



# MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

CELEBRATING 19 YEARS OF RESCUE  
AND OVER 20,000 PRECIOUS LIVES SAVED

Summer 2016

## BETTER THAN EVER

Among the many benefits afforded to a kitten or cat in the MEOW family is a promise we made when we first met. If ever they should find themselves in a life changing situation, if ever they should need a soft place to land, our arms are open wide beckoning them to come home. Many cats who come back to us are seniors, age ten and better. Yes, better. If you were to ask any of these "kitties of a certain age" how they're doing, they'd probably try to let you know, each in their own unique way, that they're loving life.

Sienna is an adorable torbie who looks much younger than her stated age of 12. We remember her as a young adult who birthed her kittens in a box of Christmas wrap. Adopted by a family, she became companion and confidant to the children. Now that they've gone off to college, Sienna has lost her job. Quiet and affectionate, she is happy to give head butts in response to loving attention.



Sienna

Tiny Oreo, 12 years young, has lived in harmony with other pets but would love to be your one and only. Several months ago, when her elderly adopter became unable to care for a pet, her daughter stepped up to do so. Unfortunately, Oreo's new family had to move and was unable to take her along.

Sweet and sensitive, Oreo will chirp softly while circling and rubbing your open hand.

Mouse and Molly are beautiful Maine Coon mix cats who were very happy in their quiet home for ten years, until their family had to relocate overseas. Molly enjoys a warm lap while watching TV.



Molly and Mouse

Mouse is a gentleman, devoted to his sister and the humans he has come to trust. Mouse and Molly may take awhile to warm up, but their family is certain that they will bond with someone new, given half a chance.

The best is yet to come for these and so many other senior cats. They are ready and willing to give their hearts, their trust and the rest of their lives to someone who will do the same in return. These are the golden years, and we sincerely hope they'll be better than ever.

## KIRKLAND OKTOBERFEST SEPTEMBER 23TH - 25TH



Mark your calendar for Kirkland Oktoberfest, a three day authentic München-style Oktoberfest Biergarten held at Kirkland's Marina Park. There will be live German music, traditional foods, games, contests and of course, northwest craft and German import beer. This year, MEOW is delighted to

be one of the charity beneficiaries of this event. More information to follow: including fun volunteer opportunities. (You must be 21+ with valid ID).

## CAT RUNNING'S 3RD ANNUAL MEOW 5K RUN/WALK SATURDAY OCT. 15TH, 2016-MARYMOOR PARK

Put your tennies on, start training, and mark your calendar for CAT Running's 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk to benefit MEOW Cat Rescue. Whether you walk, run, or both, you'll have a great time while you support the animals of MEOW. We'll be there to cheer you on and accept your pet food donations. Learn more and register at [www.catrunning.com](http://www.catrunning.com).



## TREY ~ THREE STRIKES AND YOU'RE SAFE!



Trey

This friendly little black and white cat had become accustomed to greeting a woman when she arrived home from work. Unable to make him her own, she determined that the best she could do for him was have him neutered and put him back out, hoping he'd find a home elsewhere.

On the day of his neuter, the vet discovered that this young cat had a severe

case of feline stomatitis, an extremely painful inflammation of his mouth and gums; generally very difficult to treat. Unless this homeless cat could receive treatment, euthanasia would be the kindest option. It would be irresponsible to turn him loose and allow him to suffer. This message did not reach his caregiver. Had she answered her phone, euthanasia would have been authorized during his surgery.

On receiving the bad news, the woman was heartsick but did what she thought was right – she took him to an emergency vet for euthanasia. In the meantime, a MEOW rescuer, aware of this cat, called the shelter to ask about the likelihood of a young cat with severe stomatitis making a good recovery. Should we intervene? The caregiver was at that moment leaving a voicemail to let the rescuer know of her decision.

The clock was ticking. Surely it must be too late this time. Having been told that MEOW would accept the cat, the rescuer suffered several minutes of frantic phone calls which finally led to the emergency clinic, to the back room, and to the vet. Yes! The cat was still alive!

Safe! Following antibiotic treatment for infection and then full mouth extractions, Trey has become healthy and pain free. We're amazed and grateful for the miracles that occurred on that fateful day. After undergoing neuter surgery, the life of this homeless cat literally hung in the balance while he was handled, transferred, sentenced to an untimely death, and then saved at the 11th hour. It was a day of distress and a day of blessings. A precious life was saved because of missed calls and last minute connections. A precious life was saved because someone worked feverishly to offer this cat the opportunity to overcome the medical hand he had been dealt. A precious life was saved because that's what we do.

## NICKY'S GIFT



Nicky

When her beloved black cat Nicky succumbed to cancer recently, Connie Keith-Kerns wanted to do something very special for MEOW in his memory. She says Nicky was a shivering little bundle of scared kitten when she and her husband saw him hiding in his little cardboard "castle" at the old Mercer Island location nearly 16 years ago. Nicky taught them about patience while

waiting for him to "come around", for about 10 years. It was so worth the wait.

We hope Nicky has been watching us from his vantage point beyond the Bridge. Because of him, and thanks to Connie, our community rooms have had a wonderful facelift, and the resident cats of MEOW will now enjoy cozy, comfortable, beautiful new spaces while they await their new forever homes.

Please come and see! The Library, formerly known as the Front Room, has toasty brown walls, a hanging tapestry, climbing stairs and wall pockets to nap in, comfy furniture including a pleather chair, and the essence of books everywhere. The Cottage, which was our Back Room, is a bright and breezy blue and green. Wall décor includes shelves to climb on, colorful flowers, and birdhouses. If you sit a spell on the lovely garden bench, perhaps a resident kitty will join you. Both rooms are graced with heartfelt quotes.

Thank you, Nicky, for your precious gift and for your precious life. You were loved and you are missed. Thank you, Connie, for honoring Nicky in such a meaningful way.

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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## TAKING CHANCES AND MAKING CHANGES

Independent cat rescuers are faced with hard choices nearly every day. They each do what they are capable of doing financially, physically and emotionally. Many max out their credit cards and sacrifice their own health to save the animals. Help may come from shelters, who can place their rescued cats, as well as from their fellow rescuers, who can offer moral support when the choices they have to make are painful.

Recently, one such rescuer was faced with some difficult decisions after trapping an apparently feral cat with a broken back leg. Releasing him to an emergency hospital would cost nothing but would probably result in euthanasia. Bringing him to her veterinarian for evaluation and treatment would mean another expensive bill. She decided she had to give him a chance. The radiographs revealed a badly broken pelvis and her vet reported that he was "an aggressive feral".



Marco

At first, Marco didn't want anything to do with this strange woman who had made him her prisoner. However, she had offered him delicious food, and plenty of it, and the bed was soft and warm. Within a couple of weeks, Marco was beginning to feel much better. He was getting accustomed to his captor's voice. Now it was his turn to make

some decisions. He could continue to put up his feral front, or he could let down his guard. He decided he had to give her a chance.

Time heals most everything. By the time his shattered pelvis had healed, so had the heart of this warrior cat. He no longer felt the need to protect himself from the woman who had taken him in, restored his health, and lovingly offered him a chance to reinvent himself. Marco might be one of the luckiest cats ever, to have landed in that trap, on that night, to come into the care of that rescuer. Today Marco loves human attention, happily purring and kneading the air. He even comes when called. Marco has a future because he and this selfless and generous independent rescuer both made life-changing decisions to take a chance.

## TERRENCE THE LIBRARIAN

Terrence is one of those cats. His big, cheeky face, his muscular body, his kind, soulful, magnetic eyes – you have to stop and say hello.



Terrence

Spotted at a feral feeding station, he looked a little rough around the edges, but he clearly was not feral. If only he could tell us his story. Now completely vetted, he's looking for a real home.

Residing in "The Library" at MEOOW, Terrence is the self-appointed greeter and snuggler extraordinaire. He'll make sure that, when it comes to attention, you have what you need. He'll be all over you and even then that won't be close enough for him. He's very interactive in other ways too: he meows, rubs against your legs and puts his paws on your lap. Still kind of kittenish at five years old, he enjoys batting around toy balls; no bells though, it is a library after all.

Terrence is one of two FIV+ cats currently in The Library. He gets along very well with other cats. It was no surprise that his Meet Your Match Feline-ality is that of a Leader of the Band. "I'm the cat who does everything in a big way. I not only like to be in the middle of things – I like to lead the parade. I'm an adventurous cat, but I'll still make plenty of time to show you my affectionate side. I'm the demonstrative type, you might say. Want a cat who's brimming with confidence? That's me!"

Per Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, FIV is not easily spread among cats who do not fight. "The primary mode of transmission is through bite wounds. Casual, non-aggressive contact does not appear to be an efficient route of spreading FIV; as a result, cats in households with stable social structures where housemates do not fight are at little risk for acquiring FIV infections." Terrence may have had to defend his honor in his early life on the road, but these days he's a lover, not a fighter. He's looking for a family to love and to start a new chapter in his surely storied life. Go ahead. Look into those eyes and check him out. We double dog dare you.

# TO HONOR & REMEMBER

Remembering with much love, Marian Zach, Pepi, Heide and Mister Poppers.  
*Marley Memmel*

In remembrance of Perry, my feral friend of 10 years. The last time I saw him, he gave me the gift I'd been hoping for all these years. He allowed me to pet him and I was able to tell him how much I loved him.  
*Linda Calhoun*

In loving memory of Umi.  
*Vicki Russell*

In honor of Mikiko Patzwald.  
*Kathryn Whitcutt*

In memory and in honor of sweet Nicky.  
*Beth Schlansky*

In memory of Neville, beloved cat of Emma (MEOW volunteer) and Ian Ghows.  
*Lee Klastorin*

In memory of Jackson, beloved cat of Angela Ehrig and Mike Boydston.  
*Lee Klastorin*

In memory of Madison.  
*Patti Waller*

In memory of Carlos Zamora.  
*Marilyn Emerson*

In memory of TC, faithful friend and companion to Mary Ellen Reimund.  
*Patricia Stewart*

In memory of my husband, Mark.  
*Vicki Russell*

In gratefulness for providing Eddie to us 14 years ago! Still going strong.  
*Brenda Sandmaier*

In memory of Janet Greaney.  
*Caroline Mann*

In honor of my cat Pepper, whose birthday was May 4th.  
*Cassandra Yaple*

Thank you for rescuing my Cleo!  
*Kimberly A. Fauquenot*

In memory of Jasper.  
*Lauren Gaddy*

Several years ago we adopted Samantha and PurrDude. They are doing great and send their thanks and love to MEOW!!  
*Rich & Lesli Cohan*

In loving memory of Marilyn Richards, foster mom to hundreds of fortunate kittens, generous supporter of animal causes, champion of all creatures.  
*Everyone at MEOW*

In honor of Subway and Big Kitty. Paw prints forever on my heart.  
*Jen Lefaive*

For Gretchen Freed Lochsen, cat lover extraordinaire.  
*Chris and Sasha*

In honor of my dearest Molly.  
*Robin Hillier*

We miss you Ed, Chris, Rosa Parks and Tootsie Toe White.  
*Christine Gray*

Snow-Snow and Willy, brothers forever. You two have our hearts. We love and miss you so much.  
*Amy & Trina*

In honor of Roxanne Moawad.  
*Camille Moawad*

In memory of our dear cat Mitzl, adopted at MEOW in 1998.  
*The French's*

In memory of Roxie.  
*Cisley Spielman*

In memory of "My best Girl", Lexilu.  
*Karen & Shelly*

In loving memory of Nicky Keith-Kerns, adopted from MEOW in 2001.  
*Connie Keith-Kerns*

In honor of our current rescue, Gus, the Great Dane.  
*CJ Babcock*

In Loving Memory of Thomas & Annabelle.  
*Heidi Langley*

For Josephine.  
*Linda Hawes*

In honor of Bonne VeVea.  
*Nancy Lee*

I love my BUDDY AND SWEETHEART 2 years this month.  
*Penelope Clemens*

Thank you for bringing Mr. Hatfield into my life!  
*Sabine Bestier*

In memory of Jake, one tough but loved feral cat who befriended me. RIP good boy.  
*Nadine Meyers*



In honor of Tucker.  
*Barbara Fristoe*

In loving memory of our beloved Willie, who crossed the rainbow bridge 19 days before his 20th birthday.  
*Marilyn Ries*

In memory of our beautiful cat, Tatters, adopted as a 1 year old from MEOW in 2001.  
*Cheryl Ulie*

In memory of our beloved Callisto, 16 years of love will last us forever. We miss you and love you.  
*Lil & Steve*

In memory of Margie Squifflet.  
*Edmond Squifflet*

We love Annie and Bailey ~ our MEOW kitties. They have brought us many smiles!  
*Jean Stewart*

In memory of Rossi.  
*Annie Sotolongo*

In loving memory of Dorothy Mead, who was a cat lover.  
*Gloria Wenman*

To honor our two wonderful adopted cats, Bailey and Annie nearly eight years ago. Both going strong and loving life!  
*Susie Hart*

In memory of Netta Efron.  
*Mary Zimmer*

In memory of our sweet orange kitty, Oscar.  
*Emily Hoffman*

I love my Lulu (aka Chelsea) from MEOW! Thanks for all the great work!  
*Jodi Knieder*

Thank you for Paddington (adopted 5 years ago).  
*Kimberly Fry*

With many thanks for our two wonderful kitties, adopted from MEOW in 2005 and still giving us joy every day.  
*Paula Land*

I got my kitty Oscar there 13 years ago, thank you for the best kitty.  
*Peggy Didier*

In loving memory of our two cats, Emma Sweetpea & Nellie Tiger. We lost both of them within the last year. They were found in the same alley on separate occasions. We feel very blessed these two little jewels came into our lives. We miss them so much.  
*Anne Nelson*

In memory of Noah, loved by Sharon Dalton. In honor of Butterball, loved by Cathy Gobble.  
*City Kitty, LLC*

## SMOKEY JOE

Smokey Joe is a happy, handsome blue-grey guy who enjoys the company of other cats and enthusiastically greets human visitors to his suite at MEOW. He came to us recently due to what we politely refer to as "a history of dietary indiscretions." Fabric, plastic, hair bands, even electrical cords can have a certain attraction for cats like Smokey Joe, with a syndrome called Feline Pica. While chewing and sucking on fabric, or your earlobe, might be relatively common in cats, compulsively eating inedible things is not. In addition to being annoying to humans, this behavior is extremely dangerous for cats. Intestinal obstructions, which can be fatal if not caught immediately and remedied with surgery, is not uncommon in cats with Pica. We are working with Smokey Joe to conquer his compulsion. He's happy to provide a few tips for keeping cats like him with Pica tendencies safe.



Smokey Joe

"Make sure I'm not sick or nutrient deficient". Changes in behavior can indicate a health issue.

"Have we undergone life changes that might be stressing me?" Make sure I have a safe, quiet place to call my own - and lots of love.

"Am I bored?" Puzzle toys with treats keep me exercised and mentally stimulated.

"Prozac®?" Studies have shown that multi-pronged treatment plans with interactive toys, high fiber diet and therapeutic drugs, have sometimes been successful in minimizing Pica behaviors.

"No matter what, keep things out of my reach!" A regular routine of checking that ingestible items are safely stored will help limit access and keeps the house tidy as well,

Back at the shelter, Smokey Joe loves the company of others, bird watching, chasing safe toys, and playing 'find every food dish'. He is seeking a home with companion cats, or dogs, or humans who might like to play fetch (to keep him entertained and active) and a family that will be aware of his tendencies, work with him to curb those tendencies and keep him safe.

## 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



## COOL GIFT FROM SOME COOL GIRLS

What are kids up to these days? We'd like to introduce two 7th graders who are model ambassadors of the younger generation. To earn the Girl Scouts' coveted Silver Award, Grace Collins and Saniya Almeida created a fundraising project with the cooperation of their school. For a small donation, fellow students were allowed the privilege of wearing something other than their school uniforms on certain days. In the end, the girls had amassed a considerable amount of money.

Wishing to purchase something useful and meaningful, these enterprising and generous young ladies replaced the very old refrigerator in our Treatment Room. We're so happy to have a shiny, new, reliable fridge for vaccines, test kits, medications and cat foods.

We and the kitties thank you, young ladies! If this is any example, the future of animal rescue is in good hands.



Grace and Saniya

FINE WINES & FELINES 2016 ~ MEOW LUAU  
SATURDAY JUNE 18TH ~ 5:30PM TO 9PM



There is still time to register for our 11th annual auction fundraiser! We have a lot of fun things planned so you won't want to miss this one. The HUB Ballroom on the UW Campus will be our "island" locale for the evening. In case of a tropical rain storm, or if you just prefer to be delivered in style, you'll be comfortably shuttled in covered golf carts from the parking lot to the HUB. For your bidding pleasure there will be more than 200 items in our silent and live auctions. We'll be hosting a scrumptious island themed vegetarian buffet style dinner, and offering wine, beer and a signature cocktail, as well. Have a fun time with friends and win some great auction items while supporting the cats and dogs whose health and happiness depends on all of us. Register before June 6th at Early Bird prices. Registration closes June 11th. Details and registration are available at [www.meowcatrescue.org/2016-auction-home/](http://www.meowcatrescue.org/2016-auction-home/). Email us at [meowauction@gmail.com](mailto:meowauction@gmail.com). See you there! Aloha!

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