

Don't be spellbound: Black cats represent love and luck

by Ann Bedford

My husband and I fostered two momma cats, one tuxedo and one all black in the spring of 2014.

The tuxedo had five kittens and the solid black had three kittens. As always, the kittens got adopted immediately but the two mommas remained with us for months, so we adopted both. We named the solid black cat, Baby, as she was the baby of the tuxedo from a previous litter. Baby was a great mother and is quite the character. She is full of personality and is a great lap sitter and purrer. She is now an 8-year-old beauty.

Black cats have long been associated with Halloween. Although some folklore and superstition suggests black cats bring bad luck should they cross your path, black cats also are full of love and luck.

In ancient Egyptian times, black cats were of the highest esteem as they resembled the cat-headed Egyptian god of home, protection, and fertility from disease. Besides this, black cats are considered a



Margo and kittens

lucky charm in various parts across the globe.

In Asia and the UK, owning a black cat or a figurine of a black cat brings luck.

As far as Japan is concerned, spotting a black cat means finding great love.

In various parts of England, it is believed a bride will have a lucky marriage if someone

gives her a black cat as a gift.

European sailors see safety in travel when they bring a black cat with them.

Across parts of Scotland, folks will have prosperity at home when a black cat appears on their door.

French people believe some-

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thing beneficial will happen for you once you spot a black cat.

In many other cultures worldwide, black cats are considered a good luck sign, especially when you dream about them or see them walking towards you.

Closer to home, Garfield's Rescue Inc. always has solid black cats in foster care.

We are fostering a litter of four solid black kittens named Marcus, Martin, Marva and Marsha and their solid black mother, Margo. They are as sweet as can be and are looking for their "forever" homes.

Visit Garfield's webpage at garfieldsrescue.org to learn more about our mission and to view our current foster cats or make a donation to support care of foster cats. You can also donate by check payable to Garfield's Rescue Inc. and send to P.O. Box 257, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

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