

Foster Parent of the Month

March 2021-Barry Scott

We are beyond excited to recognize Barry Scott as Foster Parent of the Month for March of 2021. Barry has fostered over 100 cats in the past 13 years that he has been fostering for Seattle Humane. Barry also volunteers for our Pet Food Bank on a weekly basis! He delivers pet food and supplies to families in need.

As a foster parent, Barry’s specialty is in helping our fearful and/or behaviorally challenged cats. Barry has an incredible amount of patience and compassion for cats that experience high stress in their time at SH. In fact, Barry says that his favorite foster cats have been those that are extremely shut-down. He finds it gratifying to watch a cat blossom from a state of fear to sitting in his lap.

What’s his special trick, you might ask? It’s a lot of skill, experience, and of course, Tucker, his 12 year-old resident cat!



Barry and his beloved cat Tucker.

Tucker is a special soul who even made fast friends with Katrina, the Rottweiler/Shepherd mix that Barry adopted in 2004. As many adopters do, Barry worried the two might not get along. However, within 5 minutes of entering his new home, Tucker was walking alongside Katrina, tickling her belly with his tail. Barry gave Katrina a loving home until she passed in 2015.

Barry’s love for animals began when he was a child. He grew up in a home with 2 older brothers who frequently brought home turtles, snakes, and frogs. In addition, his father, who worked in tree maintenance, would sometimes rescue baby squirrels and raccoons! The family would provide care for the orphaned animals until they were old enough to release back into the wild.

So, with over 100 cats passing through his home, you must be wondering if Barry was ever tempted to ‘foster fail’ (adopt a foster pet)... Barry has a great perspective on the term ‘foster fail’. He says that if an animal finds a good home, there’s no failure involved! We have to agree!

We asked Barry if there’s any advice he would give to new foster. He said something we know all too well: patience is key!

Please join us in giving Barry a big virtual round of applause for all his hard work as a foster parent!



Foster cat Strider (tabby) and Tucker lounge in Barry’s lap. Strider was under evaluation to see if he would be best-suited for Mouser life...I think I know the answer.



Barry’s cat Tucker, shortly after he adopted him in 2012, romps in the yard with Katrina.



Eunice, a recent foster of Barry’s who



Previous shy foster Styx is an expert at hide-n-seek.

