

■ OLDER PET GETS HOME

# Adopted cat makes national headlines

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A cat adopted from a South Williamsport no-kill shelter has received national attention.

Sabrina Louise, who was adopted by the Housers from The Lycoming Animal Protection Society or LAPS, was the subject of an article in an Oklahoma newspaper.

An article about the importance of adopting older cats, Sabrina Louise and her picture appeared Dec. 6 in the Guthrie Oklahoma News Leader. Her owner Ellen Houser, of State College, submitted the article.

Since adopting her and another senior cat, the Housers have become advocates for adopting of senior cats.

The Housers began looking for a cat in 2006 after one of their cats died. They needed a companion for Murphy who

was 10 or 11 at the time.

They found Lycoming Animal Protection Society on Petfinder.com. Sabrina was 16 at the time they adopted her in 2006.

After their older cat died, they again checked out Petfinder and found Mickey, a black cat and 11 at the time, at LAPS. He had been at the shelter for more than four years. They adopted him in 2010.

"I can't tell you how very, very proud we are to have one of our kitties promoting the joys of adopting a senior pet from a local shelter," said Linda Williard, former board member of LAPS and LAPS volunteer from Northumberland.

Information on cats in need of homes can be found at [www.lapsshelter.org](http://www.lapsshelter.org).

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