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KITTY QUARTERLY

Cats of the Quarter: Garrett & Rosemary

Garrett is a one year old dark orange tabby with gold eyes. He was born into an outdoor colony and thus he is shy when picked up, but he loves attention and we believe that having a home would help him get over his shyness. He loves to play with his toys and likes to make tents with newspaper.



The volunteers say although he is timid, he is getting better as time goes on. He purrs when you pet him or talk to him. With love and patience, we are sure that he will settle in nicely to a forever home.

Rosemary is a beautiful tuxedo who was rescued from an outdoor colony in 2019. She is a quiet, but sweet girl who deserves to find her forever home.



As one of our volunteers states: "I don't know why, but I feel like she gets overlooked. She's not one to run over to you when you first get to the shelter- she's more reserved but very friendly. I think she would do well with children."

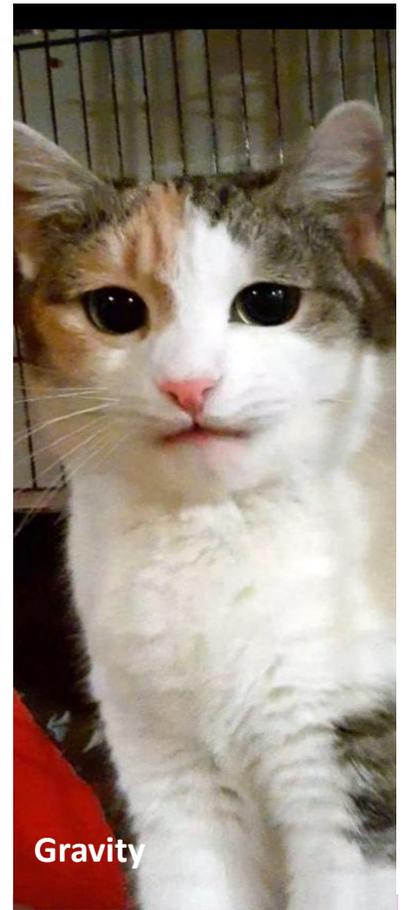
You can find out more about Garrett and/or Rosemary on Petfinder or by contacting Renee at rgazarik@hotmail.com.

Donate to Kiski Valley Cat & Kitten Rescue

KVCKR PayPal Donation Page:

<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/1535848>

Or visit our website at www.kiskicats.org for other ways to donate



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Renee at rgazarik@hotmail.com

Big Cheeks

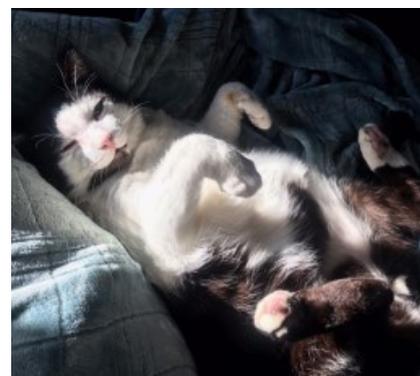
This is the first cat that I've owned by myself, and I live alone with no other pets. I realized that this put me in a unique position to adopt a cat who may need to be in a single-cat home. There are so many sweet, wonderful kitties who just need all the love in the house to themselves! I started browsing Petfinder, sorting the results to view the oldest listings first. Big Cheeks had been listed for so long that his profile was one of the first I saw. First, his name made me laugh a lot, but then I saw the photo of his sweet, smiling face and I was smitten. When I found out that he was a hefty lad, it was over. I knew I had to bring him home. I emailed KVCKR and set up an appointment. He was right by the door when I walked in, immediately bumping his head against me and purring.



He is, honestly, the best cat I could have ever hoped for. He's been totally settled in since the first moment he walked in the apartment—he knows he's king of his domain. His favorite spots to sleep are on his heated kitty bed under the coffee table and right next to my head on my pillow while I'm asleep. He's a HUGE snuggle bug, and definitely loves to snooze, but he's been playing more, too! His favorite toy is definitely his mouse and pompoms on a string, closely followed by a spinning wheel with a squeaking mouse inside. I'm absolutely floored that it took him 4 years to get adopted! He's a total charmer, showing his tummy and purring like a V8 engine. Thank you for everything. He makes my life so much brighter every day with his goofy personality.



-Sophia Marshall



"Happiness is waking up in the morning with a cat on your head."

Support KVCKR by Submitting your Adoption Story...

Petco Foundation—Love Stories Campaign

Since 2013, more than 20,000 adopters have shared Love Stories detailing all the ways their pet changes their life to help give more than \$5.8M in grant awards to the animal welfare organizations that make these adoption matches possible.

Now through September 20, The Petco Foundation invites you to share your Petco Love Story for a chance to earn a Holiday Wishes grant award.

Share the big and small ways that your adopted pet has changed your life for the better and you could earn a grant award for the animal welfare organization where you adopted your pet!

Winners will be announced during the holiday season. Winning adopters will receive a Petco shopping spree, BOBS from Skechers shoes AND the organization they adopted from will receive up to **\$100,000** in lifesaving grant awards!

<https://holidaywishes.smapply.io/prog/petcolovestories/>



Cat Ringworm: Diagnosis and Treatment

In cats, ringworm is a very common contagious skin infection — and it's not actually a worm at all. It is a fungus that infects the skin, fur or nails of cats, dogs and even humans. It's called "ringworm" because the typical skin lesions in humans (and in some animals) can appear as a circular patch of hair loss with crusting in the shape of a worm.

How is ringworm in cats spread?

Only three of the forty types of fungus that can cause Ringworm are common in felines. During infection, thousands of microscopic spores (think of these as dust particles) are produced around infected hairs. Infected hairs and spores are shed into the pet's environment, and infection is caused either by direct contact with the infected animal or by exposure to objects (such as furniture or a pet comb) in the contaminated environment.

Fortunately, most healthy adult cats have some natural resistance to ringworm. Kittens and cats under a year old are the ones most affected, since their immune systems are not yet fully developed. Other felines who are more at risk of contracting ringworm include those with a suppressed immune system from diseases or overuse of steroids, senior or free-roaming cats, and cats who are under stress, malnourished or ill. Genetic factors may also play a role, as Persian cats appear to be more susceptible.

In most animals, ringworm is self-limiting, in that it will cure itself over time. However, because this infection can be transmitted from cats to other animals and to people, most veterinarians recommend treatment.

What does ringworm look like on a cat?

Ringworm lesions can vary. Some pets have severe skin disease, while others have only very minor lesions or almost no obvious lesions at all. Classic skin lesions are discrete circular areas of hair loss, usually on the head, ears or legs. The hairs surrounding these areas may be broken and the skin is often scaly or red and inflamed. Ringworm can also occur in the nails, causing them to grow malformed.

How is ringworm diagnosed?

Because ringworm can look like flea allergy dermatitis or feline acne, ringworm cannot be diagnosed by simply looking at a lesion. Three diagnostic tests are commonly used: a Wood's lamp examination (ultraviolet light), Fungal culture: (the most reliable way of diagnosing ringworm infection but results can take up to 3 weeks), and a Polymerase chain reaction— check for Fungal DNA (can provide results in five days, although it can show false positives or false negatives). For more about the pros and cons of each test, we recommend that you talk to your veterinarian.

How is ringworm treated?

In cats who have small, isolated lesions, ringworm is often treated with a topical anti-fungal cream. In more severe cases, a combination of oral medications and whole body "dips" in a medicated solution is employed. Typically, a dip called "lime sulfur" is used and is very effective and safe. However, it has the odor of rotten eggs and can temporarily turn the coat yellow if the cat has light-colored fur.

Oral medications are commonly used for any cat with severe generalized lesions, for long-haired cats and in cases where the nails are infected. It is important to discuss oral medications with your veterinarian, since they can affect the liver, and liver enzymes should be checked both before and during therapy. Treatment is generally continued until there have been two negative cultures one week apart.

Can my other pets get ringworm from my cat?

To prevent your other animals from getting ringworm, a thorough cleaning is in order. Keep in mind, however, that not all animals housed together will get ringworm, even if they are exposed. If your other pets have strong immune systems and low stress levels, it's highly possible that they will not experience infection.

First, restrict the cat to one room or area of your home during treatment. Then clean all other areas thoroughly. The spores are very light and are carried in the air, so wherever there is dust and hair, there may be spores. Avoid sweeping and other types of cleaning that could spread spores through the air. Vacuuming, damp mopping and using a Swiffer-type mop are recommended. Carpets should be steam-cleaned where possible. After vacuuming or mopping all hard surfaces, clean with water and a detergent solution. Next, wipe the surfaces with diluted bleach (one part bleach to nine parts water) and leave on for at least 10 minutes. All bedding, kennels and carriers should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with bleach, too.

Even if they have no lesions, your other pets should be tested. We recommend bathing them just before or after cleaning your home, to remove any spores from their coats that could cause a false positive result. Once test results are back, you'll know whether treatment is needed for them as well. Although ringworm is labor-intensive to treat and requires patience, we can be thankful it is treatable and usually has no long-term consequences.

Volunteer Spotlight:

Helen Loscar



What town do you reside in?

I live in Washington Township; I have lived there since December of 1965.

How did you start volunteering at KVCKR?

My daughter, Sherry, wanted a place to volunteer at and she found KVCKR. My other daughter, Cindy, and I started to volunteer as well. Both of my daughters have since moved on, but I still continue to volunteer here.

What do you do when you are at the Shelter volunteering?

I clean Building 2...I clean out the litter boxes and well as wash dishes, put out fresh food and water. I also mop the floor.

Have you adopted any kitties from KVCKR?

I have adopted 3 cats from Kiski. I had a pair of brothers named Freddy and Marty that were Bengal cats. I got them when they were about 3 years old. I also adopted an older cat, Sebastian, that I had for about 4 years until he passed away.

Is there any kitty at the shelter that holds a special place in your heart?

I don't know many of their names, but several of them follow me around while I am cleaning and try to "help" me. I love them ALL!

When you are not volunteering, what do you do? (family, work, etc.)

I am retired but am very involved with my church. We meet and do volunteer work. I also sell items at markets to raise money for missions as well as shelters..

"Dogs come when they are called. Cats take a message and get back to you." - Mary Bly

Kiski Valley Cat & Kitten Rescue is always appreciative of any and all donations. As a truly non-profit organization, all resources go only to the care of the cats/kittens. The shelter functions on the dedication of volunteers and the generosity from our donors.

Donate to Kiski

Please visit our website at www.kiskicats.org for donation options.

SHELTER WISHLIST

The shelter can always use the following items:

- Canned Cat Food (Pate)
- Dry Food: Preferably Purina One, Purina Naturals or Kitten Chow
- Toys/treats
- Monetary Donations
- Cleaning vinegar
- Paper Towels
- Volunteers to help clean/take care of the cats
- Volunteers to help with "handyman" projects
- Help finding loving homes for them!