

Lucy

Currently Eating

Dry Food: Purina Kitten Chow (always available)

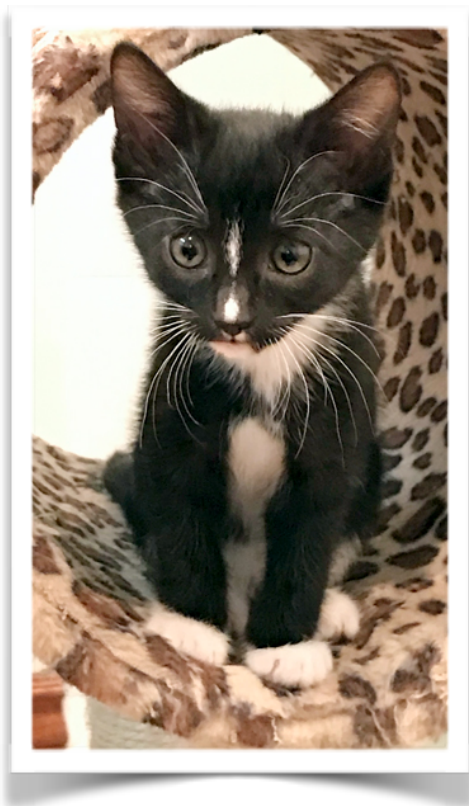
Canned Food: Pate style Friskies, Fancy Feast or Purina Beyond

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In a Nutshell

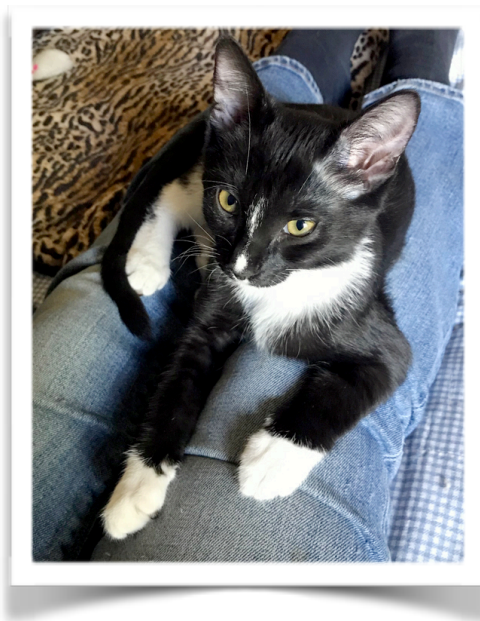
Lucy is quite shy when she meets new people or has new experiences. She wants to hide until she's certain it's safe to engage. Once she's confident all's well, she'll come out to sniff and circle then join us. She's very playful and enjoys chasing and being chased by her brothers and sisters. She loves hopping up to catch the Cat Dancer toy and running through the crinkle tunnel. Playing is important, but having love and attention, especially a lap, is paramount.



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About Lucy

Lucy, along with two brothers, two sisters and her feral mother, came to stay with us at the end of June. Her mom did not want to be with humans, and Lucy understandably at first agreed. Her mom stayed for about three weeks before she was able to be spayed and returned to her home in a feral cat colony where she's fed and looked after by a colony caretaker.



Lucy was very shy about being touched at first, but once she saw her brother Dante and sister Eve running around the room, playing with toys and on the kitten cat tree, she decided she could probably handle getting to know us. She loved the freedom to run at will and climb on everything. And the toys! Oh boy the toys. How fun to scoot things around the tile floor and roll around with a toy in her mouth, kicking and biting.

She loves wrestling with her siblings, which is much easier with plenty of space to play. She enjoys choosing a cozy place to curl up and do some grooming or cat-napping. She also enjoys sitting on the bedside table and watch out the window while the bugs, birds and people go about their business.

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Lucy loves to rub against us and loves having her face and nose nuzzled. She likes being held and cuddled and snuggled. She needs plenty of lap time, and even a little space. She has a tendency to somersault in my lap in order to get the back of her head and neck rubbed all over.

Lucy has a charming personality; affectionate, loving and playful. She purrs when she's being loved and has the silkiest soft fur which is a joy to touch. Her markings are darling and she's got beautiful golden eyes. She's a love.

Eating

Lucy started eating dry food along with her mom. She always eats dry food well and really likes fresh water. She has never eaten canned cat food. I've tried numerous options to see if I could tempt her, but she always turns me down.



Just after mom left, Lucy and one of her brothers developed upset tummies and started having a hard time eating without nausea. I started them on baby food, which they ate very well. She recovered from upset tummy and started eating well, but she never adapted to canned food. I still give Lucy baby food when the others are getting their canned food. She doesn't need it, it's just a treat. I can't give something special to

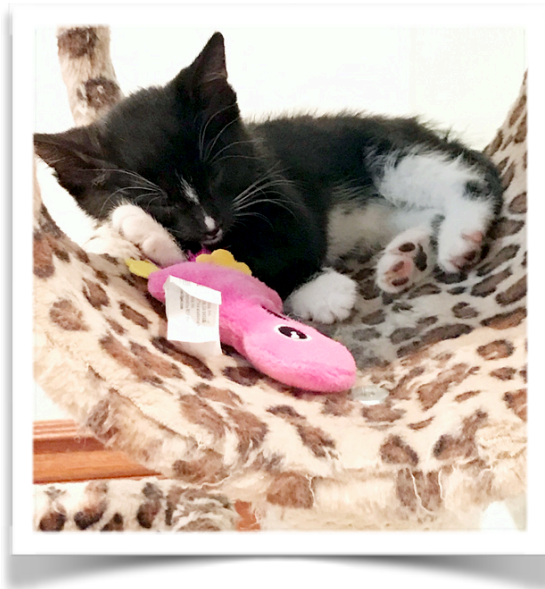
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the other four and leave her out. When it comes to wet food, Lucy will only eat Gerber Beef baby food. I think this might change when she has her forever family. She's used to me and what I do, but often they can be transitioned once they're in a new situation.

Lucy also likes cat treats, which she's had on occasion.

Litter Box

Lucy is perfect about using the litter box. She started out using non-clumping clay litter, but we've progressed to Tidy Cats Free and Clean Unscented clumping litter. With five kittens, there's always litter scattered outside the box. They have two standard sized boxes and one small one inside the cage that is "private". That one is often her first choice, but she does also use the boxes that are out in the open, so it is about preference, not need.



Housing

When they first arrived with feral mom, they all lived in a cage in my guest bedroom bathroom. As the kittens became more comfortable with me through feeding, cleaning and playing with them through the cage, they each were able to come outside the cage to play. Once mom got to go home, I left the cage where they were accustomed to

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eating and using the litter box, but added additional food water and litter outside the cage. They enjoyed running in and out and not being confined. Eventually, I opened up the bathroom door so they could also have the run of the guest bedroom as well. They know where food and litter are and no accidents have occurred.

Now they try to run outside the guest bedroom to explore the rest of my house, but Lucy is shy enough that she usually doesn't venture far, if at all.

Bedding and Sleeping

I usually find Lucy sleeping on a chair covered with a blanket or in the kitty bed. When mom left, they started kneading and nuzzling in the plush kitty bed in lieu of nursing on mom. It was very comforting to them and Lucy still hops into the bed when she's getting ready to fall asleep. She also can be found sleeping inside the tube on the cat tree.



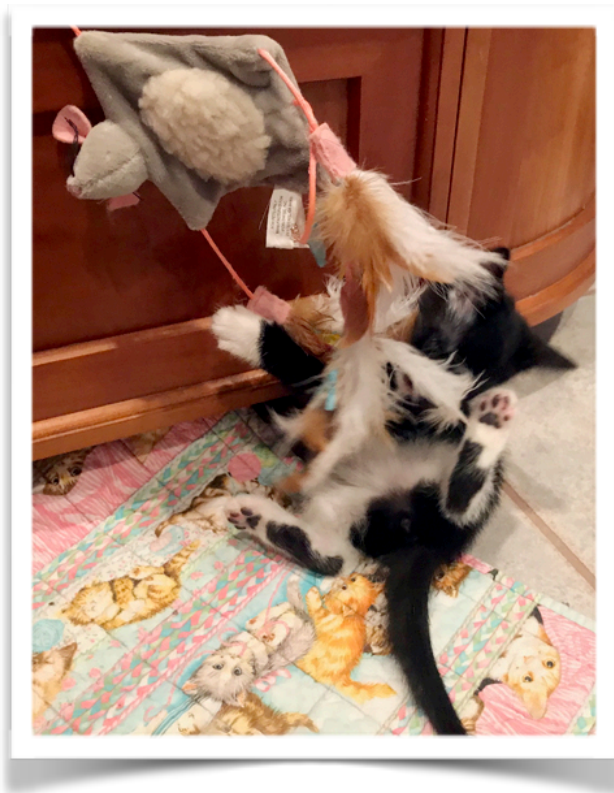
Playing and Toys

Lucy loves it when I toss toys either onto the bed or from the bed to the floor. She chases them and catches them when they land. She really plays well with most toys, but like many kittens, she likes bits of paper or cardboard she can carry around in her

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mouth. She loves the Cat Dancer toy, especially when I run it up the wall so the wire makes a little sound. She'll come running to jump for it and catch it. She's a great jumper and leaper. She catches things from the air well. She loves bug hunting!

She also loves the laser toy, which I run across the rug and up the walls. She spies that little red dot and starts the kitty chattering they use when they're stalking birds or bugs. Toys with feathers don't last very long, but she enjoys playing with them. Any balls that are soft or bounce keep her entertained. She still loves the little yarn pom pom balls that I give all baby kittens. Also plush toys, furry mice or toys that make crinkle noises or with bells. In fact, we have a crinkle tunnel with a cut-out in the middle. She loves to run through that or chase toys through it or jump inside through the cut-out.



I have the Friskies Cat Fishing Game which she enjoys playing on my iPhone or iPad. Another thing she seems to enjoy is a scratching post that has marbles embedded in its base.

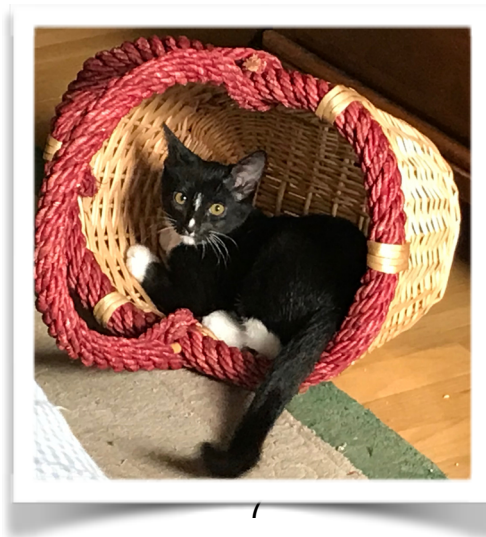
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Grooming and Behavior

It is fun to watch Lucy at her personal grooming. She sits on her butt with both back legs spread and does a thorough job of making sure every piece of fur is in place. She uses a vertical scratching post for her claws, but will occasionally try to use the bed. As with most kittens, she'll need some guidance and feedback on what's acceptable in her new home.



Lucy is good at jumping and loves to explore the bathroom counters and the bedside table. These are acceptable behaviors in her present home. She's a very well behaved girl. If she knows I don't want her to do something, she pretty much doesn't do it. I think she will respond well to gentle persuasion and correction.



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Her Ideal New Home

The ad she asked me to place includes the line: “Must have lap available often.” She’s a quiet kitten and gentle when playing with me. She can get rough with her brothers and sisters. She wants a place she can safely run and hide when she feels a little uncertain. Somewhere she can observe without being in the midst of things while she decides she’s safe. Though she hasn’t specified, I think she’d like windows where she can sit and watch life outside. She may even enjoy going outside at some point. She’s good at catching toys and might enjoy practicing on bugs.

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Videos with Lucy

Getting Acquainted <https://youtu.be/4JA5nHDPd2I>

Meal Time <https://youtu.be/YV-vp8gjYqQ>

Play Time <https://youtu.be/SWRusn1w154>

Changing the lightbulb <https://youtu.be/T4NRDEMB0fU>

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Examining the lightbulb <https://youtu.be/sadPPrSD8X0>

Lucy with Pom Pom <https://youtu.be/xOrImxRA9mY>

Lucy talking to a bug https://youtu.be/DPP3_rXbDNY

