



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF RESCUE
AND OVER 21,000 PRECIOUS LIVES SAVED

Holidays 2017

INTRODUCING MEOW'S NINTH LIFE DIVISION BECAUSE WE BELIEVE ALL NINE LIVES ARE PRECIOUS

Since MEOW was founded, in 1997, we have never turned away from animals with special needs or senior cats who are difficult to adopt. We have always quietly managed to provide safe, loving, long term foster homes for those who were too old, too frail, or too chronically ill to be considered for adoption, or those who needed a final refuge. Twenty years later, in 2017, our Ninth Life Division has been born, to formalize the commitment we have always had to this segment of the cat population.

Ninth Life Division uses a network of foster homes to provide long-term care for homeless cats who may be considered less adoptable due to age, chronic health challenges, or special needs, including hospice situations. Ninth Life cats are welcome to remain in long-term care, but may be adopted by applicants who are a good match for their needs.

We are committed to ensuring that these cats have a good quality of life, that they remain as healthy and comfortable as possible by providing excellent veterinary care without heroic measures intended only to extend life. We are committed to helping these cats find peace. Their time with us is precious.

Why Ninth Life?

Senior cats are often abandoned or relinquished when they begin having late life health issues, just when they most need help. Others may be relinquished due to chronic health conditions. Helping senior cats and those with special medical needs is sometimes challenging, often expensive, but so very rewarding. Our goal is that their last years are spent in a caring home, that all of their needs are met, and that when they do cross the Rainbow Bridge they feel safe and comforted, knowing they are loved.



"What's one thing that we have in our lives that we can depend on? A dog or a cat loving us unconditionally, every day, very faithfully."

Jon Katz



Mr. Jack Ryan

How Can You Help?

We can only carry out this mission with the help of you, our supporters and friends. Might your home become a Ninth Life foster home? MEOW provides all veterinary care and a great support system. Experience with senior or special needs cats is helpful, but not required.

Can't foster? Your donations allow us to take excellent care of Ninth Life cats. We welcome you to join us in our efforts to keep wonderful old and special needs cats from suffering, from being abandoned or being euthanized before their time, or spending their final days in a shelter. Help us do right by them because we believe *all nine lives are precious*.



MEOW'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR & OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND 10 AM - 4 PM

You won't want to miss this! Our annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale will once again be in the Chapel at the Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church, located about 3 blocks northwest of the shelter, at 308 4th Ave S, just off State Street in Kirkland. As always, we'll have beautiful handcrafted items and delicious baked goods for sale, generously donated by our volunteers and supporters. There will also be MEOW logo merchandise available and fun raffle drawings. Come on by, do some holiday shopping, and then head over to the shelter to enjoy refreshments and conversation with volunteers, adopters, and MEOW feline residents. Your donation of pet food will help support our Animeals Food Drive for families in need, distributed by Hopelink.

GATOS PRECIOSOS DE PUERTO RICO WE BELIEVE IN NEW BEGINNINGS

It's been more than two months since Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico. The stray animal population there was multiplied by the disaster when thousands of pet owners became homeless, leaving their beloved animals with no food or shelter.

When the Humane Society of the United States asked MEOW to become a rescue partner, we jumped at the chance. On October 30th, we were first in line at Seattle Humane to accept cats received overnight on a transport. Paperwork from Humane Society of Puerto Rico told abbreviated stories about each one.



Linde

As we quickly scanned the cages to determine who might need us most, a young red and white male tabby named Linde rested on his left side, exposing a healing wound where his right rear leg had been. The accompanying letter said that "he had been a stray with no defenses during the storm. His leg was severely injured by a fallen wall of a Security Guard station outside an office building in San Juan. Found days later in a most fragile state, his only hope for survival was an extremely deep amputation. He is recovering marvelously."

Biscuit, a young adult Siamese mix boy, had been surrendered to the shelter in Puerto Rico on October 27th. Per his record, Biscuit "had been left alone in a room during Hurricane Maria and his owner never returned to get him when he left for the US. Owner's roommate had to break the bedroom door to get him. It looks like Biscuit spent several days without food or water." He seems so grateful to have been rescued and he's living up to his name by "making biscuits" when spoken to.



Biscuit

Then there's Willy! He's one of a litter surrendered by an owner who had no way to care for them. Willy is a young teen kitten, with a soft medium length white coat and expressive blue eyes. He carries the genetic gene for deafness, but we think he reads lips -- or maybe he just reads kisses.

Each of the 17 cats has a compelling story. We'll never know how many of their nine lives they left on the island. What we can promise, though, is a better life ahead. No more fear, no more hunger, no more suffering. Promise. Welcome to MEOW. We believe in new beginnings, porque creemos todas las nueve vidas son preciosas because we believe *all nine lives are precious*.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Commemorate this holiday season and support the animals of MEOW with a picture of your pet, your children, (and you?) with Santa. For a \$15 donation you will receive a printed photo on site and access to online digital images. For the safety of everyone, please make sure your pet is restrained (either on a leash or in a carrier). We will be accepting pet food donations for the shelter and our Animeals Food Drive which benefits the pets of families in need via Hopelink.

| Date | Time | Location |
|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 11/25 | 12-3 pm | Uptown Mud Bay |
| 11/26 | 12-3 pm | Canyon Park Mud Bay |
| 12/2 | 11am-2 pm | Issaquah Mud Bay |
| 12/9 | 12-3 pm | Redmond Mud Bay |
| 12/10 | 12-3 pm | Broadway & Pike Mud Bay |
| 12/16 | 12-3 pm | Urban Feed & Garden |
| 12/17 | 12-3 pm | Overlake Mud Bay |
| 12/23 | 12-3 pm | Mercer Island Mud Bay |



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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Mon., Wed., Thurs. 3 - 7PM
Fri. 12 - 7PM
Sat. 12 - 5PM
Sun. 12 - 5PM

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Closed Tuesdays and
Major Holidays

STOCKING STUFFER IDEAS GIVE THE GIFT OF MEOW



Our MEOW logo says it all, "all nine lives are precious." This holiday season, give the gift of MEOW with the purchase of any of our great MEOW merchandise. Your friends and family will love our commemorative playing card deck filled with great pictures of our supporters' cats and dogs, 2018 wall calendar, tasteful

car magnet, window cling, t-shirts, hoodies, ¾ zip sweatshirts (each in a variety of colors and sizes), license plate frames, travel cups and more. Many of these items will be available for sale at our Holiday Bazaar on Dec 2nd at the Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church on 4th Ave S and State Street in Kirkland. Or stop by the shelter anytime and pick up the perfect gifts to stuff those stockings and support MEOW.

YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING CAN HELP MEOW RETAIL & ETAIL PARTNERSHIPS

This holiday season (and all year long) your purchases can help bring prosperity to the pussycats! Link your Fred Meyer Community Rewards card to MEOW Cat Rescue, Organization 80427 at <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4> and MEOW will benefit every time you shop there. If you're shopping online, www.smileamazon.com, www.igive.com, and www.bissell.com/partnersforpets will all make donations to MEOW based on your purchases. It costs you absolutely nothing to register or use these sites. Thank you for allowing MEOW to share in your holiday giving.



13TH ANNUAL FINE WINES & FELINES AUCTION & FUNDRAISER SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY JUNE 23RD, 2018

Our 2017 auction fundraiser was another one for the record books, raising over \$120,000 for the animals of MEOW! Can we beat that? With your help we can! Our Fine Wines & Felines Auction is our major fundraising event each year, providing critical funds for the animals. Please mark your calendar now and join us again at the HUB Ballroom on June 23, 2018!

GIGI WE BELIEVE IN HAPPY ENDINGS



Oh Gigi!

The tiny, nearly hairless cat had been hiding from the dangers in her neighborhood and fortunately had found the feral feeding station, faithfully tended by veteran rescuer Lois, a spritely 89-year-old. This kitty was timid but tame, so Lois took her home to try to find her owner. Surely someone was

missing this cute little grey Devon Rex, a breed with very short, downy fur and large ears on a little triangular face. As is so often the case, the cat was not micro-chipped and attempts to find her family were unsuccessful. Lois became concerned about the funny little cat when Gigi went out into her catio enclosure and stayed for days. With winter coming, Lois felt that Gigi needed to be indoors and toasty warm. Perhaps wearing a cute little sweater.

At MEOW, we determined that 10-year-old Gigi's poor appetite was a sign of serious health challenges. She was hospitalized for several days while her life hung in the balance. Gigi was diagnosed with acute renal insufficiency, pyelonephritis, severe non-regenerative anemia, and high white cell count. Ultrasound revealed IBD, pancreatitis, hepatic lipidosis, and multiple large stones in her gall bladder, partially obstructing her bile ducts. In cats, this is a difficult surgery, making it safer to remove the stones than the entire organ. To complicate things, an echocardiogram diagnosed a heart condition.

After a week of intensive care, Gigi was released with a multitude of medications, and welcomed into MEOW's Ninth Life Division, to be cared for, by Assistant Shelter Manager Annie and her husband Mike. Gigi is responding positively to round-the-clock care. Whether she'll become healthy enough for gall stone surgery remains to be seen, but we're very sure that in her Ninth Life she will remain comfortable, cared for and cherished. Gigi is living her happy ending because we believe *all nine lives are precious.*

THE PURRRFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT 2018 MEOW CALENDAR

Don't miss out on this special calendar dedicated to twenty one years of rescue. These beautiful calendars may be purchased at the shelter for \$10 or ordered by phone (425-822-6369), or through PayPal on our web site. Please add \$2 for shipping. They make wonderful, practical holiday gifts.



TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of Mochi.
Halley Rea

In memory of Essie Swanson.
Eric Peoples

In memory of Essie Swanson from
her Wednesday coffee group.
Essie's Wednesday Coffee Group

In loving memory of Tracey's dear
little cat friend, June Bug.
Gone too soon.
Deborah Redman

In honor of Jaimie Quaglino's
birthday.
Rebecca Harris

In remembrance of Stella
and to thank her rescuer.
Jeanne

In loving memory of Pretty Girl,
Catherine and Moxie.
Carmen Almodovar

Congratulations
Mr. & Mrs. Todd & Carolyn Sherman!
Melody Palafox

In memory of Mary Louise Carroll.
Doug Lamerson

To honor Truffles (formerly Mariposa)
age one and going strong.
Mary Kremer-Hartrick

In memory of Carla Patopea, a true
friend to cats.
Jessica Greenway

In memory of Ziri (MEOW's "Miss L").
Twelve years of love.
Jane Haug

In honor of Gato.
Thank you for 18 years of
companionship. I love you Gato!
Janet Wisen

For Springs, Cruz, Cloud,
Specter and Racecar.
I miss each of you every day.
Diane Smith

In memory of Frieda.
Sheryl Stock

In memory of Winston, our fur baby. Love
mom mom and pop pop.
Michael & Justine Willard

In honor and appreciation of Jill Keeney,
a wonderful friend and
compassionate cat owner.
Nora Carlson and Lora Hein

In honor of Nicholas Hankins,
animal lover, on his 11th birthday.
*Merrick, Sam Rospo,
Gilbert Irias, Anne Shepard*

In honor of Emma Solanki, James Hickman
and their cute kitty Merlin.
Chelsea Burnett

In honor of Dori.
Deborah Cronheim

In memory of Rosemary.
Annette Tebeau

In honor of sweet Hermione.
Megan Moholt

To honor the memory of Juno,
the cat my son in Seattle adopted
from MEOW a few years ago.
Sadly, Juno passed away from
cancer recently.
Cynthia Majestro

For Hathaway, adopted in
December 2003, now 14!
Beverly Teraoka

In loving memory of Bella.
Marion Sutherland

In honor of Adopt a Senior Pet month and in
honor of my new senior cat, Baby,
who is 11 years young.
Also, in honor of all MEOW volunteers who
give so unselfishly of their time,
attention and love.
Jackie Faucette



In loving memory of Zachary J. Jim.
Daniel Rogge

In memory of our friend Erin's Pickles.
Emily M., Emily W., Dianne and Matt

In memory of Caesar and Princess.
Adopted April 2008 from MEOW.
Much loved, so very missed.
C. H. Poth

In loving memory of Kee Koo,
a very special girl. RIP tiny dancer and
run around heaven seeing all the
wonders you missed during your life.
Ruth Laitila

To honor and remember
our very special friend and
best buddy - Savannah.
She leaves a big void in our lives.
She was a wonderful, kind,
loving little cat. We miss you baby.
Gerry & Mary Marsh

In honor of Ryan Poole
on his 30th birthday.
Emily Less

Ed Gray, we miss you so much.
Chris, Tootsie and Rosa

In memory of Mai Quiniola Wilson,
a much loved kitty.
Judy Anderson

In memory of Charlie,
loved by Cathy Lowe;
In memory of Grizabella,
loved by Claire Anita Brown-Riker;
In memory of Ariel, loved by Joan and
Stephen Cunha;
In memory of Boo, loved by Dennis;
In memory of Fieffer, loved by Tim and
Melissa Reed;
In memory of Conan, loved by
Jordan Cayabyab
City Kitty

In memory of Toque, the cat.
Penny Olson

Iconic, with his white fur, dazzling blue
eyes, and lack of ears. Winston taught us
no matter our struggle, we are all
lovable and deserving. Winston is missed
by his fans, friends and family.
Our light has left us to shine apart.
Jen & Nate Anderson

PRECIOUS ONES WITH PANLEUKOPENIA WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES



Pretty Patty

In August 2017, our motto was put to the test when a litter of kittens came to us with panleukopenia, a disease dreaded by veterinarians and shelters everywhere. In fact, many shelters faced with the potential spread of the virus

and the cost of care will euthanize their entire populations. These kittens deserved our best effort. They deserved a chance to live out all nine of their lives.

MEOW has never turned away from animals with special needs, nor the badly injured or severely ill. Admittedly, the cost of caring for them is higher, but the rewards are so very great.

Hoping for a miracle, we leaned into our philosophy. We began a self-imposed quarantine of the shelter. We delivered the affected kittens to a 24-hour emergency hospital for intensive supportive care. Two kittens passed away very quickly. Three kittens with clinical disease hovered on the edge for several days while the doctors pulled out all the stops. Three exposed kittens had us holding our breath, waiting for the next shoe to drop. It didn't happen! They survived!

The cost of care throughout this ordeal was astronomical, yet we never considered doing any less. Our Mercy Fund was established for this type of intensive care -- expensive care. On behalf of Patty and the other little survivors we thank you for supporting the Mercy Fund and those life saving words we live by, because we believe *all nine lives are precious.*

"You never soar so high as when you stoop down to help a child or an animal."

~ Jewish Proverb



GIVING TUESDAY - NOV 28TH OUR GOAL IS \$12,000!!

#GIVING TUESDAY

This year's Giving Tuesday campaign will raise much needed funds for MEOW's Public Spay/Neuter Voucher Program and our new Ninth Life Division. You, as the donor, may choose how you'd like to help us help them. Both programs are critical to our mission. Since 2011 we have provided free alter surgeries for more than 3800 pets whose owners needed help to #DoTheRightThing. Our Ninth Life Division supports MEOW cats whose options for adoption are small or non-existent due to extreme old age, chronic health issues, or severe illness. These kitties are placed in loving foster homes, where they can be cared for and cherished for as long as they have. MEOW covers medical expenses and other costs of care. Raising \$12,000 on Giving Tuesday will allow us to provide critical care and comfort, and help our community do the right thing for their pets, moving us towards a day of no more homeless pets. Join us on November 28th for Giving Tuesday and Make a Difference. An online donation link will be available on our website and on our Facebook page.

PUSSYCAT PANTRY HELP STOCK THE SHELTER SHELVES

Today the cats' fondest wish is for canned food, a staple at MEOW. Every day we open dozens of cans. Some of our cats are fed canned food exclusively. It's vital for introducing kittens to the plate, it's a symbol of kindness to our frightened newcomers, it's helpful for cats with finicky appetites or fussy stomachs, it's necessary for those recovering from dental procedures, and it's the best diet for overweight and diabetic cats. If you can donate a case of food, or even a can or two, any brand, any flavor, the cats at the shelter would be ever so grateful. Other items on our Wish List would be much appreciated as well. Thank you.

Canned Kitten and Cat Foods
Royal Canin Mother and Baby Cat Kibble
Royal Canin Special 33
Unscented Clumping Clay Litter
Liquid Laundry Detergent HE
Kitchen Garbage Bags
Bleach
Postage Stamps
Paper Towels
Hand Sanitizer
Copy Paper
Costco Gift Cards
Target Gift Cards
Fred Meyer Gift Cards



DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?
IN HAPPY ENDINGS?
IN JOYOUS REUNIONS? IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?

On behalf of the many lost, abandoned, neglected, mistreated, injured or otherwise unwanted animals who have been placed by MEOW in loving adoptive homes in this past year, we wish to express a very sincere and heartfelt "Thank You!" to all who have played a part in making these miracles a reality.

A Very Special Thank you To . . .

- * the individuals, businesses and grantors who have so generously supported the mission of MEOW and contributed financially to keep the work going.
- * the veterinarians who have performed services at much-reduced rates and dealt with emergencies as well as routine matters.
- * our amazing shelter volunteers who work so willingly on behalf of the animals, keeping the cages and common areas clean, doing load after load of laundry, answering phones daily and returning messages nightly, interviewing people and completing pet adoptions, participating in raising public awareness concerning the plight of homeless animals.
- * our fabulous foster homes who have selflessly given of their time and energy, their living space, their own resources and sometimes their sleepless nights caring for orphaned or ill kitties.
- * all who have generously contributed cleaning supplies, pet food, litter, bedding and other materials to help defray the everyday expenses at our shelter.
- * all the individuals and their families who have adopted shelter pets this year, who have made a commitment to take seriously their pet's health, happiness and safety.
- * cat and dog owners everywhere who spay or neuter their pets, helping to put an end to the cycle of homeless and unwanted animals that fills the shelters across the country.

WITH ONE VOICE, HUMAN AND ANIMAL TOGETHER,
MEOW WISHES YOU AND YOURS
A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

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