



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

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

Summer 2017

NACHO AND CHIQUITA A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT



Nacho then

Every spring, and all summer long, kittens are being born in woodpiles, under bushes, inside sheds and crawl spaces – anywhere – everywhere. Those who are fortunate are found by kind and loving people, taken into protective custody, and provided the socialization and medical care needed to ready them for life as cherished family members. But for this fragile kitten population, time is of the essence. Kittens have little natural immunity

against viruses and infections which can attack them very early in life.

Four week old Nacho and his sister Chiquita were found just in time and transferred to MEOW by Kittitas County Friends of Animals. These sad little ones were both struggling with an upper respiratory infection and feline herpes virus. Their eyes were red, swollen and crusted, with Nacho's right eye completely covered by a thick, dark scab.

For several weeks, Nacho and Chiquita were treated with multiple medications which included oral antibiotics, oral anti-viral medications, antibiotic and anti-viral eye drops, some as often as four times a day.

We held our breath and crossed our fingers. We watched and waited as, little by little, healthy kittens emerged. Today their future is bright. Now Nacho and Chiquita open their beautiful, healthy eyes in their forever home.



Nacho now

TWENTY LIKE MEOW, STILL GROWING



Celebrating Twenty

On the night of MEOW's 20th anniversary celebration earlier this year, a van pulled up to the darkened shelter, stopped briefly, and when it sped away a small fabric pet carrier remained. In a stroke of luck, volunteer Pete had witnessed

the act and he rushed to get the abandoned cat in out of the rain. The young black cat was neither neutered nor micro-chipped. He seemed nervous, unwilling to allow touching, and was quick to turn and nip at a hand attempting to comfort him.

As the days became weeks it became more and more clear that this teenage kitten we named Twenty had more baggage than the carrier in which he had been left. We have come to believe that as a small kitten someone did the disservice of playing very rough with him. He learned to react in the only way he could, by playing rough in return. During play sessions at the shelter, Twenty would often turn quickly from the toys and latch onto an arm or a leg.

In addition to rough play, Twenty exhibited all the signs of Single Kitten Syndrome. In his formative months, he probably didn't have another cat or kitten to teach him valuable lessons and manners. With the help of Sweet Pea, his Therapist Cat, Twenty is learning to play nice with feline friends. When he gets too exuberant, when the headlocks and the takedowns are a bit too rough, Sweet Pea lets him know in no uncertain terms that he's out of bounds. A time out follows.

Twenty, the silky panther, is a work in progress. When he makes a mistake, it seems more about confusion than aggression. Through his scheduled play dates with people and Ms. Pea, he is beginning to understand the difference between hands and toys, between potential pain and proper play. Our wish for Twenty is that he'll soon be ready to spend the next twenty years as a cherished family member.



SAVING LIVES MEOW VOLUNTEERS KNOW HOW



For a small young cat on her own, the world is a frightening and unpredictable place. There are cars to dodge, dogs who bark and chase, unfriendly humans, not to mention predatory animals. And then there's the burning hunger.

Observed for days in the neighborhood, the little cat appeared to have nowhere to go and nothing to eat. When Talia and Jay offered food, she ate hungrily and then disappeared. Soon she came regularly, clearly having no other food source. A day or two after Talia, a MEOW volunteer, brought her to the shelter, the little cat's mammary glands began to fill with milk. She was a mother!

Now the clock was ticking. The kittens must be found – quickly! Talia and Jay brought mama back to her home area, keeping her in a carrier, in hopes she might meow to her babies. As they walked the perimeters of the yards and listened near overgrown shrubbery and woodpiles, a man watched them. Talia called to him, "Have you seen any kittens around here?"

"Kittens?" he said. "Well, yes. I've been feeding them for a couple of days. There are three of them." Behind some old bicycles, under a tarp, there they were, three tiny faces with frightened eyes, approximately four weeks old. Within moments they were all safely indoors, babies nursing hungrily, mama purring and bathing each one.

The elements of this very fortunate outcome fit together like puzzle pieces. The young mama cat was befriended by MEOW volunteers who knew what to do. The kittens' hungry cries caught the attention of a kind man. The kittens were lucky to be at the age to try solid foods, which ensured their survival while mama was away. Although unsure at first, the kittens soon began to enjoy human touch. Had they been a few weeks younger, being without mama may have taken a more serious toll. Had they been a few weeks older, catching and socialization may have been more difficult. This lucky little family's lives were saved because people noticed and took action.

The world can indeed be a frightening and unpredictable place, but often, thanks to our dedicated, knowledgeable and passionate volunteers, the stars align and lives are saved.

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
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YOUR PURCHASES CAN HELP PUSSYCATS

Link your Fred Meyer rewards card to MEOW Cat Rescue, Organization 80427, and benefit MEOW every time you shop there. Whenever you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Freddy's, you will be helping MEOW earn a donation from Fred Meyer. At the end of each quarter, Fred Meyer will make a donation to participating nonprofits based on the accumulated spending of the Rewards customers linked to each nonprofit. If you do not have a Rewards Card, you can sign up for one at the Customer Service Desk of any Fred Meyer store.



MEOWEE, THE MAUI CAT



Maui Meowee

What an interesting journey! This young Oriental Shorthair mix was born as a street cat on the Hawaiian island paradise of Maui. He was one of hundreds to arrive at the SPCA there last kitten season. Without enough cat rescue and spay/neuter resources on the island, the stray and feral cat populations are uncontrolled.

Transfers to the mainland are lifesaving. So it was for Meowee. He was chosen to be in a transport, along with several others, and found himself at a sanctuary in Central Washington. Sanctuaries typically exist for the purpose of housing animals for their lifetime. It was an easy decision, however, to allow Meowee and some of his fellow Hawaiians to be transferred again, to provide the best possible opportunity for adoption.

Arriving just before Christmas, Meowee began his stay at MEOW in Isolation, first being treated for an upper respiratory infection, then due to possible ringworm (which turned out to be negative), and finally, in an abundance of caution, due to a potential exposure to Feline Leukemia.

When at last Meowee was declared healthy and adoptable, his exuberant personality emerged. He adores having his extraordinarily large ears rubbed. His toy mice get a lot of attention. Still working on learning his boundaries, Meowee may be a bit too mouthy or play too rough for a home with small children. He does enjoy the company of other cats but sometimes plays too hard. His best home might be as a single cat in a home with a person who is committed to helping him polish up his manners and become the very best purrson he can be.

Meowee is a Personal Assistant in the Meet Your Match program. Meowee is seeking employment as Supervisor of Everyday Household Chores and Pastime Activities. Are you taking applications?



KIRKLAND OKTOBERFEST 9/22 - 9/24 ATTEND OR VOLUNTEER - OR BOTH!



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. Once again this year, MEOW is delighted to be one of the charity beneficiaries of this event. This event's success is due in large part to the volunteers. If you'd like to be part of that success, have some fun, and benefit MEOW as well, sign up to volunteer at <https://www.universe.com/events/kirkland-oktoberfest-volunteer-tickets-D59YFP?ref=universe-discover>.



There are a wide variety of volunteer shifts, ranging from 2 to 4 hours long. You'll receive a t-shirt and admittance to the event. Make sure you check the "I'm supporting MEOW" box when you register to volunteer, so that we get credit for your shift. Why not get a group of friends or co-workers together and have some fun while benefiting MEOW?



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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Fri. 12 - 7PM
Sat. 12 - 5PM
Sun. 12 - 5PM
Closed Tuesdays and
Major Holidays

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In loving memory of two very special cats,
Dre and TLC. They were so loved and
will be missed so very much.
Linda Calhoun

In honor of Adele Akerstrom,
on behalf of her dear friend Ruth.
Lori Yeaman

In memory of my beloved sister, Fra Black.
Mary Burns-Haley

In honor of Caska Cousin. We miss you girl!
Marlenea Cousin

In memory of Amy, my sweet little dog
that cheered me up during
my cancer treatment.
Judy Anderson

In memory of Cindy, adopted from MEOW
in 2008.
I miss her sweet and gentle nature dearly.
Judy Anderson

In memory of Sharon Osborn,
who loved animals.
Chris Schweiger

In honor of Mark Willmes.
Gene Colin

In honor of Janet Beck and in memory of
her magnificent cat, Mally.
Lisa Reising

In honor of Carolyn Ceccanti's upcoming
marriage ~ to a cause she is passionate
about in lieu of a wedding gift.
Betsy & Andy

To honor Ophelia, epic foster fail, for the
too short time she provided support and
love to Dr. Amy and her family.
Ruth Laitila

This gift is to honor Sean Gallahue
on his birthday.
Martha Gallahue

In remembrance of my brother Kevin,
who taught his two cats to play gently with
his train set.
Daniel Carey

In loving memory of Valerie Vallejos.
from her mom Dana and her brother Bryan

For Bunny.
Anonymous

In honor of Gabriella Quile's 9th birthday!
Stephanie Olson

In honor of Emma Solanki
and James Hickman's wedding.
Robert Snell

In loving memory of my Mom,
Alice Roddis.
I miss you everyday.
Kathy Posner

In honor of Atsuko Patzwald's birthday.
Emily Patzwald

In memory of Karen Sharp and all her strays.
Carol Verga

In honor of Amelia's birthday.
Cori Greenberg

In memory of Zoey.
Eileen Brown Fitzgerald

In memory of my grand-cats, kitty cousins
Daniel and Maddie. They were a special
part of our extended family
for many, many years.
Janell Gregson

In honor of our daughter, Jen.
Margot & Robert Swift

In memory of sweet Wana Dixon;
gone too soon, loved forever.
The French family

In loving memory of our wonderful and furry
friends ~ Heidi, Puppies, Elvis and Yogi.
The Memmels

In honor of Roxanne Navrides.
Seattle Building Enclosure Council

In memory of Bebop Orange Tabby.
Barbara Alban

In memory of George and Jefferson.
Barbara Baugh

In memory of my husband Mark.
Vickie Russell

In memory of Sebastian.
Kelly Beck

In celebration of the 7th birthday of
Kappa and Luna.
Rowena Verdan

In memory of Bates.
Sonia Fierst

In memory of Hans.
Diana Franklin

In memory of Pochi, Ichigo,
Koume and June.
Roja Kwon

In appreciation of Kathy Hobson, for always
being there for humans and animals alike.
Joni Cervenka

In memory of Boo Bear and Furby
Amy Evans

In memory of Melinda Sue.
Debra Handrich

In memory of Clancy Harvey.
Elizabeth Harvey

In honor of MEOW alumni, Louise and
Chloe, two happy and healthy
four year old cats!
Jason Hoskins

In memory of Joey.
Cynthia Jaeger

In memory of Sherpa the cat.
Lee Klastorin

In honor of Lulu (aka Chelsea). Thank
you for all the wonderful work you do!
Jodi Knieper

In honor of Mr. Pickles and Blaze.
Kirsta Kolaz

In memory of Pochi, Ichigo, Koume
and June.
Roja, Miju, Minam & Momiji Kwon

In memory of Tuxedo.
Lovisa Lerose

In memory of Simm and Dimm.
Chris Lew

In memory of Bernard.
Dorie Lysaght

In memory of Rocco, Debbie Meyers
"little man" ~ adorable, wonderful,
charcoal black, big golden eyes,
greatly missed but watching from
kitty Heaven.
Linda Marquardt

In memory of Belle.
Tanya McDonald

In memory of Marcus,
our first cat from MEOW.
Sherilyn McGough

In honor of Dr. Amy Cottrille, DVM.
Kathleen Miller

In memory of Sancho.
Kristin Montero

In honor of Bonne Vevea,
founder of MEOW Cat Rescue.
Janis Newman

In memory of Karl Schulz I.
Danielle Foster

In memory of Che,
our Last Revolutionary Cat.
Richard & Eunice Grubb



TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In honor of Kaspar.
Dorothy Osborn

In honor of Luna.
Anne Ottersburg

In memory of Lizzie, Alec, Anni
and Fozzie.
Barbara Pearson

In memory of Argenta.
Carolyn Plant

In honor of MEOW volunteers
and animal rescue supporters!
Katy Rosenlund

In honor of Fiona, Findlay and their
seven little black siblings.
Caroline Rourke

In memory of Herman and Claudia.
Marc Runyard

In memory of Kitty.
Lynn Russell

In memory of Apollo and Koshka.
Julie Sardo

In memory of Maggie
a MEOW rescue
and wonderful companion.
Elaine Schreurs

In honor of Glowfish, aka Fishy ~ the
most purrfect purrson in the house!
Susan Secor

In memory of Twizzle.
Carol Ann Davidson

In grateful & loving memory of Mr.
Scout T. Braverman, the feral cat who
rescued me and became my de-
voted and constant companion for
over 14 years. Thank you for loving
me, for trusting me, and for bringing
such exquisite joy into my life. You
are my beloved forever.
Judi Sorensen

In memory of Lily and Strider,
neighbors, walking buddies and all
around good dogs.
Anonymous

In loving memory of Arden Kanov.
She loved cats, especially the kittens.
Her voice was always happy
when she talked to them.
Darla (friend of 59 years)

In memory of Jennifer Nakagawa,
friend to animals.
John Bay

In memory of Miles.
James & Grace Shibayama

In memory of Cleo and Lucy.
Cathy Silva

In honor of Vern and Carl.
Lisa Singer

In honor of Gabby (formerly Char).
Diane Staub

In memory of Luca.
Robert Talder

In honor of Jahnu, Neelum and Sadira.
Gretchen VanKekerix

In memory of Romeo.
Mary Wiegand

In memory of Pippie, Carly and Puzzle.
Linda Yelenik

In memory of Bugsy.
Kelly Ann Young

In honor of Felix
the Huddersfield Station Cat.
Anonymous

In honor of Janis Newman for the many
years of saving cats and kittens. Also for the
time spent helping other people learn how
to help animals. Thanks Janis!
Karen Fineide

In memory of my naughty girl Lizzie,
whom I loved.
Jackie Faucette

Congratulations to Dianna and Curry
on their marriage.
Katie Gronowick

In memory of Charlie Starbuck Reid, the
great powderpuff Chinese crested I was
honored to have in my life.
Rebecca Reid

In loving memory of my precious little
calico Emily (Betty at MEOW) and to thank
Melissa Worland, DVM for her skill and
compassion in easing Emily through
her final illness.
Patricia Bice

In memory of Puddy.
Niko Okamoto

For gentle Cloud ~ you leave behind you
a dark, empty, echoing void which nothing
can ever fill. My heart holds you.
My arms ache to hold you.
Diane Smith

In memory of Sally.
Anonymous

In memory of Essie Swanson.
Peter & Ann Swanson

In memory of Tabitha Susan, Misty Kitty,
Lucky Lee, Christmas Kitty
and Rockefeller Amiet.
Don & Deborah Amiet

In memory of Tourette and Pandora.
Anonymous

In memory of Jasper.
Lauren Gaddy

In memory of Kay and Vic Glenn.
Catherine Glenn

In memory of Xenda,
loved by Sandra Philbrook;
In memory of Poco,
loved by Angie Kriitenbrink;
In memory of Ash,
loved by Connie Newman;
In memory of Beej,
loved by Christy and Derek Brown;
In memory of Professor Charlie Buttons,
loved by Allison Everett
and Corey Moore.
City Kitty

In honor of all the MEOW staff
and volunteers.
Jean Bergquist

In honor of Castiel.
Jessica Bell

In honor of Bonne Vevea.
Rhoda Besecker

In honor of Miss Astrix.
Sarah Carr

In memory of Stanley Cervenka.
Patricia Cervenka

In memory of Bailey, Dante and Sadie.
Rhonda Chesley

In honor of Buddy and Sweetheart.
Penelope Clemons

In memory of Tess.
Angela Dorgan

In honor of Mittens and Beanie.
Jocelyn Ellis

In memory of Watson Espe.
Anna Espe

In honor of Mary Stelton.
Bob Stelton

In memory of T-Max.
Gabriella Metzger



FINE WINES & FELINES 2017
THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT A HUGE SUCCESS!



We are so grateful to everyone who played a role in Fine Wines & Felines 2017 – The Great Catsby. We had record results, raising over \$120,000 for the animals of MEOW! Whether you donated to, volunteered for, or

were in attendance at the event, you made a difference! We'd also like to thank our sponsors, whose support was critical in our success: Eastside Veterinary Associates, Northwest Animal Eye Specialists, Cat-Man-Doo, Mud Bay, Cat Clinic of Issaquah, Juanita Bay Veterinary Hospital, Seattle Veterinary Associates, Vision Pet Imaging, All About Cats Veterinary Hospital, Compassion 4 Paws, Real Estate Gals, Seattle Veterinary Specialists, CAT Running, and Leatherback Printers. We are already planning Fine Wines & Felines 2018 and hope you will all again be a part of it! THANKS!!

CAT RUNNING'S 4TH ANNUAL MEOW 5K RUN/WALK
SATURDAY OCT. 14TH, 2017 - MARYMOOR PARK

Put on your tennies, start training, and mark your calendar for CAT Running's 4th 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. Leashed dogs are welcome.



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