



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

CELEBRATING 23 YEARS OF RESCUE
AND OVER 24,500 LIVES SAVED

Spring 2020

HELLO AGAIN, BLUE YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE



Blue - Looking Great!

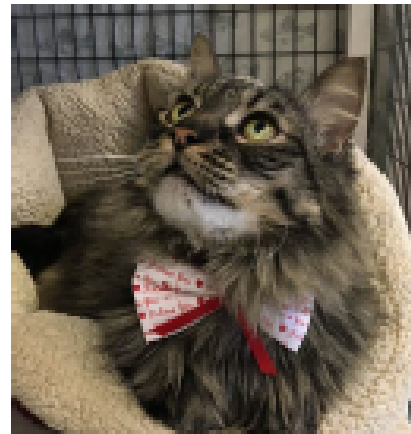
In September 2001, at just 2 weeks old, Blue was rescued from the streets with his mother and seven siblings. They were relinquished to a high volume shelter and then quickly transferred to MEOW to keep them safe.

Now, more than eighteen years later, we've had a reunion with Blue. This super sweet older gentleman kitty needed a soft place to land when his humans were no longer able to care for him. MEOW makes a lifetime commitment to any animal who has been in our care, should they ever need us again. Ever.

Considering Blue's advanced age, his senior lab work came back surprisingly good. He does have a few age-related challenges, but he plans to enjoy every one of the rest of his lives. We found that Blue's blood pressure is a bit elevated, so he'll be taking a pill once a day, wrapped in the delicious Pill Pockets that he loves. To help support his kidneys, he'll be getting sub-q fluids once a day. He eats well, is very friendly and snuggly and clearly enjoys interacting with humans. Although Blue is possibly deaf and partially blind, his other senses are compensating beautifully. His blindness seems to be related to his blood pressure, so we expect his vision to improve.

Wait. There's another happy reunion to share! Blue's mother, Mona, hale and hearty at twenty-one years old, is enjoying her golden years with her human mom, a longtime MEOW volunteer. Obviously, Blue inherited some of her great longevity genes! Blue has been invited to hang out at Mama Mona's place for now – and who knows - maybe forever.

WILLIAM, SWEET WILLIAM



Charming William

It was early fall in 2007 when a Kirkland resident, doing some yard clean-up, discovered a small kitten under the compost bin. This little ball of brown tabby fluff had found himself a warm spot, but he was all alone, his mother and siblings

nowhere in sight. After a short stay in a foster home, he was social and healthy, and was quickly adopted into what was expected to be his forever home.

Life takes a turn sometimes, and it certainly did for William. In the summer of 2019, his family sadly relinquished him back to MEOW. He and their other resident cat previously had a falling out and William was holding a bit of a grudge.

William is stunningly handsome, true to his Maine Coon roots, so it wasn't long before he was adopted a second time. This home also had cats, however, and after about six months, William was pretty sure that he wanted nothing to do with them – so back he came again to MEOW.

They say third time is the charm, and we're certain that will be the case for William. We've promised that this time he'll have all the humans to himself. He loves any kind of interaction with people, from pets and snuggles to full on lap lounging. At 12 years old, he's in very good health and feeling fit as a fiddle. If you asked him he'd tell you that 12 is the new 8. Sweet William is a real charmer, with perfect household manners, and would love to be your one and only.

ATHENA AND MINERVA THE STARS ALIGN FOR THESE GEMINIS



The Twins!

In late October, a pair of little goddesses, Athena and Minerva, arrived at MEOW. Their person had a family medical emergency and could no longer care for these young, energetic, lookalike sisters. Typical kittens, they are playful and active, curious and adventurous. Once they've spent all that pent up energy by climbing their cat trees and pouncing on the illusive red laser dot, they love to be held in someone's arms or relax in a welcoming lap, purring all the while.

Minerva had arrived with a very small wart-like growth on her forehead. She had surgery to remove the growth and to our surprise, the biopsy identified it as a soft tissue sarcoma. When these tumors are malignant they are invasive. Thankfully, radiographs and an ultrasound revealed no metastasis, but the initial margins taken in surgery weren't large enough to give the veterinarians confidence of non-recurrence. Minerva's case was reevaluated to determine next steps. Possible treatments included radiation therapy, electro chemotherapy, metronomic therapy (an oral therapy aimed at disrupting the blood supply to the tumor cells), or a second, much more invasive surgery. In spite of the difficulty in taking the necessary larger margins around the tumor site, a second surgery was determined to be the best option. Because there has been no metastases identified, and because she is so young, her surgeon is confident that Minerva's second surgery will leave her cancer free, with no need for additional therapies.

We hope that soon the stars that aligned to bring these sweeties to us will once again align and whisk them off to their very own happily forever after.

RESCUE BY THE NUMBERS—2019

THANK YOU, ADOPTERS!

During 2019 we found forever homes for 344 kittens, 248 adult cats, 17 seniors and 22 dogs.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Our amazing in-shelter volunteers logged almost 15,000 hours during 2019 (that's the equivalent of over 7 full time employees)

THANK YOU, FOSTERS!

Our dedicated foster families provided temporary care for 250 kittens during 2019.

THANK YOU, NINTH LIFE HOMES!

Thanks to several very special foster families we were able to provide loving, permanent long term foster homes to 33 cats.

GIVEBIG – WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH 10 YEARS OF CARING & GIVING



We are so excited to be part of giveBIG again this year. We've been there since the beginning, ten years ago, and so have you, raising over \$216,000 to help the animals of MEOW Cat Rescue! We are thrilled and

humbled to once again be able to participate in this one day, twenty four hour, online charitable giving event designed to inspire people in our community to give generously to the nonprofit organizations that make our region a stronger, more vibrant one for all. Our goal this year is to match last year's amazing results by raising \$38,000 to help the precious ones we serve at MEOW! Watch our website and our e-newsletter, MEOW MEWS, in the near future to learn more. Are you interested in providing matching funds to inspire other donors? Send an email to joni@meowcatrescue.org for more information. Your gift will go even farther and help MEOW even more on Wednesday, May 6th.



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
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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



TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In remembrance of our Tiger Lily
and in honor of Dr. Nathan Webster
and his staff at Lakemont Village
Veterinary Hospital.
Deb & Arnie Prentice

Remembering our Halloween cat,
Hex
Diane Staub

In loving memory of Frankie, who
was loved by Carla Davenport.
Your Friends at City Kitty

In honor of Ed Gray and my MEOW
kitties, Tootsie Toe White and
Rosa Parks. I love you all.
Christine Gray

In memory of Mark Blackbird
Cheri Hins

To honor and remember Beauty,
Thumbs, Staples, Wilbur and Lucy
Cheryl Crowley

To honor Call on her 15th birthday
after a feral rescue
Margaret Dewit

In loving memory of Tully
Jessica Whiting

In thanksgiving for the "purrfect"
love from Sebastian,
Tulp and Rebecca
The Mommels

In honor of Sophie and BudBud
Shewmaker, and their person, Neil.
Patricia Miller

In memory of three of my precious
Maine Coons, Maggie, Gracie &
Mrs. Beasley, with whom I had the
privilege of sharing my home.
Suzanne Bingham

In honor of beautiful Emma Jane. I
found her at MEOW 13 years ago
and we're still going strong
Sally Barns

In honor of Brian Erill's
40th birthday celebration!
Carrie Tyrone

In honor of our 11 year old
MEOW cat, Nelle
Frederick Hutto

Remembering Tommy, dearly loved
by Bill & Joanna
From your friends at MEOW

In memory of Nigel, loving & loud!
Karen Hillipi

In honor of Cameron Edison
Meredith Edison-Bill

In honor of Justin Tobin,
a loving cat guy
Shawn Tobin

In memory of Mark Blackbird, who
adored his two sweet girl kitties that
he adopted from MEOW.
Kathleen Lester

In honor of Tiger Lily Prentice
Mark Prentice

In honor of the Denson family,
In Issaquah
Julie Stevens

In memory of Andrew, Taffy,
Tika and Bouffie Cat
Sandra Chivers

In honor of Calvin & Hobbs,
Park Place Farm
Andrea Long

In loving memory of Checkers
Bergquist, for years of
playful memories
Cynthia Jones

For Katy R., who works at MEOW
and loves her kitties!
Joy Ramshur

In honor of Nathan,
so often remembered.
Ivor Phillips

In memory of Vivian Adkins
Sheldon Family

To our beloved Tiger Lily. You
brought us so much joy.
We miss you.
Debra Prentice

In memory of Nathan Detroit Phillips,
felsty and fun. Mr. Personality.
Barbara Lui

In memory of Lily, adopted 2000
Karl Barnum

In honor of Mary Charlton
Joan Marsh

In honor of Julia Kenny
Erin Kenny

In honor of Julie TeSelle
Steven TeSelle

In memory of Crazy, Spike, Toot-Toot
and Sam. Missed so very much.
Bob & Charlotte MacNelly

In honor of Trigger & Mr. Stubbs
Sarah Dudley

In honor of Tiger Lily, beloved cat of
Arnie and Deb Prentice.
Jane Orr

In memory of Jim Hamett
and our Raita
Michael & Karen Angelo

In honor of Patches and Petunia,
adopted from MEOW in 2014
Diane D'Arcangelo

In honor of our sweet Sundae and in
memory of her much beloved sister,
Egypt. Thank you, MEOW,
for helping us find each other!
Christy Reynolds

For Minnie. She was a fighter.
Elizabeth Wires

In honor of Chester, MEOW alumni,
and Mittens, an RV park rescue.
Fantastic kitties!
Nancy Jackson

In memory of Muffin and Sabrina
Dawnell Lamb

In honor of Dan Neal
Angela Neal

In memory of our beloved cats Lucy
and Tajar, sisters and littermates
from MEOW. They gave us great
joy and will be much missed
but never forgotten.
Jean Muir & Ian Walker

Thanks to MEOW for finding
homes for the "W" cats!
Saeki & Alex Mark

In loving memory of Mitzi
Monika & Michael

In memory of Smudge
Bonni Sundberg

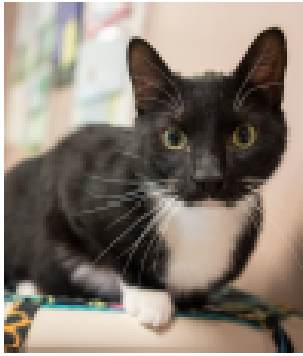
In honor of Claire Oemig's
9th birthday!
Hana Trnka

In loving memory of Stella
Bill & Joanna

Remembering my sweet kitty Annie.
Gone since 1992.
I think of her often.
Marti McPhee

Thanks to Cella and Casey for their
dedication to our care and comfort
Omen and Specter

FRAGGIE - LONE STAR NO MORE



A young black and white tuxedo cat in Corpus Christi, Texas, was spotted last October outside the kitchen window of a cat rescuer. That was his lucky day. Within a few weeks, he was headed north in a transport vehicle, destination MEOW.

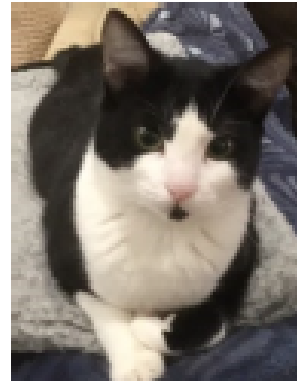
Fraggie - Feeling Fine Fraggie is 2 years old, very playful, silly and sweet. He had tested negative for FIV, FeLV, and heartworm at the shelter in Texas, but out of an abundance of caution we repeat testing on cats from states where heartworm is commonly found. Unfortunately, the light positive of our in-house heartworm antibody test was confirmed by the lab. Heartworm, spread by mosquitos, affects the heart and lungs and is potentially life threatening. Unlike in dogs, in cats it is impossible to treat because the drugs used for treatment are toxic to cats.

Radiographs of Fraggie showed no conclusive abnormalities. Nothing related to heartworm was revealed in the abdominal ultrasound. An echocardiogram showed minimal evidence of heartworm. And finally, a highly specialized lab test performed in Oklahoma returned the result for which we were hoping: No Antibody Detected and No Antigen Detected.

Cats who are diagnosed with heartworm infection but are not showing severe clinical signs should be monitored to see whether the condition might resolve spontaneously. To our utter delight, it seems to have done so in Fraggie. However, we can only be certain by repeating tests in a few months.

While he waits for the all clear, Fraggie, unaware of the worry surrounding him, is charming the socks off everyone he meets, reaching a paw out to passers by. He can entertain himself, but he absolutely loves interactive toys and play sessions. Welcome to Washington, big guy. Not many mosquitos here.

DOUBLE DELIGHT AND SHEER BLISS AGAINST ALL ODDS

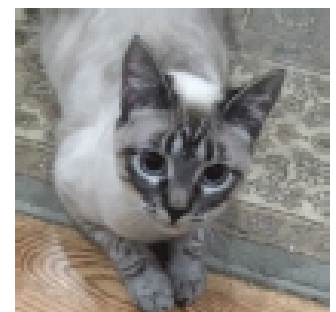


Delightful DD

Last June a litter of kittens, just two days old, were found clinging to their mama, who had died shortly after giving birth. Each of them had unspecified neurological deficits - some of them so severe they had no use of their front legs and were unable to lift their heads,

causing a sort of "snowplow" posture. Neurologists suspect the cause was congenital malformations of the spinal cord or associated vertebrae of the lower neck. Because the brains of newborns are still developing, there was reason to hope for improvement. Indeed, with intensive supportive care, by the age of 3 months, three of the kittens were completely normal.

Double Delight, a tiny tux, required daily massage and physical therapy by her dedicated foster mom. Using pool noodles for stability, DD became strong enough to walk and eventually to hold her head up. Now nearly grown, although she still walks with a high stepping motion, her front legs sometimes crossing, nothing stops her. Her beautiful Siamese mix sister, Sheer Bliss, appears very close to normal now, with just a bit of high stepping. They both have good balance and they run and jump like any other cats. DD and Bliss are such a special pair. They are both expert cuddlers and they love one another. These silly sisters share a love of water and often stand with both front feet in the bowl when drinking.



Precious Sheer Bliss

We feel it's a sure bet that DD and Bliss will bring years of happiness to some special family.

all nine lives are precious™

FINE WINES & FELINES 2020: PURRFECT VISION JUNE 20TH AT HUB BALLROOM ON UW CAMPUS

CAN YOU HELP US BE THEIR GUIDING LIGHT?

We hope you've marked your calendar and are planning to join us on June 20th for our 15th annual auction fundraiser. More details and reservations will be available in early May. Until then, if you're looking for a fun, unique way to support the cats and dogs of MEOW, why not consider donating to our annual auction? This is our major fundraising event, providing critical funds for the more than 700 homeless animals who come through our doors each year.



We are especially looking for high-interest and/or experiential items, such as: event tickets, vacation rentals, tastings or classes, opportunities for people to try something new and different.

If you have something you'd like to offer (or perhaps your place of business would like to contribute?), please email meowauction@gmail.com. Note that due to space constraints, we are not able to accept all offered items.

If you'd like to help but can't think of anything, we are also accepting cash donations which we'll use to purchase cool auction items. Every amount is welcome and much appreciated. Use the QR code shown here to donate via PayPal.com Thank you! SEE you soon!



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