

## Thank you!

One By One has been rescuing cats since 1994. In August we needed rescuing financially due to the expense of caring for some very ill cats. You really came through for us. Thank you! An article in the Reading Eagle brought our financial struggle to light in the community. Through this article, we received donations, new sponsors, wonderful new volunteers, and recognition. And we are very grateful for it all!

Children played a large part of our rescue also. For his birthday, Sam requested donations be given to One By One instead of giving him presents. His selflessness generated over \$500. Three other groups of children set up lemonade stands, hot dog stands and baked goods which generated over \$300. This feat was accomplished during a rainy spell too. All their combined efforts paid for an expensive surgical procedure for our little Mitty. She is doing fine now thanks to these loving children.

Immediately after our last newsletter was mailed, we reached our 100<sup>th</sup> adoption at the PetSmart adoption center. Currently we are at 120 adoptions through the adoption center and look forward to our next milestone. Thank you to the great supportive staff at the Wyomissing PetSmart. We enjoy working with you in your goal to "encourage people to help save a life by adding a new member to the family through pet adoption".

Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters for being there for us and especially for the cats. Our wish for you is if you ever need a helping hand, may someone be there for you as you are for us.

**Happy Holidays!**



Canned and dry cat food  
Paper towels  
New shelter or land  
Stamps  
Volunteers  
Foster families  
Laundry detergent  
And our biggest wish – loving homes for all our cats



## Poor Soul . . .

...was his original tag line on our Petfinder site. Tioga is a gentle sweet soul who was found under a car in horrible condition. We are not sure what happened to him, whether he was hit by a car, caught in farm machinery or attacked by another animal.



He spent his first week with us at Valley Central Emergency Hospital. Tioga's open wounds were infested with maggots. No, it is not a pretty story is it? He was treated as much as he could be in his weakened condition and is now recuperating in a foster home until he has the strength to undergo VERY expensive surgery to repair torn ligaments on his hind leg. He is a poor sweet soul who did not deserve this in his life. Please help us to help him.



## Sponsor a Kitty

A great way to show you care! Maybe you can't have a kitty of your own, **need a gift for a special someone**, or would like to do something special for yourself. You can also sponsor in memory of a beloved pet.

For a commitment of \$10 a month, you can sponsor one of our kitties. You will receive a photo of "your" kitty and recognition on our web site. Your sponsorship helps with the cost of providing a safe and loving environment and medical attention for "your" kitty. For more information, contact Marianne Egan, c/o One By One Sponsorship Program, 76 Gould Lane, Fleetwood, PA 19522 or send an email to: [sponsor@1by1catrescue.org](mailto:sponsor@1by1catrescue.org)

*Note: To help keep our costs down, photo cards will only be given with an initial 3 month (\$30.00) commitment. Thanks for your understanding.*

# Mac's Story

by Jennie

Mac was one of the first cats I met at the shelter. Mac's residency had started some 10-12 years earlier. To me, this seemed unfathomable. How could a cat, any cat, be homeless for such a long time! It was explained to me that Mac was FIV+, and therefore, many people had been unwilling to adopt him due to their lack of knowledge of this disease. FIV affects the cats immune system and is passed through deep bite wounds, not from casual contact. Much of what we know today was not common knowledge back when Mac first came to the shelter. Mac is a gentle soul, and is not an aggressive cat at all.

Living in a shelter is better than not having a home at all. It keeps the kitties safe and warm in the winter and cool in the summer. They get fresh food and water every day, and have people to come and visit with them twice a day minimum as well. What broke my heart was the fact that this had been Mac's life for so long. He never had a chance to experience what it was like to have an honest to goodness real home. Laps to sit on. Sofas to nap on. Spots of sunshine on the rug to bask in. How could this be? How could anyone not want to have this loving, affectionate, and loyal boy in their family?

This is what made me want to foster a pet in my home. It might not be a permanent home, but for however long he lived until he got adopted, he would have a home. He would have someone there to love him and hug him, and a lap that was always his to sit on. He deserved that. They **all** deserve that.

So, in July of 2005, Mac and his buddy Bear came home to live with me. It was the best decision I had ever made. These two guys were pure love. Bear was a handsome black and white tuxie guy who had chronic upper respiratory problems along with being FIV+. Getting really clean air in a shelter is a tough thing, and when a cat has a suppressed immune system, it's important for them to have the best possible environment to live in. In my house, Mac and Bear had two rooms all to themselves. They had cat beds, a toddler bed, all kinds of blankets, pillows and things to sleep on and play in. They had toys and catnip whenever they wanted. Life was good for them, but it

still didn't take the place of a permanent home.

In March of 2006, at the age of 14, Mac was adopted for a short time by a family. While Mac was in his "new" home, his buddy Bear fell seriously ill. Unfortunately, Mac was returned to his foster home about 2-1/2 months after he had been adopted. By this time, Bear was so ill, the vets were unable to do much to save him. It was not the FIV that was making him ill, but liver failure and the fact that his little body could not fight off all that was attacking his immune system. Bear passed over the Rainbow Bridge on July 5, 2006 while in the arms of his foster mother. She still misses him very much, and thinks about him every day.

About a week before Bear passed away, a woman contacted One By One about Mac. He had been the featured pet in the Morning Call on the previous Friday, and she had read his sad story on Petfinder.com. The story broke her heart.

She spoke of her previous cat who had passed away and how her remaining cat at home missed having a pal. She wanted a companion for her cat, and also for the family dog who loved kitties. When she asked if she'd be able to meet him, she was told she was more than welcome to meet Mac, but adoptions were only being considered if the person was

willing to make a permanent commitment to Mac, to be there for the rest of his days, in good times and bad, no matter what.

Mac's potential adopter came to meet him. She lay on the floor with him and just fell in love with his charm and winning personality. How could anyone not do that, wondered his foster mom. Yes, he was a normal little tabby cat. Yes, he was FIV+ and had a thyroid condition. And yes, he was now an elderly, senior citizen cat. Should this matter? Would this matter to this potential adopter?

I am happy to tell you that none of this mattered to his potential adopter. She filled out all the paperwork and asked to be his forever owner. Part of me feels like they were meant to be together. She is a geriatric social worker, and Mac is a geriatric cat! What better match could have been made? I do wish Bear would have been able to find his forever home, but in my heart, he was mine. No papers had to be filled out for me to feel any differently.

So, that is the story of Mac and how he came to finally find his forever home. His adopter loves him to pieces and says that she can't imagine not having him in her home. He fits right in. He is good buddies



with the family dog, named Vader, and he and the other cat, Mongo Jerry, are getting along as well.

I hope that some of you will take into consideration fostering a homeless pet, or a special needs homeless pet like Mac is, at some point in your lives if you have not already done so. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. They give unconditional love, loyalty and devotion, and receive it in return. I don't worry about becoming too attached to my guys, because as long as they are with me, I consider them to be mine. They have a home. They are loved. When they are adopted, I will pass them onto their permanent caregiver and companion, knowing that they will be loved just as much as they were with me. If they live out their lives with me, they will cross that bridge in the arms of the person who loved them best. Hopefully all the homeless pets will find their forever homes, but if they don't, we hope they will find a foster mom or dad in a home that loves them unconditionally.

*For more information on fostering, please call Joyce at 610-683-6593 or email [foster@lbylcatrescue.org](mailto:foster@lbylcatrescue.org).*

## **PetSmart Santa Claws Photo Event December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 11am until 4pm**

Celebrate the holidays with your pet during Wyomissing PetSmart Santa Claws photo event weekends! Your Santa Claws photo package includes 2 Polaroid® photos of you and your pet and 2 exclusive holiday frames.

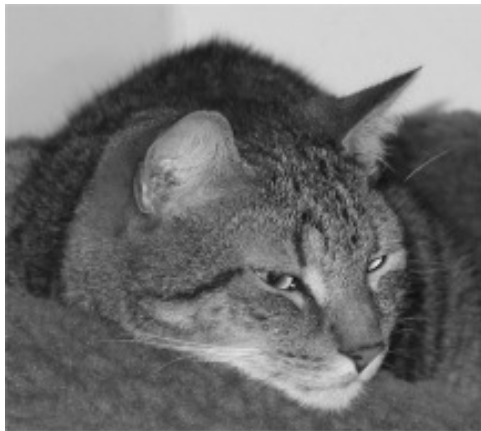
Plus, \$5 from every Santa Claws photo package benefits One By One. Photo packages are just \$8.95 with the PetPerks® Savings Card (Reg. retail \$9.95).

## **Karousel Kats at the Inn at Reading February 2 – 4**

One By One cats will be available for adoption and there will be items for sale.

## **Pellmans Cake sale in February**

See all One By One events at:  
[www.lbylcatrescue.org](http://www.lbylcatrescue.org)



## We Rescue Because...

On an ordinary September day, I was taking some kittens for a vet check. In talking to the kitten's caregiver she mentioned a situation that was becoming horrendous for some cats that lived a few doors from her. The people that lived on the property near Mary had abandoned their cats.

When I got to the property, there were numerous cats gathered on the porch and in the yard. There were all sorts of colors, breeds, males and females and none of the cats were sterilized.

Walking back to my car, approximately eight cats followed me, all in single file. I turned to talk to them and told them someone will be back to care for them. Little did I know at the time it would be One By One to the rescue, along with Cats With No Name.

The neighbors were feeding these cats twice a day. Since no one could gain access to the inside of the house, some of the food was dropped inside from a hole in one of the screens. The cats did have access to get in and out of the house through the torn window screens.

After a conversation with the landlord, we were given permission to enter the property and take whatever cats were there. Not sure how to proceed and knowing in my heart I could not just let these cats fend for themselves as they were all beautiful house cats, I contacted Kathy Walker, adoption coordinator of One By One. Kathy had to think about this as our shelter was filled and all of the foster moms had a house full of cats.

Kathy accompanied me to the site and we were able to rescue two cats; one Siamese and one very sick Himalayan. When Kathy saw the Himmy was very ill, I saw the tears in her eyes and her heart breaking for this poor creature. He could hardly breathe and was infested with fleas. Kathy took him to our veterinary specialist; but, unfortunately, Clint was so flea infested, he passed away from flea-anemia. Clint's twin sister, Summer, has been adopted into a wonderful home.

Shannon, another One By One volunteer, happened to know someone who spoke to Mary about this situation. Shannon was in the area and decided to check it out and was instructed by our director to take any cats that were around. She rescued one male with a large hernia, but six more cats followed her to her car. She rescued them as well.

The following day, three volunteers went to the site and rescued seven cats. These cats were taken to another no-kill sanctuary. During this rescue, we checked what we could inside the property by looking in the windows. We heard a cat crying as if it was trapped but as we could not get inside, there was nothing we could do. The landlord was contacted again and he said he would meet someone there to let them inside. He never showed up. We have no idea how many cats were left to die inside.

While doing a final check of the place, a black cat was sitting on the neighbor's porch chair. It also came from the abandoned property. Mystique was kept in foster care a few weeks and is now awaiting adoption at PetSmart.

Being in rescue is a very stressful thing, emotionally and physically. We all had better places to be during those weeks, our own cats to care for, families that needed our attention but we forged ahead until we got all the cats out that we could.

Due to this rescue, the vet bills have increased, but how could we turn our backs from these abandoned, sweet cats. One By One is an all-volunteer organization who needs your help to keep the only no-kill shelter and rescue in Berks County doing what it does best – caring for kitties that have no home – FOR LIFE IF NEEDED!

Sincere thanks to Kathy, Shannon, Dave, and especially Mary for alerting us to this unfortunate situation. A thank you is also sent to Cats With No Name and the effort they put behind this to help us.

--- Lynn S.

## Rescued Kitties

Despite all the neglect suffered at the hands of heartless humans, these cats are the sweetest kitties we've seen in a long time. Every one of them adores people. They know no strangers, and even are accepting of and show love to other animals. They are happiest, however, with a lap to curl up on, and they purr non-stop.

They have overcome the worst of their trauma and are soon ready to be altered and adopted. For more information email us at [adopt@1by1catrescue.org](mailto:adopt@1by1catrescue.org). They need to know there are people out there who will love and care for them the rest of their days. There's no question they will return that love tenfold!

--- Shannon

**Murray** - a 1 year old, long haired, tabby. He was one of the cats who followed a volunteer directly to her car. Murray was very sick when he first entered rescue, but he has since made a full recovery. Murray is happiest being with people. He loves to assist you in any way he can. He's a great help when it's time to clean the litter box, and he purrs non-stop. Murray's personality just shines!!!

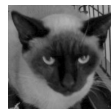
**Muppet** - a 1 year old, domestic shorthaired, gray tabby. She is an absolute doll. She loves people and other cats, and is super friendly.



**Sprocket** - a 1 year old, domestic shorthaired brown male tabby. He is another super friendly guy. His best friend is VeVe and he snuggles with her often.

**VeVe** - an 8 month old, domestic shorthaired, black female. She is a love bug.

**Lexi** - a year old, Oriental Shorthair Mix. She is super friendly, and she's not shy about telling you about it. She is rather talkative, and is always happy to carry a conversation with you.



**Patcha** - a 1 year old, Chocolate Point, Siamese Male. Patcha is recovering from hernia surgery. He is a super love bug who will shine in a home of his own.

**Nahni** - an 8 month old to 1 year old Chocolate Point Siamese female. Nahni is very shy. She's learning to trust humans, however she loves other cats.

**Windsor** - a 1 year old, domestic shorthaired gray tabby male. Windsor is extremely shy around people, however he will literally fall over once you begin to pet him.



**Mystique** - I am a small, domestic short hair-black, Siamese Mix.

### Need a Holiday Gift?

One By One can help you with your holiday shopping! We have a varied assortment of screen printed short or long-sleeved t-shirts, and classy embroidered sweatshirts, or mock turtle necks. Please contact Linda at 610-916-1321 for more information. Give a great gift and show support of your favorite shelter too!

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### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## Our Kitties Need a New Shelter

One By One has been helping save the lives of unwanted cats for over a decade. Along with our foster homes we use a small shed-like building until new families adopt them. The size of our shelter building determines the number of cats we can help. The sad truth is there are tremendous numbers of cats in need of our help. It is hard to say "no" to those helpless, innocent faces knowing that if we don't help them, possibly no one will. In order for us to grow in our efforts, we need more space.

One By One has set up a fund that will be used solely to help finance buying, renting or building a new, larger shelter for our cats. We cannot do this without your help. Any donation, small or large, is 100% tax deductible. But more importantly than that, you will be helping those animals that many people consider to be the throw-aways of society. PLEASE! Help us to give aid and shelter to those countless strays destined to die on the streets before it's too late.

Photocopy this form or detach original. Fill out and mail to: One By One, Inc.  
PO Box 226  
Kutztown, PA 19530

Enclosed is my check or money order donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_, to help the lives of stray and unwanted cats who have no place to go. One By One is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

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I would like my donation to be used for:  Building Fund  General Operation  Sponsorship

Please make checks and money orders payable to "One By One, Inc."  Check here if you need a receipt.

Yes, I would like to volunteer, please contact me. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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