

## The CatChannel Newswire

**Top stories: Cat training does the trick; St. Louis seeks new home for stray pets.**

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### Cat Training Does the Trick

Contrary to popular belief, you can train a cat, pet experts say. Although cats can be indifferent and finicky, most felines can be taught not to scratch the couch, eat plants, or jump up on the kitchen counter, reports the Chicago Sun-Times.

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### St. Louis Seeks New Home for Stray Pets

St. Louis City's stray and abandoned dogs and cats are looking for a new home. Mayor Francis Slay announced that the St. Louis City Animal Care and Control Center on Gasconade will close by summer. Slay said he decided to close the shelter because it is "badly outdated and incapable of humanely caring" for the animals, reports the St. Louis Post-Democrat.

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### 'Gothic Kittens' Groomer Launches Website to Fund Appeal

Since Holly Crawford's conviction on animal-cruelty charges, the Sweet Valley, Penn., pet groomer has vowed to appeal a guilty verdict of animal-cruelty charges for piercing kittens' ears, docking their tails and marketing them online as "gothic," reports the Scranton (Penn.) Times Tribune.

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