

# Feral Cat Foundation

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Greetings Friends !

My name is Eli the Cat and I am a Maine Coon mix. I was rescued by the kind hearted cat lovers at Feral Cat Foundation. Before the rescue my life was pretty miserable, but thanks to FCF I'm now living large as the beloved pet of two adoring humans named David and Sima. Here's my story.

I didn't start life as a homeless stray – I actually had a home years ago, but one day my people just packed up and moved, leaving me behind like some unwanted excess baggage. I was sure there was some mistake. They would be coming back for me. But time passed and my family never returned. I wandered a bit, eventually coming upon a colony of cats being fed by a kind woman named Kathy. The cats allowed me to hang out with them, and Kathy didn't seem to mind another mouth to feed. For 4 years this angel of mercy cared for me and my kitty pals. She came every night and fed us, tended our wounds, even took us to the kitty doctor on a couple of occasions. I was so grateful ! I made sure Kathy understood how much I appreciated the helping hand. I meowed my loudest whenever I saw her car. I rolled over, head butted, ankle twirled – I would have even high-fived if I'd known how.

Then one day we heard the area where we hung out was scheduled for demolition. Our very existence was threatened, as we were nothing but a nuisance to the property owners. Luckily Kathy had recently joined FCF and learned that it was possible to find homes for adult kitties like me & my friends. She took us to the vet, where we were pronounced healthy – then on to FCF foster homes. My photo and description were posted on FCF's website and miracle of miracles a lovely couple named Dave & Sima adopted me !

I hid behind their toilet at first (hey – I had never even heard the term "indoor kitty"). They understood that I was just scared and brought me

this "hidey-hole" thing where I could curl up inside but still see out. They put it in the bathroom (I was not leaving that bathroom) then gradually moved it to the living room. I felt safe in my "hidey-hole" and soon realized that the rest of the house was as nice as the bathroom – except for the laundry room where the ghosts are – but that's another story for another day. Today I just count my blessings and wish the many other sad & forgotten kitties could be as lucky as I am.

The good volunteers of FCF work every day to provide food, shelter, and medical attention to homeless cats like me and my friends.

They are our champions when unsympathetic landlords trash our feeding stations or smash our shelters. They find homes for our kittens and help us through injuries and illnesses. If you can lend a hand in some way, there is a lot you could do. I really hope you will.



*Eli relaxing on his new window perch*

Thanks for caring,  
Eli the Cat



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When did you last see a skinny stray slinking beneath a parked car? Did you stop and think about where it's next meal might come from? Whether it had babies hidden nearby? Was it lost, abandoned, sick, injured? FCF members always consider these possibilities when encountering an unknown cat. With your support, we can help where help is needed. Your assistance enables us to give hope to the forgotten felines we care for daily. Please send your tax-deductible donation in the enclosed envelope TODAY ! The cats & kittens really need your help.



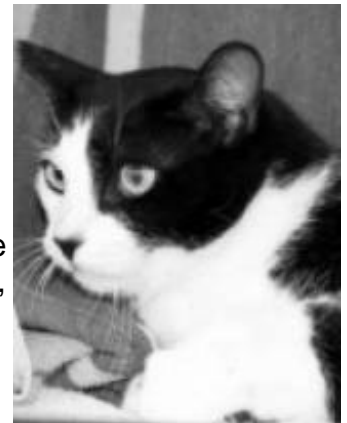
Again we dedicate our holiday appeal to the homeless adult cats in our community, like Eli – who just need a chance. These sweet spirits don't realize that at only 1 year of age they will most likely be passed over in favor of little kittens (who will soon be adults themselves). This holiday season would be a wonderful time to give the gift of a safe & loving home to an adult kitty. If you have a place in your heart for such a cat please contact us. Our adoption day schedule is in the Contra Costa Times and at [www.feralcatfoundation.org](http://www.feralcatfoundation.org). Pictures and descriptions are available on the website too.

A few of our adoptable adults are featured below. Their fosters know them well and can help you make a perfect match. Call Betts at (925)830-4074 for more information — please leave a message if no one is home.



**Nellie** is an extremely affectionate one year old white cat (with a tiny dark fringe on the top of her head). She absolutely loves ALL people but cannot stand other animals! She craves attention, gives lots of love in return and is very playful.

**Checker** is a handsome black & white cat, 2 years old. He is a friendly, mellow guy. He enjoys other 'nice' cats (dominant cats seem to bully him). He enjoys sunny windows, is very sweet and will be a nice addition to a lucky family.



<u>Name /Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Characteristics</u>
Shadow (F)	4 yrs old	DLH Black	Lapcat, no other cats/dogs
Blackjack (M)	1 yr old	DSH Black & White	Playful, loves people & cats
A.C. (M)	3 yrs old	DSH Brown Classic Tabby	Loves people, no other cats
Charlie (M)	2 yrs old	DSH Black	Small, sweet & interactive
Ruby (F)	2 yrs old	DSH Red/Orange Tabby w White	Spunky, likes to play & talk
Eve (F)	3 yrs old	DSH Black	Sweet, loves attention & play
Mamma-Doris (F)	2 yrs old	DSH Tortoiseshell	Pretty, friendly, no small kids
Oreo (F)	3 yrs old	DMH Black & White	Pretty princess, sweet, quiet home
Griffin (M)	4 yrs old	DSH Black & White	Affectionate, sociable, likes cats
Katt (F)	3 yrs old	DSH Gray Stripe	Friend to all, playful, quiet home
Seymour (M)	1 yr old	DSH Orange Tabby w White	Friendly, good with cats & dogs
Calvin (M)	4 yrs old	DSH Orange Tabby	Mellow & friendly - one eye
Pele (F)	1 1/2 yrs old	DSH Smoke Gray Tabby w White	Playful, devoted to her people

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Thank you & Happy Holidays!