



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

CELEBRATING 21 YEARS OF RESCUE
AND OVER 22,000 PRECIOUS LIVES SAVED

Autumn 2018

FRANCINE



A well-meaning neighbor had offered to help the people who lived next door get their burgeoning cat population under control, but the couple declined, saying they "liked having kittens around". However, they eventually came to the realization that this overpopulation wasn't really

good for anyone. They began by releasing a couple of the kittens to MEOW, but insisted on keeping their sweet little mom, who had been born there just two years ago. She was spayed and returned home.

Just days later, the kind neighbor reported that the tiny mom cat was injured. The owners took her to the vet for x-rays and discovered that she had been shot. The bone in her left foreleg had been shattered beyond repair. Unable to afford the expensive care she desperately needed, her owners relinquished Francine to MEOW and her amputation was arranged immediately.



After a successful surgery, Francine is adjusting beautifully to her new stance, one front leg placed just right to balance while sitting up, walking, even jumping and climbing. She can do anything she did before – except go outside. Never again. For the rest of her nine lives she'll be safe and happy indoors.



HANNAH

A trapper working with residents at a trailer park met a beautiful young calico, thin and covered in fleas, living an indoor/outdoor life. It was impossible not to notice tiny Hannah's "disorganized legs". She walked on her front forelegs, with one hind leg swinging back and forth. Considering the dangers she was facing outside, her owners willingly relinquished her so that she could live a safer, strictly indoor life.

Hannah has multiple structural birth defects, called multifocal hemimelia, affecting three of her legs. She's missing all or part of some very important weight bearing leg bones. Her right hind leg is essentially non-functioning and may be amputated in the future to make it easier for Hannah to move about. Her orthopedic surgeon says that surgery to somewhat straighten Hannah's crooked front limbs is not without risks and the outcome is uncertain. Because she is not in pain and has adapted well, her caregivers agree that the best plan is to watch and wait to determine whether surgery would improve her quality of life.



Hannah is available for adoption, but for now she's a Ninth Life Division cat, promised forever care in a permanent foster home. She is loving life with the other pets there, many of whom have challenges of their own.

OUR 2019 CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE
GET YOURS TODAY



Every year MEOW's All Nine Lives Are Precious calendar shares just a few of our hundreds of recent happy endings. These beautiful calendars make great gifts for cat lovers and those who recognize the critical work that MEOW Cat Rescue is doing each and every day of every year. Order on our website, by phone at 425-822-6369, or purchase at the shelter for just \$10 each (add \$2 if shipped).

FINE WINES & FELINES 2018

THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT A HUGE SUCCESS!



Fine Wines & Felines 2018 – Take MEOW to the Ballgame - raised a record-breaking \$130,000 for the animals of MEOW! Whether you donated, volunteered, or attended, you made a difference! Big thanks to you and our sponsors, Eastside Veterinary Associates, Northwest Animal Eye Specialists, Cat-Man-Doo, Mud Bay, Cat Clinic of Issaquah, Seattle Veterinary Associates, Vision Pet Imaging, All About Cats Veterinary Hospital, Juanita Bay Veterinary Hospital, Real Estate Gals, Leatherback Printing, and Pedersen's Rentals. We are already planning Fine Wines & Felines 2019! THANKS for your support!!

SUPERHEROES, SUPER FUN, SUPER WINETASTING NOVEMBER 18TH AT NORTHWEST WINE CELLARS

Join MEOW Canine on Nov. 18th, "No Seahawk Sunday", for a super fun wine tasting celebration of our MEOW Canine 2018 Superheroes from 1 pm – 4 pm. Well behaved leashed pooches are welcome and encouraged to compete for "Best Costume". Admission and wine tasting is \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. Custom labeled Superhero wines, one red, one white, will make great gifts for the holidays or a super bowl party. Pre-orders soon. \$19 from each wine tasting fee and \$5 from each custom labeled bottle purchased will be donated to the MEOW dogs. Please register today at <http://www.northwestcellars.com/events/event-sign-up.html> so that we know you'll be joining us.

COVERING ALL TERRAIN CAT RUNNING'S 5TH ANNUAL MEOW 5K RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, MARYMOOR PARK



Put on your tennies, recruit a group of friends, and register today for CAT Running's 5th Annual 5K Run/Walk to benefit MEOW Cat Rescue. We'll be there to cheer you on and accept your pet food donations. Leashed dogs are welcome. Learn more and register at <https://www.catrunning.com/>.

THE FAULKNER FIVE



These little ones were tiny, only ten days old, when found in a barn near Ellensburg. It was April, cold and wet, and from the looks of the kittens, their mom had not been around for a few days. They were emaciated, dehydrated, just cling-

ing to life. Most mom cats are very attentive and protective and, with kittens at this tender age, moms take only short breaks away from the nest. Perhaps mom cat had met with a predator or some other fate. She was gone.

Soon after the kittens' arrival at MEOW, a seasoned foster mom was in high gear, bottle feeding every two hours 'round the clock, keeping their bottoms and bedding clean, and meeting their every need. It wasn't an easy job. The kittens were plagued by serious tummy troubles from a heavy load of gastrointestinal parasites – roundworms, coccidia, and giardia. Finally, after several weeks and multiple treatments, the kittens' input and output became normal and they grew plump and playful. Now looking like the very picture of health while finishing up their final treatments, they're getting ready to take their crazy kitten show to a few fortunate forever families.

This story is certainly not unique. Every year many litters are found in barns, some of them orphans like these. When quick and appropriate action is taken, and with the love and care of dedicated foster families, they can become happy, healthy cats who can safely live out each of their precious lives.

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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Sun. 12 - 5PM
Closed: Mon., Tues., and
major holidays

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In honor of Atsuki Patzwald's birthday.
Dave & Emily

In memory of Teddy, who left his love
here for Paula and Linda
after 21 years of devotion!
Konnle Rincon

In memory of my husband, Mark.
Vicki Russell

In honor of Diana Zagurski, a life-long
lover of cats and all other animals.
Elizabeth Long

In memory of Mia, who left her mom
Kelly after only 1-1/2 years.
Barbara Lui

In memory of Ed Holcomb.
Jo Orbits

In honor of Tanner & Reily.
Laura Neumann

In loving memory of Checkers Bergquist.
Evergreen Veterinary Associates

In loving memory of Bocelli,
who could clearly see with his heart.
John's friends at MEOW

In memory of Sally Kinsey.
Kathleen Shannon

In celebration of Marti's retirement.
Kelli Madden

In honor of Oscarina, Isabella
and past furry friends.
Laura Pederson

In memory of Jim and the many won-
derful cats he loved during his life.
Ruth Chandler

In memory of Greg Cleghorn.
Anonymous

To the dedicated staff at MEOW.
James & Sheila Woodcock

In honor of Chester (Redford),
Mittens and El Jefe.
Nancy Jackson

In honor of MEOW's
oldest "forever" volunteer Helga Bajars.
Roxie

In honor of Zoe. Much love.
Mary Burns-Haley

In honor of Kinky
and in memory of sweet Tobey.
Amy Petri

In honor of Jolie and Rob Scheibe,
with our best wishes.
Robert Simon

Thank you for getting us Eddie.
He is 16 years old and going strong!
Brenda Sandmaier

In memory of Marge Slichter.
Priscilla McCarty

In memory of Tonto, my trusty sidekick.
I think of you often.
Gary Way

In honor of Ted Scott, Bree Norlander
and Miranda Scott for caring for our cats
while we were away.
Aaron Knopf

In memory of Fuzzy Barker.
Tonya Barker

To honor MEOW's Ninth Life Division
cats in their happy retirement homes.
Ann Payne & Gary Baxter

In honor of Jaimie Quaglino's birthday.
David Harris

In honor of Joey.
Rebecca McQuade

Always remembering Snowball and Annie.
Char Summers

In honor of Rob and Jolie Scheibe.
Kristen Davidson

In memory of Sugarplum and Megan,
my dearly loved kitties.
Gayle Nelson

In honor of Debra Prins,
a wonderful person and co-worker.
Happy retirement!
Janelle Weihl

In loving memory of Brandi.
Rest peacefully.
Friends of Brandi

In memory of sweet boy, Leroy.
Thanks to Annie and Mike
for taking such good care of him.
Jan Rowe

In honor of the wedding of
Cassie Yapple and Frank Salinas.
Amanda Hua

In honor of Annie.
Rebecca McQuade

In memory of B.J. Beamis.
Kristie Family

In memory of Gus,
loved by Carolyn Echellbarger;
In memory of Mr Kitty,
loved by Richard Shilling & Barbara Henon;
In memory of Batman,
loved by Donna Reinhart;
In memory of Tony Pizzicato,
loved by Nona Martin;
In memory of Lilly,
loved by Lane and Bea Tyree;
In memory of Angus,
loved by Elizabeth Dubreuil.
City Kitty



MEOW'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR, BAKE SALE & OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, FROM 10 AM - 4 PM



Join us again for our annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale in the Chapel at the Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church, near the shelter at 308 4th Ave S, Kirkland. As always, we'll have beautiful handcrafted items and delicious baked goods. Pick up some MEOW logo merchandise and

our 2019 calendar and enter fun raffle drawings. Do some holiday shopping and stop by the shelter to enjoy refreshments and conversation with volunteers, adopters and MEOW feline residents. Your pet food donation to our Animeals food drive will help families in need, distributed by Hopelink. Are you crafty? To donate handcrafted items or baked goods email Jeanine.meow@gmail.com for more information.

PINTS FOR PETS 2018 REUBEN'S BREWS IN BALLARD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 12 PM - 9 PM

We are thrilled to once again be a Reuben's Brews "Thank you Thursday" beneficiary on Thursday, October 4th from 12pm to 9pm. Along with great beer, there will be a raffle, a prize wheel and a lot of fun to be had. We'll also have kittens available for cuddling from 12pm to 3pm. Reuben's Brews will be donating \$1 for every pint poured. Seattle Veterinary Associates will be matching all donations up to \$1000. Please join us for a pint or two, all to benefit the kitties of MEOW.



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