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Overcrowded Animal Control needs foster families for pets

By Devon Hubbard Sorlie
 The Virginian-Pilot

Jinx swatted at a toy dangling into his cage, but next door, Leo, a large orange tabby, was having none of that. He saw people and he knew it was going to take a connection with one of them to get him out of a cage and back into a home.

As David Thacker of Whaleyville walked by, Leo sat in front of the cage. Thacker hesitated, and that's all Leo needed to move in for the kill: he head-butted the bars, rubbing for affection.

Thacker, who owns cats with his fiancée, Sonia McKenzie, knew the drill. He reached in and soon a rumble of a purr could be heard.

"We're always out looking for other pets," McKenzie said as she played with two kittens, Callie and Pebble.

Several cats and dogs

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DEVON HUBBARD SORLIE

Joe Hopple rubs the ear of Toby, a Lab mix offered for adoption at the Suffolk Humane Society. Despite moving four times, Hopple said he always was able to keep his dog rather than give it away. Toby found a home that day.

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Leo, a male yellow tabby, peers through the bars of his cage waiting for someone to claim him and take him into their home. Rather than playing with toys, Leo prefers people.

ADOPT

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- and one bird - needing homes found them during the Suffolk Humane Society's Adopt-a-thon March 15 at Wal-Mart. The need to find them homes became even more critical after 30 animals were rescued from a Suffolk home under deplor-

able conditions recently, filling the cages at Suffolk Animal Control, making less room for other cats and dogs. The Humane Society also needs foster homes where adoptable dogs and cats may be kept until homes are found.

Anyone interested in signing up as a volunteer or foster family, contact the Humane Society at info@SuffolkHumaneSociety.com.

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