

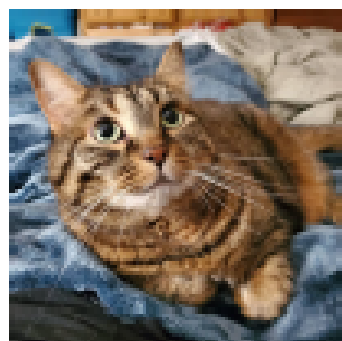


MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

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

Holiday 2020

TIGER TINSEL READY TO SPARKLE



Ms. TT—Such a Charmer

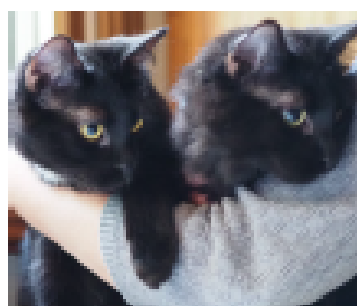
Tiger Tinsel is big and beautiful! She originally came to MEOW as a kitten in December 2013, having been abandoned near a river in Orling, left to fend for herself during the coldest part of the year. At the age of 7, in November 2019, she was

returned to us when a child in her home developed severe allergies. She is very friendly and loves lap time, snuggling, and nuzzling, but she does need a human who will pick up on her body language to know when she's ready for some alone time!

Her foster mom has been working with her on a slow weight reduction program and it is important that her adopter continue that effort. She's doing very well on a prescription diet (Hills Metabolic canned only) and high protein treats. Tiger Tinsel is on an inexpensive prescription medication to manage her arthritis-related discomfort and the anxiety that can bring, so it is also important that her adopter be committed to continuing her regular medication. She takes her meds effortlessly in Churu treats. Nom nom!!

Tiger Tinsel's foster mom recommends the following for her forever family: A human dedicated to maintaining her routine with play, three meals per day, sleep time, and consistent administration of medications. Ms. TT has a few requests as well: a tall cat tree that overlooks a window with a view, fuzzy blankets for snuggling, someone who doesn't mind wet cat noses in their ear, and someone who understands that she must have her loves when she wants them and not when she doesn't.

TRISTAN & AIDEN BROTHERLY LOVE



Snuggle Buddies

Silky black brothers Tristan and Aiden love belly rubs. When feeling especially playful, they tend to get "the zoomies" and race around the room. Tristan is a cuddler and has a very kittenish

and silly side. Sometimes while frolicking on the bed, he plays so hard that he rolls right off! He also likes to pounce on his brother's tail. Aiden is the more dignified as well as the floofier of the two. He's very observant and sometimes just likes to sit back and watch his brother play. He looks to Tristan for reassurance. He loves lying on his back spread-eagle.

Aiden and Tristan are inclined to chew on things they shouldn't so their new home should be free of things that could be ingested, like plastic, wires, soft toys, and hair ties. They love interactive wand toys (with a human playmate), peacock feathers, and they really love to "hole punch" cardboard with their teeth. They enjoy scratching on sisal surfaces. All said, their favorite toy is each other!

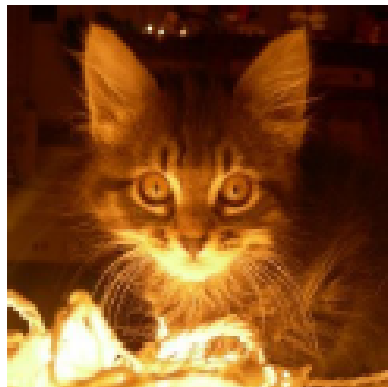
When Aiden was a very young kitten, he experienced some kidney issues. He has since made a full recovery and he has a bright future ahead of him.

Both of these boys are perfect gentlemen about using the litterbox. Their sensitive tummies do very well on a chicken based diet.

As often happens when we highlight cats needing a little more help to find their perfect forever family, that perfect family finds them just as we're going to print. We couldn't be happier for these two brothers and their new family.

all nine lives are precious®

2020 - IT'S BEEN QUITE A YEAR

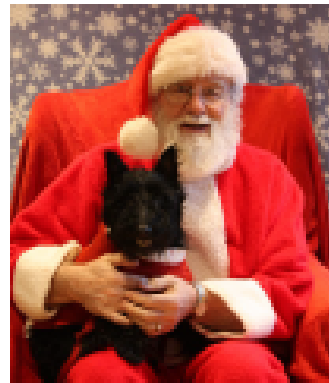


'Tis the Season

Who could have imagined this time last year, what our world would look like today? In spite of all the challenges, we consider ourselves so fortunate that we have been able to continue to provide the highest quality care for the animals, to take in new residents on an emergency basis, to be responsible for every need of the 27 cats in our Ninth Life Program, to respond positively to every request for public spay/neuter vouchers, all while keeping our small staff fully employed. We're thrilled that we've had over 100 contactless adoptions since early June, but that pales in comparison to other years where the number would be over 400 for the months of March through October. Our expenses are not determined by the number of cats in our care. Fewer adoptions certainly result in lower revenue but that doesn't translate to lower expenses.

While the shelter is closed to the public, the little donation box on our counter remains empty. Additionally, our inability to host in-person fundraising events such as... our Fine Wines & Felines auction, our Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale, our Santa photos, and our Microsoft Giving Program kitten cuddle parties, has reduced our fundraising revenue. If you're wondering how you can help support the animals, how you can help ensure that we'll always be here for them, we'd like to suggest that during this giving season, you might participate in Merry MEOW-lidays virtual and online holiday fundraisers. Perhaps you'll purchase a holiday giving card for someone you love, and maybe you'll stuff the kitties' and pups' stockings with an extra donation, if you can. Thank you for continuing to believe in us, for stepping up and stepping in when we ask, and for being there for the animals each and every day of each and every year.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SANTA RICK



Santa Rick

This time of year we are usually helping Santa into his suit and marking his calendar for photos with Santa opportunities. That most likely won't happen this year. However, it gives us an opportunity to share with you a special picture and a very special Santa. Rick, our Co-Founder and Executive Director's husband, passed in September. He was an incredible man, a generous and gentle soul, and he was an amazing Santa. We will miss him.

Joni & Paul C. Marjorie F. Jaimie Q. Andrea C. Ren R. Deb H. Brendan & Cathy S. Karina O'. Ruth L. Christine A. Jean B. Erin G. Zoe & Rich E. Pat K. Jen S. Joan N. Christina B. Kathy P. John B. Althea D. Al S. Julie T. Chinda T. Rebecca M. Katie L. Becky R. Mary H. Greta C. Linda Y. Susan T. Marnie A. Roxanne N. Annie & Mike B. Nancy F. Son B. Marilyn & Steve H. Janis N. Alexander & Saeki M.

MEOW'S NEW LITTLE PET PANTRY A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY

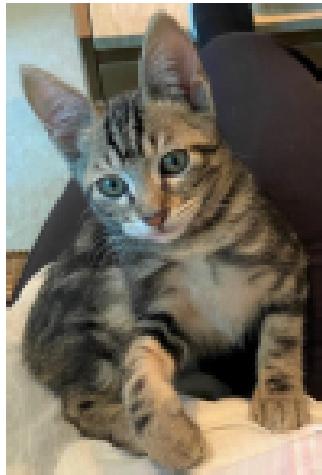


Give What You Can ~
Take What You Need

There is an exciting addition to our shelter entrance, MEOW's new Little Pet Pantry. Built by friends of MEOW and stocked by volunteers and neighbors, it's a place where those in need can come pick up some dry or canned food for their pets. If you would like to donate, please no expired food or open bags. If you know someone in need, please

let them know our pet pantry is there for them.

WHEN WE LISTEN WITH OUR HEARTS THERE IS HOPE



Chester
What Big Ears You Have!

It was the end of another hot, dry August in eastern Washington. A woman from Kirkland was visiting her father on his ranch when she heard the unmistakable sound of meowing coming from somewhere in the barn. There they were - two mom cats and 12 tiny kittens. With winter approaching, she knew that this family of cats and kittens needed help. The

shelter nearby was unable to accept them, so she turned to MEOW. She offered to care for them in her Kirkland home until we could figure something out.

This kind woman, Linda, took wonderful care of her temporary furry family, spending many hours nurturing and caring for them. The kittens quickly learned how wonderful it was to have a belly full of nutritious food, a safe place to sleep and play, and the joy of being on the receiving end of affection, petting, kisses and love. She was able to find homes for several of the kittens and eventually we were able to take in the others.

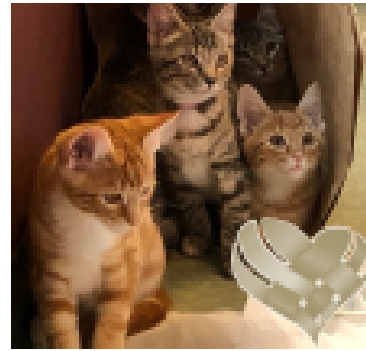
What Linda couldn't have known that day, when she loaded up her car and headed across the mountains, was that she was saving 14 lives - literally. A short time after transporting the cats and kittens east of the mountains, a devastating wildfire ravaged the ranch, completely destroying farm equipment, hay and buildings - including the very barn where the moms and babies had been living.

Thank you, Linda, for taking the time to listen and then taking action. You are an inspiration to us all and your willingness to help brings us hope.



Listen with your heart. You will understand.
Grandmother Willow—Disney's Pocahontas

SHARING THE SEASON'S GIFTS ALL YEAR #GIVING TUESDAY — 12/1



The Generous "J's"

Sharing is caring. Just as Jesse, James, Janey and Jilly willingly share their food, toys, and their precious paper bag, we hope that you, our generous supporters, are also 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, Ninth Life Program, Mercy Fund, or our General Fund, you'll be saving lives!

Since 2011 our Public Spay/Neuter Voucher Program has provided free after surgeries for more than 3962 pets whose owners needed help to #DoTheRightThing. Our Ninth Life Program supports MEOW cats whose options for adoption are small or non-existent due to old age ailments, chronic conditions, or severe but manageable health challenges. These kitties are welcomed into loving foster homes, where they are cared for and cherished for their entire lifetimes. MEOW covers their ongoing care and medical expenses. Our Mercy Fund provides financial support for animals in need of life-saving emergency or specialized veterinary care.

During last year's phenomenal #GivingTuesday, we raised nearly \$19,000! This year, we'd like to encourage you to become part of our small but dedicated group of recurring donors. Recurring donations provide an additional safety net each month, which allows us to continue to provide critical care and comfort to our residents, and help our community do the right thing for their pets, all moving us towards a day of no more homeless pets. We're asking you to join us on December 1st and throughout 2021 and do your part to Make a Difference. An easy on-line link will be available to make donations on our website and on our Facebook page.



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, ill, or Ninth Life 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 homeless, 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!



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

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www.meowcatrescue.org

OUR WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK

We're thrilled to have recently unveiled our newly redesigned website. All of the great resources are still there, along with information about adopting, volunteering, donating, events, and of course, our happy ending stories. But, the look and organization have been updated. Many thanks to Barb Omahen for spending her pandemic stay-at-home hours on this project. Please take a minute and check it out at www.meowcatrescue.org. We think you'll like it!

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of handsome Rocky
Lucinda French

Remembering Sherman Alexander,
too much of a cat for one name.
Margaret Dewit

In appreciation of
Sean and Anthony
Megan Moholt

In memory of Kinky and Tobey -
well loved, and missed every day.
Amy Petri

In loving memory of Blippy, Beulah
and Peppi
Nancy Jackson

In memory of Jazzy Girl
La Vonne Schott

In loving memory of Willie Cat
Marilyn Riles

Thank you Gretchen for everything
- Love, Ruthie

In memory of Cindy, and all the
precious animals we have
loved through the years.
RIP my dear friend!
Love, Pat

In loving memory of my angel cats -
Cosette, Kiki and Chloe
Julie Woodward

In honor and loving memory of
Whitney Goetter
Isadore Pike

Happy 17th birthday to
Fancy Jayne Hill, with love
Judy Sorensen and Quillabella

Happy Birthday Jaimie
David Harris

In loving memory of our momma,
Whitney Goetter,
XOXO Bella and Theo

In appreciation of the efforts of
Rob and Jolie Schelbe
Barbara Batdorf

In memory of Phoebe Buffay, who I
adopted from MEOW in 2004 and
who passed away last month.
Tina Harcrow

In memory of Cookie, loved for many
years by Todd and Anna Omsby
Marlene Schultz

In loving memory of Motley, Mariah,
Taz, Sylvester, and Sadie,
who have given me so much joy
throughout the years.
Diane Hicks

In memory of Fluffy
Mary Blanchard

In memory of Vinnie, my cat who
was adopted from MEOW over
17 years ago.
Ailly Pusich

In memory of Sam and Nori
Jonathan Okinaka

In honor of our adopted cats Lizzie,
Alec, Annie, and Fozzie Bear
Barbara Pearson

In honor and memory of all our
beloved animals who have and are
filling our lives with love
*Scott and Lisa Murr,
9 Lives Ranch*

In memory of Nicky, Sasha,
Max and Malish
Karin Baumgardner

In loving memory of an amazing soul
Whitney Goetter,
- from her WSHFC friends

In honor of Boo, beloved cat of Stu
and Monica White, lost too soon to
cancer. We love you Boo!
Vanessa Piper

In memory of Potsie and Sammy
Amy Laurent

In memory of Miss Fancy Jayne Hill,
who passed over the rainbow bridge
after 17 years as a loyal and devoted
companion to Judy Hill.
We miss you so much.
Judith Sorensen

For Elsie, Trigger, and Tar. Good
cats all.
Daniel Carey

In memory of Zippy
Mary Hall

In Memory of Dora Bryant, Ozzie
Hannigan, Cookie Omsby,
Mitzi Jackson, Gracie Miller,
Ariel Kearney, Squirt Clark,
Penny Ballew, Lucky Reed,
Tufa Ibrahim, Tracy Ellason,
Romeo Burwell, White cat Kissinger,
Sake Archer, and Ellie F
Dale Matherly

In memory of Zola, who passed over
the Rainbow Bridge in August. She
was a very intelligent cat who
brought enormous joy to her family.
Diane Darcangelo

In honor of Kathy Tonda
De Calvert

In memory of Buddha, loved by
Michael Berry, Mishka, loved by
Debra Grooms, and Henry, loved by
Carolyn Echelbargrer
City Kitty

In honor of Bee Torres, beloved
companion to Evie, Gary & Hayley.
Gone but never forgotten.
Cindy Martin

In memory of Calvin, Hobbs, Odie -
all MEOWs
Andrea Lorig

In memory of Zeke, my son's cat,
who was adopted from MEOW over
12 years ago. Zeke has left a paw
print in all our hearts.
Shen Huang

In Honor of Mary Stelton
Corey Stelton

In Honor of Eleanor Anderson's
90th birthday
JoAnn Spiegelberg

In Memory of Whitney Goetter
Charlotte and Lamar Willis

In honor of my cat of 16 years who
crossed the rainbow bridge today
Kristy Dobrauc

On behalf of my sons, who love cats
and opted to give their money saved
for donation to MEOW.
Adam Welborn



MERRY MEOW-LIDAYS—
CELEBRATING & SUPPORTING THE ANIMALS



Although we aren't able to celebrate the holiday season in our usual way with our holiday craft bazaar, bake sale and open house get togethers, we do have several exciting, virtual and socially distant events to help make the season festive and fun and help the animals of MEOW at the same time. We can't yet tell you all of what we have planned as that would ruin the surprise but we can tell you there will be opportunities to shop for yourself, your friends, your pets, deck the halls, share the gifts of the season, get cozy, play some games, enjoy some tasty treats and outbid your fellow supporters. Some event details are now available on our website and Facebook page. More details will be coming soon!



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

