

Velvet



When I lost my husband to cancer and had to put his cat down three months later (also due to cancer), there was a huge void in my heart, even though I had two other cats at home.

I started to visit the Humane Society on Fredericksburg Road because they seemed to really care about the animals entrusted to their care. I started coming there every couple of weekends to see the cats.

One day I noticed this cute black kitty playing with the toys in her cage. On a whim, I started running my finger across her cage window and she started trying to play attack it. I then asked to see her and they showed me to a private viewing area and said they had named her Velvet. At first, she was really skittish but quickly warmed up to me and let me pet her and played with me. She then jumped into my lap, laid down, and also started purring really loud. I think I had decided on getting her when she first starting playing with me through the window but the clincher was when I had decided to get her and had her put back into her cage. The worker sad to me, "I don't know what you did to her but she won't stop purring."

I took Velvet home that day. The picture I'm sending you is of her laying in the bathroom sink. One of her favorite things is to bat at the drops of water as they come down and she will not move until you do this for her. Needless to say, I have to clean the mirror behind her on a regular basis but it's really cute to watch her do that. She loves to be petted and sits in my lap while I'm reading or plays with the mouse cursor while I'm checking emails. And she never lets me get too far from her. She follows me around the house all the time.

If and when the time comes, I won't hesitate to go back to the Humane Society for my next pet. I had almost decided to go to their volunteer training class but decided against it because I'd want to take one or more cats home. I think I'd end up being the cat lady you always see on the TV, with too many cats. But I recommend anyone wanting a new furbaby to go to the Humane Society. They are wonderful and really care about the animals in their care.