

Feral Cat Foundation

P.O. Box 1173 • Alamo, CA 94507

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Cheetah shortly after he was found

CHEETAH'S STORY

As the young girl walked along, she suddenly heard a faint "meow, meow." Lucy turned around and, to her surprise, a pathetic looking cat was staggering along behind her. He seemed to be asking for help, and Lucy knew she must do something for this poor, ragged kitty. When she picked him up, he immediately nestled into her arms and seemed to be thanking her for caring.

Lucy took him to her apartment complex where her sister, Angel, and friend, Gazale, came running out to see what Lucy had in her arms. The poor cat was obviously starving. His ribs showed like a scruffy washboard through his coat. The girls ran into the house and brought him some cooked chicken and fresh water. It was clear to them that he had not eaten for days, or perhaps even weeks.

Even though she couldn't keep the cat, Lucy desperately wanted to help this sad little waif. A

close, adult friend who she knew could be counted on for help lived in their apartment complex. The friend, Mary Ann, called a Feral Cat Foundation member from whom she had adopted a cat a few years ago. What luck! The FCF member, Estelle, was available and arrived quickly.

Estelle realized the emaciated cat needed immediate help. Before she took him home, the girls decided to call the cat "Cheetah," because he looked like a small cheetah. Once home, Estelle placed him in her large bathroom to isolate him from her other cats, gave him subcutaneous fluids because he was so dehydrated, and fed him. What a patient cat he was through this whole ordeal!

Cheetah was taken to a caring vet for a professional examination the next day. It was discovered that he is a neutered male cat and at least 12 years old. Blood work and other tests were done, and he was treated for a flea infestation that had left him severely anemic. Cheetah was sent home with antibiotics, vitamins, and instructions to eat lots of nutritious food. In addition to all this, he was treated for internal parasites.

We are pleased to report that Cheetah is doing very well, especially for an elderly kitty cat. He has even gained some weight! Evidently he had once been someone's well-cared-for pet, as he is the sweetest of cats, with a super personality. He will follow you everywhere, and when he looks at you, his beautiful, soulful eyes will melt your heart.

The Mission Statement of Feral Cat Foundation is to relieve the misery of feral, stray and abandoned cats. It is impossible to determine if Cheetah was lost by accident or purposely abandoned, but Feral Cat Foundation was there to help him. We can't make up for the terrible ordeal Cheetah went through before Lucy rescued him, but FCF members are determined that he will live out his remaining years in a loving, caring home. If you can give Cheetah the special home he deserves, please call Estelle at 925-376-6727.

In addition to rescuing neglected and abandoned cats, Feral Cat Foundation continues in its main mission of relieving the misery of feral and stray cats and kittens by humanely trapping, altering, releasing, feeding and caring for colonies of cats that are too wild to be adopted. We also find homes for tame cats and kittens that wander into our colonies, and we tame and adopt kittens born in those colonies.

Feral Cat Foundation just celebrated its 7th anniversary. In those 7 years, we have helped thousands of cats and kittens live a better life. Won't you please help us continue our rescue work by purchasing the enclosed raffle tickets? We have many wonderful prizes, ALL DONATED. Tickets are \$2 each, or a book of 6 for \$10. Just fill out the ticket stubs and mail them with your check for \$10, or more, if you can, to FCF in the enclosed envelope. If you can purchase or sell more tickets, please leave a message at (925) 829-9098, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to FCF, PO Box 1173, Alamo, CA 94507.

Thank you for being such an important part of our rescue work. Feral and abandoned cats endure a miserable life. They deserve better; and each time you contribute to FCF, you are helping us improve the lives of these innocent victims of human neglect.



Cheetah now with his rescuers

Sincerely,

Nell Randisi
Director/Fundraising

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P.S. All proceeds from this raffle are spent directly on the cats we rescue. We know there are many worthy causes that ask for help. However, FCF is one of the few all-volunteer rescue groups with no paid staff and no professional fund-raisers; and your purchase of these raffle tickets will have a real impact on the work we do. We hope we can count on you for help. Please send in your ticket stubs and donation TODAY.

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2005 Raffle Prizes

Tickets \$2 each - 6 for \$10

Drawing: Sunday, October 16, 2005

Winners Need Not Be Present



1st PRIZE

7-DAY GOLD COAST MAUI, HAWAII VACATION

Condo courtesy of *Lionheart, Macque & PC Craig*; Travel allowance (\$900) courtesy of *J.M. O'Neill, Inc.* (\$500) and *Demcon Stomping Co.* (\$400) (approx. value \$3700)

2nd PRIZE

4-DAY WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA VACATION

Condo courtesy of *Lionheart, Macque & PC Craig*; Travel allowance (\$600) courtesy of *Advanced Doorways* and *Negus Construction* (approx. value \$1800)

3rd PRIZE

4-DAY WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA VACATION

Condo courtesy of *Lionheart, Macque & PC Craig*; Travel allowance (\$500) courtesy of *Tollner Painting* and *Scott & Marnie Steele* (approx. value \$1700)



4th PRIZE

7-DAY KONA, HAWAII VACATION

Condo courtesy of *The Gordon Family*; Travel allowance (\$600) courtesy of *Interior Design Construction* and *Jesmar Mechanical* (approx. value \$1500)

5th PRIZE

50,000 UNITED AIRLINES FREQUENT FLYER MILES

Courtesy of *Janine & Alan Platt*

6th PRIZE

CLIFF HOUSE @ SHELTER COVE—1 NIGHT* or 2 NIGHTS**

Courtesy of *Janine & Alan Platt* *(High Season) **(Off Season)

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\$100 Future Air, San Jose

\$100 Greg Bunton Associates, Woodside

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\$250 Howell Electric, Santa Clara

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\$200 Cozart Brothers, Livermore

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\$200 Kier & Wright, Pleasanton

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