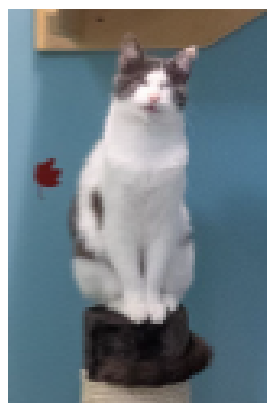


MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

CELEBRATING 22 YEARS OF RESCUE
AND OVER 24,000 LIVES SAVED

Summer 2019

LULU LOVES LIFE



Lovely Lulu

Tiny little Lulu has had serious life challenges from day one. Born into an unhealthy living situation, she contracted raging infections in both eyes almost as soon as she could open them. A rescue organization tried their best to save her vision, but soon had to accept the fact that she would do better without her painful eyes. Indeed, Lulu has adapted beautifully to being sightless.

Adopted as a kitten by a young family, Lulu settled into home life easily, forming a quick attachment to their child. But unfortunately, about a year after Lulu's arrival the family had to make an unexpected move out of state which would not allow for a pet, particularly one with special needs. They wiped away tears as they said their goodbyes.

On arrival at MEOW, Lulu had a sparse coat and itchy skin, but she has responded well to initial treatment with antihistamines and the long term change to a hypoallergenic diet.

Recently an echocardiogram revealed that Lulu has a heart defect called Unclassified/Dilated Cardiomyopathy, as well as a Left Atrial Thrombus (a blood clot in her heart). Although her short term prognosis is fair, she is at risk of the blood clot breaking loose and plugging a vessel in her lungs, brain or other organ. Or, she could live without clinical symptoms for an extended time.

Lulu remains undaunted by her challenges. She sees with her ears and whiskers, easily playing with toys and maneuvering about her suite. She relishes her special foods and treats. As for her heart, Lulu has reserved a special place there for the wonderful person who will share with her this beautiful life.

HELPING PETS OF LOW INCOME SENIORS THANKS TO A GRANT FROM ECA



The companionship of a beloved pet cannot be understated and it can be even more significant and important to our senior citizens. We all know that a pet can have a positive effect on our blood pressure and heart rate, but for some of our elderly, pets can even be the reason to get out of bed in the morning. For a senior citizen on a fixed income, it is devastating to have to choose between caring for their animal and providing for their own food or heat. There is a desperate need and very few programs exist to help in these situations.

We are very pleased to announce that MEOW has been awarded a \$5000 grant from Eastside Community Aid Thrift Shop, a small non-profit in Kirkland whose purpose is to support other local non-profit agencies. Funds will provide financial support to help senior citizens keep their pets when faced with veterinary expenses which they cannot afford and their options are limited to either relinquishing their beloved pet to a shelter, leaving the pet's condition untreated, or having the pet euthanized for financial reasons. These grant funds will help provide a needed safety net in our community.

We will be working with a small group of veterinarians to identify people and pets appropriate to the mission of this life-saving grant.

Check out www.ecathriftshop.org to learn more about this little powerhouse organization. You can help support their work by donating your good used items as well as shopping there for treasures.

WOLFMAN JACK - BOSS OF THE BLOCK



Although the most visible aspect of our work is to place cats and kittens with those who will love them as family, we are constantly aware of the phrase that motivates us every day – “all nine lives are precious”. These words hold a promise not only for the sweet kittens and displaced elder cats who count on us, but also for those cats who will never know the safety of a home, the comfort of a cozy bed, or the guarantee of regular meals. These are community cats.

Since last fall, near an office complex in Bellevue, such a cat had been fed by two Good Samaritans, who until recently, were unaware of one another. Together they had become concerned about his health and asked us for help.

The cat we captured in the humane trap had a most unusual appearance – like the legendary werewolf – and his demeanor was wild and threatening. At the clinic, in addition to his neuter and vaccines, Wolfman Jack was treated for a more complex medical issue. His eyes, nearly closed by thick crusty discharge, had a condition called microphthalmia, meaning they did not develop to normal size. This caused his eyelids to turn inward, a condition called entropion. For his entire life his lashes had painfully scratched his corneas. Surgery was done to eliminate his pain. A fairly serious heart murmur was heard also and his lumbering gait was assumed to be due to an old traffic accident.

Jack's days post surgery were difficult. He had sustained some minor injuries struggling to get out of the trap. He refused to eat. But he remained fierce, untamed.

On a warm, sunny evening several days later, Wolfman Jack was returned “home”. While not an ideal setting, he knows this parking lot, the surrounding trees and brush, the sounds and smells. He provides rodent patrol here. He has at least two friends who will continue to feed him. Now more healthy and comfortable, we expect he'll do well. As he reclaimed his freedom, Wolfman Jack took in the smells of the evening and then sauntered around the perimeter of the buildings - like a boss.

KIRKLAND OKTOBERFEST 9/20 – 9/24

ATTEND OR VOLUNTEER – OR BOTH!

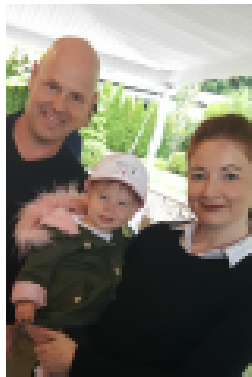
Mark your calendar for Kirkland Oktoberfest, a three day authentic Monchen-style Oktoberfest Biergarten held at Kirkland's Marina Park. There will be live Ger-



man 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, the success of

which is due in large part to the volunteers. If you'd like to be part of that success, which directly benefits MEOW, and have some fun, please consider volunteering. 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. Why not get a group of friends or co-workers together and have some fun while benefitting MEOW? We'll keep you posted on how to sign up as the event approaches.

MEOW'S 2ND CALENDAR RELEASE EVENT SAVE THE DATE! OCT 6TH 2019 1-4 PM



Javier & Family

Please join us at Woodinville Custom Crush for MEOW's 2nd annual Calendar Release & Wine Tasting. Many thanks to our wine hosts Matthew Loso, Managing Partner and Winemaking Director of Woodinville Custom Crush, and Javier Alfonso, owner and wine-maker of Pomum Cellars & Idilico Wines, who will be pouring their wines and donating a

portion of all wine sales to MEOW. Along with wine tasting, there will be appetizers, a silent auction and bucket raffle, and of course great conversation with MEOW supporters. Children and leashed dogs are welcome.

Admission (which includes a 2020 MEOW calendar, of course) is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Registration and advance purchase will be available on-line beginning in late July. Additional calendars will be available on sight for the special price of \$8 each. Woodinville Custom Crush is located at 15902 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. NE, Suite D, Woodinville, WA 98072



Matt

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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Sat., Sun. 12-5pm
Closed: Mon., Tues. and
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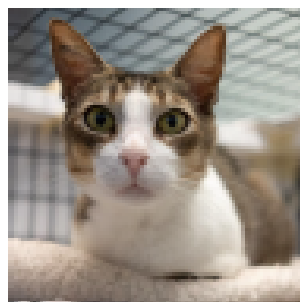
PUSSY CAT PANTRY

Today the cats' fondest wish is for canned food, a staple at MEOW. Every day our volunteer Supper Servers 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 gesture 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, 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. If you're an Amazon shopper, you may purchase most of these items at www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3LXAT722VXY12. Shopping on AmazonSmile and designating MEOW as your charity of choice will have an even bigger impact.

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



FROM HAWAII – AND BEYOND



Aloha Casanova

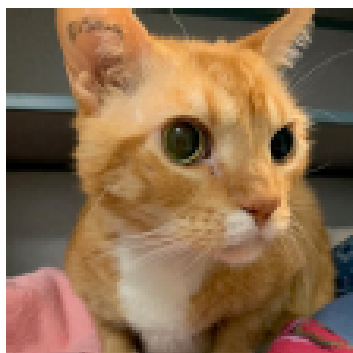
A recent red eye rescue flight changed nine lives: Garfield, Casanova, and Sonny are handsome guys in the 6 to 8 year range. Harper and Pastel are lovely 4 year old tortie girls, and the litter of 9 week old boys includes Kalina,

Kanani, Kauai, and Ali'i. Maui Humane Society has worked diligently to bring their live release rate of cats to approximately 70%, citing the success of their low cost spay/neuter program as well as their Wings of Aloha transfer program. But the truth is, there are simply not enough homes to go around. Middle aged cats positive for FIV, such as Casanova and Sonny, would not be chosen there. Nor would Garfield, who is partially or completely sightless.

Beginning with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, we have been honored to open our doors to hundreds of animals, cats and dogs, displaced by natural disasters as well as those whose lives were in immediate danger simply due to lack of space and resources. We have saved animals from several distant states, from Puerto Vallarta, Puerto Rico, and dogs rescued from the meat trade in South Korea.

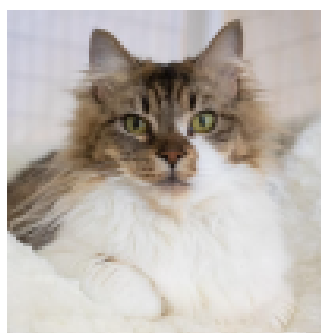
But what about the homeless animals closer to home? Statewide transfer programs have been put into place, bringing cats and dogs to shelters here in the greater Puget Sound area, where euthanasia for space is a thing of the past.

By reaching out, by opening our hearts, we seek to not only change statistics and perspectives, but also to change lives.



Gentle Garfield

ANGUS - COATED IN HANDSOME



Angus & His Dream Coat

Nearly a year ago, an elderly woman realized that her 1 year old cat was in need of more than she could provide. He was nearly hairless and covered in scabs. Even his toes had lesions. He had digestive issues. And, at the time of his neuter, we

discovered he had a low grade heart murmur. Angus' rescuer, who also volunteered to foster him, repeated apologetically that Angus would be so handsome "when he gets his coat."

Hair loss can be related to several factors: a single flea bite, a specific food (even those common to cat diets, such as chicken or fish), contact dermatitis related to environmental factors, or even an autoimmune condition called pemphigus. Diagnosing and treating skin allergies is often a long and tedious process. Any potential allergens must be eliminated while the symptoms are also being addressed.

Working through courses of medications and trials of hypoallergenic diets, slowly but surely, Angus' scabby skin became calm and healthy. Soft fur began to grow – and grow. His current hypoallergenic diet will continue to help him avoid skin and digestive flare ups. His cardiologist says his murmur requires nothing beyond awareness by his vet.

After 2 months in foster care, and 9 more months of continued treatment while at the shelter, the transformation of Angus is complete. He no longer has to wonder why none of the shelter visitors wanted to meet him (his cage sign said "not available for adoption"). Sweet, handsome Angus of the stunningly beautiful coat, who plays with abandon with toys of all kinds, whose eyes follow with interest the other cats and the humans who pass by, is now ready and anxiously waiting to be chosen. Come meet him.

all nine lives are precious™

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of
Bosley, loved by John Fauver;
Domino, loved by Claudia Fairfax;
Puddy, loved by Lynne Callahan;
Katie, loved by Anna Risinger; and
Priscilla, Queen of the desert,
loved by Joyce Lem.
City Kitty

In memory of Molly, and her
19 wonderful and loving years.
Mary Jessen

Happy Birthday to
Chleko Kashiwagi
Judi and Quillabella

In honor of my dear friend and
fellow cat lover, Jolie Schelbe.
Lori Hendry

Happy birthday Keziah!
Demet Bezmez

For Elsie and Trigger:
two of the best cats in the world.
Daniel Carey

In memory of Filble, my soulmate &
Frankie, my best buddy.
Eve Elpos

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

In honor of our MEOW kitties, Lady
and Swiper. Thanks to the amazing
shelter workers and volunteers who
give tirelessly to a great cause!
The Tilson Family

In loving memory of my sweet
Mookie Loo.
Maureen Morin

In honor of Sean Gallahue's birthday.
Martha Gallahue

In memory of my brother,
Bob Ruxlow, who adopted his
beloved best friend Buck
from MEOW. Buck is now 20!
Bradley Swanson

Happy Birthday Matti Kuosmanen!
Sophia Knudson

In memory of our beloved Dickens.
We miss you buddy.
Patrick and Lauri

In honor of our MEOW cat, Nellie,
10 years of age.
Frederick Hutto

In memory of my Mom.
Chris Grossman

In remembrance of Filledokke "Fil",
our beloved ragdoll
Ron Waude

In memory of Peaches.
Jerry & Jan Wiley

From our two cats,
Cleo and Mustang Sally.
Elizabeth Elliott

In loving memory of Rimsky.
He kept me warm at night.
Barbara Cohen

Remembering all the cats that have
blessed my life.
Stephen Lamphear

In memory of our kitties.
William & Barbara Forrest

In loving memory of Inga, loved and
cherished by Bob & Kathy.
Friends at MEOW

GIVING THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVEBIG

We are so grateful to and awed by all those who donated during our giveBIG campaign, raising over \$32,000 for the animals on May 8th. Many donors gave very special dedications to those they love.

Thank you so much for sharing your love.

In honor of

Sweet Pea, Kaspar & his human, Charlie,
Chloe, Sandy, Skooter, & Charlie, Marilyn,
Steve, Andee & Marc for saving Halo,
Micki & Fil, Emma Jane Louise Barns,
Mousse, Fiona & Cake, Gabby & Bug, Chunk,
Snowflake, Juanita, Fanny, Harold & Pippa,
Laurie, all animals great and small,
and MEOW's awesome staff & volunteers!



In memory of

Molshe Moo, Zizi, Lizzie, Patrick, Elliot,
Melinda & Dutch, Little George & Big
Jefferson, Holly, Romeo, Sadira, Louie, Leo,
Nala & Scotti, Derek, Pixie, Elsa, Thea Gray,
Kent Johnson, Roslyn, Cicely & Emma,
Wumpus, Four great cats rescued by MEOW,
Spike, Cloudy Snowy Mittens, Indio, SIMM &
DMM, Juanita, Kijasandra, Robyn Friedman,
Katharyn Monica Goodman, Plum, Lizzie,
Alec, Annie & Fozzie, Elsie & Dewey, Attie,
Jack, Joe Sapir, Orangle, Gracie, Claire
Thompson, Tourette & Pandora, Sydney,
Jack, Dusty, Zalle, Hunter, Angel Boy, Malzy,
Moe, Poppy & Caddy

FINE WINES & FELINES 2019 - SATURDAY JULY 20TH @5.30 PM
MEOW-MA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN!



SOS! Early bird registration for our annual auction and dinner fundraiser will be available until June 30th with tickets at just \$55 per person. Registration will close on July 14th. Wearing ABBA or Greek Islands inspired casual attire, you'll be ONE OF US at the HUB Ballroom on the UW Campus on July 20th. If an island storm rolls in, or if you just prefer to be delivered in style, you'll be shuffled in a comfortable van from the parking lot to the HUB. THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL with more than 250 items total in our silent and live auctions. We'll be hosting a scrumptious vegetarian buffet style dinner, and offering wine, beer, and a signature cocktail for purchase. THE NAME OF THE GAME is to have a good time with friends while supporting the cats and dogs whose health, happiness and survival depend on all of us. Visit our website

www.meowcatrescue.org to learn more, register, or view our auction catalog (available in early July). Email us at meowauktion@gmail.com if you have questions. WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, we are hoping to match last year's record results and raise \$138,000 for the animals.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

