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Volunteer Newsletter



Cats in the News in 2017: St Louis Cardinals "Rally Cat"

This August during a crucial playoff game someone let a small kitten go and it ran across the field in the 6th inning of a St Louis Cardinals' game. This little one's five minutes of fame has led to a new team mascot and meme (humorous image, video, piece of text, etc., that is copied and spread rapidly by Internet users). The following is an article about the incident by John Johnson of Newser.

"A cat runs across the field during the sixth inning of a baseball game between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday. The Cardinals needed help. They got "Rally Cat"—and now baseball has a new hero and meme. The St. Louis Cardinals trailed the Kansas City Royals 5-4 in the bottom of the sixth in a crucial playoff-race game Wednesday, but they had the bases loaded. Yadier Molina was at the plate, when he pointed his bat toward left field at a cat in the outfield that went on to interrupt the game for a few entertaining minutes. When the game resumed, Molina hit a grand slam on the very next pitch, for a St. Louis victory. **Continued Page 5**



ADOPTIONS

September/October

Cats 49

Dogs 3

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Dogs in the News in 2017: Dog Saves Goats in California Fires

By Kim Bussing on October 17, 2017 Dogo News.com

"Thanks to hardworking firefighters and tamer winds, the devastating fires that have been ravaging parts of Northern California since October 8 finally appear to be under control. While some of the 100,000 evacuees are now being allowed back home, with 217,000 acres burned and more than 5,700 structures destroyed, many are returning to charred remains.

Among them is Roland Hendel and his family. The Sonoma County residents were among the first forced to flee their homes with just a few minutes warning at 11:00 pm the night the fires began. **Continued on Page 4**



Gaia' Long Trip from Costa Rica

By Shannon Falconer

Gaia is a gentle and loving lab-pit mix who prefers to spend her days resting on the couch or exploring the Wissahickon with her Mom and Dad. For the past eight months Gaia's days have been filled with belly rubs, doggy treats, forest walks and cuddles.

But life hasn't always been easy for Gaia. Before being adopted into her new home, Gaia was starving, severely malnourished, had open sores over much of her body, was hairless on her back legs, and had a large growth on one of her front feet that would spontaneously bleed. Gaia and her adopted parents crossed paths while the latter were on holiday in Costa Rica in January, 2017. Gaia's now parents were staying in a remote village, cooking dinner outdoors one evening, when Gaia first appeared. Cautiously and submissively, Gaia crawled over to the then strangers and began licking their hands. Gaia's poor health was immediately obvious to the couple, who quickly fed her, and began to make inquiries with the local villagers as to who Gaia might belong to.

As it turned out, Gaia had been abandoned by a woman who had lived in the village but moved away several years past. She left Gaia behind to fend for herself. The couple departed the village the next day, bringing Gaia with them, who they helped into the backseat of their rental car, and set out to find a veterinarian who would see Gaia on short notice. Needless to say, for the remainder of their stay in Costa Rica, the couple's travel itinerary turned into numerous vet visits and efforts to find Gaia a foster home before flying back to the US. But, when only two days of their Costa Rica trip remained and they still hadn't found a home for Gaia, the couple put the wheels in motion to bring Gaia home with them.

Gaia arrived in Philadelphia on a cold, snowy night in February, 2017. Despite her fear, physical discomfort and confusion, Gaia showed the couple nothing but love and trust.

In the weeks that followed, Gaia would spend many more hours in the veterinary clinic. Sadly, in addition to the medical problems that Gaia's new parents were able to see, it turned out that Gaia also needed extensive dental surgery. The poor girl's mouth was a mess, with the majority of her front teeth being infected and worn down to the roots. The vet's best guess as to why is that her previous owner had kept her in a crate for over a year, and Gaia had worn down her teeth gnawing at the metal grill. Unsure of how they would be able to afford to pay for all of the care that Gaia needed, the couple contacted Spay and Save. With outstanding compassion and support, the team at Spay and Save offered to help ease the financial burden so that Gaia could receive all of the care that she needed.

Thanks to the incredible generosity and kindness shown by Spay and Save, Gaia will live the rest of her life as she deserves it to be—happy, healthy, protected from harm and extremely well loved!

Thank you, Spay and Save!!!



Gaia, in the Shannon house, with her new sister Chi.

Real-Life FIV" Collecting Owners' Experience of FIV Cats

If you want to know what FIV cats are really like this is the place to find out.
<http://fivcats.com/>

- ♥ The Project - is to document the lives of FIV cats living normal lives in homes across the world - often living together with other cats.
- ♥ The Purpose - is to show, by way of real-life examples, just what it means to have an FIV cat in your home.
- ♥ The Method - is for their stories to be told by those who know best - cat lovers who have given homes to FIV cats over the past 20 years or so, making it their 'real-life' experience.

Most people are given to believe that an FIV cat will suffer many health issues, but experience over many years with the FIV cats is that they have no more health issues than one would expect from any other group of rescued cats.

This organization is gathering information about lots of FIV cats, from all parts of the world, and is building a comprehensive resource and showing the results here on this website; so everyone can see what they can really expect if they have, a FIV cat.



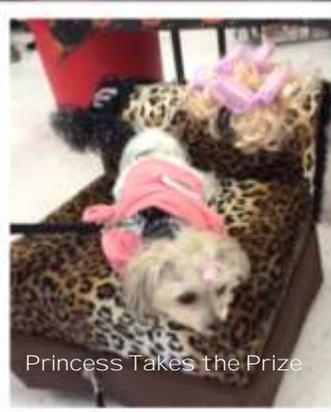
Read Dougal's story on this website

Halloween at Exton Petco

7 Superstitions about Cats from Around the World

By Sarah Dobbs from the website MentalFloss.com

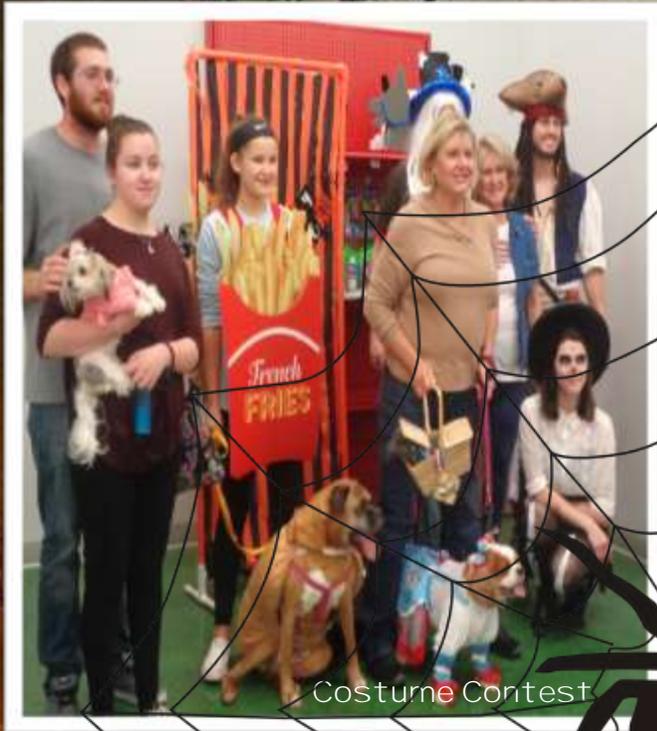
Everyone knows black cats are unlucky ... or lucky, depending on the day, where you are, and whether they're crossing your path from left to right or right to left. Cats have attracted a lot of different superstitions over the years, some easier to believe than others. After reading these cat superstitions from around the world, though, you might never look at your favorite pet the same way again.



Princess Takes the Prize



Hot Dog and Some Fries



Costume Contest

1. CATS ARE GOSSIPS.

In the Netherlands, cats are apparently believed to be gossipy creatures who will happily blab all of your deepest, darkest secrets. For that reason, people try not to have important or private conversations while a cat's in the room, just in case it's listening.

2. A GROOMING CAT MEANS UNEXPECTED VISITORS ARE COMING.

According to Japanese superstition, if a cat washes its face with its paws, it's not just grooming—it means that visitors are on their way. There are similar superstitions in other countries, too, with some people in the U.S. expecting a visit from a member of the clergy if a cat starts cleaning its whiskers.

3. A SNEEZING CAT IS LUCKY (EXCEPT WHEN IT ISN'T)

In Italy, hearing a cat sneeze is supposed to be good luck. Specifically, if your pet gets the sneezes, it means there's more signing your way. If a bride hears a cat sneeze on her wedding day, it means the marriage will be a good one. Beware, though—while one sneeze might be good luck, if a cat sneezes three times it supposedly indicates that you're going to come down with a cold.

4. BLACK CATS SINK SHIPS.

Of all the kinds of cats there are, black cats are the ones with the most superstitions attached. Maybe that's due to the ancient Egyptian belief that black cats were associated with the goddess Bastet, and keeping one would bring her favor; maybe it's to do with the European conviction that witches had black cats as familiars and so they were evil omens. One black cat superstition you might not have heard, though, is that if a black cat walks onto a ship and then back off again, the ship will sink on its next voyage.

5. CATS CAN RAISE THE DEAD.

In parts of Southern Europe, folklore has it that if a cat jumps across a person's grave, they'll rise again as a vampire. And this idea spread beyond Southern Europe. Writing in the late 19th century, William Henderson recounted that in England a cat jumped over the coffin during a funeral, and no one was willing to move until the cat was killed.

6. BEING A CAT LADY CAN HELP YOU GET MARRIED.

Although pop culture has turned cats into a symbol of eternal singleness, according to one book on Pennsylvania German tradition, cats can help a woman who is anxious to get married. All she has to do is "feed the cat from her shoe," although the superstition doesn't say what's supposed to happen next—or how to get the uneaten cat food out of the shoe.

7. WET CATS MAKE IT RAIN.

You might suspect there's some cause and effect confusion going on here, but in parts of Indonesia, cats are associated with the weather. If people wanted it to rain, they'd pour water over a cat. Presumably the cat in question then made it rain as revenge.



Petco Employees in Costume

Another Success Story

By Kelly McMorgan

Just wanted to share the latest pictures of Baby (all black & now known as Riley), and her house mate Rubin (with white on his face). So far this is a success story of 2 older cats accepting each other. It has been approximately 2 months since Riley was adopted. Rubin was never big on being on the couch until Riley arrived. He was more of a 'stay on the floor on his area rug cat'. Riley is a 'couch and bed type of cat'. Each one liking a different level, I felt would be a plus for Kelly; they wouldn't be invading each other's space. However, Rubin has been the one to make the change. He is now joining Kelly and Riley in the bed, and as you can see, staying on the couch with Riley.

Recently, I was away house sitting, and came home to a super cold house (well, 60, so not THAT cold) because I forgot to close the windows before the first 37 degree night last night. Now the kitties have decided they like each other. They got their Fancy Feast and hugs, and I put them both on the couch. This happened over the course of an hour, with them starting out 6 inches apart and now they are mushed up against each other, back to back. I'm so glad they decided to become friends! Still no big fights here, which I'm still shocked about.

:) Kelly McMorgan.



Dogs in the News: Dog Saves Goats (continued)

While Hendel managed to put most of his pets into the car, one of his dogs, Odin, who protects the family's eight bottle-fed rescue goats from coyotes and mountain lions at night, refused to leave his wards. With the fire descending upon the house at an unprecedented speed, there was no time to load the goats, leaving Hendel with no option but to take off without his precious 1.5-year-old dog.

When Hendel was finally allowed to return to his incinerated house on October 15, he saw a miraculous sight he had not dared to hope for: "a burned, battered, and weakened Odin surrounded by his eight goats." The smart dog had not only managed to save the goats, but also some baby deer, by guiding them to a clearing that was protected from the flames by high rocks. Though delighted to see his owner, Odin really perked up at the sight of his sister Tessa, who had evacuated with Hendel. Odin and his goats are currently recovering from the ordeal at the Sonoma Fairgrounds where the special dog is being treated as a hero. While Hendel was unable to take the deer, he did leave them with two weeks of food and water.

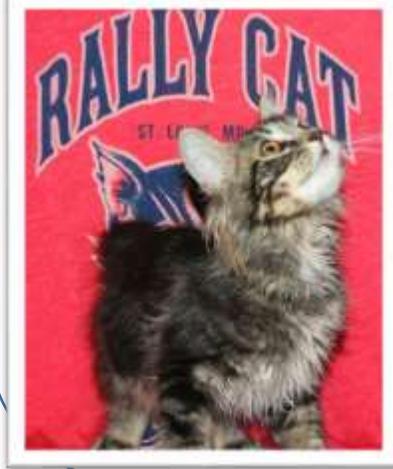
Not surprisingly, the story of the dog's bravery has spread almost as fast on social media, as the wildfire that destroyed his home, helping raise more than \$65,000 for the pooch and his family. Hendel plans to use the funds to pay for Odin's medical care, repair a pump house that provides fresh water, and build a barn to keep the goats safe during winter. Since the funds that keep pouring in far surpass his original needs, he has decided to use the additional money towards a trailer for Odin and his goats, in case of future emergencies, and donate the rest to the Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue Center. Despite losing his home, the Sonoma County resident says, "We feel really blessed. All those other things can be replaced, or you realize they're not necessary."



Cats in the News: St Louis 'Rally Cat' (continued)

"I'm not a cat person, but I sure like that one," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said after the game. The MLB site has video of the cat (immediately dubbed "Rally Cat" in the game's broadcast) scampering around and either biting or scratching the St. Louis field crew member who finally corralled it. Others are posting YouTube clips. It's not clear whether the cat is a stray, but if so it would surely find a home quickly given the fans' reaction."

After a short quarantine Rally Cat was reintroduced to the public along with a letter, donation to a rescue and its very own T shirt. If only, all fame could be gained so easily this world would be a nicer safer place to live in. T DOC



NEWS RELEASE
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CARDINALS ADD RALLY CAT APPRECIATION DAY TO 2017 THEME CALENDAR
 Portion of Each Theme Ticket Sold Will Be Donated To Tony La Russa's ARF & STFCO
 Tickets on Sale: Right Now (or After) Car Day on Sunday, September 22 Presented by Purina

ST. LOUIS, Mo., August 22, 2017 - Today the St. Louis Cardinals announced the addition of Rally Cat Appreciation Day to the 2017 Theme Ticket schedule. The Cardinals are partnering with Purina to celebrate manager Tony La Russa's 30th season at Busch Stadium when the Rally Cat will be the Postgame Photos on Sunday, September 22 at 2:25 p.m.

"Both the team and our fans have been impressed since the Rally Cat's unexpected appearance at Busch Stadium," said Mike Matheny, Cardinals Manager of Players and Coaches. "We thought this theme day would be a fun and unique way to honor our newest furry friend."

Fans who purchase the special Rally Cat Appreciation Theme Ticket will receive an exclusive Rally Cat-themed Cardinals shirt. Additionally, a portion of each Theme Ticket purchased will be donated to Cardinals Hall of Fame manager Tony La Russa's Arthritis Research Foundation (ARF) and the St. Louis Pet Care Services (STFCO) nonprofit organization. For more information, visit cardinals.com/rallycat.

The legend of Rally Cat began on Thursday, August 9 when he strutted into the Busch Stadium walkway in the "batting cage" wing, after a member of the stadium crew kicked through glass and a window to retrieve Rally Cat. Rally Cat's 10-year-old grand owner on the very next job to convert Rally Cat's place in Cardinals lore. Although Rally Cat Appeared through, he was found and captured two days later by members from STFCO. The Cardinals are currently making arrangements to care for Rally Cat long term.

Fans can purchase tickets for Rally Cat Appreciation Day and view the remaining 2017 Theme Ticket schedule at cardinals.com/theme (#CardinalsTheme) cardinals.com/rallycat

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Volunteer Corner

Fundraisers This Fall Bring In Much Needed Revenue

Many thanks to all those dedicated volunteers who coordinated the fundraising activities in the last two months.

Maria Robb and Beth Licata and Araceli Wakil working the September Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event received donations of almost 600.00. Alicia and Madelyn Ferraioli set up a booth at the Pottstown Fair and managed to get three adoptions. Our Annual Flea Market, on the second weekend in October, raised over \$1600. Thanks to Lois Landes and Barb Hardy efforts. Special Thanks to Bob Landes for his support and muscle. Great Work Guys and Gals!!!!



Maria Robb and Beth Licata coordinator of the Conshohocken Pet Valu at Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser. Below is Alicia and Madelyn Ferraioli at the Pottstown Fair on September 16th.

Volunteer's in Action

Janet Lynch (right), our Gateway Coordinator, during a recent trip to the Netherlands! INDEED, we would be hard pressed to fill Janet's shoes! Don't ever leave us, Janet!"



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event Location	Coordinators
1 st Saturday	Gateway Pet Valu (Dogs)	Ginny Shaffer
1 st Saturday	Limerick Petco	Alicia Ferraioli
2 nd Saturday	Sears Hardware (Dogs)	Paula Wenke
2 nd Saturday	Gateway Pet Valu	Janet Lynch
2 nd Saturday	Exton Petco	Morag Steskal
3 rd Saturday	Limerick Petco	Madelyn Ferraioli
3 rd Saturday	KOP Petco	K.Tierney/B.Tracy
4 th Saturday	Exton Petco	M Steskal/CDaniels
4 th Saturday	Perk Valley Pet Eatery	Susan Trombadore
4 th Saturday	Roxborough Pet Valu	Chris Daniels
5 th Saturday	KOP Petco	Barb Tracy

Upcoming Events

Plymouth Meeting Mall will hold their annual Pet Photos who Santa on Mondays beginning November 13th to December 18th form 10 AM to 9 PM. Spay and Save will have a table at each of these events and we need volunteers to help out.

Dog Adoption Day Location; Saturday November 11th 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sears Hardware 2811 DeKalb Pike East Norriton, PA 19401



Maybe the reason of why I love animals so much is because the only time they have broken my heart is when theirs has stopped beating

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