

CHANCE, DESTINY AND HOPE WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The call came in on a hot August night. Four tiny kittens were brought to Animal Emergency Services East in Kirkland and they needed help – immediate help. The call



Cuddly Chance

to MEOW described the kittens as newborn, as their eyes weren't open yet. Newborn kittens are not new to us and we are fairly 'seasoned' in this area of kitten care. However, we weren't prepared for the condition of these kittens

They were actually about

four weeks old and their eyes were sealed shut by infection. They were so cold, so tiny and so emaciated. Sadly, the rescue came too late for one of the kittens, but the other three appeared to have a chance. Once their eyes were cleaned and soothed with a warm washcloth, they were treated with eye ointments. We were hopeful.

The mother cat had gone missing and the kittens had been without food for several days. They were very weak, but within a short amount of time, they were latching onto a bottle and finally getting the nourishment that their little bodies so desperately needed. We felt confident that with round the clock feedings we could make them strong.

Their eyes were another matter. It was immediately apparent that something wasn't right. When they slept, their little eyes didn't close completely. Dr. Jones at Northwest Animal Eye Specialists confirmed our fears - all three kittens were diagnosed with eye-

lid agenesis. This is a congenital deformity that occurs when the upper eyelid fails to develop. All of the kittens have corneal damage due to corneal exposure and irritation from facial hairs. Each kitten's condition is severe enough that surgical correction will be required—most likely new and functional eyelids will be constructed using conjunctiva membrane and lower eyelid tissue.



Delightful Destiny

Chance, Destiny and Hope received their names from MEOW's own Lisa Weaver, a survivor who knows a bit about overcoming life's challenges. It has been several weeks since the kittens were rescued and placed in foster care. As we had hoped, they have grown stronger and now behave very much like healthy kittens. They run



Happy Hope

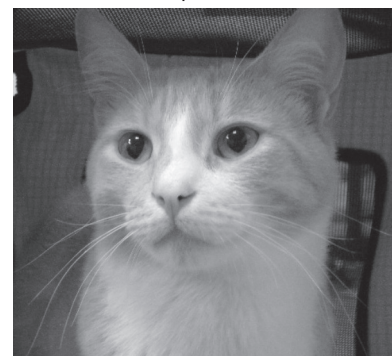
and jump and play. We know, however, that these kittens have a long hard road in front of them. Their eyes must be treated several times a day to prevent further damage. They'll each have extensive and expensive eyelid surgery when they are bigger and

stronger. We are prepared to care for them throughout their ordeal and make sure their recoveries are as easy as possible on them. Until then, they are concentrating on having fun and making sure we know just how precious they are.

GOOD DAY MISTER HETRICK

Mister Hetrick is about 2 years old. He just broadcasts love and trust from every whisker so we believe that at one time he must have been someone's cherished pet.

Unfortunately, someone also abused him terribly. When Mister Hetrick was rescued, his front right leg had been crushed and shattered. The veterinarian who patched him up believes that this blunt force trauma was caused by a steel-toe boot. No doubt the unsuspecting cat got in somebody's way.



Mister Hetrick

Instead of amputating the leg, the wonderful woman who took him in chose a very expensive surgery to repair it. One can feel the steel plates under his regrowing fur.

Mister Hetrick, named after the doctor who saved his leg and greatly reduced his fees, is ready for his forever home. He's prepared to unconditionally love the someone who will give him love in return. He is one of the sweetest and most gentle cats we've ever met and apparently holds no grudges against humans. Today is a new day for Mister Hetrick. It's sure to be a good one.

THROUGH THE EYES OF LOVE

The four tiny kittens found in a warehouse in Seattle were sick and their eyes were so badly infected. The girls, Winkles and Brooksley, and the boys, Prescott and Lance, were immediately started on eye medication every few hours in an effort to save their vision. They were put in foster care with Kathy Posner who would be able to medicate their eyes and watch over them. Brooksley's and Lance's eyes soon cleared up and became normal. Winkles and Prescott were not so fortunate.

Dr. Jones of Northwest Animal Eye Clinic felt that Winkles would probably need to have both eyes removed, but the surgery had to wait until she was older and stronger. Prescott's prognosis was a future of severely limited eye sight as well.



Over the next few weeks, all four kittens became healthy and happy, with the exception of the eye issues. In their foster home, they played and slept and grew. Even Winkles, with no vision, and Prescott, with very little eyesight, chased toys and other cats. When they would occasionally bump into something they'd get up and shake it off and continue to play.

Unfortunately, when Winkles suddenly developed painful glaucoma her surgery could not wait. Dr. Brenda Kennedy performed the emergency procedure to remove both of her diseased eyes. The surgery was risky because of Winkles' size but this tough little girl pulled through! Within just a day, she was back to her normal loving self, purring and playing. Best of all, one of Dr. Kennedy's staff saw something very special in Winkles and later adopted her. Winkles will have easy access to all the medical care she might ever need.

All four kittens have been such fighters. They have proven once again that little animals adapt so well to their circumstances. Winkles and Prescott will never visualize the world as other cats do. They see through the eyes of love.

IGIVE.COM ~ ALL SEASON LONG

Now more than ever, smart shoppers are looking for ways to stretch every dollar. With iGive.com, you don't have to choose between buying something or sending a donation to MEOW Cat Rescue. You can buy the things you need from 700+ retailers, including Amazon, Nordstrom, Starbucks, save money with exclusive iGive coupons and deals, and feel good knowing that a portion of each purchase benefits our organization. Learn more at www.iGive.com/MEOW.

CATS & COMEDY

We were thrilled to welcome Animal Planet's Emergency Vet, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald to our shelter in July. Dr. Fitzgerald spent several hours at the shelter visiting with and entertaining volunteers and the resident cats and kittens. He heard about MEOW from his college roommate who now lives in the Kirkland area. 'This is a place to be happy about', said Dr. Fitzgerald. 'The shelter is as clean as can be, the volunteers are jazzed and enthusiastic about what they do and the cats are happy.' Following the shelter visit, Dr. Fitzgerald made an appearance at Laughs Comedy Club in Kirkland where a portion of the proceeds were donated to MEOW.



Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald

Dr. Fitzgerald is best known for his 10 seasons on the popular Animal Planet TV show, Emergency Vet. He also maintains a busy practice at Alameda East Veterinary Hospital in Denver. His passion for making people laugh is surpassed only by his unwavering dedication to all creatures great and small. His dedication to both comedy and animals has earned him the title of 'the hardest working veterinarian in show business'. We all think he's pretty special.

"MAGICAL NIGHT OF GIVING" SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH 6:30PM - 10:30PM

Join the retailers at Auburn SuperMall's annual "Magical Night of Giving" to officially kick-off the holiday season. Enjoy an evening of exclusive savings throughout the mall, prize giveaways and holiday entertainment. Tickets to the event are \$5.00 and 100% of our ticket sales benefit MEOW Cat Rescue. You may purchase your tickets via paypal on our website. For more information, email Ruth at meowcatrescue@hotmail.com.

HAPPY ENDINGS NOW ON WWW.MEOWCATRESCUE.ORG

It's all about the happy endings! We have so many great stories to share about kittens and puppies, cats and dogs, some getting their second, third or even fourth chance for a safe,



Read about Cliff, Dora & Honey

secure and happy life. These are the stories upon which we rely to get us through the tough days and remind us of just how important our work is. Visit our website and share the joy. If you've adopted a dog or cat from MEOW and

would like to share your happy ending, email your story and a picture or two to meowhappyendings@gmail.com.

FROM PUPPY MILLS TO PUPPY LOVE

It's a wrap! All but one of the dogs MEOW rescued from the puppy mill raids in January are now in their forever homes. We'd like to share a few highlights of this journey.

Esmeralda (now Betty), a Chinese Crested, has become the darling of Jackie and Bender, DJs on KISS 106 FM radio. Jackie affectionately refers to her as her little Chicken Pig. Their listeners have become familiar with Betty through stories on the air and pictures on their web site. She's the darling of the station.



Betty aka Esmerelda

Momma Muffin, the Brussels Griffon, had given birth to her pups the night of the raid. Muffin had long suffered from painfully neglected ears. As soon as her new pups were eating from the plate she was rushed into surgery to remove all the inner tissue from both ears and her eardrums. She is completely deaf, but in her new home her Brussels Griffon siblings adore Muffin and watch out for her. Muffin's three pups, too cute for words, nearly crashed the Petfinder web site because so many people followed their listings. All are now happily adopted and loved.



Cupcake, a cute little Affenpinscher, served as surrogate mother to Muffin's pups while she was on bed rest after her ear surgery. She was adopted after having almost all of her teeth removed. She has

Cupcake ~ sweet & sugary an Affenpinscher brother in her new home and they, too, love each other.

Baxter, a Manchester Terrier, was an easy adoption. He looks like an 8 pound Doberman. His new mom fell for him the moment she saw him. Another lucky dog!

Lucille Ball, the tiniest of the Chinese Cresteds, survived quadruple hernia surgery, removal of half of her teeth, an extreme ear infection and Parvo virus before finally being adopted into a very loving family.

Loki, a 10 year old Chinese Crested, was lovingly fostered through pancreatitis, extreme dental issues and ear infections. Now, her adoptive mom is head over heels in love with her. In fact, Loki was the very first of the dogs to be adopted, proving that seniors are super pets!



A Mr. Westin smile

We cannot thank you enough for your support and the donations made for the Puppy Mill dogs. It is because of you that each and every one of these dogs is now living the life they deserve. Well, as we said, only one remains in foster care. Our sweet little Chihuahua boy, Beaver, is ready and still waiting to start a new life in a home of his very own.

MEOW HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR & BAKE SALE DECEMBER 6TH



Mark your calendars again for MEOW's Holiday Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase hand made gift items and baked goodies. Best of all 100% of the proceeds benefit MEOW. More details on time and location coming soon. If you're interested helping MEOW by baking or crafting, please email jeaninek@myuw.net for more information.

PETE'S WINE SHOP MEOW'S DONATION BOX FEATURED BUSINESS

MEOW has donation boxes in approximately 20 businesses in the Seattle area. Two of our highest producers are those at the Pete's Wine Shops in Bellevue and Seattle, leading us to believe that wine shoppers are very generous. Pete's Wine Shops have sponsored the MEOW donation boxes for more than a year now. The staff is very friendly and knowledgeable. They are always enthusiastic about what's happening at MEOW, and many have cats of their own, including one appropriately named Pinot Grigio. Bob Harrison, from Pete's Wines in Bellevue, even volunteered as our wine host at Cat's Amore, MEOW's 4th annual auction fundraiser this summer. We are so grateful to Pete's Wine Shops and our other donation box businesses, as well as all the shoppers who donate. If you know of a business that might be interested in having a MEOW donation box on their counter, please contact Marilyn at AKH98011@aol.com.

RUMOR HAS IT

She's a beautiful kitten. Her white coat is soft and fluffy, her ears and tail are shaded the pale color of orange sherbet, her blue eyes sparkle. In both her looks and personality, she resembles a CreamPoint Ragdoll.



Rumor has it all!

She's a happy kitten. She plays with toys, sometimes choosing a favorite from her large toy box and carrying it from room to room. She's often found cuddling with one of the resident cats or the foster kittens in the home where she has lived since she was just four weeks old.

She's a kitten with special needs. She had her first seizure when she was only seven weeks old. Within days, the seizures began to occur every three to four hours. Early on, the veterinarians witnessed one of her seizures while she was at the emergency hospital. Since then, she has been taking an anti-seizure medication twice daily, with the dose increasing as she grows. Currently, she's considered "under control" with no more than one episode per month.

Rumor has it - a seizure disorder. Primary epilepsy is more common in dogs than cats, and in cats the seizures don't usually begin until between one and five years of age. For these reasons, we believe a more plausible cause might be a brain injury called hypoxia, lack of oxygen, which may have occurred during her birth. A third possibility is a tumor. Regardless of the origin of the seizures, the treatment is the same - control them with Phenobarbital every twelve hours. Rumor enjoys the chicken flavor.

Rumor has it - the right to a happy life. We vow to provide her the best and happiest life possible. She'll have her medication on time, she'll go to the vet and have lab work done every few months so her dosage can be adjusted as needed. We hope she'll be adopted, but until then she'll stay in her foster home and be treated as one of the family.

For now and for always, Rumor has it - our commitment, our support and our undying love.

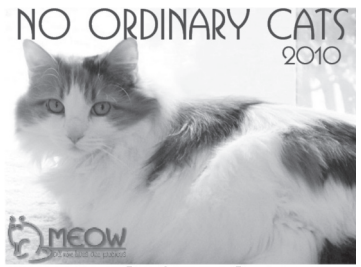


Are we really sure the purring is coming from the kitty and not from our very own hearts?

~ Emme Woodhull-Bäche

MEOW 2010 CALENDAR

The 2010 MEOW "No Ordinary Cats" calendars have arrived, featuring some very remarkable cats from MEOW Cat Rescue & Adoption. Each has had challenges to endure and overcome. All of them are worthy of our commitment and care. This beautiful 2010 calendar is available now for \$10 or \$12 if you would like it shipped. Stop by or call the shelter (425) 822-6369 to purchase your calendar. All proceeds from your calendar purchase support MEOW.



No Ordinary Cats
MEOW 2010 Calendar

TRES - LOOKING FOR A SECOND CHANCE

You may remember Tres (pronounced "trace"). He came to MEOW on a fall day two years ago with a terrible injury. His right front paw was hanging by a thread of tissue. He was rushed to Brookfield Veterinary Hospital where the doctor removed just the dangling portion in hopes that there would be enough leg left to allow him to walk fairly normally. Tres recovered in a foster home where he adapted very quickly to his new shortened front leg—using it for balance in his favorite sport of batting toy mice! After several months of recovery and physical therapy, Tres was given a clean bill of health and was quickly adopted.



Handsome Tres

Due to a change in living situation and circumstances beyond Tres' control, his human has tearfully relinquished him back to MEOW. He has blossomed into such a fluffy, beautiful boy! His eyes just sparkle and he is so good natured. Tres' front leg is doing very well

and he gets around with amazing grace. He loves people and always wants to be where the action is. He loves to play in the water and is especially fond of bathroom sinks.

Tres has been living with another young cat and needs to be with a young playmate as he is full of boundless energy. Could you and your cat be Tres' new family?

TO HONOR & REMEMBER



In memory of
Nancy Jane Larson.
Swedish Medical Center, Rehabilitation Department

In loving memory of our cousin and cat lover extraordinaire,
Patricia Thurman, who loved, treasured and cared for so
many over the course of her short, sweet life.
Jan Scott

Thanks to all the cat lovers for their support and caring.
Daniel Carey

Happy Autumn and Happy Holidays to all at MEOOW.
In memory of Ching and Minkey, who provided us with
so much fun and laughter when they 'participated' in our
Easter egg hunts. You are missed.
Nancy Mason

In loving memory of Idgie P. Threadgood.
Judith Charhon

To honor Muse who passed away after 23 years
of loyal love and friendship.
Gary Stock

To remember Nellie Holder, my loving mom who loved
her cats and dogs so much.
Mary Marsh

Hootimus, Steve and Ruby - thank you for the joy and love.
Love to Bun Bun.
Tina and Pat

To Paladin, the most wonderful pet a person could have.
Elaine

In memory of Sadie, lovingly owned and cared for
by Gayle Joinette.
City Kitty, LLC

To honor Eibhlin, Kimberly's 'itty bitty kitty'.
Leslie Willecke

In memory of sweet Tess,
the Veronica Lake of dogdom - who was beautiful,
impetuous and drove men crazy.
Anita Davidson

To honor Buddy and Zoe, who add so much to my life.
Thank you MEOOW.
Barbara DeCoster

In loving memory of our wonderful Jerri.
We miss her every day.
Victoria Blackwell

Honoring and celebrating their third birthday at home,
Jeter (Kendall) and Roxy (Cleo), my MEOOW kids!
Terri Jo Bala

In loving memory of Hailey, our beautiful long haired tabby
who was taken from us much too soon.
We will miss you.
The Days

For Kato, 1986 - July 2009.
Forever loved by John R. Butler and family.
City Kitty, LLC

In honor of Nydia's birthday.
Bill & Heather Sommer

For Angel, Gutchie, Buster and Annie ~ all dear kitties.
Barbara Couch

In loving memory of Duke of Oreo,
owned and loved by Betty Smith.
Jackie & Henry Thompson

In gratitude of Laurel Feltz,
who is very passionate about cats ~ all cats.
Friends at Institute for Systems Biology

In honor of Lucy Olson.
Happy 90th birthday and thank you for adopting our Winky.
Marlie Carithers

Our much loved Buttons, Katie, Chocko, Ms. Kitty
- miss them very much.
Mary MacGregor

To honor Sandman.
James & Grace Shibayama

In loving memory of Sylvester, our big teddy bear.
We miss you!
Linda Wilson

In honor of Eugene and Michael for 14 years of loving care
that even continued after death.
Vicki Russell and the spoiled darlings

In memory of Nancy J. Nelson.
Cindi Logan

In honor of Stacey Clements' birthday.
Barbara Royce

In memory of Penny, who gave us 13 years of love.
Missed by us, her brother Ed (also a MEOOW cat), and Abby,
our yellow lab whom she nuzzled daily. Her constant
attention, now gone, has left a void in our household.
Alice & John Poirier

For all the furry loves in my lifetime.
Nancy Wilson

In memory of my husband, Mark.
I wish you could have known Tom and his sister Geri.
Vicki Russell

In loving memory of my sweet Samantha.
Paul Marsh

To honor and remember Terry Tussing and Thomas Coriell
on the occasion of their marriage.
Carol Wellenberger

In memory of our sweet Sophie Rose
and our beautiful Bella.
Jeri Tarp

To remember 'Power'.
James Morrison

In memory of our pals Pokey and Claudette.
Patricia Anderson

In memory of Buster, 1992 - 2009, lovingly owned and
forever missed by Annette Barton.
City Kitty, LLC

In honor of Fred. We will always remember you.
Joyce Loveland

In memory of Karen and Bob's old friend, Patches.
Jan Rowe

In sweet remembrance of Otis
a special dog and giver of much happiness.
Nancy & Bob Read

In honor and fond memory of our friend Clayton Rich, MD.
Dr. and Mrs. Irving Schulman

In memory of Ancalagon.
Andrew & Atsuko Patzwald

In memory of Sylvester, a loveable grandkitty.
We miss him very much.
Verna Small

In honor of my three beloved cats.
Joyce Ramee

In loving memory of Sebastian O'Connell.
Mary & George Crebassa

Thank you, MEOOW staff, for all you do!
Our MEOOW cats, Berry and Sid say "hello".
Robin Rice

To honor and remember Gracie, who found a home with
my sister Sandy and who is greatly missed.
Shelley Mortinson

In loving memory of our friend,
Janice Krenmayer, who loved cats.
Jack & Flora Blue

To honor Kirby and Parker Pucket,
adopted from MEOOW seven years ago.
Jennifer Engstfeld

In memory of 'Shadow' Allen.
Joy Allen

In honor of Nike, beloved cat of Michael and John.
Bridget Dacres & Philip Dickey

In honor of my Cleo and Stan.
Cassandra Dolar

In memory of Caesar, September 1993 - July 2009.
Lovingly owned and cared for by Jason & Noelle Williams.
City Kitty, LLC

For Cassy & Alfredo, who reached out
to a widow who couldn't stop crying.
Vickie Russell

In loving memory of Sebastian O'Connell.
Miller & Associates

In memory of Megan's Aunt Shirley.
Jan & Jerry and the Fab 4 Felines

In loving memory of D.C. (that 'Darn Cat').
He was rescued at the age of one and lived happily with
two humans and four other felines.
He was dearly loved and greatly missed.
Jessica and Derek

In memory of the Pederson family pets.
Anna Morgan

In loving memory of Duke of Oreo,
owned and loved by Betty Smith.
City Kitty, LLC

In memory of Sadie, a very sweet and loving cat and our
special companion for many years. We miss you.
Gayle Joinette

In memory of 'Drew' Cary.
Mimi Zorn

Remembering Fidget, Charlie, Frowsy, Bippy, Hershel,
Maxine, Robert Thomas and Brewster Mavis.
In honor of Harley, Billie Jean and Chester (Redford).
Nancy Jackson

In loving memory of Nancy Jane Nelson.
Cathy Deitrich

In memory of Rebel,
loved and owned by Greg and Laurie Hatch.
City Kitty, LLC

In memory of Herschey.
Andy & Michelle Allred

To honor Sandy Winkler. Thank you for everything,
you are greatly appreciated.
Wendy Miller

CAT'S AMORE

Cat's Amore, MEOW's 4th annual auction, was held Saturday, July 25 at North Bellevue Community Center to raise money for MEOW's general fund and Mercy Fund. Volunteer Marc Castillo hosted the evening. The silent auction featured over 300 unique items, donated by generous individuals, artists, restaurants, hotels, retailers, pet stores, service providers and more. The evening closed with a live auction led by retired auctioneer, Ken Cottle. During the live auction, Steve Hendrickson presented a very touching slide show highlighting a few of the animals that have been helped by our Mercy Fund. There wasn't a dry eye in the house. When the auctioneer asked for bids of donations to the Mercy Fund (Fund-a-Wish), two generous MEOW supporters led with bids of \$1,000 each! Some of the other popular live auction items included a Bellevue Police K-9 Ride-Along, a week vacation in Maui, and a tandem paragliding experience.



Jackie, Betty & Kelly

Many of our guests enjoyed a wine tasting tour of wines from lesser known regions in Italy, personally selected and hosted by Bob Harrison from Pete's Wine Shop in Bellevue. Volunteer Judd Tomson prepared the tasty hors d'oeuvre and guests mingled with some of our recently adopted puppy mill rescue dogs, including Betty (formerly Esmeralda) accompanied by her new celebrity mom, Jackie from KISS 106.1 FM.

This year's event hosted over 250 attendees and was supported by more than 30 event volunteers including shelter staff and volunteers, fosters, canine division volunteers, National Charity League moms and daughters, and friends and family of these wonderful MEOW supporters. In spite of these difficult economic times, we raised nearly \$40,000, surpassing last year's total! A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped make this auction such a success and we're looking forward to next year.



"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

~ Unknown



P.O. BOX 58
KIRKLAND, WA 98083-0058

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
KIRKLAND, WA
PERMIT NO. 58