

YCSPCA AT HANOVER PETSMART August Newsletter



Mustard August 4



Tigress August 9



Mitzie August 17



Diddy August 20

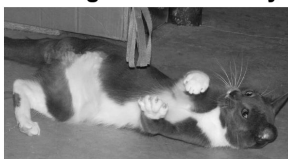
ADOPTED



Pepper August 20



William August 23



Crinkles August 25



Basil August 25

Adoption updates:

Mustard - Sorry I've taken so long to send AB update on Mustard. He is doing excellent. He's still the sweet, loveable kitten I believe he will always be. I have 3 other cats, and it took some time, but they love him too! He has definitely made an amazing addition to my family. When I started volunteering I certainly didn't expect to fall in love, but you can't help it with him! I am thankful every single day I wake up to him licking my face!



Mary August 29

Tigress - Woody spoke with Tigress' new mommy and they love her! She said when she comes home, Tigress is at the top of the steps waiting for her. Then when Daddy comes home, she again goes to the steps to greet him. She was sleeping with them the first couple of nights but has now moved to a tent that they got for her. She is not as nervous as she was in the cat room and is settling into her new home as she should.

Biff - Woody called his new family and his mommy said they LOVE him. They said that there other cat is getting used to him being there and Biff so wants to meet him. They were amazed how Biff "played like a kitten" with his toys - yeah "gentle linebacker" Biff.

Crinkles - Just wanted to let you know that Crinkles (aka Kizmo) has been adapting very well. He currently is confined to my son's bedroom and bathroom for a few days just to get acclimated, but he is already looking to explore beyond his realm. Kolt has had a few sniffles, but no hives, and I know fall allergies are upon us too! Kolt and Kizmo are doing very well! He purrs all the time, and especially loves just laying with Kolt in his bed. He's so mild mannered too...a perfect fit, I think. He enjoys playing with his laser and his feather toy the most, and likes his cat tower so he can see out the window. He's very gentle with his claws too, which is nice. Kolt is already going to miss him when he goes to school tomorrow! **See Crinkle's story on the following page**.

William - I can't believe how well William has adjusted to living with us. He just walked in like he owned the place. He easily comes to anyone who has come over to meet him. We are so glad that we happened to see William that day at PetSmart. He is just the perfect addition to our family. We love him so much and are so glad he's here.

Diddy and Pepper were adopted together. She said both cats are doing well. Diddy does not like the dog yet, but it is only 24 hrs.

Mary - adopter is the lady who wanted to be sure she adopted the right cat. She went to see other cats also and did adopt 2 others.

She was also interested in William, Diddy, Pepper, and Crinkles. She was disappointed when she saw they were all adopted, but then felt that Mary was destined to be hers

A very special adoption:

Although we feel every cat that have come through Hanover PetSmart and its adoption are special, I am compelled to tell you about one that I think is the most heartwarming I have experienced.

Crinkles came to us here at Hanover PetSmart on July 23rd and with his personality and maybe the fact that he had only 3 legs, he immediately stole the volunteers' hearts !

A very nice young 10 year old boy named Kolt came into the cat room to visit with Crinkles and there was an instant bond. Kolt told the volunteer that he wants to work with animals when he gets older and wanted to adopt Crinkles because he wanted to help to rehabilitate him. We waited to hear of an application but were disappointed to get word that Kolt had what was thought of as an allergic reaction - puffy eyes and a rash. However, his mother asked if there could be another visitation to make sure. Arrangements were made and Kolt again came in to visit. He had the same reaction.

We talked about how it was such a disappointment for us and certainly for Kolt. Then, I received an email from Kolt's mother stating that they might need to rethink the allergy. Seems he stayed overnight at a cousin's house who had a cat. The family tried to keep the cat away but it snuck into Kolt's bed and slept with him. No reaction ! We were asked if there could be another visitation with Crinkles. PetSmart allowed us to take Crinkles into their dog training area and the visitation went with no "allergic" reaction ! Crinkle's fate was sealed - he was going home with this family !

Kolt (and his mother) came into PetSmart on August 25, with a very big smile on his face and "his money" to purchase items for his new Crinkles.

Again, every adoption has been rewarding but this one was so special and I was thrilled to be part of it.

We Welcome these kitties:

August 23, 2012 was a busy day. Thanks to some coordination and the efforts from Steve and Sue L., 6 new cats were brought into Hanover PetSmart.

Basil is a 6-8 month old black boy. He is a little live wire and he has no problems flying up and down the 2 way cage. He is currently open in a 2 way with Larry.

Larry was very shy about coming out of the carrier but within a short while, was more inquisitive and less nervous. When I left, he and Basil were wrestling and playing tag up and down ! Although they are not related, he and Basil are about the same age and size. Larry is a gray tabby about 4-6 months old.

Brantley is a black boy and showed no concern about being in a new place. He tried to climb up Sue's shoulder while she was sitting on the floor. It was mentioned that he's almost another Mr. Underfoot ! He loves attention. We have him in an upper condo but be careful when you open the door - he wants to come right out ! He will place his front feet on your shoulder to help him down. He is a love bug and loves to play !

Dan is a medium hair tanned tabby. Right now he is shaved with a lion cut as the shelter said that he was very matted. He is very quiet and was content to lay on the shelf and take everything in. Just before I left, he did get up to check out things outside of his window.

Mia is what I would call a muted tortoise shell. She was returned to the shelter but I don't know why. The previous owner states she is very good with little kids, likes to be picked up and held. She was a little nervous today but was doing better as the day went on. She did get a little hissy at some of the cats. We put her on the bottom cage so she could see the other cats when they are out and in case she is difficult to get back in her cage.

Smurfy is a handsome gray male. He was playing with some of his toys. He was a little reserved today but I think it was the changes. I don't think it will take him long to relax.

We Welcome New Volunteers:

Tara Kay

Angie

Laura and the volunteers from AHCS

Deb P.

Animal Insights - submitted by Becky S.

A column to help the two-leggeds understand the four-leggeds

'What pet should I get?' You wonder, as you stroll through the pet store. Having a pet is an easy way to lower your blood pressure, relax after a hard day or even just weird out the neighbors. But taking care of an animal is a very big responsibility. Make sure your dogs, cats and ferrets receive their Rabies, Distemper and other necessary shots, as well as regular trips to vet. Many of these animals can be found at your local animal rescue or ASPCA.

Every animal takes various amounts of Time and Attention (TA), Love and Affection (LA) and Money (M). So before you get a pet...please be honest with yourself and decide which level of responsibility you are willing to accept.

Dogs – Dogs will always provide Loyalty, Love and Affection. However, they need a tremendous amount of time, attention, love and affection. Depending on the size of dog you own, you also may have to pay a groomer or they may be prone to certain illnesses or ailments. A larger dog will cost much more in dog food, but smaller dogs tend to have allergies and other health issues. Spaying and neutering can be more expensive for dogs, but it cuts down on behavior and temperament issues, as well as health issues. It is also a wise idea to get training for your dog's safety, and your own peace of mind. Plus, if you do not want to lose your shoes, remotes, couches, etc., doggie chew toys are a necessity.

Cats – Cats are strange beings. They pretend that they don't need you or even notice you, but try to leave Morris alone overnight, and you may have an unwelcomed surprise waiting for you in your clothes closet. Vet bills will vary, depending on the breed, but I recommend buying premium cat food, as it will save you in the long run. Cats who are not spayed or neutered are either loud and irritating or they make your house smell like an alley. Luckily, low-cost spay/neuter options are available.

Ferrets – Need lots of time and attention. They need to run and play. Luckily, they sleep 20 hours a day, but if you wake them, get ready for full-speed play fest! Usually, ferrets sold in pet stores, are already spayed and neutered. If you purchase your ferret from a breeder, you will need to have this done. Unspayed females could die due to anemia, caused by being 'in heat'. Males will smell horrible. Both male and female ferrets will have behavior problems related to not being sterilized. Warning: Ferrets are in the same family as the skunk! They do have an odor, even after being 'de-scented' (usually done during spay/neuter) they will smell. Bathing ferrets appears to intensify this 'musky' odor. Ferrets can be very expensive later in their lifetime, due to health concerns, so be prepared, but spayed/neutered ferrets rarely cost more than ferret food for the first few years.

Rodents – Rodents include everything from mice to rabbits and chinchillas. They can be an inexpensive answer for a child who wants a pet, but isn't quite ready to care for a larger animal. Rarely do these animals cost much after the original purchase of the cage and the maintenance of their home. Rodents must be watched anytime they are out of their enclosure! They will chew on ANYTHING in order to keep their teeth short (INCLUDING live wires). If you want your pet to be friendly, you must spend time with them every day, and give them a lot of affection.

Birds – Birds provide beauty and song to your life. However, they do take a lot of work to keep clean and to bond with. Unless a bird has touched by human hands in the first few moments in life, they may never bond.

Keep that in mind when shopping at the local pet store. If bonding is important, ask to handle the bird first. Please wash up before and after handling birds. Not only do they carry germs, such as salmonella, but they are very vulnerable to other diseases that we may be carrying but not susceptible to ourselves.

Reptiles/Amphibians – Your pet will be the talk of the town...soooo cool! Typically, these animals should be researched THOROUGHLY before a purchase. Also, the startup cost for owning reptiles or amphibians may be very expensive, although for those of us who like 'creepy-crawlies' it is usually worth it. Maintenance is rarely expensive, if you care for them correctly.

Fish – From goldfish to piranha, the variance is as deep as the ocean. The only true statement that can be made for all the types of fish is that they require very little Love and Affection. If you want fish, make sure that you study before you purchase anything! Otherwise, you may find one fish eating all the other ones!

see the cats available for adoption and those that have been adopted at www.ycspca.org click on cats at Hanover PetSmart on the left column

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