



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

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

Holiday 2019

MEOW CANINE DIVISION

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE NUMBERS



Blossom—Tiny but Mighty

Blossom, just four months old, arrived from Houston just a few weeks ago, her skin raging with demodex mites and with a mysteriously enlarged and deformed right paw, issues that often result in dogs in that part of the country being deemed "unadoptable". Since her arrival she's been getting medicated baths daily to treat the infection and

itching and the veterinarians are working on diagnosing just what's going on with her foot. One thing is certain, she is now safe and on her way to being adoptable here in the Northwest.

Kelly and her team of about ten dedicated foster families work tirelessly to help dogs that often have very few other options because of where they live or whatever challenges they may be facing. Once Kelly gets the call she quickly gets to work securing the humans and other resources needed to provide: transport, medical diagnostics, treatments, surgeries, physical and behavioral therapy, and a whole lot of unconditional love.

Each year, these amazing Canine Division volunteers save as many as 30 dogs from the streets of King County, Eastern Washington, Texas, Puerto Rico, and even Korea, ensuring that each one gets everything needed to be ready for their forever home. Although the numbers may be small, the courage, dedication, passion and compassion couldn't be greater, confirming our commitment, on a daily basis, that ...

all canine lives are precious.

FROM FIRST LIFE TO NINTH LIFE



Thor—God of Strength

volunteers and our supporters.

All nine lives are precious. The phrase has always been a visible element of our logo. Its message is woven into our Mission Statement and engraved on the hearts of our

Those five words are regularly put to the test, as was certainly the case last May when a mama and her four 1-week-old kittens came to us from an overwhelmed shelter. By seven weeks, Thor was behind the others in growth. Not only was he less active, his pupils were large and asymmetrical, his chest slightly compressed and his heart rate alarmingly fast. He had regular "fainting" spells.

An echocardiogram showed severe mitral and tricuspid valve malformation and a very severe arrhythmia. Unfortunately, his condition is not treatable, and predisposes Thor to congestive heart failure. His specialists are doing their best to keep him healthy and comfortable with supportive care. Thor's fosters are committed to him for his lifetime, whether that's weeks, months or, hopefully, years. He is doing amazingly well, without noticeable decline. While a bit less active than his siblings, he loves to play, explore and snuggle.

MEOW has never turned away from the ones with special needs, nor the badly injured or severely ill. Admittedly, the cost of caring for them is higher, but the rewards are so very great. Thor has been welcomed into MEOW's Ninth Life Foster program.

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WILLOW DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?



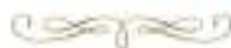
Willow—All Sweetness

Two cats were seen walking confidently in a grassy area in Centralia. Following them at a respectable distance was a third cat, stopping now and then to listen, her head cocked slightly, then bouncing happily

toward the others as if playing Follow the Leader. A local organization took in the little blue tabby with white muzzle and bib, and when she was unclaimed, transferred her to MEOW.

A bit of a medical mystery, one year old Willow arrived with numerous abnormalities including anemia, enlarged lymph nodes, and occasional nystagmus (uncontrolled rapid eye movement). Additionally, it was determined that she is blind due to advanced retinal degeneration, which is very unusual in a cat less than two years old and for which there is no treatment. The anemia and lymphadenoma have both resolved. She also has glaucoma, for which she gets an eye drop twice a day to maintain normal pressures in her eyes.

Despite her challenges, Willow is surprisingly kittenish and playful. She was a social butterfly with human visitors to the Library and with the other resident cats there. Often she'd run across the room to catch a jingly ball or rattley mouse, then sweep it into her grasp and sit proudly on it until she was ready to free it for another chase. It's possible that Willow can sometimes distinguish lights and shadows, but regardless, she is quite adept at adjusting to new environments. She's trusting and loving, and we're thrilled that she is now busy discovering every nook and cranny of her new forever home.



Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

Mark Twain

CREATING YOUR LEGACY FOR THE ANIMALS



Every year we are amazed and humbled by the generosity of you, our supporters, showing us again and again that you believe in the work we are doing. As

we plan for our future, we'd like to give you the chance to create a lasting legacy for the animals of MEOW. Once you have provided for loved ones in your Will, would you consider including a gift of money, stock or property to MEOW Cat Rescue? Your gift will be a lasting tribute to your dedication to our mission, while helping to secure MEOW's long-term future. For further information on how to include MEOW Cat Rescue in your charitable giving plans, please call us at the shelter or email us at LegacyGiving@meowcatrescue.org.

STOCKING STUFFER IDEAS GIVE THE GIFT OF MEOW



Our logo says it all, "all nine lives are precious". This holiday season, give the gift of MEOW with the purchase of any of our great MEOW merchandise. Your friends and family will love our 2020 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 to change a life, in honor of someone special in your life. Many of these items will be available at our Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 30th at the Life Community Church on 5th Ave S and State Street in Kirkland, Or. stop by the shelter and pick up the perfect items to stuff those stockings and support MEOW.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA AT MUD BAY



Commemorate this holiday season and support the animals of MEOW with a picture of your pet, your children, (and you?) with Santa. For a \$20 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	Mud Bay Location
11/23	12 pm- 3 pm	Canyon Park
12/1	12 pm- 3 pm	Redmond
12/7	12 pm- 3 pm	Broadway & Pike
12/8	12 pm- 3 pm	Greenwood
12/14	12 pm- 3 pm	Mercer Island
12/15	12 pm- 3 pm	Sammamish
12/21	12 pm- 3 pm	Overlake
12/22	12 pm- 3 pm	Kirkland

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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Hours:
Wed., Thurs., Fri. 3-7pm
Sat., Sun. 12-5pm
Closed: Mon., Tues. and
major holidays

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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
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Bleach
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Hand Sanitizer
Costco Gift Cards
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Fred Meyer Gift Cards



DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? IN HAPPY ENDINGS? IN JOYOUS REUNIONS? IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?

On behalf of the many abandoned, neglected, mistreated, injured or otherwise unwanted animals who have been placed by MEOW Cat Rescue & Adoption into loving adoptive homes 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 Holiday Thank You to...

- the individuals, businesses and grantors who have so generously supported our mission and contributed financially to keep the work going;
- the veterinarians who have performed services at reduced rates and dealt with emergencies as well as routine matters;
- our amazing shelter volunteers and staff who work so willingly on behalf of the animals, providing compassionate care for shelter residents, keeping the cages and common areas clean while doing load after endless load of laundry, answering phones and providing guidance to callers, participating in raising public awareness concerning the importance of spay/neuter and the plight of homeless animals, and facilitating perfect matches between our animals and applicants;
- our fabulous foster homes who have given selflessly 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 so generously contributed pet foods, cleaning supplies, bedding and other materials to help defray everyday expenses at our shelter;
- all the individuals and families who have adopted shelter pets this year and in the past, who have made a commitment to take seriously their pet's health, happiness and safety;
- cat and dog guardians everywhere who spay or neuter their pets, helping to end shelter overcrowding and the cycle of homelessness, and helping to ensure that one day every companion animal born will have a place to call their own.

WITH ONE VOICE, HUMAN AND ANIMAL TOGETHER,
MEOW WISHES YOU AND YOURS
A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON & A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of my friend
Barbara Beall from Texas. She
always brought laughs and shared
great stories. She adored her two
"boys" so much. She was able to
laugh at life and have fun no matter
what the world put in front of her.
Thanks for making us look so good
Barbara. We will miss you so
much.
Devlin Hamilton

In memory of Giorgio,
loved by Susan Spangler &
Sassy, loved by Sonia Livesay
Their Friends at City Kitty

In memory of Guinevere
Patti Waller

To Myles, Sean, Kyra and Rory for
all the cats they've adopted
Daniel Carey

In memory of Chaz, loved and
cherished by Bonne & Rick
Friends at MEOW

In loving memory of our
rascally orange cat Foster, who stole
our hearts at MEOW and gave us 19
years of love and laughter.
The Miller Family

In memory of Lulu, so dearly loved by
mom Dr. Jackie and dad Sean.
Gone too soon.
All of us at MEOW

In memory of Salty Robey
Lisa Atwood

I am very thankful that Jane is in my
life now. We are thankful
for one another.
Sheryl Stock

In memory of Avery Tan, who
lovingly cared for cats and kittens
all of his life.
The MEOW Family

With gratitude for Brianna Mark and
the amazing work she does at
Mozilla
John Karahalls

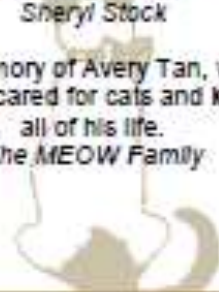
In memory of Corky the
conversationalist and one of our first
MEOW foster fells. Thank you for
letting us keep her.
Joni & Paul Cervenka

In honor of two sweet bengals,
Marlah and Tu-San, who are now
playing together once again in the
spirit world.
Karen Ford

In honor of my sweet feral rescue,
Call
Margaret Ann DeWitt

In loving memory of Jaxer,
handsome ice cream loving boy
Emily Collier

In memory of Pretty Girl,
Catherine and Moxie



JERRY



Jerry — Young at Heart

His name is Jerry but everyone calls him Jerbear! This handsome guy is a young 15. He was surrendered because his owner moved into assisted living where she could have only one pet, and she reluctantly chose his brother. Since he's been at the shelter, he's had a dental with some extractions and has no immediate medical concerns. Jerry has always been an indoor cat and, in fact, the great big world quite overwhelms him. If a crowd gathers you're likely to find him seeking quiet refuge under the nearest bed. Jerry grew up with one other cat and lots of dogs. Dogs are fine with Jerry unless they chase him. He has very good litter box manners, although he has been known to "wet his pants" if he gets very frightened. Favorite things: he enjoys roast chicken cut in small pieces and he absolutely loves sitting in a lap while someone reads a book. Jerry is known for his wonderfully loud purr, especially when getting neck scratches.

Jerry was assessed as a Private Investigator, a cat who likes to work undercover to keep an eye on you. You may not even know you are under surveillance. If you want a cat who knows how to stay out of trouble and will always keep your secrets, consider asking Jerry to take your case!

As a mature cat, we know it will take Jerry longer to find his perfect match. But, don't tell him that. Until then Jerry will patiently wait in The Library and happily accept attention and chicken given by our amazing shelter caregivers and volunteers.

SHARING THE GIFTS OF THE SEASON

#GIVING TUESDAY — 12/3



Generous Dusty

When we give from the heart, we receive so much more in return. Just as Dusty is willing to share his precious mouse, we are hoping that you, our generous supporters are willing to share, to keep our critical programs strong and our residents comfortable. Whether you direct your donation to our Public Spay/Neuter Voucher Program, our Ninth Life Division, our Mercy Fund, or our General Fund, you'll be saving lives!

Since 2011 we have provided free alter surgeries for more than 3850 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 the ongoing medical expenses and other costs of care. Our Mercy Fund provides financial support for animals in need of emergency or specialized veterinary care.

Raising \$25,000 on #Giving Tuesday (and matching last year's amazing results) will allow us to provide critical care and comfort to our residents, and help our community do the right thing for their pets, moving us towards a day of no more homeless pets. We're asking you to join us on December 3rd 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, NOVEMBER 30TH FROM 11 AM - 4 PM



New Location! Our annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale has moved to Life Community Church at 232 5th Ave S in Kirkland, still about 3 blocks northeast of the shelter and kitty corner from our previous location. 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. Although we won't have Uli's amazing wreaths this year, we're hopeful that we'll have wreaths available for sale and we promise to have a wide variety of holiday decor items. Come on by, do some 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 pets of families in need, distributed by Hopelink.



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