

The Cat's Meow

The newsletter of the Room 8 Memorial Cat Foundation

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FIV in Cats is not a Killer!



Back at the beginning of September, Room 8 took in this adorable litter of four kittens. They were happy and healthy in every way. But Room 8 tests for several diseases, as we want all new cat or kitten parents to know as much as possible about the health status of their new family member. When the kittens were tested, something happened Room 8 had never encountered before. All four tested positive for FIV (Feline immunodeficiency virus).

FIV is transmitted between adult cats through deep biting, usually in the course of fighting or mating. FIV can also be transmitted to kittens through an FIV positive mother, which is what we think happened in this case.

However, FIV is not a death sentence for cats or kittens. The vast majority of kittens who test positive for FIV often “shed” the disease and test completely negative for the virus by the time they are 4-6 months old.

FIV is also manageable in adult cats. With prompt vet visits at the beginning of any illness, FIV positive cats can lead long and happy lives.

One of these kittens was adopted with full disclosure and an offer to retest the kitten later. The other three kittens stayed at a foster home until they were 4 months old. At that time they were tested again and got a clean bill of health! All have now been adopted, we are happy to report.

The best way to prevent FIV is by vaccinating all cats for the disease and by spaying and neutering cats so they do not engage in the fighting and mating behavior that causes the disease to be transmitted. But also remember that FIV cats and kittens are just as lovable as other felines. Feel free to adopt them as well!

Five Easy Ways to Help Room 8

1. Like us on Facebook and share our posts with all your friends.
2. Recommend us to anyone looking to adopt a kitten or cat, wanting to volunteer somewhere, or wanting to donate to help rescue cats and kittens.
3. Donate your clean used towels and blankets for us to use with our cats and kittens.
4. Volunteer, even if it is just once a month, to pet cats and clean the cattery. We have jobs for every age group and ability level. And when you volunteer, bring a friend!
5. Make Room 8 your *Amazon Smile* recipient and use *Amazon Smile* every time you order something through Amazon.

Noche and Dewdrop



This girl and boy were obviously living in a loving home as they are very sweet with people. One of our volunteers says they are “calm and cooperative.” But then something unfortunate must have happened. They were found one morning at the front door of one of our partner Petcos, abandoned in their carriers with no information, not even their names.

Noche is a black, long haired girl. Dewdrop is a big boy who has short hair and is white with brown tabby splotches. It is estimated they are about four years old and they are both fixed and vaccinated.

These two kitties are a bonded pair and Room 8 would like to adopt them out together. They would be the perfect pets for someone who wants to skip the frisky kitten stage and adopt a pair of adult cats. Adopting two means the kitties can keep each other company when the family is at work or school. We hope someone can soon give Noche and

Dewdrop the happy ending they deserve!

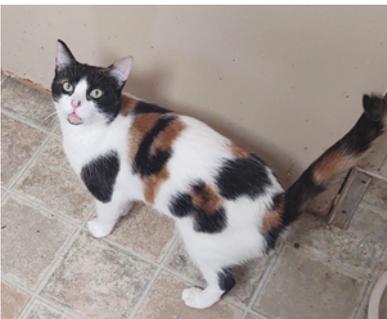
Fantasia



Fantasia is the sweetest little girl cat who needs a special kind of person to adopt her. She is special needs. This white DSH is deaf and was

also born with hip and rear leg issues. In spite of this, Fantasia is the happiest little cat. Our manager Gail says she is “Miss Personality” and “beyond amazing.”

Pia



This is beautiful Pia! Hers is the story we repeat every year. This calico girl came to us abandoned and pregnant. She was a wonderful mother to her four kittens and they have all been adopted. Now it is Pia’s turn to put motherhood behind her and find her furrever home with someone to love her. Pia has spent time in a foster home and at the cattery and she is used to being around other cats. She is a very sweet girl, her foster mom says. She will be the purr-fect cat for someone who wants a calico!

EVERYONE AT ROOM 8 WISHES YOU A MEOWY CHRISTMAS AND A PURRFECT NEW YEAR!

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