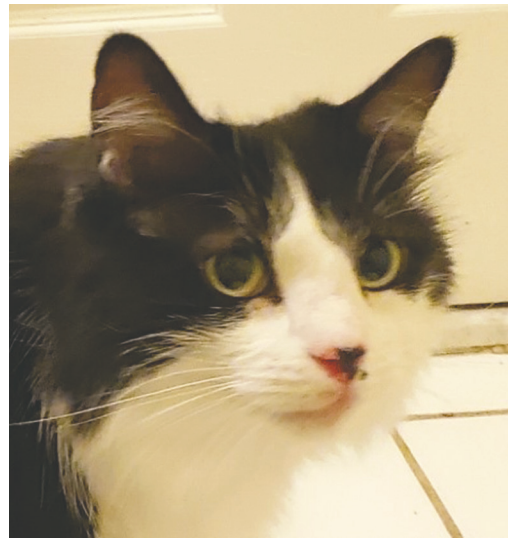




Tiger



Precious

Cats in need of 'furever' home following tragedy

The tornado of August 4 in the Ocran area of Lancaster County not only resulted in the death of J.W. Childs, but his wife, Leslie, had to move to an assisted living facility, leaving their two feline companions without a home, according to a press release posted by Garfield's Rescue Inc. (GRI).

According to the Childs family, Mr. Childs' autopsy determined that he died from blunt force trauma to the chest. He was Mrs. Childs' caregiver until his death, reported GRI corresponding secretary and data manager Kathy Haurand.

Tiger, a 10-year-old short-haired orange and white tabby, and Precious, a 9-year-old long-hair tuxedo, were left homeless. The Childs family took the cats to 4 Leggers in Irvington to be boarded until a plan could be made for finding them a new home. That's when GRI was contacted and immediately took action, said Haurand.

Tiger and Precious were released into GRI's care and moved into a foster home. Both cats were clearly loved and well cared for by their

previous family and are adjusting well to their foster family. GRI obtained their vet records from Kilmarnock Animal Hospital and found that both cats are not current on vaccinations and parasite treatments, she said.

A thorough medical examination is scheduled for this week at Bayside Animal Hospital. The cats will have bloodwork done to test for possible ailments common to older cats, continued Haurand. A dental exam also will be conducted to check for possible problems with their teeth and gums.

Tiger and Precious are a delightful pair of cats who have stolen the hearts of all of the volunteers who have met them, she said. As soon as the two of them have been given a total clean bill of health, they will be available for adoption. As they are a bonded pair, they must be adopted together.

If interested in contributing to the care of Tiger and Precious while in foster care or to apply to be their new "furever" home, visit www.garfield-srescue.org.