

# YOU AND YOUR PET

## UCHS: Meet Celeste

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**CELESTE**

Once again I am taking on the challenge of getting myself adopted although my name means heavenly life, for me life has been far short of heaven! I am a beautiful calico feline who arrived here as a stray on Sept. 4, 2014.

My life before arriving at the shelter was not optimum so I was bewildered and frightened by my new surroundings. I did have a lovely cage and food but I was not willing to be touched and hid from the staff and visitors. I had old tapes playing that nasty things could happen if I let down my guard. I did not claw or hit anyone but would walk away when I thought I was being approached, which was not great for being adopted.

I know people are put off by animals that have been returned to the shelter and I have been returned twice. Sometimes people think animals will change and sometimes they do, but also they may not. I was placed in a home with other cats and did not like them and they did not like me and I let them know it. The second home didn't like the fact that I don't like to be held and don't like my feet touched. These special needs of mine were explained to both families so I should not bear the full blame for these situations.

I think I am about six years old and my contours have become a little rounder since being in here, but I am confident I will become my streamlined self with more exercise! The good news is that before this latest setback I was coming out of my shell, playing with cat balls, string toys and mice and even coming for affection and petting because staff know I do not like being held in the air and respected this. My high spot of the day is wet food arriving in the morning. It is so good!

I would do well in an only-cat household as I am happy by your side but also happy on my own; the perfect cat if you are at work all day. I could manage a low-key dog and an adult family or one with children 12+ who would give me my space.

If you feel you could make room for a heavenly calico girl please call the shelter at 519-833-2287 or email info@uppercredit.com to meet me.

Note: As I have waited so long I am offered at a discounted rate to help get me get re-homed, which I hope works out positively for me.

## NHKR: Meet Thomas

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**THOMAS**

Thomas was a two year old un-neutered male when he first arrived in the neighbourhood of a NHKR foster family. He was a typical stray cat scruffy and thin roaming for food and hesitantly seeking human companionship. A patient foster family has helped Thomas successfully make the transition from a homeless outdoor cat to a contented house cat.

He has embraced indoor life and is now mastering life with a family. He will allow just about anything if his neck is being scratched his nails are easily trimmed, his coat groomed and he can be picked up and carried. Thomas is a gentle boy but he is still adjusting to receiving attention and is sometimes overwhelmed but clearly indicates when he is, by first thrashing his tail then verbalizing with a yowl. He will leap up beside people to receive some scratches, then is content to be with people without any more attention. He is a quiet cat, sadly Thomas does not purr but he communicates with his expressive eyes, his tail and his vocabulary of yowls. He shows no desire to go outdoors and is entertained by observing the activities within his home and playing enthusiastically with his toys.

Thomas would fit into a family with teens/

adults who would observe and understand his messages. Household noises don't seem to bother him. He finds a quiet place when he needs to and other times he is sprawled out with activity around him. He is passive with other cats: respecting his elders, and playing with younger cats. He is cautious with dogs, not aggressive, just the normal cat reaction of leaving then sneaking around to get a closer look. With patience from his new family, Thomas will settle in and continue his growth to become a well rounded house cat.

Thomas and Tiger Lily are available for adoption at Pet Valu 369 Mountainview Rd Saturday 1-3 p.m. For more information visit www.NHKR.ca or call Barb at (905) 873-8547.

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