

Homes sought for cats

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HURON - June is Cat Adoption month and two local nonprofit animal adoption organizations would love to match their kitties with compatible owners.

"We are hoping to get more organizations to come (to "Mingle with the Mutts" in Huron) and encourage more people to come," said Rose Lener who is director of Old Mason Animal Rescue in Huron.

"We really want people to know that we have so many animals."

Adult cats, who have been neutered or spayed and have received their shots are available without a required fee until the end of this month.

There is a cat in particular who Lener would like to find a home for. She fostered Hayden in her own home for two years, but said she noticed he has become rather lonely since his sister was adopted.

"Hayden is my first choice to find a home for because he has been waiting for so long," she said.

Hayden is 2-year-old black cat whose pregnant mother wandered into Lener's yard. She had six kittens, and he is the only one who has not yet found a home.

"That he is black and a boy has made it hard for him to find a home," she said. "People don't realize how sweet he is because he is kind of shy.

"He purrs a lot and follows me around the house. He doesn't like to be cuddled, but he likes to lie beside you or stand on your lap. He is very affectionate."

Lener said he is going to be hard to let go of but then she can put another foster cat in his place.

Another adult cat, Chloe, needs a home. She just had kittens, who are ready to be adopted, too. They were recently weaned and are eating cat food.

Lener has two 3-month-old kittens, which she refers to as special needs. The white kitten has a heart murmur, but outwardly seems to be very healthy, she said.

She said the other kitten, who is his brother, is shy and depends on the other. She would like them to find a home together.

"We need somebody who would like to do something really great for a few cats who really need a chance at a good life," she said. "We are not seeing any of the signs of a heart murmur, but we know the one does have one."

OMAR was joined Sunday by The Society For the Protection of Animals in Fremont, which rescues animals who would otherwise be put asleep at the pounds.

"We take them in until we can find them loving, responsible homes," said volunteer Barbara McGrady. "We personally deliver each animal to their new home. People from all over Ohio actually foster for us."

She said they go into the pounds and take the animals who are suppose to die that day. Then they keep them until homes are found.

"We do this because society is becoming less and less compassionate in a lot of ways," McGrady said.

"By realizing all life is interconnected in a way that we really don't understand, we can feel and be humane to cats, dogs and people," she said. "We waive our adoption fee for senior citizens and give animals to nursing homes and assisted living areas."

For more information on animals available for adoption, see www.omar.com and www.spaohio.org.



Register photo/JASON WERLING Several Himalayan/Ragdoll mixed kittens play in a cage as Rose Lener of the Old Mason Animal Rescue watches from the background during an adoption day Sunday at the Huron Boat Basin.