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THE KITTYY KOURIER

Happily Ever After!

It was Danielle Sharp's wedding day, and even though there were a million things to do, she couldn't resist squeezing in a quick photo with her beloved kitty, Keva.

"Keva has always been there for me," says Danielle. For more than six years, Keva is always at the door to greet Danielle when she gets home, lays on the couch when Danielle watches TV, and of course, curls up in bed at night with her mom. It makes sense why Danielle would want to capture a moment on such a special day with the bob-tailed, green-eyed little girl!

Danielle adopted Keva in 2008 from PAN, where she is also a volunteer. She had only been volunteering for a short time when she met Keva at the center. They hit it off right away—Keva would even meow in protest if Danielle stopped petting her! Danielle quickly put in an application to ensure that Keva would have the best life and home with her.

Since then, Danielle and Keva have been inseparable. Keva definitely gets the VIP treatment, with plenty of her favorite toys (crinkle balls, feather toys, cat nip and ribbons) and her favorite treats (Greenies.) Although Danielle and her husband are both vegetarians, they make sure that Keva gets some turkey on Thanksgiving!

Danielle knows her life would be very different without Keva, and recalls how it was by chance that they met. Danielle started volunteering at PAN when a friend asked her to check it out. There was some hesitation at first, as Danielle was not sure about working with cats. Most of her life she had been around only dogs and had not had the best experiences with meeting cats. It didn't take long for Danielle to realize that she really enjoyed working with the rescue and became involved with the adoption days and many special events.

"Volunteering with PAN has been



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very rewarding," says Danielle. "I love spreading the word about our rescued animals and the adoption process. I see it as a way to give back to an organization that introduced me to my best friend!"

**Are you interested in
volunteering with PAN? Check
our website for more information
and volunteer opportunities, or
email us at**

info@petadoptionnetwork.org

Recent Adoptions (since January 2014)

Silvio, Andrew, Felicity, Ollie Bell, Skye, Meredith, Bethany, Albert, Mama, Arthur, Alexander, Alicia, Temira, Murphy, Danny, Bella, Adam, Betty, Pink Martini, Simon, Simba, Ben, Bernie, Tonya, Kalinda, Kendra, Kendall, Katniss, Brandy, Sally, Tony, Tiffany, Cory, Chloe, Cookie, Lily, Marley, Oreo, Tangerine, Hazel, Gus, Otis, Cartier

Keeping Kitty Healthy: Some Easy Tips (taken from www.asPCA.org)

- **Nail Trimming:** Choose a quiet spot away from distractions when your cat is in a relaxed or even sleepy state. With kitty on your lap, gently take one of his/her paws and massage for pads for about 3 seconds. Give the pad a little press to extend the nail. Be very careful never to cut the nail down to the quick (the pink part of the nail.) That is where the nerves and blood vessels are, and it is very painful for the cat if that is cut. Don't try to cut all of the nails at one time if your cat resists. Nail trimming every 10 days to two weeks is a nice routine to settle into.
- **Dental Health:** If kitty's breath has an abnormally strong odor, he or she may have digestive problems or a gum condition, such as Gingivitis. Gums should be firm and pink and should show no signs of swelling. Teeth should be clean and show no signs of brownish tartar. Ask your vet about brushing supplies and if a brushing regimen is right for kitty.
- **Grooming:** Regular sessions with a brush or comb will help keep your pet's hair in good condition by removing dirt, spreading natural oils throughout the coat, preventing tangles and keeping the skin clean and irritant-free.
- **Ear Care:** The feline outer ear should have a layer of fur with no bare spots, with the inner surface clean and light pink. To check the inner ear, you can gently fold back kitty's ear. It should be pale pink and carry no debris or odor and have minimal or no earwax. If kitty is showing any ear discharge or signs of discomfort (persistent ear scratching, sensitivity, loss of balance, head tilting or shaking, bleeding or hearing loss) then a veterinary exam is needed right away.
- **Bathing:** If your cat's coat becomes greasy and oily, or if he's/she's gotten into something sticky or smelly, a bath will be very beneficial. First give a good brushing to remove dead hair and mats. Place a rubber mat in the tub or sink to provide secure footing. Place kitty in about 3-4 inches of lukewarm water. Use a spray hose or plastic pitcher to wet kitty, being careful not to spray in the ears, nose or eyes. Gently massage in a mild shampoo that is safe for cats, working from head to tail. Thoroughly rinse kitty, and use a large towel to dry her/him off.
- **Flea Control:** Even indoor cats can get fleas, as they can be brought in from the outside on shoes and pant legs. If your cat is showing any of these signs—persistent scratching, itchy or irritated skin, chewing and licking, hair loss, tapeworms in the feces, or pale lips/gums, it's time for a spot check. Use a fine toothed comb to brush kitty, especially around the neck and base of the tail. Look for brown, moving shapes the size of a pinhead (fleas), black spots in the comb (flea dirt), and tiny white grains (flea eggs.) There are a number of effective flea control products available both as prescription and over-the-counter formulas. These formulas often require just one monthly application to the skin to effectively kill adult fleas and prevent egg development. Some of these products are Frontline®, Advantage® or Revolution®.
- **Annual Veterinary Exams:** Even indoor cats should see a vet once a year for an annual check up. Most cats need their FVRCP vaccinations yearly and a rabies shot between 1-3 years. It's always a good idea to have a medical professional look at your cat to ensure that he/she is healthy as can be!





Kitten Wish List



(Some information taken from www.humanesociety.org)

It's that time of year again! "Kitten Season" is upon us. This is the time of year when unaltered adult female cats have kittens and animal shelters and rescues becoming inundated with the homeless litters. Here's how you can help:

1. Spay and neuter your own pets and encourage others to do the same.
2. Donate supplies, money or time. PAN is in need of cat litter, kitten food, small litter boxes, carriers, kitten bottle kits, Kitten Milk Replacer and monetary donations for veterinary care. We are always looking for new volunteers to help at our center on adoption days and at events!
3. Adopt a cat or kitten - open your home to a new feline friend!
4. Become a foster cat parent. PAN is in urgent need of volunteers to provide short term, in-home care for cats and kittens awaiting permanent adoption. All veterinary care is paid for by PAN. Fostering can last from a few days or weeks to several months.
5. Help care for homeless or feral cats in your area. Work with your local animal control or feral cat group to help manage your neighborhood's stray cat population.

For more information on any of the above items, please email PAN at info@petadoptionnetwork.org

Upcoming Events & Other News!

Home Goods Sale August 8th and 9th: PAN Center from 9am—3pm both days



\$\$ Raise money for Pet Adoption Network just by searching the Internet at www.GoodSearch.com or shopping online at <http://www.goodshop.com/>

\$\$ Shop at www.shop.com/PetAdoptionNetwork and PAN will be a recipient of a percentage of all purchases! All you have to do is go to the site, sign up and start shopping!

Check out PAN's Amazon wish list— a great and easy way to donate food and toys for our many foster kitties in foster homes!



Be sure to check out PAN's website and follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

Hello everyone,

Another year has passed and I turned 2 on April 10th. If it hadn't been for my last check-up, I would have said the cardiologist was NUTS when he diagnosed me with a heart condition. The doctor that gave me my yearly exam said the cardiologist was correct and I definitely do have a serious condition. I was given the go ahead to do whatever I wanted and enjoy life as I know it. And boy have I been doing that! I feel great, I look great. I love to eat and drink ...so LIFE IS GOOD! Every night after snack time my sister Peanut and I run and chase ourselves into exhaustion. That is so we let Mom and Dad sleep through the night (with us cuddling them, of course.) My dog sister Jenny can't keep up with us anymore, but she tries her best to get into the game also when we speed by her, or jump over her. We have so much fun together!!

Mom got me a water fountain for my birthday so I can get a drink from the faucet anytime I want to. This is great, I love it!! Peanut and Jenny use it too. Mom says it gives her the bathroom back. I don't quite know what she means by that.

'Til next time
Hugs and kitty kisses,
Martha

Martha's Corner



Peanut and I love to use the new water fountain I got for my birthday. It's a lot of fun to use and watch. I wonder where the water comes from...it never seems to stop!