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## HAPPY TALES — STORIES OF RECENT FOBA ADOPTIONS

### FELIX & JESSY

It has been a little over a month since we adopted Felix and Jessy, and I wanted to give you an update. They have settled in really well and we couldn't ask for two more wonderful cats for our family. We have gotten to know their personalities, and they are used to our routine.

They have developed a close bond with each other, and are often found napping curled up together, or giving each other baths, and they are also very well-matched playmates. They love to chase each other around the house. Felix is much heftier than Jessy, but she is quick and agile and holds her own very well. She doesn't let him push her around.

The kittens are very sweet but have really different personalities. Felix is happy to be picked up and carried around, and will purr when held, draping his front and back paws rag-doll style like a Maine coon. Our daughter Rose loves to carry him around, and he seems happy to tolerate this. He will often greet our son Aidan when he comes downstairs in the morning by lying down right at his feet to be petted. Felix prefers not to be on laps, although yesterday Rose was sick with a sore throat, and while she was napping, he climbed on her chest and laid down to snuggle with her. He loves it when our kids gather around him when he's napping on the bed, petting his face. He will stretch out his front legs and turn over to be petted on his tummy. We love his loud rumble purr. His favorite toy is the laser pointer, and he will chase it around and jump to try to catch it on the wall.



Jessy has been quick to charm all of us by curling up on our laps. She is definitely a lap cat. She loves to find one of the kids sitting and reading or at the computer doing homework, and will climb right up and settle in. My husband Eric and I love it when she graces our laps with her presence, too! She is playful and friendly to everyone, a true extrovert. She has put on weight and the vet says she is filling out well. Her favorite toys are the little fuzzy mice that she will pounce on if we throw them down the hall, and the feather stick that will get her leaping. When I come home from work or errands, she runs to say hello, and when I pick her up she will kiss me on the nose in greeting.

We feel like the luckiest family and think we got the best cats in the world. We are so grateful for the care you took with both Felix and Jessy, to take care of their health issues and to socialize them so beautifully. They are both very people-friendly and not at all skittish with us. We could not be happier, and can't imagine our family without Felix and Jessy. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

— Angie B.

### Make Your Pet a Star!

We are now collecting photos for FOBA's 2017 calendar. The deadline is 8/1/16. Please send high-quality photos to [bhannable@gmail.com](mailto:bhannable@gmail.com). We receive a lot of photos, so please only submit clear photos and do not send more than three photos per animal. All kinds of pets are welcome. In past years, we've had ducks, hamsters, rabbits and even a big turtle! More details can be found on our Facebook page, at [friendsofbeverlyanimals.org](http://friendsofbeverlyanimals.org) or by calling 978-922-7190.

# MORE HAPPY ADOPTIONS

## PUMPKIN

From the day we adopted our older cat, Tiger, we knew he wasn't the typical "mature" adult cat. Even at the age of 7, he ran, jumped, and played like crazy, and loved getting into mischief! We knew we basically had an overgrown kitten on our hands. We could tell he wanted a playmate (of the feline variety), but we were still adjusting to our new lives as pet owners on top of being busy working professionals, so it wasn't the right time. Fast forward two years, and we both found ourselves looking at adoptable kittens on Petfinder. Tiger hadn't given up hope on having a friend, and we felt it was time to start looking to complete our cat family. After weeks of searching, we fell in love at first sight with six-month-old Pumpkin! He is the perfect little ball of energy to keep Tiger busy while we are at work, and they absolutely love each other's company. Pumpkin is even learning from Tiger that we humans aren't so scary, and is really starting to come out of his shell — he has even begun to greet us at the door when we come home! Our lives have become brighter with Pumpkin in them, and seeing how happy he and Tiger are together makes having two crazy kitties totally worth it! Thanks to FOBA for rescuing him so that he could become part of our family!

— Laura and Melissa J., Brighton, MA



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Please "like" us on Facebook and help us spread the word about the animal rescue work we do and our hope to establish a shelter in Beverly. Only with your help can this dream come true!



**UMA PURRMAN** (right) was adopted by a happy family in February 2016.



**PUMPKIN** and **GOLDIE** (left) found their new homes in February 2016.

### A Note From Heidi...

The Friends of Beverly Animals incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit in 2008. The mission of FOBA is to rescue and find homes for animals in need, and our long-term goal is to establish a no-kill shelter in Beverly. Since we began, we have saved hundreds of cats in every neighborhood in Beverly (and beyond). We also feed and manage (spay and neuter) several colonies of feral cats in the area, to keep the feral population down. We help with dogs whenever we can, but we are limited because we do not have any place to keep them. All we have is a few foster homes for cats (for which we are very grateful). We are inundated with phone calls every week from citizens looking for help, and we feel strongly that Beverly needs a shelter to house animals until good homes can be found for them. If you agree, we hope that you will contact the mayor and/or your city councilor to help us convince them that we really need a shelter in Beverly. The animals cannot speak for themselves, so we need to be their voice. Thank you for your kind support.

- Heidi Roberts, President & Founder, FOBA

## TABITHA

Sweet little TABITHA was given up by her owner, who could not keep her any longer because of her medical problems. We took Tabitha to the veterinarian and she was diagnosed with a hyperthyroid condition. We then found a loving young couple to take her in. Friends of Beverly Animals is paying for her ongoing medication. Your donation to Friends of Beverly Animals helps cover costs such as these so that cats like Tabitha can have a happy, healthy life.



Every now and then, we come across a cat that just does not want to love us back. After one year of fostering **MARGAUX**, we received a call from a super citizen who wanted to adopt two semi-feral cats. She would keep them in her sun room and watch TV with them and play with their toys with them. Margaux was perfect for this opportunity. She was rescued prior to a big storm last year, and we didn't want to release her after her surgery in a storm. We also had a kitten that had been trapped in downtown Beverly, who needed a lot of socialization. From all reports, the two girls are doing great in their new arrangement. Miracles do happen!



We are always in need of more foster homes; please contact Cheryl at [cmezack@aol.com](mailto:cmezack@aol.com) 978-578-0588 or Heidi at [heidiroberts@comcast.net](mailto:heidiroberts@comcast.net) 978-927-4157 if you are interested in fostering. FOBA pays for veterinary care, food and supplies.

**WINNIE** (right) was rescued by Friends of Beverly Animals. Winnie was a six-month-old, female street cat, but she showed so much promise, we decided she was worth some time to socialize. After three days, she was purring, playing with string, and letting her fosterer pet her. Winnie has now been adopted and has a loving new home.



Meet **LINUS** (left), a lovable 3-year-old neutered orange male with all his shots and feline tests. He would flourish as an only pet in an adult home. He is very adaptable to a new environment and would be a loving companion for the right person(s). If you would like more information about Linus or other adult cats not listed, contact Suzanne at (978) 210-6179.



**SASHA** (right) came to us with her brother, but Sasha was too fearful to be chosen for adoption. After several months of living with people and other cats, she calmed down and began to trust. She was adopted by a couple in a setting where she can feel safe and be loved.

