

6 Reasons You May Have a Scaredy Cat

Cats like to think that they're always ferocious lions, but they get scared sometimes, just like the rest of us. Some cats, of course, are more easily scared than others. If you have a cat who spends a lot of time hiding or runs for cover under specific circumstances, you may wonder why. Here are 6 reasons your cat may be skittish.

#1 – A bit feral

Kittens who aren't socialized while they're young never learn to trust humans, even as adult cats. A cat who was properly socialized as a kitten can still be "semi-feral". A semi-feral cat learned to trust humans as a kitten, but has since lived through a long stretch of time without human interaction. During that time, a formerly socialized cat can slip into having feral-like behaviors such as being skittish, scared, or aggressive. The good news is that semi-feral cats can be socialized again with effort, love, and patience.

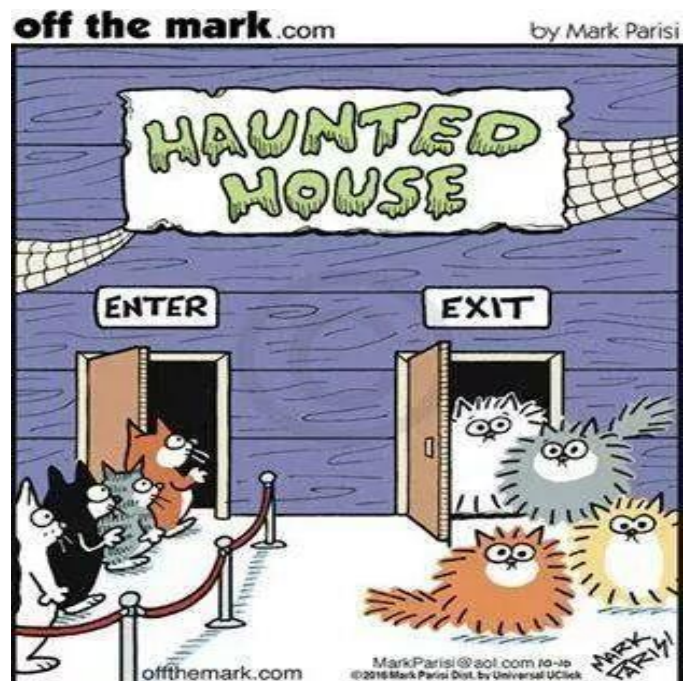
#2 – Overstimulating home

Your cat may be overstimulated if you have a home that's generally bustling or loud. Sensitive cats can be easily scared by unpredictable loud noises like a toddler screaming or cars honking their horns on the street outside. Since your cat's sense of hearing is so strong, she may even be scared or overstimulated by sounds you don't hear or notice, like a neighbor walking upstairs or road construction happening up the street.

#3 – Territorial dispute

Cats are territorial by nature. If you have a multi-cat home, you can bet there is some underlying territorial tension, even if you can't see it.

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#3 – Territorial dispute, continued

Many of the ways cats communicate with each other are so subtle that they'd take a real keen eye to notice. Your cat may be experiencing territorial issues even if she's the only cat in your home. Is there a stray who has been hanging around outside a window? Your cat may perceive them as a real threat to her safety and livelihood.

#4 – Triggered by a trait

Cats who have been mistreated or abused in the past may be scared by certain physical traits related to their abuser. It can be hard to pinpoint the exact trigger without evaluating a large amount of interactions, but if you pay attention you may discover that your cat becomes uncharacteristically scared when interacting with a person with a specific trait such as having a beard, being tall, or having a certain voice pitch.

#5 – Pre-disposed to anxiety

Just like humans, some cats are simply born with more sensitive personalities and are more prone to being scared and anxious.

#6 – Underlying medical issue

A change in your cat's behavior could indicate that there's an underlying medical issue that needs to be addressed. If your cat is normally brave but has recently become more skittish, make an appointment with your veterinarian to see if there's a medical link.



September was a HUGE Fundraising month for Cat NAPS! We started off with the the Pottstown Pet Fair at Memorial Park on Saturday, 9/16. Pictured to the left are volunteers Cat Harrold and Joan Stevens along with the Girl Scouts working hard to raise much needed funds for the fosters! Next up was the Carousel of Flavor in Pottstown on Sunday, 9/24. We ended the month on Saturday, 9/30 with our Fall Fest! We also had our new stock of T-shirts selling like hot cakes to help defray HoppAlong's vet bills!

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, we pulled off what seemed like the busiest month ever! Between all three fundraisers, we raised close to \$1,000 not including the T-shirt sales! To date, T-shirt sales and donations for HoppAlong's vet bills are at about \$1,500! AWESOME!!!!

THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!!

Let's keep the momentum going! More fundraiser events coming in the next couple of months. Plenty of T-shirts still available. Oh, and HoppAlong (pictured) is recuperating nicely in her foster home! YAY!



*****ADOPTION SPOTLIGHT*****

Meet Chris & Cornell and JuJuBee & GumDrop!



Chris pictured to the left and her brother, Cornell pictured below were part of a trap, neuter, return project but, were so small, we decided to give them a chance at being adoptable. Had they been returned, they would have been easy pickings for any bird of prey, fox or coyote. Cornell likes to give his foster mom kisses while his sister, Chris, is a fan of tummy tickles. And although she isn't a "lap cat," she will literally plop down next to you if you're sitting on the couch or floor.

Some of us at Cat NAPS are deeply into music and honor those talented musicians that have left us too soon the only way we know how, by naming our cats and kittens accordingly.

GumDrop (brown tabby) & his sister, JuJuBee (grey tabby), below, were rescued by Forgotten Cats on Valentine's Day 2017. GumDrop is very outgoing and friendly once he's comfortable with a situation. His sister watches him & takes her cues accordingly. They are very bonded siblings! We would like it to stay that way. They obviously love each other. They're great with other cats but, we aren't sure about dogs & kids.



All vet work is complete on all four kittens, they're microchipped & they are FeLV negative!

Email notallperfectstrays@yahoo.com today for an application!

ADOPTION UPDATE:

Princess Poppy has been adopted and enjoying her forever home!
Liam is still waiting to be adopted.

**Cat NAPS Corner
October 2017**



With Friday the 13th coming up next week and Halloween right around the corner, we can't stress enough that Black Cats are not bad luck. They are often overlooked and last to be adopted.

Groucho Marx once stated, "A black cat crossing your path signifies that the animal is going somewhere."

However, if you break a mirror on Friday the 13th, that's another story! Be safe! HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

Ways you can continue to help Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc.

Cat NAPS is part of the Redner's receipt program. Save your Redner's receipts for us! If you don't have a Redner's card, visit their Customer Service Desk!

Mail your receipts to:

Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc.; PO Box 453, Gilbertsville, PA 19525

We're also part of the Smile Amazon program! If you shop on Amazon, just go to Smile.Amazon.com to make your purchases and choose Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc. as your charity!

Good Shop donates to Cat NAPS. Visit our website for more details.

EVENTS and WEBSITE:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 15th THROUGH NOVEMBER 12th, 2017
Yankee Candle Fundraiser! Information Attached.**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th; 1 pm - 2:30 pm
Chestnut Pointe Apartments Clubhouse;
150 Morgan Drive, Royersford, PA**

**We'll be there with a few fosters available for adoption!
More information forthcoming.**