



# Cat Care Quarterly

## Joplin Cats Find Their Way to CCS

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On May 22, 2001, Joplin, Missouri, suffered a large tornado which destroyed portions of the city. It was so sad to see the devastation that so many people suffered. Of course, as an obvious animal lover, I was concerned about the family pets and what would happen to them. There were wonderful stories about families being reunited with their pets. But, I knew some pets wouldn't be so lucky, especially those without microchips.

In August, I was contacted by an animal rescue organization in Joplin, Missouri, asking if Cat Care Society could assist with placement of kittens. What these rescuers were encountering were lots of homeless kittens, probably from homeless mamas that got pregnant once they were outside. Of course, I jumped at the chance to help.

On August 29th, I picked up seven kittens who had

been transported to Denver from Joplin. These babies were approximately 5 weeks old and the sweetest kittens, not a shy one in the bunch, even though they hadn't had a lot of human contact. These kittens came into my house for foster care until they are old enough for adoption.

I named all of them after towns and cities in Missouri. The four boys are Branson, Joplin, O'Fallon and Hamilton and the three girls are Madison, Hazelwood, and Ava. Though all seven have suffered from colds and eye infections, all in all they have been very healthy. They are still the friendliest group of kittens; shoulders are one of their favorite things to sit on and observe the world.

These kittens should be available for adoption in early October. If you are looking for a new addition to your home, please come check them out. 🐾



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