



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

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

Holidays 2018

RICHARD



His life began during the wild-fires of the Okanogan in 2015. Richard, one of the fortunate animals to be rescued locally and transferred out of the area, was named for a firefighter who gave his life to save others in those fires. This tiny tribute was just four weeks old and he had no idea what might lie ahead.

It's no wonder that Richard has always been sensitive to stress. Lots of activity, change, noisy babies, fast moving children; these certainly are justifiable reasons for his stress related litter box indiscretions. What Richard's heart desires is a quiet place to live, a quiet person to share that space, a person who will give him reassuring cuddles from time to time, and some scratching about the ears and chin. He politely requests that his litter be kept nice and clean. He enjoys spending his afternoons window watching and cat napping. In the evenings he'd like to join you as you watch TV or read your book. Are you looking to reduce stress in your life? Perhaps you and Richard could work on that together.

OPIE



It's no wonder Opie was out of sorts and anxious when he arrived at the shelter. He had experienced some frightening and confusing things over the past nine years and clearly was unsure of who to trust. Back in 2014, Opie had been relinquished to MEOW. His human had passed away and Opie had stood vigil for several days, no doubt grieving, until they were found together. After spending some time at the shelter, Opie's sad eyes touched the hearts of a couple

who offered him a new home and a new start. Unfortunately, nearly five years later, Opie was relinquished once again due to that owner's health issues.

Although Opie's front paws were declawed early in his life, he does not have the behavioral issues often associated with that procedure. He has perfect litter box habits. Opie loves to chase balls and to supervise outside activities from his windows. Although apprehensive of new situations and humans, once he's comfortable, he is relaxed, chatty and friendly. He loves a good lap on which to nap!

As far as we know, Opie has always been the only cat in his home, and we think he'd like to keep it that way. Is there an Opie-shaped place in your heart for this big handsome golden boy? He is ready to take another chance on love.



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).



TRIPP



Last Spring, a couple of cats belonging to a family in a mobile home park in Lynnwood brought a guest home for dinner. Apparently this fluffy black and white boy, thin and hungry, had wisely struck up a

friendship with these two well fed cats. Thanks to the acceptance of the host cats and the generosity of their kind humans, Tripp became a regular at the dinner table. He ate ravenously for weeks, making up for lost time and lost weight. But, Tripp needed a home of his own.

Soon after his arrival at MEOU, a heart murmur was noted, and then the veterinary cardiologist diagnosed him with HCM (Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy), which means that his heart muscle has thickened. Thankfully, this condition is being easily managed with an inexpensive oral medication, which Tripp willingly gobbles right up when offered in a Pill Pocket.

Two-year-old Tripp shows no evidence of slowing down. He plays like a kitten and gets along well with other cats in The Cottage. He has become "the greeter" there, and will shower visitors with purrs and head butts – and sometimes when he gets excited he may offer little "love bites". He's an all-around fun guy, sweet and silly.

An honest to goodness Leader of the Band, Tripp has become a favorite of the staff and volunteers at the shelter, but what he really wants for Christmas is a home and family of his very own – someone who will play "fly toy" and other games from time to time, someone who will give him delicious meals along with his special treats to keep him healthy, someone who will share his wonderful zest for life.



YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING CAN HELP MEOW RETAIL & ETAIL PARTNERSHIPS

You can feel extra good about shopping this holiday season and all year long when your purchases help bring prosperity to the pussycats!

By linking your Fred Meyer Community Rewards card to MEOU Cat Rescue, Organization YN239, MEOU will benefit every time you shop there. Go to <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4> and enter MEOU Cat Rescue.



If you're an Amazon shopper, you can support MEOU through Smile.Amazon.com every time you shop, at no cost to you. Choose your charity by using our registered name, Mercer Island-Eastside Orphans and Waifs, or our EIN #91-1743911

It costs you absolutely nothing to register or use these sites. Thank you for allowing MEOU to share in your holiday giving.

STOCKING STUFFER IDEAS GIVE THE GIFT OF MEOW



Our MEOU logo says it all, "all nine lives are precious". This holiday season, give the gift of MEOU with the purchase of any of our great MEOU merchandise. Your friends and family will love our commemorative playing card deck filled with great pictures of our supporters' cats and dogs, 2019 wall calendar,

tasteful car magnet, window cling, scarves, t-shirts, hoodies, quarter zip sweatshirts (each in a variety of colors and sizes), license plate frames, travel cups and more. We also have holiday giving cards available, where you can make a donation that will change a life, in honor of someone special in yours.

Many of these items will be available for sale at our Holiday Bazaar on Dec 1st 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 items to stuff those stockings and support MEOU.

SHARING THE GIFTS OF THE SEASON



Often during the holiday season, many of us look for ways to share our gifts with those less fortunate. Our Animeals food drive provides much needed dog and cat food to families with pets who could benefit from a helping hand. The food we collect is distributed through Hopelink in Kirkland. You may stop by the shelter with a donation during our open hours, or bring it with you to our Holiday Bazaar or one of our Santa photo sessions. Sometimes all that is needed to keep a pet in his or her home is a little food and a little help. Thank you for caring and for sharing.



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 Sensitive Digestion
Unscented Clumping Clay Litter
Liquid Laundry Detergent HE
Kitchen Garbage Bags
Bleach
Postage Stamps
Paper Towels
Hand Sanitizer
Costco Gift Cards
Target Gift Cards
Fred Meyer Gift Cards



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
11/24	12-3 pm	Ballard Mud Bay
11/25	12-3 pm	Greenwood Mud Bay
12/2	12-3pm	Broadway@Pike Mud Bay
12/8	12-3 pm	Canyon Park Mud Bay
12/9	12-3 pm	Overlake Mud Bay
12/15	12-3 pm	Issaquah Mud Bay
12/16	12-3 pm	Redmond Mud Bay
12/22	12-3 pm	Mercer Island Mud Bay
12/23	12-3pm	Sammamish 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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Wed., Thurs., Fri. 3 - 7pm
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major holidays

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TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of our two loves from MEOW:
Lincoln and Dolly Madison.
Susan and Dick

In loving memory of Fancy Pants.
Friends of MEOW

In memory of our gray girl Hex and in
honor of Gabby and Bug.
Diane Staub

In honor of Homer and Virgil.
They were two special kitties who left this
world too soon, but meant the world to
their human, my friend Nancy.
Mathias Morache

In memory of Poppins and Pete and in
honor of Rachel and Cyrus who gave
them the very best life.
Joni & Paul Cervenka

In memory of Ed Gray,
a great person and animal lover.
Chris Gray, Tootsie and Rosa

In loving memory of Henry.
Friends of MEOW

In memory of our sweet and loving little cat
Savannah, the "Big Dog".
We miss you so much.
Gerry and Mary Marsh

In honor of Sandy Stapleton.
Rachel Stapleton

In loving memory of Betty.
Friends of MEOW



In honor of Kola and Eliza, two rescue kitty
sisters who made me smile each day of
their long and happy lives.
Susan Stewart

In memory of my husband, Mark.
Vicki Russell

In memory of Milo, loved by
Merv and Jan Henderson;
In memory of Esper,
loved by Susan Corvialis; In memory of
Brownie, loved by Barb Chessler.
City Kitty.

In honor of my new cat, Baby and friend
Marion. I still love you Lizzie and Maggie.
Jacqueline Faucette

In loving memory of Lindberg (Lindy).
Carolyn Carpp

In remembrance of Fidget, Hershel, Bippy,
Harley, Billie Jean, Robert Thomas, Mavix,
Maxine, Beulah and Peppi.
Nancy Jackson

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!

JASMINE



Nobody knows how long Jasmine had been navigating the streets of a nearby city. Not only was she homeless, but blind and trying to care for her newborn kittens. Incredibly, she had escaped a myriad of dangers – starvation, traffic, attacks by other animals,

even the potential of human cruelty, and she appeared to be in good health. Her tiny kittens, however, did not survive. After a brief stay in a veterinary hospital, Jasmine came to stay with us at MEOW.

It is believed that two year old Jasmine has been blind since birth. She is quiet, sweet and purrs readily. She finds comfort in cozing up under a soft layer of bedding, but when she hears someone approaching she pops her head out and chirps softly in welcome. Her sense of gratitude is apparent when she purrs, trills and makes biscuits.

Jasmine lives by faith and sees quite clearly with her heart. She has touched us all with her optimism and trust. She seems to say each day "Don't worry. Everything is alright." Indeed, it is. Recently, Jasmine was chosen by a kind couple who fell in love with her at first sight, and she chose them right back. Sight unseen.



If there were to be a universal sound depicting peace,
I would surely vote for the purr.
~Barbara L. Diamond

HOPE IN A HURRICANE

In mid-October, just days after Hurricane Michael ravaged the Florida Panhandle, two hundred dogs and cats traveled 3000 miles by chartered aircraft from there to the Pacific Northwest.

Several kittens arrived safely at MEOW in this transfer facilitated by the Humane Society of the United States. In spite of a long and stressful day, they purred when exiting their carriers, ate heartily to satisfy their grateful tummies, played a bit and were soon fast asleep in their comfy beds.

A few of the kittens are sneezing and probably have an upper respiratory infection brewing. A few are still quite small and will be spending the next month or so in foster care. A few others will soon be available for adoption.



This mission was part of an effort to clear the shelters in Escambia County to make space available for animals who have lost their homes and families in the hurricane and its aftermath. The Florida shelters will be doing their best to reunite displaced pets with their owners. We are honored, humbled and privileged to offer our new residents the precious new lives they deserve.

14TH ANNUAL FINE WINES & FELINES AUCTION FUNDRAISER SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY JULY 20TH, 2019



Our 2018 auction fundraiser was another one for the record books, raising over \$130,000 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 plan to join us again at the HUB Ballroom! We'll be celebrating a magnificent northwest summer with a fun filled evening with the greatest supporters around. Watch for early registration, available beginning in mid-June.

GIVING TUESDAY - NOV 27TH
OUR GOAL IS \$15,00



This year's Giving Tuesday campaign will raise much needed funds for MEOW's Public Spay/Neuter Voucher Program and our 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 3600 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 their lifetimes. MEOW covers medical expenses and other costs of care.

Raising \$15,000 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. Please join us on November 27th for Giving Tuesday and do your part to Make a Difference. An on-line donation link will be available on our website and on our Facebook page.

MEOW'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR & OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST FROM 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.

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