



# The A.C.A.T. News Brief

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A.C.A.T. dedicates this issue to the 1000 plus kitties who have found loving homes through our adoption program, and to those people who have helped make A.C.A.T.'s motto - *helping cats and their people* - a reality! We are showcasing six of our foster cats who *still* need your help, so if you or someone you know can give one of these very special cats a permanent home, please let us know.

## PAULY

Once upon a time I had an owner but he had to give me up because he was called into military duty. Unfortunately, the person he gave me to wasn't very nice to me and didn't feed me and I got very sick. A.C.A.T. rushed to my side and saved me. I spent a week in the hospital and then a long time at my foster home before I was given a clean bill of health. I am now 100 percent perfectly ok.



I love to take naps on my window perch and on my big pillow. I enjoy being petted and spoken to softly. My foster mom calls me "boyfriend" and I like that! I am a gentle-soul, a survivor and I have a great purr!!!! I am kind of a "street-smart" cat! I would be best as an only cat because I am very dominant.

I am good about using my turbo-scratcher and I also like to play with catnip toys. I am very playful and love to hide out in the cat trees.

I am somewhat shy around new people but when I get to know them I am really extroverted! I don't know if I have been around dogs, children or toddlers. I would not be good with children or toddlers because I don't play much and I don't like to be held (but I will sit next to you, sleep with you or on your lap if you put me there). I am very gentle and do not bite or scratch so I would be good with elderly people.

I'm a middle aged (7 years old), short-haired, beautiful dark orange tabby with a white bib and paws, who is on the small side for a male cat. I have a short tail because somewhere in my past part of it was amputated.

## Hear Yea! Hear Yea! Princessa Rani

The lovely Princessa Rani is seeking a loving family and admiring devotees. This gorgeous four-year old tabby loathes divulging her age but she has acquiesced in exchange for top billing in this newsletter! Her hobbies include looking out the window, sleeping, and getting her chin rubbed. She seeks a position as queen and head of household.

Princessa Rani has impeccable manners and she has proven her usefulness as a superb bed warmer and has shown due disdain at being occasionally used as a pillow. She is a princess in any right and would love to come home to your castle.

She was surrendered because the owner had to move to Florida to care for a family member. She can become over-stimulated with patting and rub her teeth on you. She uses the scratching post, loves catnip.

She would do best in a single-cat household or with a male cat. She does not do well other females or with cats who are very submissive. Her princess-tude does not lend itself to tolerating small children but she has learned to live with her foster family's dog.





## OREONNA

Oreonna is a calm and friendly three-year old polydactyl---she has six toes on each foot and loves the attention she gets when people notice her beautiful paws! She started life in northwest Albuquerque, but

when her owner discovered that she had 6 toes on each foot, she thought it was the work of the devil. She was on her way to be thrown out to die on the mesa, when a neighbor intervened and saved her.

Unfortunately, several years later, her rescuer's life circumstances dictated that she could not keep her cats and dogs, and Oreanna was taken in by A.C.A.T. Oreonna is anything but evil! She adores the foster family's dog and gets along with their cats although they don't play together very often. She likes to sleep on the end of the bed or the couch or lounge on the windowsill. Catnip is a favorite, as are ping-pong balls.

She has excellent litter box habits and uses the scratching post. If she is missing in the house---just look in the clean laundry basket! She would do fine in a mellow house, with other cats and or dogs. And her name? Her name was Oreo (she is black and white with long hair) but with another "Oreo" cat in the foster system, it was changed to Oreonna--which means Oreo + Onna, the Japanese word for Woman.

## BECKETT

Beckett is a beautiful black longhaired cat with gold eyes, born April 2002. He can be shy around strangers and in unfamiliar situations but he is happiest around people. He is slender and long legged, and in profile resembles an Egyptian cat statue. Despite his elegant appearance, Beckett is a little clumsy and sometimes when basking in the sun on the windowsill, he falls off when he turns around! He has a very sweet personality, is playful and affectionate and very gentle. He loves to be near people and will sit with you on the couch to watch TV with you, or help you read a book, waiting for your touch while he serenades you with his purrs.

He loves attention but would be intimidated by toddlers or a very loud and busy household. He hasn't been around many dogs but if carefully introduced he would do well with a calm and gentle dog. He likes other cats if they aren't aggressive. He isn't a picky eater and has good manners (reliable about using the litter box, doesn't shred the couch, etc.) Beckett's favorite toys are balls, furry toy mice, and anything that has a human on the other end, like a piece of string. He also likes to hangout on top of a cat tree and loves to sleep on the foot of the bed. He doesn't like riding in cars and he hides when the vacuum or dishwasher is in use.



## CURLY Q

Curly Q is a sleek and beautiful shorthaired male cat, mostly white with large spots of brown tabby markings. He is extremely affectionate after he gets to trust you and he enjoys being petted and even being held for short times. He loves music and loves to have you sing to him and talk to him in a high, sweet voice. He is very inquisitive (even got himself trapped behind the washer)!

He loves to be petted and to have his tummy rubbed, and loves to sleep with you on the bed. He has a cute little meow! Curly is very playful, and gets along with other cats who are not aggressive toward him. He even plays well with kittens! He ALWAYS uses the scratching posts or turbo scratcher and loves to get up in high spots in cat trees. He loves to play with toys on sticks (feathers, leather), and to play with ice cubes on the bare floors!

This beautiful, sweet cat has had a rough start in life. He was born to an A.C.A.T. mom on May 8, 2001, and he and his brother, Moe, were adopted out for more than 1 year. However, the family returned both of them to A.C.A.T. in April 2003 because "it wasn't the right fit". Nonetheless, Curly develops trust within a few weeks and is actually quite well-adjusted, showing no emotional scars from having been in several homes.

He came back to us with horrible teeth and an abscessed tooth. He lost all but his four canine teeth and is once again a healthy, happy cat. He should never be given a diet of only dry food since he will not eat enough to sustain good health.

# O'Shea (the sweetie)

O'Shea is a beautiful, orange and white cat, probably about 3 years old. He was returned to A.C.A.T because his owner couldn't take care of him anymore, and he was also getting very ill due to hyperthyroidism. The wonderful staff at Canyon Crossroads Animal Hospital got him back on his feet with lots of care and an operation to take out his thyroid.

Now that O'Shea is recovering from his ordeal, he is doing just great! He is a funny, affectionate, and curious cat. He likes to look out the window and meow at the birds. But what he LOVES the most is to sit with you on the bed! He is a pillow hog, but makes up for it by rubbing his forehead against yours, purring like crazy, and nibbling your nose! He loves to be petted and scratched down his back and under his chin, and will demand it often. He also does the sweetest thing where he presses his forehead into your chest to say, "I love you."

O'Shea is good with other cats, as long as they are not too aggressive or mean to him. At first he will put on a very "scary" show of growling and hissing at the other cats, but that is as far as it gets. It's actually really funny because he is about as scary as a fuzzy kitten, but he doesn't know it! Plus the "growly" noises he makes are hilarious. Once he gets to know a cat, though, he loves to kiss them right on the nose! It's so cute.

Even though O'Shea is terribly thin right now, he is a very picky eater. This may go away, but he is definitely the kind of cat who eats when and what he wants, despite what is best for him. For instance, he gobbles up his foster-brother's low-calorie food even though the last thing he needs is a diet! So he definitely needs someone who will be attentive to his diet.



O'Shea has had too much bad luck in his little life. He deserves a loving, devoted home where he can receive tons of attention, kisses, and chin-scratches. Even though he is newly recovered from surgery, six pounds underweight, and in a brand new home, he is still a wonderful cat whose personality comes out more and more every day.



**MAKE A HOMELESS CAT A WINNER THIS SUMMER!!  
YOU CAN TURN THEIR LUCK AROUND BY SUPPORTING OUR RAFFLE.  
THE CATS WILL WIN AND A LUCKY TICKET WILL WIN YOU A FABULOUS PRIZE!  
(WE HAVE OVER \$2,600 IN PRIZES TO AWARD)!**

Your support will help A.C.A.T. provide medical care to our foster and feral cats. See the newsletter insert for a complete list of prizes and a page of raffle tickets. You can cut up and use these tickets or copy the ticket page on any color paper. Purchase them or sell them to your friends and family but ***DO IT SOON as the drawing is on JULY 26, 2003 at PETCO on San Mateo/Academy.***

You can also purchase tickets from A.C.A.T. at PETCO on San Mateo/Academy any Saturday between 11-4 or at the Wild Oats next to PETCO on July 12<sup>th</sup> between 11-3. Tickets are \$2 each or 7 for \$10. **Mail tickets and money to A.C.A.T. no later than July 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be accepted in person until 2 p.m. on July 26<sup>th</sup> at our adoption clinic.**

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**YARD SALE  
October 11 & 12!!!**

**Support the cats and shop at the Fall Yard Sale. We are looking for volunteers to help. And, of course, we need your stuff!**

**Please call 323-ACAT for more information.**

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**Did you know?** Cats have three kinds of sleep: the brief nap, the longer light sleep, and the deep sleep. A kitten during the first month experiences only deep sleep, which lasts about 12 hours. After the first month, the kitten quickly switches to an adult sleep pattern.

## BE PART OF THE SOLUTION! WE NEED FOSTER FAMILIES & CLINIC VOLUNTEERS

**A.C.A.T. still needs a few more foster homes.** Thankfully, several new foster families have joined us over the last three months. But, we need 3-5 more foster homes to enable us to fulfill our mission of fostering and adopting out homeless cats.

We also are finding it difficult to adequately staff our regular Saturday adoption clinics. **We need 6 more volunteers to join our volunteer family and help us on Saturdays.**

Without our many fosters and volunteers, A.C.A.T. would not exist. Please, if you can, become part of the solution! If you think you might be interested, please call us at 323-2228, or stop by one of our adoption clinics!

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