

Two months ago my wife and I were discussing how sad we were at the recent loss of one of our cats, how much we missed him and that we'd love to give a loving home to a new furry friend in need of one. After looking at the Rotherham Rescue Rangers website we came across Freda, shy but loving cat once you get to know her the advert suggested. One look at the photo and the mention of the word loving and we instantly thought 'She's the one for us'

We immediately sent a text to Freda's fosterer to enquire that she was still available and we were delighted to find that she was. We arranged a visit and on meeting Freda, who in fairness didn't look over-enamoured with us, we fell in love. But, we also met a crazy beautiful little lady called Ninja. Having discussed the whys and wherefores with Clare and Shaun we decided we'd love to offer Freda a new abode.

Having raised several cats (rescue cats, strays, and a pet shop bought cat) we were convinced we could offer Freda a loving home and when we got her to her new pad we left her to explore and find a place where she felt safe.

It was then then over dinner Jenn and I let our minds drift to the possibility of adopting the lovely but crazy Ninja too. We could see that Clare and Shaun had done such a good job of raising and caring for these two cuddly characters and that they had developed a special bond. Thirty seconds passed and the excited decision YES was made. We'll have them both. Buddies, Partners in Crime, Loving companions.

Ninja and Freda have been with us for some time now and we couldn't be happier with the decision we made to adopt the pair of them. Freda was very shy at first unlike Ninja who was, let's say 'Spirited'. Now that we've had them for a while we have completely fallen in love with the new furry additions to the family and their unique personalities.

At first we very rarely saw Freda, but as she has become more familiar with her surroundings and with the help of the freewheeling, fast moving, all encompassing Ninja, she has now become a much more confident young lady. She still is very cautious and likes things to be done on her terms. She loves to be petted, however, she decides when and where the petting will take place. She loves to jump on the bed in a morning and wildly jump around and seemingly pet herself using an outstretched palm. She loves to sit beside us on the sofa and watch telly She particularly likes ball sports and will often sit 12 inches from the TV and watch Football, snooker you name it.

Now then, on to Ninja. Ninja is definitely the live-wire, free-spirit, some might say loony of the two of 'em. She does have a mischievous streak which we are trying our best to keep on top of. We've managed to stop her digging in the house plants, using the bath as a toilet, simply because to walk downstairs would shave valuable time off playing and that surely would not do. Ninja can play non-stop for hours. Her favourite game is fetch, she loves gladly skid along the kitchen floor playing football with a foil ball before picking it up and bringing it to you for another throw into the distance.

Two very different cats indeed. However this dynamic works and we are so glad to have adopted both of the little cuties.

If they weren't so used to their names by now, we would definitely rename them Thelma and Louise. Freda tends to come to life most often in the evenings and that's when we realise taking them both was the best thing we could have done.

After the obligatory cat kiss and the paw across each others face, the plotting begins. They love a certain toy which can only be described as a cat swing-ball. They lay directly opposite each other nonchalantly batting the ball back and forth, however you can see them staring at each 'plotting'. The next thing, boom, Freda goes on the starters gun and Ninja is a split second behind. Up the stairs, through every room on the upper floor at the speed of light. Down the stairs skidding on the mats like surfing on the tiled floor. Through the kitchen and into the living room, over the human jungle gyms and back to the favourite toy. This is usually repeated until one of them runs out of steam. They'll then tend to find their favourite spots around us and relax before round two.

Now several weeks on both Freda and Ninja are seen regularly day and night up to there little campaigns around the house. They've even managed to bring our older female cat Sox out of her shell, who is relishing the role of being alpha cat. She offers plenty of tips on the best way to catch flies and bits of string even if it is between looks of disdain at the youthful exuberance.

All in all I really think that our two new additions have settled in very well and we certainly hope they like their new home. We couldn't have wished for a pair of incredibly different but equally adorable bundles of joy. We look forward to many happy moments with the two newest members of our family.

Thanks to Rotherham Rescue Rangers for rescuing, caring for and allowing us to adopt two wonderful little

superstars.