

DOMINO'S HOUSE

For Cat Lovers Around the World

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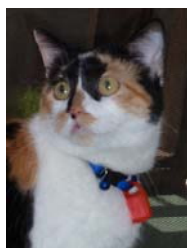
FOR ADOPTION



"Hi, we are six adorable 7 week old kittens ready for adoption"



"Hi, my name is Emmi. I am a 1 year old spayed female. I am very friendly, playful and sweet."



"Hi, my name is Patsy. I am a 3 year old spayed and up to date on my shots. I am playful and curious."

Letter From The President.....

Spring has sprung at Domino's House. We have two pregnant Moms who have been rescued from the dangers of predators and cars to await their newborns in our "Nursery". One mother already gave birth a few days ago and is proud and safe with her multi-colored brood of six.

Aside from the Nursery, we have many kitten orphans throughout our facility. A few share the guest house and others play happily on the adoption porch. To say we have been busy is an understatement indeed. All volunteers are busy keeping up with clean bedding, fresh water and additional food and vitamins for the new Moms. Little orphans need constant attention and feeding which we are providing all through the day and night, if needed.

Our new adventure is our long-awaited Boutique and Bargain Shoppe. We have been painting (thank you Marie), sorting and pricing (thank you Susan) and establishing hours of operation, etc. Charlie, the contractor, my husband and co-founder, has been remodeling, putting in new windows, tile and fencing. Please look for our advertisements in the paper during the coming weeks.

Charlie, Maris, Lynne and Vicki took time out April 3rd to drive to Melbourne to attend a two hour seminar hosted by the Daphene Foundation. The guest speaker was Nathan J Winograd who is the author of two very successful books which trace the history of the Humane movement and the myths of the overpopulation of pets in this country. Mr. Winograd is the Executive Director of the No Kill Advocacy Center in California. Because of his passion to create in our country a No-kill nation, he has saved the lives of millions of shelter animals with his No-Kill accomplishments. Wouldn't it be a dream come true to make Martin and surrounding counties shelters all no-kill? It can be done.

- Maris Sine

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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 due to open June of 2010. The new store is located at 925 SW Martin Downs Blvd – just over the Palm City bridge on the North side of the road. The store will feature many new things – including a special cat room full of cat toys, beds, scratching posts and more. Additionally we will feature gently used items we've had donated to Domino's house to help fund Domino's Spay/Neuter efforts. If you have any unique or special items you would like to donate we'd appreciate it (no clothing or large furniture please). We will send out a special announcement to all our friends, adopters and donors inviting you to our grand opening.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE SHELTER

Cleaning – We have prepared complete instructions in the Volunteer Chore Book near the sign in sheet and there is a calendar on the refrigerator to let us know when you will come. We know it is hard work, but the kitties appreciate it. We especially need regular help on Saturday and Sunday.

Feeding – Every day at about 3 pm, we provide wet food meals for our cats and kittens. It involves putting wet food on individual plates and distributing to our residents. There are complete details on the microwave in the Guest House.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AWAY FROM THE SHELTER

Pet of the Day: Taping of pet segments for airing on CBS 12 noon news. Taping is done at the studio in West Palm every Wednesday at 10 AM.

Offsite Adoptions: Adoption events are held at the Tradition PetSmart in Port St. Lucie on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Fostering: We are packed to the brim at the shelter, so if you can open up your home to a few kittens or an adult cat, please let us know. You will be provided with instructions, litter, food, bedding, and toys...you'll need to provide a clean, safe environment and lots of love.

Boutique and Bargain Shoppe: Our new resale boutique shoppe should be opening soon..donations of nearly new items (no clothing please) and especially unique, smaller pieces are greatly appreciated. We'll need volunteer staffing for the shoppe.

DONATIONS



Domino's has a specific need this month – Canvas Blinds for our Adoption Porch. Currently we've been using plastic tarps that have to be hung on nails each time we experience inclement weather. However, with the rainy season rapidly approaching we'd like to have some good heavy duty permanent canvas blinds installed. We've been given an estimate of \$2,600. We are looking to you for help to cover this cost. Could your company sponsor or co-sponsor this expense? We will mount a plaque on the Adoption Porch to recognize the contribution of this much needed addition to our adoption porch.

Remember all donations are
100% 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

IS SOMEONE YOU LOVE ALLERGIC TO YOUR CAT?



You adopted a cat or kitten and planned on giving it a forever home but one day you find a loved one in your life is allergic and you are faced with giving up your beloved companion but wait, you may not have to do that! For most people who are allergic to cats there is a treatment plan out there that can allow them to coexist with your friendly feline.

Each day hundreds of cats and kittens are surrendered to local animal shelters. In many of the shelters that are not truly no-kill shelters these cats are euthanized all because someone was allergic to them. This is just not necessary.

As Dr. Elise Hillmann of Jupiter recently told Domino's Cat Rescue League, "Myself, my daughter and husband are all allergic to animal dander but we don't allow our love for animals to keep us from opening our home to one." The Hillmann family is able to control their moderate allergies with the prescription medication, Singulair(R) and an over-the-counter antihistamine. Singulair is a small pill that one takes once a day. Often it is easier to take this oral medication than to use nasal sprays containing steroid or antihistamine ingredients.

Your family physician or allergist can prescribe Singulair. All insurance plans do cover this medication but naturally it depends on what coverage you have chosen as to what you would have to pay. If you have a high deductible you must meet first, then after which it could cost an estimated \$130 per month per person; however, if you have a low deductible or co-pay prescription plan you may only have to only pay \$30 to \$50 per month per person. Additionally there is the option to get a prescription from your doctor and get the generic through Canada – which brings your cost down to only 1/3 of the US drug cost.

Just like humans, when cats or dogs have a lot of dandruff this condition may be less desirable. For cat owners especially, the dandruff represents shed skin protein which triggers our allergies. Dr Hillmann says, "I treat my cats as I recommend for my patients; I recommend shampooing them with 1% ketoconazole shampoo OTC on a regular basis to control their shedding and our allergies."

Be sure to see a doctor to carefully review your options before you give up your beloved companion.

CAT SAFETY TIPS

- Lamps – when you leave your home do not leave any lamps on. Cats can accidentally knock a lamp over either by tripping over the cord or playing near a lamp which could fall and start a fire. If you want to leave a light on when you are not home – leave an overhead light on.
- Blind Cords – be sure that no cords are left hanging where a cat can play with and accidentally hang themselves.
- Electrical cords – kittens are much like children and will often find electrical cords to be an interesting toy. Be careful to not allow cats /kittens to chew on these.



On February 7th the weather forecast was predicting lows in the upper 30's in Hobe Sound. It was this forecast that prompted Hobe Sound resident, Linda McInerney to take swift action when she saw a feral cat in her neighborhood looking quite pregnant. She and her friend successfully trapped the cat and called Domino's House Volunteer, Allison Adair for help. By the time Allison arrived, Willow, as she came to be named, had already given birth in the carrier to three babies. Allison took Willow home and

Provided her a warm, safe place to sleep and nurse her newborns. By morning two more babies had arrived. For the next 8 weeks, Willow and babies grew up healthy, happy and friendly in foster care. Thanks to Domino's House, all five kittens were successfully adopted to wonderful forever homes. Willow has since come to live at Domino's House and has been evaluated to be only semi-feral. She is still very frightened but does allow volunteers to pet her; and once she lets her guard down, she purrs loudly. She, too, hopes that one day the right family with a lot of patience will give her a chance at a forever home. A huge thank you goes out to Linda McInerney for not just ignoring a cat in need but instead saving the lives of her five babies.

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Sometime ago one of our dedicated volunteers offered her home as a safe place to Foster an older kitty. It was not until this week that we asked to take advantage of her kind offer.

A phone call from a Port St. Lucie resident was answered by Domino's House and the lady had a "situation". Her cat had bitten her 2 year old daughter and she therefore placed the cat with her brother, not far away. The brother cared for this cat for 12 years until he decided to move and said he could not take the cat with and the only alternative would be "putting him to sleep".

Domino's House has literally no space for any more senior cats and the website on Domino's "cats available for adoption" was offered. So here we are, faced with a dilemma – one older cat that no one wants or even cares about except for Domino's House.

One call to our future foster Mom, Joanne Lombardo produced immediate results, "yes" was the response from Joanne and the next day she arrived at Frankie's home to get him. All paper work was done and Frankie was safely stowed in his carrier when the former owners stated that they would cancel his appointment for the euthanasia at 2 pm that very day.

So, everybody wins! The former owner gets to move to Boston catless, and no trip to the vet's office for the unthinkable. Joanne has herself a foster cat and the best of all, Frankie has a home!

At press time Joanne has officially and unconditionally fallen in love with her new kitty. Frankie is a very happy cat with spring in his step and last, but not least, has found a truly "forever" home. From Domino's House and all cats everywhere Joanne you are indeed our hero.

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT