



It wasn't his fault. He'd been a good boy. Monty had loved them unconditionally, for 6 years. And now here he was being sold at a garage sale along with the couch, the dishes and some old clothes. A sagging economy, unemployment and foreclosure had ruined his life and you could see it in his eyes.

And, that's only one of the stories. A cat thrown from a car and covered with burns needed help. Kittens found in a meth lab needed help. A hoarder's son gathered all her animals and dumped them: twenty-one cats and they all needed help. The reasons vary, but the result is the same - an innocent animal is hurt.

Cat Matchers was there to help by taking them into foster homes, assisting owners with huge vet bills or rescuing them from certain death at a shelter.

Cat Matchers doesn't make the nightly news or have a large budget. There are no paid employees, no shelter facility and no national advertising. Our focus is purely and simply the animals. We hear the stories and we do our best to make things right for the animal.

In just four years (10/1/07-9/30/11), as a 501c3 we have rescued 1,385 animals and placed 1,111 in the perfect homes. While the economy has made a dent in both our donations and adoption numbers, our foster volunteers willingly took in "one more" while we scrounged for the funds needed to help.

Because of you, we can continue to help the sick, hurt and abandoned. Your donations save lives, over and over again. We're eager to do more, but we need your help. Vet bills are staggering and our resources are few.

Do you have a spare room, a little love and some extra time? More foster homes allow us to help more animals. Short-term and long-term assignments are available. Much-needed foster homes are the only way we can continue to change lives. We also need volunteers to assist in other areas such as adoption events, special events, cage cleaning, publicity, fundraising and transportation. There's a place for you here and we welcome the help.

There are so many letters that come your way this time of year that they are easy to dismiss. Please don't do that to Cat Matchers. Keep us in your hearts and minds when you examine your charitable contributions and make plans for your giving. Donations of any size are appreciated and can help save lives. Please put a check in the attached envelope, put a stamp on it and drop it in the mail. Or use our PayPal account at www.catmatchers.org/donate. It's easy, and without your help we can't survive. Your donation may be the difference between life and death for many animals. Thank you for caring as much as we do.

Sincerely,

Tammy Kidwell, President

Cat Matcher - Tails from the Inside!

Gisela: the amazing kitten with Hydrocephalus



If you have had the opportunity to spend time with a disabled dog or cat you have probably learned that a disability detracts little from a pet's ability to live a normal happy life. Puppies and kittens who are born with a disability, or acquire it early in life, have no idea they're different. They simply adapt and play on! Gisela is no exception.

She has been a special, loving and playful kitten since she joined CM at 2 weeks of age. Gisela arrived at the animal shelter with a mom and siblings. They were all rescued by CM.

As the kittens started growing, Gisela's foster noticed that her head was growing disproportionately from the rest of her. A vet check confirmed that she had Hydrocephalus. As her head enlarged, it became difficult for Gisela to see or hold her balance, but she kept playing and exploring, not letting a thing like sight or stability slow her down. Although the prognosis for Gisela was not optimistic, the vet let us know she was not in any pain. So her foster mom agreed to allow Gisela to live out her life as long as she was in no pain or grave danger.

Gisela's siblings have all been adopted into their own loving homes, and Gisela has kept growing and getting stronger every day. She has had a corrective procedure on her eyes so that she may see better, and she has been spayed. Gisela has also regained her stability. Her only obvious disability is that her right eyelid is still slightly closed and she holds it closed even more in bright light or when first waking up. Her head is still a bit domed shape, but much less disproportionate now that she's grown so much. We have no clue about life expectancy, she has surprised us all.

Gisela is extremely active but not hyper, is very affectionate with humans and other cats in the house and loves attention. For now and possibly the rest of her life, she will need a cat buddy or maybe even a motherly-acting dog. She is now ready for a loving family that isn't put off by her different appearance. She has so much love and energy to share. If you would like to see the chronicles of Gisela, please check out our blog: <http://catmatchers.blogspot.com/>

Akasha and her owner are happily reunited

Sweet Akasha was a bit too curious when she got outside the house, and ended up stuck, hanging by her leg from a fence. By the time she was found in that predicament, she had damaged most of her leg, and it needed to be amputated. Cat Matchers was able to help Akasha recover from her leg amputation and she is now reunited with her owner, and staying in the house!



Have your pets been naughty or nice?



It's that time of year to take your furry family members to visit Santa with their list! They can get their picture taken with Santa and help Cat Matchers at the same time: a

portion of each photo package purchased will be donated to Cat Matchers

Dec 3rd/4th PetSmart Greenville/Lovers 469-232-2030

Dec 10th/11th PetSmart Beltline/Marsh, 972-919-4740

Dec 18th PetSmart Inwood/Forest, 972-239-3554

It takes a village to raise kittens who lost their mom!

Kittens who are orphaned make some of the most challenging foster situations. They take much time and effort, yet the reward is high when those kittens are



adopted into their own forever homes. Having an extra hand (or paw really lightens the workload).

We can make ID tags.

These make great gifts, hint hint.

Visit us for more info.

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