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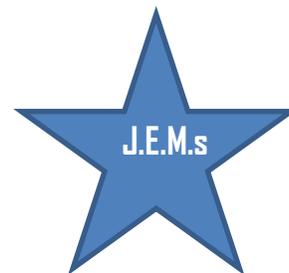
PLEASE HELP!!!

This is a very difficult time of the year for SC CAT. **We need donations desperately!!** You can make online donations with a **credit card** at www.catadoptiontails.org or mail **checks** and **cash** to P.O. Box 922754, Sylmar, CA 91392.

We also need **blankets, towels, comforters**, gently used **dog and cat supplies**, and **dog and cat food** of any kind.

Please help our animals this holiday—we **depend on YOU** and your generous donations.

Julia's Extraordinary Measures: Mom Dog & Her Kitten!



One thing you can depend on in the rescue world is that **no two adoption days are ever the same...**

Last weekend, a lovely lady came into the store with a **too-cute-to-resist three week old orange kitten**. The lady was deeply upset about his welfare because she was going out of town and needed someone to take care of him. So of course, **he became a member of our SC CAT family.**



We had **recently rescued a pregnant dog** and she had six adorable pups shortly after we rescued her.

So I thought "why not?" and sneaked in a tiny, fuzzy orange littermate.

Mom accepted the new baby like he was one of her pups—they **all became one big happy family!** Of course, we make sure everybody gets the proper nutrition but **mom, pups, and kitten are flourishing.**

...Just when you think you've seen it all, another day and another surprise.



* Go to www.catadoptiontails.org and hit **Donate NOW for MOM DOG & HER KITTEN.**

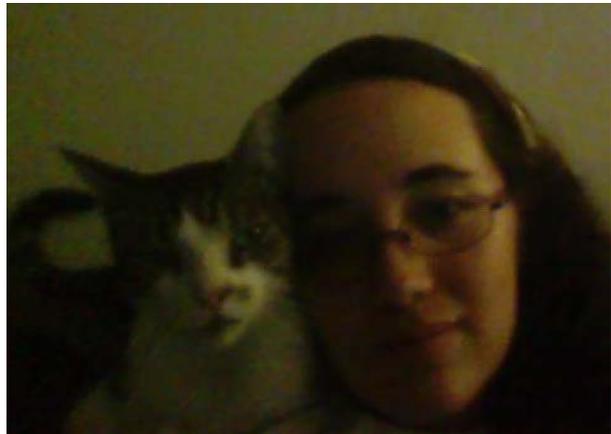


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My Best Friend Tommy

...definitely worth the wait!

Almost seven years ago now, I started volunteering for SC CAT, petting kitties and scooping litter boxes. A young girl, I was still too short to even help with the clean-up at the end of the day because I couldn't pick up the kennels. Like any kid, I wanted every kitty that came through the rescue, and I would bug my parents about it constantly. **A year or so later, Tommy came into my life... and to my rescue.**



Tommy had been at the shelter for about 4 months and for whatever reason, they had been convinced he was a Tanya. So even though his identity crisis was straightened out shortly before he arrived at the rescue, **his pride was hurt and he wasn't feeling very friendly.** At adoptions, he would go to great pains to burrow under his towel and hide there all day (or at least until he got hungry). But I **knew that deep down, he was sweet,** and I bonded with him at adoptions.

Tommy was my new favorite, and he helped teach me what my job as a volunteer really was—to **take my favorites and push them, to convince other people to feel the same way about them that I did,** and that doing so was the very best thing I could do for any cat. This was my first step towards becoming a much more effective volunteer.

My new approach worked for everyone except Tommy and he stayed at the rescue for about 5 years. Nobody seemed to be able to fall in love with Tommy like I did that first day he came to adoptions. Then I **realized that every animal has a forever-home somewhere meant just for that animal.** Maybe for Tommy, that was me.

Tommy and I waited for 5 years to place him in MY new home in Long Beach—**my first home, and his too.** Now we're both settled in and we couldn't be happier. **Tommy was definitely worth the wait!**



WE LOVE PALM PLAZA PET HOSPITAL!!

If you're looking for a **GREAT Vet** in the Palmdale area, you must call Palm Plaza Pet Hospital! (Located at 2501 Palmdale Blvd. in Palmdale). They are **so good at what they do** and wonderful to all of SC CAT's animals!

Please help us pay our mounting vet bills by donating directly to Palm Plaza Pet Hospital. Call (661) 272-4551 and say you're donating for SC CAT and Julia.

Every dollar helps. THANKS!!