

DOMINO'S HOUSE

For Cat Lovers Around the World

July 2010

FOR ADOPTION



"Hi, our names are Sabrina, Salem, and Huey. We are 3 months old and incredibly friendly, gentle and playful. We've been hand raised since birth and quite anxious to find a forever home. We get along great with other cats and cat friendly dogs."



"Hi, my name is Sasha. I am a 3 year old spayed female. I am very friendly, playful and sweet. I came in with my brother, Sweetie – we'd love to be adopted together if possible"



"Hi, our names are Lilly and Blossom. We were originally adopted from Domino's House as kittens. Unfortunately our adoptive family lost their home and could no longer care for us. We are 4 years old, spayed and up to date on our shots. We would love to find a nice, quiet household that we can live in forever together."

Letter From The President.....

I sincerely wish to thank everyone who generously spent their time and talents to ensure the successful "Grand Opening" of our new Boutique and Thrift Shoppe this month. The Boutique Shoppe is one of the most important events in Domino's future vision of our "No More Homeless Pets" goal. Our Manager, Susan Denton, welcomes all volunteers who would like to help her during hours. Many donated items need to be polished and tagged to be displayed in the Shoppe. You will even find featured kittens on display in the store during business hours.

Domino's "Nursery" is full of very happy kittens of all sizes and colors. We have little lions and tigers that play constantly and love to nap in your arms when exhausted. Should you need a smile and a big laugh please stop by to spend some time in the Nursery to play with all our little ones - they will steal your heart.

On a larger scale, Domino's is contributing in a major spay/neuter program for all of Martin and St. Lucie county. Our main goal is to spay and neuter all intact dogs and cats in our community. We are striving to save all homeless dogs and cats from death on the streets along with pet owners who cannot afford to have their animals spayed or neutered.

Our continuing agenda consisting of what Domino's House has dreamed of in the past and in the future, and what we have accomplished to date, continues to inspire all who have monitored our progress. Each day we save more lives, heal more injured, feed more hungry mouths and provide more spay/neuter services for needy cats and kittens. With your help, we will continue to make Martin County a safer place for homeless and abandoned cats and kittens.

- MARIS

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NEW AT DOMINO'S HOUSE

Domino's House is proud to announce a new venture, Domino's Cat Rescue League's Boutique and Bargain Shoppe. The new store is located at 925 SW Martin Downs Blvd – just over the Palm City bridge on the North side of the road. Domino's Boutique and Bargain Shoppe had their pre Grand Opening on Saturday, June 12th. Susan Denton, the Shoppe's Manager, is available during business hours to welcome you.

artwork, costume jewelry and many brand new items

Including leather back-packs for back to school, jewelry,

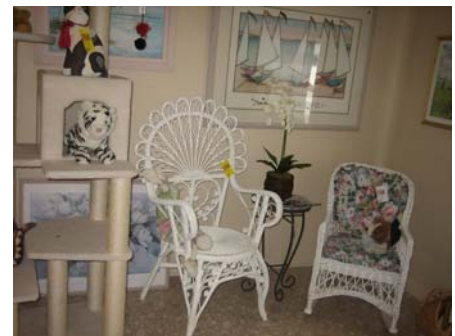
(l to r – Sandie Criddle, Marie O'Donnell, Maris Sine, Susan Denton, Polly Campenni)

The store features gently used furniture, collectibles, books,

visors – perfect for the avid golfer, new cat toys, cat beds and many great finds. Contributor, Dr. Elise Hillmann,

Dermatologist of Jupiter, says, "Making a difference in the quality of life for a person or a helpless animal is vitally important to us. That's what life is entirely about! That's why we buy functionally useful and unused items on line and donate them to Domino's Boutique and Bargain Shoppe to support the cause that we both share. Buyers should keep in mind that supporting their cause is a donation."

Already many customers have discovered this great find. Pat Morris of Hobe Sound says, "Domino's Boutique and Bargain Shoppe is certainly an interesting little store with some very nice things. I came to drop off a couple items to donate and ended up going home with a couple great finds - a beautiful picture frame and iron penguin sculpture. I certainly enjoyed my shopping experience and it was great to be able to see the money go to such a worth while cause."



Domino's Cat Rescue League Boutique and Bargain Shoppe welcomes donations of gently used items that we can resell or brand new goods. Unfortunately we can not accept clothing, used shoes, bedding or electronics. All profits from the store will be directly donated to Domino's Cat Rescue League to help provide low cost spay/neuter to cats and kittens of the Treasure Coast.

DOMINO'S GIVE SPECIAL THANKS

Domino's House would like to thank some of our amazing supporters out in the community that have allowed us to put our donation jars in their establishments:

- * Martin Downs Animal Hospital - Palm City
- * Hair Designers - Hobe Sound
- * Bloomingdeals - Jensen Beach
- * Walls by Wanda - Jensen Beach
- * Sub Shop - Palm City Pierce
- * A Stitch in Time - Palm City
- * Classic Cleaners - Palm City
- * Nautical but Nice - Stuart
- * Teddi & Company - Palm City
- * Ranch & Feed - Palm City
- * Dr. Hillmann - Jupiter
- * Gattuso's Italian Market - Palm City
- * Heathcote Botanical Gardens - Ft. Pierce
- * Sunrise Ford - Ft.

If you would like to place a donation jar at your place of business please contact

Marie at 772-288-6622 or docmarie@comcast.net

Important Health Information

Urinary Tract Disease

When your cat eliminates outside the litter box, you should first schedule an appointment with your veterinarian. Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease (FLUTD), a group of disorders and diseases affecting the urinary tract, and colon disorders, such as irritant disease, can cause inappropriate elimination. Symptoms of FLUTD include:

- frequent urinating
- straining at the end of urination
- blood in the urine



Affected cats tend to lick their genital area excessively, and sometimes they will urinate outside the litter box, often preferring cool, smooth surfaces like a tile floor or a bathtub. If your cat shows any of these signs, schedule an appointment immediately. Both males and females are at risk, but males are more likely to develop life-threatening blockages. If your cat strains to urinate or produces only a tiny amount of urine, rush him to the veterinarian. This is a life-threatening emergency.

Although cats with lower urinary tract disease behave in similar ways, the potential causes are multiple. Urinary tract infections, urinary stones, urethral plugs, cancer, and other disorders can affect the lower urinary tract of the cat. Because FLUTD can have many causes, it can be difficult to diagnose. Based on your cat's signs, your veterinarian will likely perform an initial physical examination and run a urinalysis. If the cause of the cat's signs has not been identified with a urinalysis, other testing may be recommended, including blood work, x-rays, and urine culture.

Stress is one of the possible causes of FLUTD. Possible sources of stress in a cat's life may include environmental changes, changes in food schedule, and changes in the number of animals in the household. Environmental enrichment and modification can reduce stress and decrease the severity and frequency of FIC episodes. To reduce environmental stress, cats should be provided a safe, clean area in which to urinate, as well as opportunities to express natural predatory behavior. These opportunities may include climbing posts and toys that can be chased and caught.

CAT SAFETY TIPS

- Flea Treatment – the fleas are out in full force and it is important to keep your cat rid of flea infestation. We remind you to use caution with many flea products out there – stay away from ALL flea collars –these can be deadly to your cat and ALL Hartz Flea products. Revolution, Frontline and Advantage Multi are all veterinarian recommended. Check with your vet before you begin any sort of flea treatment for your cat.
- Excessive Heat – Summer can be deadly to animals if they are not provided fresh water and a cool, shady place to seek shelter in if outdoors. If you allow your cat outdoors please be sure they always have access to fresh water and a safe place to escape to during excessive heat and thunderstorms.

Fundraising Update

- We are happy to announce we have raised a total of \$860 toward the Canvas Blinds for the Adoption Porch that we want to have installed this summer. We only need another \$1200 to get us to our final goal of \$2400. Thank you to all those that donated! If you still want to send in a donation toward these blinds please just specify BLINDS on your donation check or if you prefer to pay by Pay Pal via our website: www.dominohouse.org
- Join us on Facebook. Domino's Cat Rescue League has its own "cause" page on Facebook. Recently Allison Adair wrote on her Facebook page that her wish was to raise money for Domino's and her friends responded – raising \$210 directly on facebook and another \$100 with mail in donations. www.causes.com/DominosHouse

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Stanley's Story.....

Stanley is an 11 year old declawed tabby. His first owner, one day 8 years ago, just decided she no longer wanted to own 3 cats and she gave them all away to a friend. That was his first dose of heart ache – losing the only home he had ever known. He had to share his new home with a small dog that didn't like him and chased him from room to room. Stanley spent most of his time hiding under beds and not really enjoying his life. One day he accidentally slipped out. His owner gave up on him after he was missing a week and assumed, being that he was declawed and had never been outside, that he must be dead. She gave away all of his belonging – donating them to Domino's House. A neighbor and pet sitter to Stanley wouldn't give up hope that he was a survivor and she canvassed the neighborhood with Stanley's photo hoping he'd be spotted. Three weeks after he got outside he was seen hiding under a neighbor's bush down the street. Traps were borrowed from Domino's and carefully set. The next morning Stanley was captured. He was severely dehydrated and had lost a significant amount of weight, but he was alive and grateful to be found. His former pet sitter kept him in her own home and nursed him back to health. His present owner, with an aching heart, agreed that it might be best if Stanley was put up for adoption since he was so unhappy in his present home. Domino's posted his photo and description on their website and within a week they received a call from a wonderful woman wanting to meet Stanley. "My very healthy 6 year old cat unexpectedly had a heart attack right in front of me. I was completely devastated. A gentleman said, "Fill the bucket back up!" I immediately started looking for a cat with the same details. I found a few out of state and then found Stanley just miles away! As I am writing at this moment...this 11 years old cat is batting around toys and running up the stairs wanting me to chase him! He is a snuggly, loving cat. I loved him immediately and more everyday", says Carolyn Crawford, Stanley's new owner. Thank you Carolyn for giving Stanley a forever home he could truly feel happy in.

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