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## Kleinfelter - the 1 in 3000 Cat Rare Male Tortoiseshell Cat at the Cat Adoption Team

(Apr. 7, 2009) — Meet Kleinfelter, a very rare cat indeed.

You see, Kleinfelter is a male tortoiseshell – a coloration almost exclusively female. In fact, Kleinfelter can be considered a genetic abnormality since he has two X chromosomes along with a Y chromosome, but he is still adorably cute and looking for a loving home. He is affectionate, loves to be scratched behind his ears, and has one black and one tan black leg.

Kleinfelter came to CAT from another local shelter as part of CAT's 9-Lives Transfer program. He is a friendly 7 months old teenager. Kleinfelter is available for adoption at CAT's Sherwood shelter. His adoption fee is \$100 (which is the normal fee for a cat between 7 and 12 months old).

Tortoiseshell or calico (also known as tortoiseshell-and-white) coloring can appear in any breed of cat. However, the coat color is caused by specific genetic traits that occur almost exclusively in females (double X chromosomes).

About 1 in every 3,000 tortoiseshells or calico cats is born male. They may have "Kleinfelter's syndrome" causing them to carry that extra X chromosome resulting in their coloration and sterility. Yes, CAT's Kleinfelter is sterile. However, the veterinarians at CAT did neuter him to eliminate his chances of testicular cancer, spraying, roaming, and male aggression.

CAT has 250 cats and kittens all looking for loving homes. Kleinfelter's rarity is only in his coloration not his homeless situation. Find your next feline friend at CAT.

The Cat Adoption Team is located at 14175 SW Galbreath Dr., Sherwood, OR. Call (503) 925-8903 or visit [catadoptionteam.org](http://catadoptionteam.org) to see photos of cats for adoption, learn about upcoming events, or to download CAT's Meet Your Match Adoption Survey.

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*The Cat Adoption Team (CAT) is the Pacific Northwest's largest non-profit, feline-only shelter. CAT was the first animal shelter in Oregon with its own full service veterinary hospital on site. CAT's mission is to work with the community to save the lives of unwanted, homeless, sick, and injured cats and kittens by offering shelter, adoption, foster, hospice, spay/neuter, and veterinary services to end needless feline euthanasia. CAT will find homes for over 3,250 felines this year. As a 501(c)(3) publicly-supported charity, CAT relies on the generous support of the public and volunteers.*

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