

DOMINO'S HOUSE

For Cat Lovers Around the World

March 2010

FOR ADOPTION



"Hi, my name is Heidi. I am a 4 year old spayed female. I have thyroid disease which simply means I need to have medication twice a day. I am very gentle and affectionate. Please give me a forever home"



"Hi, my name is Cooper. I am a 3 month old neutered male. I am a little shy at first but quite playful and sweet."



"Hi, my name is Mica. I am a 3 year old spayed female. I am very friendly and gentle."

Letter From Maris.....

This year has begun with a flurry of activities at Domino's House. Domino's participated at the "Friend Furever Adopt-a-thon" on Sunday, February 7th at Flagler Park in downtown Stuart. The day was purrfect with many interested animal lovers in attendance. Many rescue groups were present with various dogs and cats showcased. Domino's won third place in the photo contest judged by the Mark Fine Gallery of Stuart. Allison Adair, our official photographer, won a beautiful goodie basket. This wonderful event was sponsored by the "Help Us Help Them" fund of the Pegasus Foundation. Thanks to all our dedicated crew, Polly, Maries, Susan and Kathleen. Great Job!

We are working on putting together an educational seminar to educate people on how to prepare their own home cooked meals for their dogs and cats. More details will be for thcoming.

We are looking forward to attending Natan Winograd's seminar in Melbourne, FL in early April. Nathan Winograd is the Director of the No-Kill Advocacy Center which focuses on turning "Kill" shelters into highly successful "No-Kill" shelters in any community whose residents are committed to the mission of not killing unwanted, healthy and adoptable dogs and cats in our shelters.

Any individual who is interested in attending or desires more information concerning the No-Kill movement please contact me at the shelter.

Maris

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NEW AT DOMINO'S HOUSE



Domino's House has acquired a new building to help accommodate Domino's increased population. The shed has been moved to the Domino's House courtyard and is awaiting customization by Charlie Sine and volunteers. We could use donations to help with this renovation project; windows, window air-conditioner, dry wall, shelves, new kitty furniture, etc. We hope to have this new building open for kitt live in real soon.

FUNDRAISING

Domino's House is actively looking to put together a fundraising committee for 2010. This committee will work together to plan, organize and implement fundraisers for Domino's House throughout the upcoming year. The Board of Directors has several ideas in which we'd like to further research include:

- Bowling for Kitties
- Golf Tournament
- Poker Tournament
- 2011 Calendars

If you have any experience in coordinating fundraisers we really need your help. We need fresh ideas and people to help implement these ideas. We are open to any and all ideas. During these tough economic times we realize we can't rely on our general donations to keep us afloat but will need to find new and innovative fundraising ideas to launch.

Board Member, Sandie Criddle, is coordinating the fundraising committee so please contact her on her cell phone at: 561-389-8265 or email at: scriddl@aol.com if you are interested in helping.

Board of Directors

Maris Sine
Polly Campenni
Marie O'Connell
Ellie Booth
Sandie Criddle

Donations

Domino's is funded 100% by its generous contributions of its donors, adopters and officers. With expenses rising now more than ever Domino's House is in need of your help.

Ways you can help Domino's:

- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Advantage Flea Treatment
- Fancy Feast Moist
- Postage Stamps
- Monetary donations to our general fund which can be applied to areas where it is most needed such as:
 - Spay/Neuter
 - Emergency Medical Needs
 - Health Maintenance

All donations are tax deductible

Where Can I Adopt A Cat/ Kitten?

- Stop by to visit us at the PetSmart in Port St. Lucie, located at 10540 SW Village Parkway in Tradition. We have our adoption booth every Saturday from 1 to 4 PM.
- Additionally you can visit our website at: www.dominoshouse.org to see a full list of our cats and kittens waiting for a forever home of their own.

Important Health Information



Keep your cat healthy with a clean litter box. Do you have a stinky litter box? The smallest thing can cause your cat to go OUTSIDE of the box (which we both know is not good).

Quote of the Day

To keep your cat happy and going in the box, it is important to have the right box, the right number of boxes, the right litter and you also need to know how to clean the box. Some cats won't use the box because of how it is cleaned (or not cleaned). Scooping often enough is a problem as well as cleaning the wrong way.

Scooping is not the most fun thing you can do but if a box is not scooped often enough it may be unappealing, causing cats to seek alternative places to go. Some cats like to scratch the boom of the box when they go and with the scent they are looking for they will do it elsewhere.

Now, if the box is too clean this can be a problem as a frequently scooped box is crucial. A box cleaned with harsh smelling chemicals such as bleach or other soaps is not good. Cats can be sensitive to smells and be totally turned off by certain scents, causing them to go outside the box. The best way to clean your litter box is to empty it completely and use a mild soap. Scrub it well and rinse well.

Be cautious of hooded litter boxes. A litter box needs to be properly ventilated. Some cats will feel threatened by a hooded box as they worry there is no exit and it is too cramped. Cats like space vs privacy in a litter box. When considering space keep in mind the rule of thumb is one litter box per cat, or if you have multiple cats, but only room for one make sure it is a good size box.

Upcoming Events

March 20th and March 21st come join Domino's House as they partake in Stuart's 23rd Annual Art Festival. Get ready to see splashes of color, beauty and originality at Memorial Park in downtown Stuart. You are invited to admire the fine art displays, enjoy delicious food and take pleasure in attending the premier visual and performing arts festival of the Treasure Coast. Domino's House is proud to be a part of the festival this year. Please stop by our booth and pick up one of our new brochures and Domino's tote bag. We'll have a couple of our adoptable residents on display that are hoping to find their new forever owners at this wonderful event.

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
- * Nautical but Nice - Stuart
- * Hair Designers - Hobe Sound
- * Teddi & Company - Palm City
- * Bloomingdeals - Jensen Beach
- * Ranch & Feed - Palm City
- * Walls by Wanda - Jensen Beach
- * Dr. Hillmann - Jupiter
- * Dr. Horn, DDS - Stuart
- * A Stitch in Time - Palm City
- * Heathcote Botanical Gardens - Ft. Pierce

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

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MEET RAY – OUR NEWEST SPECIAL NEEDS KITTY

Ray came to us in early February from a very kind and compassionate individual that found Ray one cold morning huddled underneath her car. She said he appeared to be very frail and thin so she went inside and got him some food and water. He readily accepted this. The next morning he was there again so again she fed him. By the third morning she provided him shelter for the night so she could better assess his condition. It was then that she realized he was blind and appeared to have some sort of problem when he walked. She contacted a couple shelters which gave her the same response, "Sorry we are too full for a cat with health problems". Thankfully she reached us at Domino's House and we opened up our shelter doors and hearts to this poor cat that had been cast aside like yesterday's news. It was determined that Ray is completely blind and does suffer from a neurological disorder. He would not have lasted long in the wild with these disabilities. He has made himself at home in the Simon's House extension of Domino's House. He loves visitors and is quite a sweetheart. Naturally he is up for adoption to someone that is willing to give this special kitty a safe and loving home.

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