



# MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

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Summer 2013

## LILY: CELEBRATING SPRING'S RE-BIRTH

The small black cat was struggling for her life, yet she wrapped her paws around her three newborn kittens and allowed them to nurse. She kneaded the air and purred, comforting the babies as she was hurriedly transported to Animal Emergency Services East in Kirkland. A difficult birth the previous day had caused her uterus to prolapse. She needed immediate surgery to remove her damaged and diseased reproductive organs. But there were complications. Internal bleeding had caused severe blood loss and she was morbidly anemic. She needed a blood transfusion – stat.



Lovely Lily

Through the night and over the next few days it was touch and go. The doctors and staff took turns tube feeding and bottle feeding the kittens. They treated and monitored the mother cat, watching and waiting for improvement in her blood values. At last she was strong enough to be discharged into a highly qualified foster home to continue her recovery. Little by little, day by day, the tiny mama cat then called Spring, now named Lily, regained her strength. Throughout her ordeal, she demonstrated her instinctual mothers' love for her little ones. Even in her most weakened state, Lily lovingly cared for her kittens, lifting her head whenever she heard their cries, gently pulling them close to her.

Lily's life could have gone either way. Her survival in the absence of a transfusion was a minor miracle. Her blood type is certainly not the only thing special about this little mama cat. She will soon be ready for adoption and someone will surely be so fortunate to have this special blossom for life.

Just like humans, cats have AB blood types. In the United States, a reported 94% - 99% of domestic cats have Type A blood. To our dismay, this little mama cat tested as Type B. The emergency hospital contacted local veterinary blood banks. No luck. The clock was ticking. Call after call, hour after hour, the search broadened, but still no Type B blood was available across the Puget Sound. We even brought to the hospital two of our MEOUW shelter residents for blood typing, on the off chance that one might be a match. The doctors prepared us for the worst. If this cat was to have a chance to survive, she had to have surgery, even in her terribly weakened state, even without the transfusion she so desperately needed. There was no choice.

There is an ever-increasing demand for blood to save the lives of companion animals, particularly the less common types. Might your cat be a super hero? A good candidate to provide life-saving blood donations must weigh at least 10 lbs, be 1 to 7 years old, live 100% indoors and of course be healthy and spayed or neutered. If you'd like to help provide this gift of hope and life for pets in need, or learn more about it, please contact Seattle Veterinary Specialists Blood Bank Program (Eastside) or ACCES Blood Bank (Seattle).



## DUCATI – JUST IN TIME

Sometimes it seems that cats must have Guardian Angels directing us unwitting humans to do the right thing at just the right time. There's just no other explanation. Such was the case for a very young Persian mix stray found in the garage of a kind family. She was in severe distress, attempting to give birth but she was too small and had become too weak in the struggle.

The exhausted cat was taken to Brookfield Veterinary Hospital, where Dr. Rachel Robinson sprang into action. The kitten in the birth canal could not be saved but maybe mama could. There were still two unborn kittens inside who might just have a chance as well. Dr. Rachel skillfully performed the Cesarean Section and she and the staff were able to save the mama cat's life and one of her tiny kittens.

At first mama was unsure what she was expected to do with this little creature nuzzling at her tummy, but within a day or so, she would pull him close whenever he rolled too far away from her. Rolling is what he did, like a little potato. Within a few days, this little blue cream tabby boy was round and fat, as kittens should be, a testament to mama's wonderful care.

Mama Ducati is living it up in foster care these days, hardly remembering life before she became a mother to little Harley. We so wish she could tell us how she came to be homeless. She was clearly loved by someone, sometime. But she also has a deeply embedded pellet just behind her right front leg from being shot by someone who apparently didn't want her around. Ducati doesn't hold a grudge. She still believes in the goodness of humanity. We want to thank the Guardian Angels and all the loving humans who saved the lives of Ducati and Harley, just in time.



## ADOPTERS CORNER OUTSIDE ~ NEVER AGAIN



Adventuresome Jo

When you adopt a forever friend from MEOW you sign a contract promising that kitty will be kept indoors. Two years ago, when I adopted Jo, I had no intention of letting her go out at all. However as time went on, and her persistence and confidence increased, I let her go out on the deck and eventually into the fenced backyard. Her early visits to the outdoors were highly supervised by me and her eleven-year older "brother" Lindy, also a MEOW kitty. Lindy never

leaves the yard and spends most of his outdoor time on the front porch surveying the world. My thinking was that he would teach Jo how to visit the outdoors. WRONG! I should have known better.

As Jo became more adventurous, her outings began to include short visits under the fence to the woods beyond. When outdoors, Jo would always come back when called, or when I would send Lindy to retrieve her. It amazed me to see how he could get her to come home. Everything "worked" until one Saturday afternoon in May! JO DID NOT COME HOME!

Through tears and agony, I called MEOW! I was scheduled to get a cat trap. Jo was listed on craigslist and signs were distributed throughout the neighborhood. Lindy and my third cat, Rudy, also a rescue cat, were extremely distressed and roaming the house. Cat mama was crying!

Sunday night, while getting ready for bed I glanced out to the porch and THERE WAS JO! She had been gone for over thirty hours and just walked in like nothing had happened. The expression on Lindy's face was priceless. He meowed and hissed at her and batted her with his paw chasing her into the bedroom where he sat as sentinel! Apparently, some kind of "cat discipline" that we humans are yet to understand. Lindy now even blocks the door when I go out to get the paper so that Jo is not tempted to follow.

So what have I learned? DO NOT LET YOUR KITTIES OUTSIDE! It is simply not worth the heartache! Jo does not seem to have experienced any adverse effects, but who knows what could have happened? We are now once again a happy family of three little (indoor) kitties and one loving cat mom. OUTSIDE KITTIES? Never again!

By Carolyn C. Carpp  
Bellevue, Washington

FINE WINES & FELINES 2013  
SATURDAY JULY 13TH AT 6:30 PM  
REGISTER BY JULY 5TH TO ATTEND!

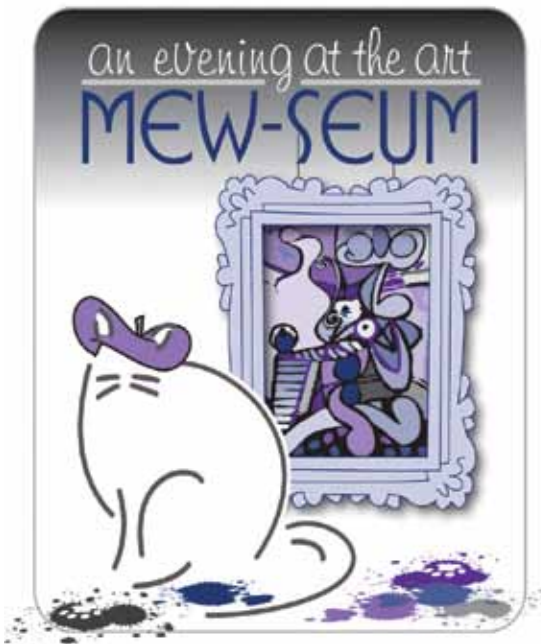
You won't want to miss this one. John Curley, local television and radio celebrity and Auctioneer extraordinaire, promises to make the evening exciting, interesting, and lots of fun. Jackie and Bender, radio hosts on 106.1 KISS FM will be volunteering with us for the evening, which will add to the energy and the fun. This year our venue is once again the beautiful Seattle Design Center in Georgetown, a wonderful place for an event; conveniently located off I-5 with plenty of free parking (5701 6th Ave S, Seattle).

There will be wine tasting and beer on tap from Georgetown Brewing. Enjoy abundant vegetarian hors d'oeuvres while you browse through over 300 items up for bid in our silent and live auctions. Have a good time with friends and get some great deals while supporting the cats and dogs whose health and happiness depends on us.

Register by July 5th at [www.meowcatrescue.org](http://www.meowcatrescue.org). Attendees must be at least 21 years of age.

An auction catalog will be available on the website in early July.

We'd like to thank our generous business sponsors: Northwest Animal Eye Specialists, Eastside Veterinary Specialists, Animal Imaging Consultants, Petco Foundation, Real Estate Gals, Seattle Veterinary Specialists, Crystal Coaches, Grand Event Rentals, Leatherback Printing, Metropolitan Market, and Seattle Veterinary Associates.



UNO ~ ONE IN A MILLION

Kittens are perfect little beings, coming into the world with so much possibility, so much promise. Thirteen years ago, when a tiny black kitten began to explore this new world, his view was just a bit different from that of his littermates. Uno had a rare birth defect. He was born without his left eye. No matter. He practiced his jumping distances and his pouncing depth perception. He developed a different perspective.

For many years Uno enjoyed his home and loved his family. Then the family grew to include two more cats and things began to change for Uno. These new cats were rambunctious. They were fast.



Sometimes they came out of nowhere and they seemed to tag team him. They may have perceived this as playfulness, but Uno felt as if he had become a target. They were bullying him. Uno took to hiding most of the time and finally his family decided he would be happier in another home.

Uno is a reflective boy who prefers life on the quieter side. He is a gentle soul, mellow and affectionate with those he loves. He can be shy around strangers at first and isn't particularly fond of noises and the high energy of small children. He loves gazing out windows, seeming to be intrigued by the events of the day. It's no surprise that his Meet Your Match Feline-ality is Private Investigator.

He's longing for a family again, someone who will love his perfect imperfection. If your household is more like a library than a roller derby stadium and you're looking for a gentle companion to share a good book or maybe popcorn and a movie, please come meet Uno. He'll be watching for you.

With respect and compassion for all animal life, MEOW promotes lifelong relationships between people and companion animals, providing shelter and care for each precious life until adopted into a forever home.

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# TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In honor of Bill & Elwanda Bryant,  
who fostered for six months for a total stranger.  
*Vicki Russell*

In memory and honor of Patricia Veryan.  
*Phyllis Van Winkle*

In honor of Patricia Evans ~ always remembered.  
*Carol Janzen*

In loving memory of Big Al,  
loved and cherished by Deborah Vogel.  
*Janis and Marilyn*

For Anatoli - one year gone, still missed.  
*Mary Hutton*

In memory of Talia's Chloe.  
*Jill Keeney*

In honor of beautiful Grace.  
*Cathy Harris*

For Hootimus, a super special guy.  
*Patrick Simmons*

In memory of Bill and Joanna's Twiggy Mouse  
and our own sweet Vesey aka Pumpkin.  
*Patricia Rigali*

In memory of my uncle, Stanley Hills.  
*Shandra Tietze*

We continue to cherish our sweet Maine Coon cats,  
Annie and Bailey. They have been in our family five years.  
We love them more and more every day!  
*Susie Hart*

In memory of our lovely little girl, Tazzi.  
*Elizabeth & John Rogers*

In memory of:  
Kimba, who is dearly missed by his companion,  
Barbara McMahon.  
Callie, 1997 - 2013, loved by Mariah Dye.  
Bucky, 1997 - 2013, loved and cared for by, Margaret Poore.  
*City Kitty*

In memory of Toni V. Ripley.  
*Scott & Vanarda North*

In loving memory of Dida.  
*Elise Mebel*

In memory of my wife Margie, she loved all kitties.  
*Edmond Squifflet*

Sweet, precious Petunia.  
She was with us such a short time.  
*Jan & Tammy*

In loving memory of Jazzie,  
our little white love lump Devon.  
*The O'Tierney family*

In memory of Argenta.  
*Carolyn Plant*

In memory of my late beloved cat, Sam.  
*Susim Chen*

For Jake's memorial.  
*Margaret Lindberg*

In memory of Ashley Trenner.  
*Bob and Karen Trenner*

In honor of my wife, Cheryl, on her birthday.  
*Jim King*

In memory of Twiggy Mouse  
and all her family that went before her.  
*Sue Jarvis*

In memory of Pretty Girl, CC and Maxie.  
*Carmen Almodovar*

To honor and remember Samoa Whiskers  
who was shown such love by the Nelson family  
on the last day of her life. Thank you Alpine Animal Hospital  
for helping her to peacefully cross the Rainbow Bridge.  
And thank you Bonne for being there for all of us.  
*Jackie Wood*

In memory of Bug.  
*Deborah Schaack*

In loving memory of Jane Szehner.  
*Steve & Stacy Szehner*

In memory of my sweet kitty, Ginger.  
Her name was Lilly when I adopted her from MEOU in 2003.  
We have been together through many ups and downs.  
She went to Heaven on May 20, 2013 at  
Marine View Veterinary Hospital after being painfully ill.  
I really miss this precious little girl.  
*Betty Schriock*

In honor of the marriage of Larisa Didis and Sarah Littlefield.  
*Karen Ruby*

Buddy and Zoe enjoy being DeCoster pets  
and DeCoster enjoys their unique companionship.  
*Barbara DeCoster*

In honor of Mary Stelton.  
*Bob and Karen Stelton*

In loving memory of Gidget and Timber.  
Save a spot in the sun for us.  
*Meredith Yeary*

In memory of mama.  
*Anita Thompson*

In honor of Duffy and our nearly 17 years together.  
Our house feels empty without him.  
Louie, his feline friend, now sleeps alone  
and doesn't understand why his buddy isn't here anymore.  
*Joanna Olson & Bill Polk*

In remembrance of Jiminy and Grandpa.  
*MEOU Volunteers & Staff*

In memory of Stella.  
*Peenie Clark Ianniciello*

In memory of Fluffy.  
*Barb & Bill Forrest*

To honor Copperfield  
and in memory of Puck.  
*Dorothy Day*



## THE BEST REVENGE



Victoria and babies

Why do these things always seem to happen after hours? It was about 7:30 pm on an unusually warm Thursday evening, the shelter residents were already tucked in for the night, and we were about to turn out the lights. The phone rang. The voice of the woman on the other

end of the phone was frantic. "I found a mom cat and five kittens at the Houghton Park 'n Ride. They were covered but right out in the sun and she's panting. I don't know what to do. Can I bring them to you?" We answered, "Yes, please come right away." What would we be dealing with? Often cats and kittens abandoned in public places are sick and malnourished. They may be semi-feral or under-socialized. One brave and generous volunteer offered to take them home and foster the litter, sight unseen. Regardless, the lights would be staying on a bit longer that night.

The quietly confused mom and her little ones soon arrived, not in a cardboard box, but a nice large carrier. The woman and her two companions were incredulous. Who could do such a thing? They all could have died there. Someone with bad intentions could have found them. What kind of person? How could they? They were still trying to wrap their brains around the situation.

Moments later, on the exam table, we were astonished to meet a mama cat who was not only very sweet and social, but had no sign of fleas or mites. Aside from being dehydrated from the heat of the day, she was in very good condition and had obviously been an indoor cat. The beautiful clean kittens, about five weeks old, were very familiar with human touch.

While it would be natural to react with anger toward the person who abandoned this little family just a mile from MEOW Cat Rescue, we must remember that we don't know the circumstances which drove them to this bad decision. We're thankful that the carrier was found by a kind and responsible person and that we answered that late phone call. There is a saying that goes "Living well is the best revenge". The kitties have been named after characters in the TV series *Revenge*, and we have made them a solemn MEOW promise that for the rest of their lives, they will indeed live well.



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## GENTRY A 'MIDDLE OF THE ROAD' KIND OF KITTEN

It was a crisp spring morning in Yakima, a perfect morning for a brisk walk. A man and his dog were enjoying the fresh, chilly morning air when the dog broke away to investigate something in the street.



Gentry safe and warm

He was intently sniffing and pawing at something dark and small. What could it be? The man walked over to have a look for himself and to his astonishment, there was a tiny black kitten, the tiniest he'd ever seen. Without a moment's hesitation, he gently picked up the kitten and took it to the local animal shelter. This shelter did not have an available foster home who could care for such a small kitten, so they called MEOW. Could we take a five day old kitten? You bet we could!

There is nothing like the rescue of a little, tiny being to get our hearts beating fast! The baby was transported to MEOW and to our delight, the little guy appeared to be in very good health. Healthy, but oh so tiny. His eyes weren't yet open, his ears were folded down and the remains of his umbilical cord were still visible. We prepared kitten formula and offered him his first bottle, breath held, in hopes that he would latch on and drink the nourishing formula. Success! He didn't waste any time and drank deeply.

Gentry, as he is now affectionately called, is doing fantastically. He is growing like a little weed in his foster home and is having a ball playing with his fellow foster kittens. He is lucky. Had it not been for the kind man, his gentle dog and the willingness of the transport driver, we don't know what would have become of Gentry. We still look at him in wonderment and are so thankful to be on the receiving end of such a special delivery.

MEET GWEN COOPER  
 NY TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR  
 JULY 20, 2013 FROM 2 PM ~ 4 PM

You're a cat lover, right? Then you've probably read "Homer's Odyssey", by New York Times best-selling author Gwen Cooper. ("This memoir about adopting a special-needs kitten teaches that sometimes in life, you have to take a blind leap." ~ People). We're so honored that Gwen has chosen MEOW as her only stop in the Seattle area during her National Shelter Tour!

Please join us at the shelter on July 20th from 2:00 – 4:00pm to meet Gwen and hear her read from her new book, "Love Saves the Day". It will be an afternoon of celebrating the appreciation of cats and good books - especially good books about cats! Come hang out with other cat lovers, have some snacks and pet some cats at MEOW. And, take a peek at our shelter expansion project. One of the tour sponsors, Litter Genie Systems, is generously offering a FREE Litter Genie to each and every person who attends a tour event! No reservations required.

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