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## Fall Is Still Kitten Season!

We are a 501c3 and our work is primarily sustained from tax deductible donations. Contact (830) 896-6053 for more information or to become a volunteer. What type of volunteer help do we need? Trappers, telephone counselors, transportation for vet visits, and more. Your help is vitally important to our success and we are grateful for your continued support!

Nearly all ancient Egyptians kept cats to guard their children and homes. As a bonus they also killed rats, mice and snakes.

**A**s summer draws to a close, we look forward to cooler weather and you would think it would be the end of kitten season, but it isn't as long as the daylight lasts 12 hours each day.

Perhaps you are looking to adopt a cat or kitten at this time. Please consider visiting your local animal shelter or humane society, and check with your local vet. Consider the needs of you and your family before adopting. Young children may be too rough for a kitten, or you may not want a rambunctious kitten. There is always an older, mellow cat out there looking to be adopted into an equally quiet home.

Regardless of your choice, please have your cat or kitten checked out by the veterinarian and have them vaccinated as well as spayed or neutered as soon as possible.

Will your new furry family member need training? Of course. You will want to confine your new pet to one room for a couple of days to get used to you and their new environment. Choose a litter pan that gives your cat plenty of room and that they can see out of. While there are many 'hidden' litter pan options that might please you, your cat needs the above two requirements to make them feel safe. If you have or adopt more than one cat or kitten, you

should have one more litter box than you have cats.

How do you train a cat/kitten not to scratch your furniture? Scratching is a necessity and fun for them. Cats love to scratch surfaces with texture. Textured furniture also traps loose cat fur. Consider smooth, flat fabrics or leather and recessed or metal legs. When you notice your new fur-baby scratching anywhere in your house that you don't want them to, put an alternative at that spot. A cat scratching post with rough rope is a favorite along with corrugated cardboard. Both are available at your local pet store (Pet Supplies Plus here

Feel free to browse our website to learn more about our mission, to educate yourself about caring for cats, to make a donation, or to just read our past newsletters. Our organization is strictly volunteer and there are no salaries.

During the time of the Spanish Inquisition, Pope Innocent VIII condemned cats as evil and thousands of cats were burned. Unfortunately, the widespread killing of cats led to an explosion of the rat population, which exacerbated the effects of the Black Death.



**DID YOU KNOW...** Cats make about 100 different vocal sounds (meows, purrs, gurgles & eeps), which occur in a variety of tones and octaves, while dogs only make about 10 vocal sounds.

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in Kerrville) or online. If ordering online be aware that you may be required to assemble your new scratching post in addition to waiting for its arrival.

Don't forget it is important to play with your cat and give it affection. Some people believe all that is necessary with a cat is to feed it and provide a litter pan—not so! Cats need and crave attention from their owners. It isn't good enough, nor always safe to just toss a toy on the floor for your cat to play with. They need

us to pet and interact with them. Toys left on the floor become uninteresting and if parts are swallowed—dangerous.

A cat or kitten who does not receive adequate play and affection will become bored. A bored cat can become a destructive cat. A destructive cat becomes a behavioral problem, and many of those sadly (and unnecessarily) wind up in shelters. Help your pet become a treasured member of your family.



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: A cat can't climb head first  
: down a tree because every  
: claw on a cat's paw points the  
: same way. To get down from a  
: tree, a cat must back down.  
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**STAR WARS CAT NAMES** In addition to the classic Star Wars names: Chewie, Ewok, Han, Leia, Luke, Jawa, Jedi, R2, Vader & Yoda, consider some of these: Ahsoka, Anakin, Bodhi, Ezra, Finn, Jango, Jyn, Kylo, Maz, Padme, Rebel, Rey, Sabine, Tarkin, Trooper, Windu or Zeb.

Is there a Cat Lover on your gift list? A gift to *The Big Fix* is a wonderful way to celebrate your shared love of cats and to make the world a better place for them. We will send a card notifying your honoree of your thoughtful gift in their name. Your tax deductible gift of as little as \$10 will allow us to continue our mission. Your donation goes directly (and only) to humane trapping, neutering, and veterinarian care. Simply fill out the form below and enclose it with your gift donation. Checks should be made out to: *The Big Fix* and mailed to: The Big Fix, P.O. Box 294003, Kerrville, TX 78029.

Name of Honoree:

Occasion (Birthday, Anniversary, In memory of etc.):

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**We Thank you for your generous support!**



**Toxic Foods:** Foods that should not be given to cats include onions, garlic, green tomatoes, raw potatoes, chocolate, grapes, and raisins. Though milk is not toxic, it can cause an upset stomach and gas. Tylenol and aspirin are extremely toxic to cats, as are many common houseplants. Feeding cats dog food or canned tuna that's for human consumption can cause malnutrition.