

**MEET BANJO, THE FIRST
GRADUATE OF THE MWHHS
SOCIALIZATION PROGRAM!**



**Voted: Most Likely to Purr
Career Objective: Find a Forever Home
(Please check out my resume!)**

BANJO

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Objective: To find my forever home

March 2003 – February 2004: A time I would rather not remember. I was born outside and was part of a colony of cats. I spent my first year outside and did not have the chance to learn that humans can be good and kind.

March 2004 – The nice folks at MWHS rescued me and brought me to a vet to be spayed and checked out. My prospects for finding a home were slim because of my unfortunate past. I was destined to be returned to my colony after my vet care, to live out my life as best I could. But the folks at the shelter saw something special in me and decided that I might be able to learn to trust humans, so they kept me.

March 2004 – December 2008 – The folks at the shelter were very good to me. But they didn't have enough volunteers to be able to spend time working with me to help me become less afraid. I spent my days with my cat friends, all the while knowing there must be a better life for me and wondering how I would find it.

January 2009 – I watched hundreds of cats get adopted over the years. No one could see past my shy exterior to see the wonderful cat within. I wanted to make people friends, I just didn't know how. The folks at the shelter started a new program for cats like me. Volunteers started to work with me. My life began to change!

June, 2010 – My Graduation! I am now a very happy girl and have learned to enjoy humans. I am desperately looking for my forever home. Some of my skills and interests include:

- ❖ A signature purr, yes folks, I'm told my purr is something special
- ❖ Gazing out a window – how I would love to have a window to call my own
- ❖ Being brushed – show me a soft baby brush and my eyes light up
- ❖ Being petted – I love to be petted and especially enjoy a chin scratching
- ❖ Play – I promise to play quietly, give me a catnip toy and I will hold it in my paws and roll around
- ❖ Get along well with other cats – I'm very good at this. I love to snuggle with my cat friends
- ❖ Naps – I particularly enjoy long naps

I must tell you I do like to take things slowly at first. If you would like to pet me, let me sniff your hand first. Ditto with the brush. Yes, I like to take my time sniffing the brush before you start to brush me.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST (The volunteers who have worked with me and grown to love me would be happy to talk with you about me.)