting "Solomon" into a home where there are children, since he can be unpredictable at times. "Solomon" would do well in a home where there is just a single person that can devote time just to him, although he is very friendly towards other cats.



"MOLLY" and "EMMA" were adopted out

together and unfortunately came back together. "Molly" (black & white long haired) was tossed out on the street in West Philly, at 7 months, unspayed, unvaccinated because her owner decided to move but didn't want the responsibility of caring for a cat.

"Emma" (brown tabby) on the other hand was found wandering in the Founder's yard as a young kitten. "Molly" instantly took to "Emma" as if "Emma" was her own kitten. "Molly" started grooming "Emma" and she started to purr right away. They've been inseparable ever since. Unfortunately, for these two wonderful kitties, their owner's son had been struggling with allergies, and although she couldn't bring herself to separate her fur kids from her young child, she couldn't jeopardize her human child's health. So here we are once more, with open arms for these two lovely kitties.



"EVA" a very shy and nervous kitty was adopted by a very understanding family. They knew that "Eva" needed time to adjust to her new environment and gain their trust. Unfortunately, for "Eva", the owner was a little anxious to make her feel at home and hated the idea that she hid

under a bureau. So one day, her owner decided to try and pull "Eva" out from under the bureau, "Eva" not knowing what to do and seeing those hands as a threat, bit her owner, causing her owner to seek medical care. Although, her owner realized that she may have pushed "Eva" a little too soon, she didn't want to chance that her young son be bitten too, so low and behold, "Eva" was returned to S.W.R.O. Since "Eva" has been back in foster care, she has become a little more outgoing. She is always a foot away from her foster mom and is very curious to know what she is doing. "Eva" is a very loving cat, just a bit scared at first.

No matter the cost or trouble of bringing them back into S.W.R.O.'s system, when all is said and done, once a Saved Whiskers Rescue kitty, always a Saved Whiskers Rescue kitty!

Purrs & Headbutts



"WHITEY" was adopted

by an older gentleman who instantly fell in love with him. They were a perfect match, two old guys, living out their days together. But unfortunately, for "Whitey", his owner Rodger fell ill and died after living with him a little over two years. S.W.R.O. was contacted immediately, and of course took "Whitey" back with open arms.

When "Whitey" arrived, he was thin, not eating well and very depressed, most likely due to losing his only close friend, Rodger. S.W.R.O. was worried that "Whitey" would never again find that special loving home since he is a senior cat and we thought for sure he'd become a resident at S.W.R.O. Unfortunately, for many senior cats they often get overlooked, most people want to adopt young cats or kittens, but what they don't know is they can be overlooking an "oldie" but "goody".

"Whitey" (above) after the death of his only friend, Rodger.

S.W.R.O. sent out a crosspost to fellow rescuers and that is when this wonderful woman, Jessica contacted us inquiring about "Whitey". She mentioned that she just lost her white kitty "Goody" due to old age and was very interested in adopting "Whitey". S.W.R.O. of course took "Whitey" to the vet where they performed bloodwork and a urinalysis and found that "Whitey" was hyperthyroid.

We thought for sure that would lessen his chances of getting a home with Jessica and her family. But gratefully, it didn't matter at all to her! She said that her deceased kitty, "Goody" was suffering from hyperthyroidism too and that she was very familiar with the disease and wouldn't mind in the least to treat "Whitey". Turns out, Jessica along with her loving family and fur kids (which includes 5 dogs and 4 cats) opened their home to "Whitey" and is doing incredibly well!

So well, that we are inserting his Easter picture with the Easter bunny to show you how well he is doing.



A Prayer For Animals

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends, the animals, especially for animals who are suffering; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death. We entreat for them all thy mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Allen County SPCA, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Thanks for forwarding, Diane!

Solving Litter Box Problems

If you're having a hard time persuading your cat to use the litterbox, it just may be time to draw a line in the sand. Most cats prefer eliminating on a loose, grainy substance, which is why they quickly learn to use a litter box. But when their preferences include the laundry basket, the bed or the Persian rug, you may find yourself with a difficult problem. By taking a closer look at your cat's environment, you should be able to identify factors that have contributed to the problem and make changes, that encourage your cat to head for the litterbox once again.

The most common reasons why cats don't use

their litter boxes are an aversion to the box, such a dislike of a covered box, or dissatisfaction with the depth of the litter.

Two other common reasons are a preference for a particular type of litter not provided in the box, or a preference for a particular location where there is no box.

Sometimes, the problem is a combination of all these factors. To get to the answer, you'll need to do a little detective work -and remember, the original source of the problem may not be the reason it's continuing. For example, your cat may have stopped using the litterbox because of a urinary tract infection, and then developed a surface preference for carpet and a location preference for the bedroom closet. If that's the case, you'll need to address all three of these factors to resolve the problem.

Cats don't stop using their litter boxes because they're upset at their human caregivers and are determined to get revenge for something that "offended" them. Because humans act for these reasons, it's easy for us to assume that our pets do as well. But animals don't act out of spite or revenge, so it won't help to punish your cat or give her special privileges in the hope that she'll start using the litter box again.

Medical Problems

It's common for cats with medical problems to begin eliminating outside of their litter box. For example, a urinary tract infection or crystals in the urine can make urination painful- and both are serious conditions that require medical attention. Cats often associate this pain with the litter box and begin to avoid it. So if your cat has a house-soiling problem, check with your veterinarian first to rule out any medical problems. Cats don't always act sick, even when they are, and only a trip to the veterinarian for a thorough physical examination can rule out a medical problem.

Cleaning Soiled Areas

Because animals are highly motivated to continue soiling an area that smells like urine or feces-and because cats' sense of smell is so much stronger than humans'-it's important to thoroughly and properly clean the soiled areas.

Urine stains will glow in the dark under a fluorescent black light, which can generally be purchased at hardware and pet supply stores. Once located, the stains should be cleaned with an enzymatic cleaner, also available at pet supply stores. Strong smelling household cleaner will do little to eliminate the odor or deter your pet from re-marking the area.

Be sure to clean the area thoroughly before steam cleaning to avoid "locking in" the odor. Reprinted from the Human Society of the United States - www.hsus.org

Kittens do the Darndest Things....



"PAULIE"

a five week old kitten buried himself deep in the blanket.



What a cute picture, all black and white kittens, yes they are real!



"VINNIE"

not letting go of his fur mouse.