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## ONE YEAR LATER, OZ THE CAT STILL WAITING FOR A HOME

SAN DIEGO, CA—October 28, 2002—Last October, a seven year old tom cat named Ozzie, was surrendered to the Escondido Humane Society's PETsMART adoption unit on Murphy Canyon Rd. Adoption counselors assumed the Russian Blue feline would find a new owner immediately. Today, Ozzie still resides in the adoption center, waiting for a new home.

While potential adopters are initially drawn to Ozzie's wide eyed stare, they are deterred by his tall order of adoption terms. First of all, his dominant personality makes it impossible to place him in a home with other cats. Then, there's the issue of his susceptibility to urinary tract infections. To prevent one from recurring, he requires a single dosage of ointment applied to his paw once a day.

"People are always drawn to Ozzie when they come in. He has these big round eyes that just pop out at you. But once they see that he has special needs, they just pass him by", says Jennifer Rabehl, EHS adoption counselor. "But in reality, with his medicine he's just as healthy as any other cat."

Ozzie will remain in the Escondido Humane Society's adoption center until he is adopted.

He has already been neutered and he is up to date with his shots. He is available at the

PETsMART store in San Diego on Murphy Canyon Rd. For information, call (858) 571-0300

and ask for the Escondido Humane Society.