

## Rescued “Boat Cat” Looking for a Home

Whitney (Houston) was rescued by the Houston SPCA following the terrible floods in Houston during hurricane Harvey. At the time she had nine 3 day-old kittens and was in pretty bad shape. She was driven to Dallas by the HSPCA then, along with other rescues, was flown to Miami for distribution to local rescue organizations. Whitney was taken by Domino’s House Cat Rescue of Palm City, Florida, a no-kill cage-free private cat rescue. She and her nine babies were then given to her foster parents (that would be us). As you can imagine she has been through some tough times recently. But even during all this turmoil she remained the sweetest cat we have fostered. This is the sad part of the story.

The following is the happy part of the story. Her babies have all been taken back to the rescue for adoption – and so far 6 have been adopted! Whitney has filled out and continues to be such a great cat we are keeping her at our house in Palm City, Florida until we find a great home for her. But, we had a two week trip planned to Sarasota on our 54 foot Offshore. So, we loaded her up (along with our three cats and Golden Retriever) and off we went. We had no idea how Whitney would take to the cruising life. Well, she took to it wonderfully! She spent the days lazing about in the pilot house, wandering the flybridge deck (up with us), plopped on the settee snoozing or laying on the charts just when I need to look at them. At night she slept either at our feet – or at our heads trying to steal as much pillow space as possible. If we were cooking she would watch us from the pilot house, if we were watching TV she would immediately find a lap to relax on. She loves our dog and seems to like our other cats – but they are taking their time liking her.

Nothing phases her – not the engine noise, big swells, docking – she just watches. After all she has been through she just wants to be around people. And, she has taken to being a boat cat with no hesitation. She doesn’t just tolerate it – she loves it!

She is about two years old, just spayed, fully litter box trained, healthy and gorgeous. And so unique that she seems to love cruising. She would be just as great in a non-boating home but finding a cruising kitty can be difficult – so we decided to see if anyone out there was interested.

If you are interested – or want to know more about Whitney – please get in touch. Our number is 772-284-9737 and our email is [blokay@yahoo.com](mailto:blokay@yahoo.com).

Here are a few pictures from our last cruise.



Keeping watch in port



A nap while underway



First walk at the marina



Waiting for dinner



Still waiting for dinner – but with more determination



Finished with dinner – watching us cook our dinner