

## **The story of Bud**

Bud appeared at a local nursery one morning. He was thin and very frightened of people. No one knew where Bud came from. He appeared feral but he did not leave. He had found a safe place to rest and came to eat when no one was looking. Bud seemed to begin to "heal" from the fear of his life on the streets. Bud began making friends with Sammy, the other cat who lived at the business. With a safe place to sleep and food each day, he began to gain weight. His coat began to grow thicker and even began to shine. He had not been neutered though! It took nearly 3 years for the business owner to earn Bud's trust so he could be taken to the vet to be neutered and get vaccinations. After that, Bud seemed to understand. He began moving closer and closer to people. It was like Bud wanted to be touched but he was still so frightened of people. Cats are very smart animals and they learn quickly that humans are cruel in the treatment of homeless cats.

2 years passed and Bud changed daily. Visitors to the business now find Bud sitting on the cash register, waiting for you to touch him and tell him how beautiful he is. Bud and Sammy claim the local business as their home and are happy to greet visitors during the day and even happier to sleep inside the business at night. Life is good for Bud now. He has a home!