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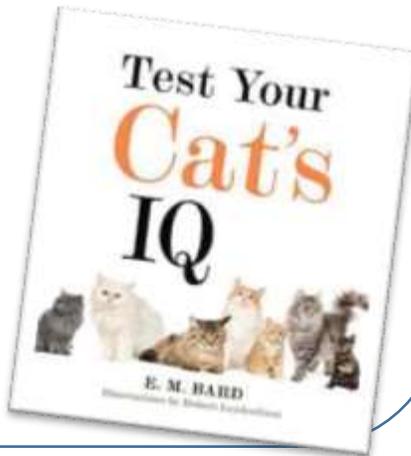
Volunteer Newsletter

Test Your Cat's IQ

By Toni Dougherty from a Book by E. M. Bard

In my lifetime I have owned many cats and have noticed a significant difference in intelligence and attitude. I have often wondered if that look of lack of interest or attitude, " Tortitude " a term often used to describe Tortoise Shell cats, is really an indication of intelligence rather than attitude. I think the smartest cat I have owned is a Siamese cat, I call Skippy Jon, for he seems the most responsive of my animals. According to this book Siamese tend to score higher on IQ test because they seem to have superior communication skills.

Just for fun I have included on Page 2 one of the tests offered in this book. It's called the Cat Performance test but to really get a complete picture you will need to buy the book and take the Observation Test. Then you can truly analyze your cat's IQ with the help of the classification charts.



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What are Special Needs Cats and Dogs?

By Toni Dougherty

In the past when a sick animal reached a shelter it was automatically euthanized for it was considered unadoptable. Things have changed both in the Veterinary field and in the field of rescue because more and more animals are showing up among our adoptees that in the past might have fallen into this group. For example cats with Feline Aids and Leukemia antibodies were routinely euthanized because the disease was thought to spread easily from cat to cat; yet modern medicine has found that it does not spread as easily as once thought and the animals with Feline Aids and Leukemia antibodies often live healthy normal lives. *Continued Page 2*



Testing Your Cats IQ: Cat Performance Test

Gather the testing materials and perform each of the activities five times. Record each response with a tick. Some items may have more than one tick and some may have no ticks. Add up the total number of points earned and record this as part of the Cat Performance Test. Materials needed:

1. 30 inch long shoe string or yarn
 2. Small ball
 3. Unsharpened Pencil
 4. Rubber Band
 5. Bell or butter knife and drinking glass
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1. **Touch or stroke your cat lightly and gently around the mouth area with your finger.**
 - Closes eyes: 2 points
 - Shakes Head: 2 points
 - Licks Mouth: 4 points

Credit Points _____
 2. **Touch the cat gently on his back with the pencil**
 - Ripples or moves back fir: 2 points
 - Shakes fur; 2 points
 - Licks spot touched: 4 points

Credit Points _____
 3. **Touch the inside hair of either of your cats ears very lightly with your pencil.**
 - Shakes entire head: 2 Points
 - Twitches the ear: 2 Points
 - Rubs or touches ear with paw: 4 points

Credit Points _____
 4. **Ring the bell or tap a glass with a butter knife to make a soft ringing noise behind your cat.**
 - Moves or twitches ears: 2 Points
 - Turns heard partly around: 2 Points
 - Turns head completely around to where sound came from: 4 points

Credit Points _____
 5. **Place string or yarn on your cats back. Be careful not to let the string hang down and touch the floor. Let go of the string.**
 - Ripples or moves fur: 2 Points
 - Removes string from back: 4 points

Credit Points _____
 6. **Pull the string or yarn slowly across the floor in front of your cat.**
 - Watches with eyes: 2 Points
 - Touches with nose: 2 points
 - Grabs with Paw: 4 Points

Credit Points _____
 7. **Place rubber band on floor two to four inches in front of cat.**
 - Touches with paws: 2 Points
 - Touches with nose: 2 points
 - Begins to chew rubber band: 2 Points
 - Picks up with paw: 4 points
 - Transfers rubber band from one paw to another: 4 Points

Credit Points _____
 8. **Slowly move the pencil along floor toward your cat.**
 - Touches pencil with Paw: 2 Points
 - Touches pencil with same paw two or more times: 4 points

Credit Points _____
 9. **Roll the Ball on the floor toward your cat.**
 - Touches with Paw: 2 Points
 - Touches with Nose: 2 Points
 - Plays with Ball :4 Points

Credit Points _____

What are Special Needs Cats and Dogs?

Recently Vets are often more compassionate towards animals that have been injured and will make an attempt to take the steps to bring them back to health when the injury will not result in any long term medical care just maybe some special environmental considerations.

Even the handicap prosthesis community has moved in the direction of helping our pets to live longer healthier lives. An example of this is something called Walking Wheels which is essentially a wheel chair for Dogs where damage has been sustained to their back legs.

<http://handicappedpets.com>

Now I have found that there a multitude of sanctuaries and web sites sprouting up for handicapped animals like Pets with Disabilities. Org. whose website page can be found at <http://specialneedspets.com/>

Spay and Save has been helping special needs cats and dogs since its inception, like ARNIE and EMILY and ERNIE who are featured on page 3.

They come to us through rescuers, shelters and veterinarians. All three of these cats are often featured on special adoption days. More information can be found about them on

<http://spayandsave.org> site.

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Special Needs Pets for Adoption



Left: **Annie** is a DSH, brown tabby female about 1-2 years old from a Chester County shelter. Currently being fostered by Morag Steskal, but Annie may have found her forever home! Annie has a severe case of cerebellar hypoplasia. She cannot stand for long & cannot use a litter box.



Above: **Emily**, DSH, dark tabby/white paws, 1 ½ years, rescued by Rose Clements from the projects in South Philly. Originally, Rose thought she was a Scottish Fold only to find both ears had been cut off brutally. Good with other pets. Do you have room in your heart for her?

Right: **Ernie**, sweet adorable DSH, white with tabby markings who was found in Norristown with a tail that was injured. We have paid to have the tail amputated, but Ernie will need help keeping the area around his bottom clean. Loves to cling to his humans and is tolerant of other pets.



Not shown: **Crisscross** is a DSH catolelescent black and white neutered male about 3 months old who was born with deformed front paws found on the streets of North Philly. Crisscross gets around just fine and was lucky enough to find his forever home with Linda and Dennis O'Neill. Thank you, Linda and Dennis!



How to Give a Cat a Pill

1. Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.
2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
3. Retrieve cat from bedroom, and throw soggy pill away.
4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.
5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse in from the garden.
6. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open and blow down drinking straw.
7. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans and drink one beer to take taste away. Apply band-aid to spouse's forearm.
8. Call fire department to retrieve the cat from the top of the tree across the road. Apologize to neighbor who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat.
9. Take last pill from foil wrap. Using heavy gloves don a thickly padded jacket. Wrap the cat in the towel and fasten it securely with safety pins. Push pill into mouth followed by a large helping of tuna.
10. Consume remainder of beer. Get spouse to drive you to the emergency room. Sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Finally setup a Veterinary appointment to give the animal a shot instead.

Spay and Save Fundraising Events

With the upcoming Holidays our Fundraising Events will be numerous. Maria Robb is looking for volunteers to help out and of course cats and kittens when they can be displayed. So contact her at mariarobb@hotmail.com and for the Talbots Adoption Day Contact Susan Goldberg to volunteer at suze.goldberg@gmail.com. So far, our Friendly's and Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Events has raised 742.87

Upcoming Event

- ♥ November 26, 2016 - Barnes and Noble Plymouth Meeting - Wrapping for Donations - Time TBD
- ♥ November 20th 2016- KOP Talbots King of Prussia Mall- Sales Donation
- ♥ Saturday December 10 - Ten Thousand Villages in King of Prussia Mall Shopping and Adoption Event TIME 12 noon to 4pm
- ♥ December 16, 2016 - Barnes and Noble Plymouth Meeting - Wrapping for Donations - Time TBD
- ♥ December, 2016 Plymouth Meeting Mall - Photos with Santa- Time TBD



Maria Robb, Loretta Colucci and Chris Daniels at our Fall Spay and Save Fundraisers. Below; Maria never goes out without her spay and save T shirt, especially to the play CATS.



What to Expect From Your Cats IQ Test

The table below predicts the distribution of scores from the IQ test if every cat in the cat population were to take the test. This would include neglected, unwanted, homeless or sick cats.

TABLE A

Predicted Distribution Of Scores For All Cats

| Classification Category | Predicted Percentage |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Below Normal Range | 2% |
| Low Normal Range | 14% |
| Normal Range | 68% |
| Above Normal Range | 14% |
| Superior Range | 1% |
| Genius Range | .02% |

His Sentence Is Commuted For Thanksgiving.

By Chris Daniels

Each year, Ray, Dolores, I and many of my friends ADOPT-A-TURKEY from Farm Sanctuary instead of eating one. This year, "Marshall" will be our choice as we "marshall in" a new era of compassion with Farm Sanctuary. Isn't he magnificent looking? Gosh, wish I had the room to have him come live with us.



Starting my Christmas Shopping and I am using Amazon Smile. It supports Spay and Save. So with the holidays approaching sign up for Amazon Smile and give Spay and Save something for Christmas too.

Smileamazon.com

PETCO & PET VALU CAGE CARE SCHEDULES

| | King of Prussia | Exton | Limerick | Gateway | Roxborough |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------|---|
| Mon. morning | Joanna Ewing/ Sue Gassen | Diana Rothenberg | Mary Krivulka | Ann Slowik | Riley Galligan |
| Mon. evening | Susan Goldberg/ Volunteer Needed | Sigal Waters/ Maya and Birdie Bufford | Rae Theodore | Shannon Ehret | Jenna Andrews/Dane Keene |
| Tues. morning | Patti Cunnane | Jennifer Lose | Leah Pro | Pebbles Zell | Interact |
| Tues. evening | Beth Stribny | Matt Lauer & Eleanor McCardell/ Laura Labiak | Abigail Coar | Maggie Lejeune | Jenna Andrews/Dane Keene |
| Wed. morning | Jean Kowalski | Sylvia & Sarah Cooperman/Deb Gaynor | Kathy Letofsky | Christine De Bonis | Lauren Burke |
| Wed. evening | J. Light | Rachel Dill | Sandy & Evan Croxton | Volunteer Needed | Lauren and Alice Lamanna |
| Thurs. morning | Pebbles Zeil | Leslie Barringer | Michel Ragusa/ Alicia Ferraioli | Ann Slowik | Donna Felker |
| Thurs. evening | Kim Kay | Jennifer Biddle & Dave Janas | Victoria Delgoletto | Beth Liuzzi | Natalie Frantz |
| Fri. morning | Pat Williams | Robin Resnick | Kathy Letofsky | Stephanie Garrett | Janette Neal |
| Fri. evening | Carol Anthony/ Volunteer Needed | Jodie Rapp/ Pat Layman | Beth Tenney | Cecily Stackaway | Chloe Major |
| Sat. morning | Krista Neidig/Sue Cott | Nicolle Scheel | Volunteer Needed | Michele DiCristofario | Volunteer Needed |
| Sat. evening | J. Light | Volunteer Needed | Susan Trombadore/ Volunteer Needed | Camille Kurtz | Russ/Shannon Wells and Ann Sadler |
| Sun. morning | Joanna Ewing/Elizabeth Fox | Micheal Crosson/Colleen Bane | Nicole Simpson | Christine DiBonis | Tabitha Enfinger/ Heather & Bella DiGiacomo |
| Sun. evening | Tim Martin/ Kathy Yeremeshian | Lisa & Amanda Snyder/Laura Labiak | Brianna Talbot / Ava & Tricia Hawks | Erica Roselli | Nikki Passanante Volunteer Needed |

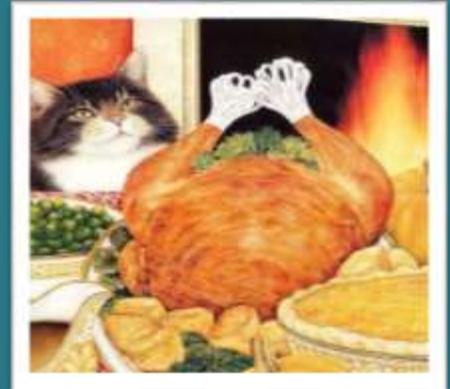
Calendar of Upcoming Events

| Date | Event Location | Coordinators |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st Saturday | KOP Petco (Dogs) | Ginny Shaffer |
| 1 st Saturday | Limerick Petco | Barb Hardy |
| 2 nd Saturday | Exton Petco (Cats & Dogs) | Paula Ulrich |
| 2 nd Saturday | Gateway Pet Valu | Janet Lynch |
| 3 rd Saturday | Limerick Petco | Madelyn Ferraiolli |
| 3 rd Saturday | KOP Petco | K.Tierney/B.Tracy |
| TBD Saturday | Perk Valley Pet Eatery | Susan Trombadore |
| 4 th Saturday | Exton Petco | JGallager/RClements |
| 5 th Saturday | KOP Petco | Barb Tracy |
| TBD Saturday | Ardmore Pet Valu | Rachel Loev |
| TBD Saturday | Ivy Ridge Pet Valu | Chris Daniels |

Look for special events being held at our various adoption locations this holiday season. Photos with Santa often pop up at the Petco stores throughout the region.

Also in future newsletters the Cage Care Schedule will no longer be found in the Newsletter. This is because of the large size of the document, now that we have added so many new adoption locations. It will be included as a separate attachment.

Other Artwork from Anne Mortimer



*Santa and the cat on the front cover of this newsletter is by Anne Mortimer. Anne has been a professional artist and illustrator for over 30 years and still finds the excitement of creating a new piece of artwork. Anne is well known for her illustrations of cats. During the 1980's she also published books including the well-loved and celebrated **Christmas Mouse** and **The Owl and the Pussycat**. <http://annemortimer.com/>*

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