



The Hempstead Kitty Crier



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Training Tails – Kitty Siblings

By Laura Garber, CPDT-KA

All-out fights are not the only harbinger of bad outcomes between cats. Every bad interaction, even ones as subtle as hard staring or stalking, eats away at the delicate fabric of the relationship. What this means is that working slowly, thoroughly, and patiently on your introduction process promises the greatest success over time. You cannot err by being too cautious when it comes to cat relationships.

- **Provide plenty of space around valued resources.** Stress can occur when re-sources such as food, water, litter boxes, or favorite resting places are in close proximity to one another or when escape is hindered, making Fifi feel trapped and defensive. Meals should be provided at a great distance so that no one feels threatened.



Romeo

- **Put back doors on all litter boxes.** Each cat needs to feel at ease around important resources like the litter box. The rule of thumb is to have one more litter box than the number of cats you have. And enclosed litter boxes should have a back exit to provide an additional escape route.

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From the Director's Desk

by Cindy Iacopella

Nearly two years ago I came on as Director of the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter and Adoption Center and it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. We have grown in leaps and bounds and the team of employees and volunteers that are the heart of our shelter is outstanding. I am in awe of their compassion and their dedication to our mission. It is truly inspiring.

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Cat Rescue Groups

The world of rescue is full excitement! Every day we are building new relationships and cherishing the ones we already have! We have been fortunate enough to have the support of feline 501C3 rescues in the Tri-State area as well as out-of-state, helping us with our ever-growing feline population! We are always looking to work with more rescues, especially those able to take in special needs cats, bottle babies and adults/seniors. Any rescue interested in working with the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter should contact Rescue Coordinator. Shari Polen at Spolen@tohmail.org or x4638.

About the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter

The Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter fosters a community of compassion and respect, and provides animals in need with a chance at a lifelong, loving home. Cats like Romeo and Juliet take refuge at our shelter until they can find the loving forever home that they deserve. Won't you join our community and help our mission?

If now's not a good time for a new furry family member, help us in other ways, by sending donated items from our wish list or volunteer some of your time to our very critical mission.

Stop in to the shelter, call us at (516) 785-5220, check us out online at www.toh.li/animal-shelter or on FaceBook at **Hempstead Town Animal Shelter**.

Adopt, don't shop!

Pet Therapy & Humane Ed

Pet Therapy and Humane Education personnel can visit your group with the shelter's therapy dogs! **Free seminars** are available teaching pet care, safety and responsibility to students, seniors and special needs groups. Are you a scout or group leader? Contact us for a free shelter tour at (516) 785-0197 or email pettherapyandhumaneed@tohmail.org for more information.

<i>From the Director's Desk (cont.)</i>	<i>Training Tails (cont.)</i>	<i>Volunteer Scuttlebutt</i>
<p>The animal sheltering industry is a unique one. To say we are a quiet bunch would be laughable, but somehow, in the end, our crew makes it work with grace. Saving homeless animals' lives is a passion for all of us. We know first-hand that the animals of the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter are the ones at the most risk – the forgotten, the not-so-pretty, the old, the injured, the neglected, the ones no one wants or loves. We are committed to doing all we possibly can to save the lives of these beautiful souls. We love them all; we soothe them with soft voices, bathe their dirty coats, give them nutritious food, play with them, and give them a safe place to rest. We give them a <i>chance!</i> Most of the animals who come into the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter have never known what love from a human was, never had a faithful human companion. Some have been abused; most have been neglected. But despite all of their horrible experiences, they are loving, forgiving, and <i>faithful</i> to their humans. We have come a long way over the past two years, but there is still a tremendous amount of work to do. I look forward to growing our shelter and implementing life-saving programs for these most vulnerable animals of our community. So I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you. <i>Together we are making a difference!</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide vertical space. Vertical space will increase the functional space in the home so the cats can stay more effectively out of each other's way. You may consider adding shelves in a step-wise configuration on the walls, free-standing shelves with some type of step-up near them, commercial cat furniture, or tables. You will need multiple, desirable areas. Place comfy cat beds at various heights and periodically place some cat treats or catnip in them. To show Fifi how to climb up and down to the highest spots, calmly lift her up there a few times by hand while praising her and then offer her some treats or love up there. Allow her to climb down at will. Usually cats only need to climb down from something a few times to figure out how to climb back up. Remember that cats also go under things, so you can provide hiding places under furniture as well. <p>The TOH Shelter has cats who enjoy the company of other kitty sibs. Ask for our help!</p>	<p>May Adoptions!: Elmer, Teddy B, Bella, Sonny, Smokey, Kitty, Baby, Tony, Dorothea, Myles, Jasmine, Robyn, Mechele, Maximus Rock, Caprice, Ragdoll, Emma, Mickey, Minnie, Mio, Kissie, Tiger, Panda, Pumpkin</p> <p>Upcoming June Calendar: Kitty Clicker Clinic: Sunday, 6/23 at 10am. Cat/Kitten Socialization Class: Saturday 6/29 at 12pm Please download an application and email it to dstormo@tohmail.org.</p> <p>On-site Adoption Events: 6/22, <i>Molly's Mission & Bully Bonanza</i> with free adoptions, 10am-6pm Off-site Adoption Events: 6/1 at Stanforth Sports Complex 6/8 at Pet Supplies Plus 6/15 at Millenium Hundai 6/29 at PetCo Call <i>Wendy</i> at x4628 for details.</p>
<p>Kitten Fostering</p> <p>The Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter in Wantagh is seeking foster volunteers to help animals that are orphaned and need socialization. Whether it is a kitten who needs to be bottle fed, or a kitten who is eating on their own and using the litter box, foster volunteers save lives. Once the kitten is two pounds, spaying and neutering will be performed and the kitten will be put up for adoption. Of course, foster parents may adopt if they fall in love! There are currently 60 kittens in foster care.</p>	<p>The Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter provides the foster home with training, food, supplies and medical care during the animal's stay in foster care. The foster volunteer will provide weekly reports to The Town of Hempstead Volunteer / Foster Coordinator.</p> <p>If you would like an application or need further information, please call Dolores Stormo at (516) 785-5220 x4635 or e-mail dstormo@tohmail.org</p>	<p>Featured Cats – ROMEO&JULIET</p>  <p>Romeo (<i>p.1</i>) and Juliet, 8 and 10 years old respectively, came in together to the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter when their owner was moving and couldn't take the two along. They love being brushed and chasing feather toys. These sibs have lived together their whole lives and are very bonded, and they get along well with others kitties, too!</p> <p>Might you be their forever buddy?!</p>