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Welcome to April's *The Scratching Post!*

Once a month, we'll drop by your inbox to share our latest news, introduce you to just a few of our precious adoptables and share helpful TNR hints so that YOU can make a difference, right where you are.

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**We're joining
Petco Love to
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Thanks for giving our vaccine clinic a shot!

Our new holding facility was a happenin' place on March 19! Thanks to the generosity of Petco Love and the Bissell Pet Foundation, we were able to vaccinate 64 cats!

Special thanks also to the volunteers who made this event possible,



including Dr. Loni Ellsworth, and the cat parents who decided to give their babies the "best shot" at a healthy life.

Check out the [Petco Love Care website](#) to learn more about how Petco Love teamed with the Bissell Pet Foundation to give away *one million* vaccines in March as part of National Pet Vaccination month.

Ready to spring into a forever home!



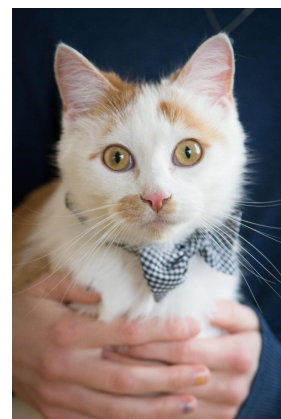
Midnight

Midnight is a cat person's cat, living life on her own terms, but bestowing epic lap snuggles and adorable toy-chasing antics along the way. Just a few months ago, this gorgeous girl (who is also this month's "cover cat" above!) didn't have the luxury of play or the love of humans. She was a community cat focused on survival -- hers and litter after litter of kittens! The vet who spayed her for Whiskers said she'd had "LOTS of babies," notes her foster mom. Is your home where Midnight can finally put her paws up?



Max

When Max first arrived at Whiskers, we thought he was passing through -- a cat that we would neuter, vaccinate and return to his outdoor home. But by day two, he let us know that he really loves people! "He showed us that he did have a sweet side in there and could be adoptable," says his foster dad. "Ever since then he has proved us right." Max is a purr machine whose friendliness extends to other cats. Can you provide this sweet boy the human/feline family he craves?



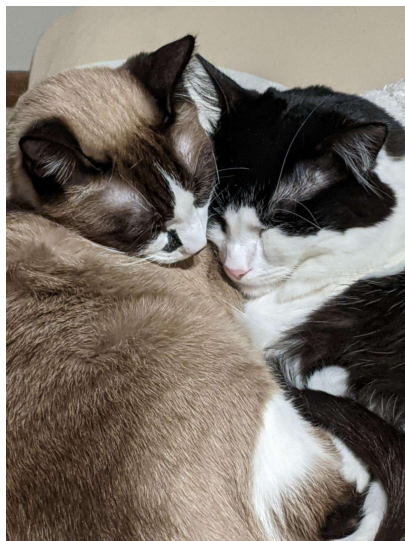
Goose

There is never a dull moment with Goose around! You'd never guess that he started out as a lone orphan kitten. "He has the biggest personality," says his foster dad. "He is always looking for trouble." That is, the laugh-out-loud kind! His current foster family loves watching him zip around his cat wheel or execute moves like a kitty pro wrestler. Goose will need a special diet to thrive, but otherwise, he's as versatile as they come. Dogs, older kids, other cats? Goose is ready to play and love!

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We're thrilled to feature Watson and Asher as this month's adoption story! Above, Asher is with their adopters, Brent and Carolyn. Below, Watson and Asher catch some much-needed z's and snuggles.



Below, Asher demonstrates his signature move of sliding down Brent's arm to be held upside-down.

Happy Tails: Watson and Asher

Brent and Carolyn went to a home show looking for ideas for their basement. Not a kitten. But then they spotted a black and white fluffball in the salesperson's arms from a nearby Whiskers TNR booth.

"The next thing we knew, Brent was walking through the exhibit with a sleeping bundle of joy named Watson," the couple recall.

When the Whiskers TNR volunteer let them know that Watson hadn't cozied up to anyone like that so far, Brent and Carolyn knew: "We did not come looking for a kitten, but a kitten found us."

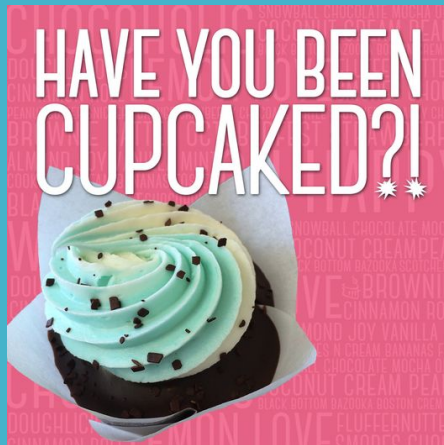
When the couple decided to adopt again, they turned to Whiskers to find a perfect match for Watson and their other cats. This time, "clearly smart and exceptionally affectionate" Asher joined their family. He and Watson have been inseparable almost from day one.

For Brent and Carolyn, that day at the home show doesn't seem like coincidence anymore. Years ago, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a debilitating disease without a cure. In the couple's hardest moments, their rescue kittens -- who both had their own rough starts in life -- save the day.

"When I do not have arm or finger strength to hold objects, they turn the situation from sadness into a game," Carolyn said. "When I feel overwhelmed by my illness, they come sit on my lap, hug me, and



give me nose kisses."



Do you need cupcakes? Don't your friends need them, too? We're looking for sellers for our sweetest fundraiser of the year: Scratch Cupcakery! They'll be sold April 25-May 13 with pickup on June 3. [Sign up here](#) if you'd like to peddle deliciousness for a great cause. More interested in buying? Watch [our website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for more info. Your taste buds will be glad you did.



Whether you're a treasure or bargain hunter -- or mostly a cat lover -- don't miss our spring garage sale. This year it will be bigger than ever! We'll have TWO locations going on Friday and Saturday, May 13-14: 1719 Cedar St. and 202 Orchard Hills Dr., both in Norwalk. Donations will be accepted beginning May 8. RSVP or learn more at our [Facebook event page](#) or [website](#).

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