



The Scoop



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By Mark Giloni

“He’s a Monster,” my wife said. Not only did I know who she was talking about but I had to agree – he was indeed a Monster.

Our household consists of two adults, five cats ranging in age from 7 to 15+ (many with health issues), a middle-aged 70 lb. lab mix with bad hips, and the MONSTER.

The Monster is an eleven month old kitten whose real name is Sprinkles (or Sprinks). Sprinks is a muscular 12 pound, long and lean black cat (with a few white spots on his chest) who is extremely smart, personable, confident, and precocious. Sprinks is a Special Needs cat with a severe kidney disorder that needs daily monitoring which is why he is living with us as a Helping Paws foster cat.

What makes Sprinks a Monster? That he chases or wrestles with the other cats; that he routinely unrolls all the toilet paper; that everything is a toy to him from crumbled paper to used tissues; that he chases toys all over the house in middle of the night? Nah, that is standard kitten behavior.

How about that Sprinks attacks my wife’s feet under the covers; that he lies upside down and tries to wrestle with the dog; that he steals the dog’s food when he isn’t looking; that he rolls around and messes up all the bathmats; that he stole my meringue cookie off the counter and was both eating and playing with it? Hmmm, that is all only semi-monstrous.

Sprinks proved he is a Monster when we tried to keep him out of a closet the other night by adding a door stop. Within 15 minutes he had pried the door stop out and was carrying it around the house like a prize (and made sure we saw it). To further prove his point he pulled a mailing box out of the same closet at 4am, was jumping in and out of it with another cat and then (ready for this?) he took a running start, jumped on the box and surfed across the room on it. He liked that so much that he jumped off and did it again surfing back to the other side of the room. Now that is a Monster!! And he is still growing – what will the Monster do next?



Sprinkles a.k.a. The Monster



Concert to Benefit Helping Paws

This year, the 5th Annual Early Bird 4th of July BBQ at Woody’s Waterside is also going to be a food/supply for Helping Paws.

Charlie Kuchlar, a.k.a. Yard Dog Charlie from the band The Yard Dogs, will perform his “Florida Swamp Music”, from 4-7pm on the 4th.

Charlie and his wife Deb, are long time supporters of Helping Paws. They organized the event hoping to collect food, money and supplies for the shelter. Anyone donating will receive a raffle ticket. Those unable to attend can drop off items at Woody’s from now until the event.

Woody’s Waterside is located at 3051 Stringfellow Road in Saint James City. They will offer specials on red, white and blue drinks as well as their famous BBQ.

Hope to see you there!!



Peters Purr-spective...

June is known for being dairy month (I am partial to cheese), the start of summer and Fathers Day.

I was reading a very interesting article about how women and cats have a special bond. That may be true, but I want you to know that “Cat Dads” are out there too! I’ve seen some pretty special guys here at the shelter. I know of one in particular that brings us chicken every Friday.

Once I met a man that was not only a great petter, he also adopted one of my friends to live with him on his boat. Come to think of it, several of my friends have ended up with some really great dads!

I was researching Dads on the Internet and I found all kinds of articles, mostly negative, about men and cats. I don’t get it. We the perfect companion for a single guy that might not make it home fast enough to let a DOG out. (They are notoriously bad at litter boxes). Their TV shows are fun to watch, lots of balls flying around and stuff. When they share food, we don’t have to worry about it being a salad! Think about it. Naturally we make great companions, but it would be fun for us too.

Guys are good for a lot more than fixing and building things (though we had some awesome ones doing just that at the shelter). I know a lot of, my pals at the shelter are wishing for a Cat Dad.

So Happy Dads Day from one handsome, smart dude (me) to all you other guys out there.

Peter Draggin’,
Resident Philosopher

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