

Life with Molly!

By Diana

While volunteering here at the San Antonio Missions I realized it had been too many years since I've had a kitten's love and affection. So last November 3rd, I visited the Humane Society of S.A. and there she was, "Aria" the name given for the most beautiful tabby kitten. You just know when you've chosen the perfect kitten.

Our first visit in the "playroom" was so much fun. She chased a toy around the room, allowed me to pick her up, and then...she purred so lovingly that I was immediately smitten. I had wanted a calico but she changed all that. I renamed her Molly after a young teenage country-western singer my husband liked to listen too and she immediately recognized her name when called. We live in an RV so the first thing we did was to make her new home kitten-safe. We blocked all exposed openings and bought all the necessary items and toys to amuse her. Molly looked very healthy at adoption, weighing in at 1.5 lbs. but after the initial visit to the VCA Animal Hospital for her "free" check-up, we found she had every possible thing wrong with her. After several weeks of tender-loving care and the right medications she was pronounced healthy. Molly is now six months old and weighs 6+ lbs. She is member of our family!

One picture's worth a thousand words. Molly loves dripping water. She didn't tolerate the many medicated baths she needed to get well, but, dripping water fascinated her. The first few times it was "cute." But then we realized we needed to discipline so each time she arrived at the "water

fountain" we used a mist bottle to persuade her off. It took many, many attempts but she immediately climbs off the counter when we simply lift the mist bottle. As far as exercise...well...she chases everything and anything up and down the hallway. I mean she "fetches" and retrieves just like a dog would. We say..."Go fetch, Molly" and off she goes, pushing the object back up the hallway like a soccer player then she picks it up and drops it in front of us for the next toss. It's really amazing to see. This can go on for hours.

I am so content now with our new member of the family. Since Molly came into our lives, she has given us so much love and amusement. I highly recommend pet adoption at the Humane Society to everyone!

