

LETTERS FROM ADOPTERS

Lucky has completely settled in now. He likes to run from one end of the house to the other, down the stairs, up the stairs, etc. He also loves to sit and look out the windows. In the evening, he goes to sleep on my lap and at night he sleeps with us. What can I say? He is adored and loved. Thanks for all

that you do! ~ Anne Schlecht Davisburg, MI 🐾



Jeff (Now Lucky)



Punk

(Punkin)

My tiny lion king really is a good sport. I found this old pirate clip in a hair pin and I placed it on punkin's head for a quick photo opportunity. I think he needs his own Facebook page or Instagram. I mean, first he's an Iam's cat food model. Now he's a pirate: At least he has his pretty eyes open in this one! I brushed his fur a little bit and fluffed it up for the pic. I have

found that he loves getting his hair brushed every day! Even while I'm using my own personal hair brush while blow drying my hair in the morning he comes running in there for me to brush him, haha. I know not all cats like that, but he certainly does. ~

Kelly Coughlin Royal Oak, MI 🐾



Gina now Tempest

Tempest came to live with me almost two years ago! She is delightful and friendly. My other two, Breeze and Winter, are still getting used to her. ~Sharon Havis 🐾
Farmington Hills, MI



Rio

I wanted to get in touch with your organization to give you a update on Rio. It's been six years since he adopted me and we couldn't be happier. We have a great life together and he's treated like a king. I love him so much. Thank you and your organization for putting us together! ~Denise Kornos

Toledo, Ohio 🐾

Louie is doing fabulous! (Story on front page) He pretty much goes and does whatever suits his fancy. We are so grateful to have him in our lives. We couldn't ask for a better fur baby. He's laid back, funny and sweet as pie. More updates and pictures to follow! Take care and have a wonderful fall! ~ Denise Bromley

Lake Isabella, MI 🐾

CAT QUIZ

1. Everyone loves a kitten, but shelters are inundated with hundreds of adoptable kittens each year. How many litters can an unspayed female have in a 12-month period? (a) 5-6 (b) 1-3 (c) 6-8

1. ANSWER: b) The gestation period for a cat is about 60 days. North American cats cycle between January and October. Therefore, if a cat becomes pregnant in January or February she will deliver in the spring. If she gets pregnant in the summer she will deliver in the fall. However, she is capable of delivering up to three litters a year.

2. Unspayed female cats can go back into heat after giving birth: (a) One week after delivery (b) After weaning the kittens (c) 60 days after delivery

2. ANSWER: a) During long daylight periods, cats can go back into heat as early as one week after delivery.

3. The common flea can cause havoc for your home and your cats. However, if you keep your cats indoors you will not have to worry about these pesky insects. TRUE FALSE

3. ANSWER: FALSE – Fleas breed in the U.S. year round and can invade your home via clothes, dogs or other cats.

4. Modern litters include a host of ingredients that eliminate odors and reduce tracking throughout the home. What type of litter performs the best with our feline friends? (a) Course particle non-clumping (b) Recycled newspaper based, non-scoopable clay (c) Cornhusks or pine bark (d) Fine particle scoopable

4. ANSWER: d) Fine particle scoopable litter is the most comfortable for a cat to stand on. The finer the particle the more comfortable to dig and eliminate. Plus, entire urine deposits can be removed from the box on a daily basis keeping the box clean and odor free. The negative traits include dust and excessive tracking. While scented litters may appeal to the owner, most cats detest the smell and may lead to finding another place to eliminate.

5. Obesity and related health problems have increased steadily over the years. What health issues are caused by overweight pets? (a) Feline lower urinary tract disease (b) Arthritis (c) Diabetes (d) All of the above

5. ANSWER: d) All of the above are diseases that routinely include obesity. A review of the pet insurance company database for cats and dogs identified all these conditions in which obesity was believed to be a factor. 🐾