FROM THE HOME FRONT
TALES OF THE SAFE HAVEN KITTIES
WEEK 267: SCRUFFY IS NOW THUMBS
NOTEWORTHY NEWS FROM WILLS



How you doin'?



I have grrreat news this week. A real sweet little girl kitty, 'bout 16 years old, came to Safe Haven in April because her person had passed away. Her name was Lilly, and she was in not-too-good shape when she arrived, but with loving care from our staff, she was feelin' and lookin' much better. And last Tuesday she left the building with her proud and very happy new person. She's gonna have a grrreat home for the rest of her life!

Here's a photo of her shortly after she arrived. She looked lots better here than when I first met her, and she looked even better when she went home! Have a purrfectly wonderful life, Lilly!



Scruffy, now Thumbs

And now for my main story. This week I'd like to tell y'all 'bout a grrreat new guy who came back to the shelter a couple of weeks ago and is all ready for his new furrever home. His name is either Scruffy or Thumbs—take your pick. He's pretty easygoing and doesn't seem to mind which name you use. And in case you're wondering, he's a medium hair Maine Coon-cross and looks kinda scruffy (see photo), but he's also a polydactyl, so the "Thumbs" name fits him as well!

He was a stray who originally came to us in January. He'd been hangin' out in a neighborhood for 3-4 years. One of the people who lived in the area felt sorry for him and brought him inside, where he tried his best to make friends with their resident cat. But the other cat was real unhappy 'bout having another feline around, so Scruffy's rescuers finally brought him to Safe Haven to find a new home.





One of our caregivers immediately bonded with Scruffy, and as soon as he had his well-kitty exam and his vaccinations, he went home with her. Unfortunately, Scruffy, now officially known as Thumbs, forgot to mention that he's not at all comfortable around dogs, and that's putting it mildly. We didn't find this out until he was introduced to the dog in his new home. And so, after several months of mostly hiding, he came back to the shelter to find a new furrever home, without dogs!

If you'd like to meet a very gentle boy whose only issue is fear of creatures of the canine persuasion, give us a call, make an appointment and come on down to meet Thumbs. I guarantee you'll enjoy the visit as much as he will enjoy meeting you.

Thanks for listening,

Wills 🐾

p.s. I want to thank all of you who've been so generous with food (and other) donations. Since my plea for help for the Emergency Pet Food Bank went out, we have been getting lots 'n lots of donated food. I'm real pleased to let y'all know that our Food Bank shelves are full! I'm talking, no more room at all! So a big Wills hug to all!

p.s.s. Our volunteer, Paula, has been doing an absolutely outstanding job organizing our book nook. We now have books on display in all three cat rooms on the first floor. And she's gone through the book inventory and replaced some of the older ones with new, interesting titles. If you haven't taken a look, and you're in the shelter sometime, check 'em out!

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