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Meet Philip, My (Unplanned) Adopted Cat

I went with the intention of covering a pet adoption event, I ended up bringing home a kitten.

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This weekend [Pet Supplies Plus](#) is holding its fifth annual Christmas Open House. The event runs Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The adoption event features 200 felines along with dogs and puppies.

I went to this event with the intention of putting together a short story about the need to provide homes for these animals. The plan was then having a nice dinner at [Leo's Coney Island](#) next door. So what happened? I fell in love with Philip, a 14-week old, five-pound, medium-haired kitten. He, along with the 200 other cats, needed a home and I knew I could give that to him.

Lauren Lonergan and her 8-year-old daughter Riley volunteer at the Pet Supplies Plus on M-59 every week and help take care of the cats. They were at the event, which kicked off Friday, helping people hold cats and taking care of the cages.

"We love being able to come and play with the kittens," Lonergan said.

Although now is a good time to adopt an animal, this isn't a decision that should be made in haste.

After conducting my interviews and getting photos, my fiance Brian and I sat down and discussed at length if we could take in another animal. Could we afford it? Will our dog and cat accept this new kitten? After spending a half hour going back and forth on the issue, we decided could give Philip a good home. After five minutes of paperwork, Philip was ours.

There's still time for you to get your own Philip. In addition to dogs and cats for adoption, there will be special savings on food and toys, prizes and refreshments. Sunday, pet owners can bring their pets and get pictures with Santa. All adoption fees and pictures with Santa donations will benefit the Oakland Pet Adoption Center.

All animals available for adoption have been health checked, vaccinated and spayed/neutered.

If you have the time, space and want for a family pet head to Pet Supplies Plus and see what is available.

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