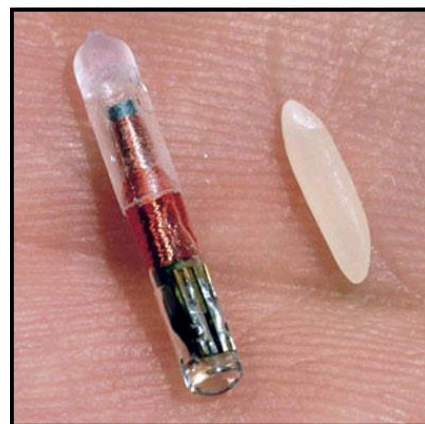




# The Scratching Post

## When The Chips Are Down

Did you know that something just over the size of a grain of rice can be a good friend to your furry family member? Nearly 10 million pets get lost each year and without ID, 90% will never be reunited with their families again. Microchips can be your babies best friend if they are found and brought somewhere for scanning.



Recently, we had a microchip save! Someone who adopted a kitten from us decided they didn't want the baby anymore. They gave the cat to someone else who then owner-surrendered her to the shelter. Thankfully the Santa Fe Humane Society scans ALL animals, even though it is an owner-surrender. We got a call from the microchip company letting us know that one of our cats was "found". We didn't even know one was missing!! We looked it up and sure enough it was our Kimba (pictured below)! We, of course, went to the Santa Fe shelter to pick her up and thanked the shelter profusely for scanning her!



If you have adopted a cat or kitten from us and that cat gets lost, your contract says you are to let us know right away! If for some reason you cannot keep the cat please, please, please..... Let us know!!!!

Take the extra step and have your fur-baby micro-chipped today! It could make the difference in you getting your baby back!

To become a microchip sponsor, see page 4!

## It's The Law & It's Safe For Your Pets!

### Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

There are two reasons to spay or neuter your pet. First, there are significant health benefits. Spaying females prior to their first heat cycle nearly eliminates the risk of breast cancer and helps prevent uterine infections and uterine cancer. It also eliminates the constant crying and nervous pacing of a female cat in heat.

Neutering males prevents testicular cancer and enlargement of the prostate gland and greatly reduces their risk for perianal tumors. Neutering of male cats (and dogs) can prevent certain undesirable sexual behaviors, such as urine marking, humping, male aggression and the urge to roam. If you have more than one pet in your household, all the pets will generally get along better if they are neutered.

Second, there are so many cats (and dogs) that shelters and private rescues are desperately searching for homes for. Having your pet spayed or neutered ensures that you will not be adding to this tremendous burden.

Through our low-cost spay/neuter program, we will help you obtain the surgery at a fraction of the regular cost. We have no income requirements, so this program is available to everyone and their cats!

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We are an all volunteer organization so your donations go directly to the cats in our care!

Please consider becoming a member or a sponsor today! See the membership form on page four!



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**Alexei**

I am likely to be a very large cat. I am extremely high energy and playful, but I also like my down time being petted. I get along well with other cats, but have been known to play pretty wildly. I very much dislike being picked up, handled, or put in a carrier, and I detest being in a cage at adoption clinic, but I am super friendly on my terms. I am not afraid of anything and will likely get over my shyness and occasional fear of new people and places quickly. Because I was the ring-leader



and the protector in my litter, I think I need to act like a tough guy, but I'm actually a real softie inside.

**Bear**

I am one of the more relaxed kitties among my family. That doesn't mean that I'm not an active young guy who'll need a lot of attention and play. I am fanatical about certain toys and won't let any other cat near them when I've got them. However, I get along with other cats, and love to play endless chase with my brothers and other young fosters in my home. I also like to play chase with humans, so



be careful wiggling your toes under the covers! I may also take a bit to warm up, but will likely turn out very outgoing and friendly.

**Jeremiah**

I am a very attractive, buff, rambunctious tuxedo boy (Bond, James Bond.) am very good pals with my brother Alexei, not to say that I don't get along with other cats! I was one of the shyest out of my litter, and took quite a while to get accustomed to being around humans. I am still working on trusting people and will take a



certain amount of time and patience to become comfortable in my new home. I am very affectionate on my own terms, though, and tolerate being handled better than some others. I am often fascinated by small electronic devices like phones and laptops, so may become a keyboard sitter.

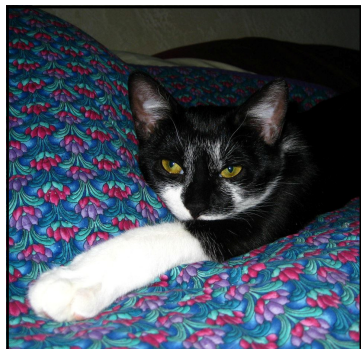
**Pokey**

I am the most laid back of my litter-mates. I have a very sweet side to my personality and when I get used to a new home and

new people, I am likely to be very affectionate. I love lying on the bed, giving licks, am very playful, energetic, and will chase anything, including other cats. I would do very well adopted with any of my siblings, and likely with any other young, active cat.

**Nomad**

I am on the shy side and I am cute and small. However, I am very friendly and like to curl up in bed with my people. I get along very well with most other cats, and would do well adopted as part of a pair. I would also bond well with you as an only kitty. I am not much for being picked up and held, but I like human contact and being petted. I love to play and explore, and like laser toys. I'll need some patience from you in my new home, but I think you will be well rewarded.



~All born 10/15/12 and would be good with other cats

**Liam**

Liam is an amazing kitty who loves to kiss you on your nose and nuzzle and purr at your neck! There is so much to do and so much to see! He likes to run, and play, and love and snuggle..... He's a super happy guy, LOVES everyone and everything and will sleep with you. He purrs continually and plays with all kinds of toys. My brother Kyle and I love to play and wrestle.

**Kyle**

He is a bundle of joy and happiness! LOVING everyone and everything! He loves running, playing, snuggling and sleeping with you. His purr motor runs 24/7 (unless he's eating, of course) and his energy level is high! Chasing wand and rolling toys are some of his favorite things! My brother, Liam and I, love to play and wrestle. With so many things to explore and see, he is very busy and would love to come home with you.

If you are interested in adopting two kitties, Kyle and Liam would be a good choice. They both would love to have a friend and a floor-to-ceiling cat tree to play with.

**Paige**

She needs to find a quiet place to live and needs time to make sure she can trust you. She is a little over two years old and VERY cautious... but such a good girl. Paige needs a FOREVER home where she will be given the time and patience she needs. She runs to her foster mom to say hi, likes petting (for short periods) and likes catnip and Temptations treats. She uses her floor to ceiling scratching post and likes to sit on a heating pad to keep warm during the cooler weather. She is fostered with Sara and would do well with another cat (when they get used to one another). At dinner time she gets a little feisty. She wants her food and wants to make sure everyone knows which bowl is hers. This is one of the most rewarding parts of rescue - to show an animal that not all people are bad and to have them grow to love you forever!

**Sara**

Sara is a playful, friendly girl who just had her first birthday. Not terribly fond of being held but LOVES her chin scratched. She'll sleep with you and snuggle right up against your body. She loves to use a tall sisal scratching post because she loves stretching while scratching. Her favorite toy is the cat dancer! She would do well in a home



where she has at least one other kitty to play with and calmer children. What she really, really wants is a whole lotta love and a home to call her own!

~All of our cats are spayed/neutered, current on their shots and are Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) negative prior to adoption!

~Visit our adoption center at Petco, 6300 San Mateo NE, weekly, Saturdays & Sundays 11am-5pm.



# Fundraisers/Events

## Feral Cat Food Drive

October 16th is National Feral Cat Day. This is the day we take to celebrate and help all the colony caregivers who feed and give medical care to the kitties of our community. For the month of October we are holding a food and gift card drive to help the caregivers defray some of their costs. Please bring your food to Petco, 6300 San Mate NE and place in one of the two donation bins. One at the front of the store and the other in our adoption center.



## Howl & Growl

Sun. Oct. 27th, 11am-4pm, a large adoption event will be held at Wagner Farms in Corrales. Trick or Treating, costume contest, goodies for the family and adoptable animals from local rescue groups!

## Feral Barrel

Sat., Oct. 19th, 11am-3pm, Boofy's Best For Pets, 8201 Golf Course NW, will host another event with F.A.T. Katz! This one is solely for the kitties! We will be collecting food and gift cards, holding a costume contest at 1pm, a shot clinic, raffle, info on TNR and more! Hope to see you there!

## Howl-O-Ween Cat Show

Once again it's time for the fall cat show! **Sat. Oct. 26th, 10am-5pm and Sun. Oct. 27th, 9am-4pm.** It will be held again at Expo New Mexico, School Arts Building. Use gate 3 for entrance. There will be judging rings, vendors, and your favorite kitty rescue with their amazing gift table. We will have gifts for the kitty lover in your family.

## Thank You

- ~Albuquerque Journal and Sponsored by the City of Albuquerque and Petco Foundation for sponsoring Fetch-A-Palooza
- ~Earthwise Pet Supply and Exotic Woods for hosting Paw'z for Freedom Adoption Event
- ~Earthwise Pet Supply for our Shampoooch dog wash
- ~Peggy Wolff & Bob Duerloo for hosting the annual Yard Sale
- ~Pet Food Gone Wild for sponsoring the Pooch Plunge and the dog wash Klean K9's
- ~Boofy's Best for Pets for hosting the Give-Me-A-Forever-Home Adoption Event
- ~ABQ Pride
- ~La Cueva Animal Hospital
- ~VCA Wyoming Animal Hospital
- ~VCA Vet Care
- ~Bookworks for hosting a book reading and allowing us to bring adoptable kitties



## Volunteer Spotlight

This edition is focused on Susan Warren.

When asked why she volunteers, she told us this:

Speaking of rescue, I was the kid who would bring a lost puppy home. I was the teenager who would insist we go back and find the animal I saw running down the street. I was the young mother who saw a beautiful Dalmatian chained in a neighbor's yard; cold and wet, and persuaded those neighbors to let that poor pup come to our house until better living conditions could be found for him. I've never known a time when I didn't want to save an animal.

Why do I volunteer? That story begins with a sweet Calico kitten named Valentine. One winter's night I saw her picture on Facebook. I stared for the longest time and she unknowingly stared back at me, and I knew I had to go to the shelter the next day to save her life, which I did on Valentine's Day 2012. She was my first "formal" foster cat. Since then it's been a beautiful blur of so many faces, so many rescues, so many happy (and sometimes not so happy) endings. Volunteering with the F.A.T. Katz team feels like home. It's amazing how grown women

and men can bond, laugh, cry, and drop everything at a moment's notice when a call for help comes in - and all this over the tiniest meow. I'll never forget the Sunday morning I received a call to help rescue six cats living in a hoarding situation. It was hard, sweaty, dirty work but by late afternoon ALL were safe and in the arms of the F.A.T. Katz team. Most of those kitties have already been adopted into loving homes.

My biggest contribution to this amazing group of rescuers is my photography. I believe in my heart that homeless animals who get their faces seen are more likely to find a good home. You'll often find me at Petco or fundraising events shooting away. Yeah, I'm the one with the camera around my neck. Always. "Why do you do this? Where does this come from?" I was once asked by someone who didn't understand. My response was simply, "Because I have a heart."

~ Susan Warren

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every weekend at Petco  
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Saturdays & Sundays  
11am-5pm**

**Alison and her  
best buddy Miso!**



### WISH LIST

Cat litter - clumping and non-clumping  
Canned & dry foods  
Toys, catnip  
Scratching posts, trees & cardboard scratchers  
Cat beds from Pet Edge (call for details)  
Towels  
Foaming, non-alcohol hand sanitizer  
Small garbage bags  
Copy paper, printable address labels  
Printable postcards (4 to a pg), printer ink  
Stamps - postcard and first-class  
Foster homes  
Volunteers for adoption or special events  
Gift cards - Revival Animal, Petco, PetSmart,  
WalMart or Idexx  
Sponsor a newsletter  
Sponsor a newspaper advertisement  
Commercial printing services

### **Happy Tails**

It gives us great joy to know that our kitties are doing well in their forever homes! If you have adopted a kitty or kitties from us, we'd love to hear from you! Please send updates and photos to [FatKatzAbq@Gmail.com](mailto:FatKatzAbq@Gmail.com) or [www.Facebook.com/FatKatzAbq](http://www.Facebook.com/FatKatzAbq)

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Yes, I would like to become a member of F.A.T. KATZ in the following category (checks or money orders made payable to FAT KATZ):

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<input type="checkbox"/> Hero (\$250)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$30)	

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You can also donate straight from your paycheck using United Way. Please visit their website <http://www.uwcnm.org/> to find out how!

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