



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

CELEBRATING 24 YEARS OF RESCUE
& ALMOST 25,000 LIVES SAVED

Holiday 2021

ORANGE IS THE NEW BLUE



Love is Blue

When a beautiful deep blue mama cat named Willow arrived with her litter of five identical lookalikes, each kitten was fitted with a different colored whelping collar for the purpose of identification. They quickly became known by their collar color. The little girl named Orange was especially energetic. Joy personified.

One morning in July, everything changed for little Orange. A seizure began a whirlwind of veterinary specialists, tests and more tests, a multitude of medications, and more seizures. Fairly early in the diagnostic process, tests determined that her seizures did not originate from an infectious disease process. That left juvenile epilepsy as the most likely cause of the disorder. Her anti-seizure medications are still a work in progress, adjusted by her neurologist as she grows. Orange has had at least 15 seizures over three months. When in recovery from a seizure episode, her sister Blue comes over to clean her face and comfort her.

In the meantime, safe in an experienced foster home, everything about Orange is gentle. Her favorite things are food and cuddling with Blue. She's talkative from morning to night. She's inquisitive, walking around the house checking everything out or lying in the window seat watching the outdoor world.

Our fondest hope for Orange is that her condition will be well controlled, and that she will live a healthy normal life in a forever family, along with her sweet sister Blue.

SAWYER AND OLLIE THE PROMISE



Ollie & Sawyer : We Promise

"Promise you'll take care of my cats." In the hospital, losing his battle with cancer, the man implored his trusted friend. The 12-year-old red tabby,

Sawyer, and 8-year-old blue boy, Ollie, had been together for a lifetime. Pasha, the third, a feral boy, just 2, had recently begun to get close to his dad in the darker, quieter times of the day. That was over.

As often happens during times like this, as family members spent several days going in and out of the man's Lynnwood condominium, the cats were invisible. When at last the man's friend was allowed to go in, only the curly eared tabby, Ollie, was inside. A call to MEOW brought trappers Janis and Joan. As they searched for a good trap site, Joan saw in the courtyard a wobbly gray cat, weakly meowing to Ollie at the window. As Joan threw her shirt over Sawyer and scooped him up, he collapsed in her arms. He had been without food or water for at least ten days. A thick layer of fleas and flea dirt covered his body. He was dehydrated, anemic, and feverish, with muscle atrophy, malnutrition and possibly blindness in one eye.

Now safe, secure, and carefully monitored in their suite at MEOW, both Sawyer and Ollie are stronger, healthier, and will soon be ready for their happy ending. Pasha is in foster care, comfortable and comforted, but is still missing the kind man who befriended him.

Tomorrow is not promised. But a dear friend, a pair of trappers, and a timely rescue helped to keep a man's final promise to his beloved cats.

CELEBRATING THE GIVING SEASON SHOPPING & MEOW: THE PURRFECT MATCH

This holiday season there are so many ways you can give MEOW and give *to* MEOW.

The Gift of MEOW

Looking for a gift for that special feline or special friend? We have a variety of merchandise for sale on our website and in our shelter. Cat toys and sleeping pads, and MEOW 2022 calendars are available online at <https://meowcatrescue.org/giving/meow-merchandise/>. Or stop by the shelter Saturdays or Sundays from 1pm – 5pm to shop in person for even more selection, including food bowls, canvas totes and MEOW logo wear.

Shopping Partnerships

If you're an Amazon shopper, you can support MEOW year round through [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) every time you shop, at no cost to you. Choose your charity by using our registered name, Mercer Island-Eastside Orphans and Waifs, or our EIN #91-1743911. Thanks to our current Amazon Smile shoppers, the animals in our care receive over \$5,000 each year.

By linking your Fred Meyer Community Rewards card to MEOW Cat Rescue, Organization YN239, MEOW will benefit every time you shop there. Go to <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4> and enter MEOW Cat Rescue. Our current Fred Meyer shoppers, bring the shelter about \$1,000 each year.

Wrap it Up with Love (order by Dec. 3rd)

What better way to show your support of MEOW than with MEOW wrapping paper? Sheets are \$5 each. Purchase online at <https://meowcatrescue.org/giving/meow-merchandise/>. Or create your own custom paper with up to six photos of your pets. It's a wonderful way to share your love of MEOW and your furry family members with the special people in your life. Price per sheet is \$5 and each sheet measures 19" by 29". Minimum order for custom paper is 3 sheets (\$15). Deadline for ordering is Dec. 3rd.

MEOW's Holiday Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale - Dec. 4th

See the back page of this newsletter for details. Hope we'll see you there!

PHOTOS WITH SANTA



Santa Rick

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. Safety first, so

pets must be restrained, either on a leash or in a carrier. For the humans, masks are required, including during the photo shoot. You can be a Santa too, by bringing your pet food donations for MEOW's Little Pet Pantry, which asks visitors to "Give what you can ~ Take what you need".

Date	Time	Location
11/27	12-3 pm	Overlake Mud Bay
11/28	12-3 pm	Redmond Mud Bay
12/5	12-3 pm	Mercer Island Mud Bay
12/11	12-3 pm	Greenwood Mud Bay
12/12	12-3 pm	Uptown Mud Bay
12/18	12-3 pm	Issaquah Mud Bay
12/19	12-3 pm	Overlake Mud Bay

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.

Current Hours:

MEOW Cat Rescue
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425-822-MEOW (6369)

Sat., Sun. 1-5 pm
Closed: Mon., Tues.
Wed., Thurs., Fri. and
major holidays

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O DANNY BOY



Sweet Danny

There are reportedly two million free roaming cats living on the Hawaiian Islands. The cat population is so

out of control that free roaming cats are considered an invasive species. Independent rescuers and humane organizations on the islands are doing their best to transfer cats to the safety of the mainland. Nearly two years ago, a tiny red tabby and white kitten, now called Danny, was captured by an elderly woman who has made it her mission to do just that. A local adoption turned into a weeklong trapping project when the resident cat bullied him, causing him to escape and run for his life. A second potential adoption failed because he hid behind the laundry equipment for several days.

At last, Danny got his real break, or so it seemed. A transport to Seattle was arranged. Unfortunately, upon reaching his destination, Danny jumped out of the improperly secured carrier and quickly disappeared. Posters alerted the neighborhood, and Danny was spotted on a security camera. After ten long, worrisome days on the loose he was trapped and safely in custody at MEOW.

Danny is a shy guy who gives himself freely to a soft voice and a soothing hand. He thoroughly enjoys cheek scratches and tummy rubs. He likes company for dinner, so he might nibble his kibble when his visitors linger. Danny is a gentle soul.

Like all MEOW cats, even after adoption Danny will have our promise of a lifetime of care, safety, and love. We'll be his soft place, if ever he should need us again. "Tis I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow, O Danny Boy, O Danny Boy, I love you so."

Update: Danny has been adopted!!

#GIVING TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 30TH LET'S ENSURE THE BEST NINTH LIVES



Ninth Life Love—Grace

Most of us have experienced the journey of a beloved pet reaching an advanced age or becoming seriously ill. We don't love them

less, in fact, we probably love them more. And we are willing to do whatever is possible to keep them safe and let them know they are loved. Unfortunately, many of the cats who are returned to MEOW are advanced in age or have chronic or terminal illness diagnoses. While these issues may limit their adoptability, it doesn't limit our desire to give them the very best life we can, which is the pledge of our Ninth Life Program. This program provides loving foster homes for cats with little chance of adoption due to significant or chronic illness, behavior issues, or extremely advanced age.

At any one time there are between 30 and 50 Ninth Life cats, all being spoiled in their foster homes for as long as they have with us. MEOW



Ninth Life Legend—River

provides for the cost of medical care and the foster homes provide the loving home environment for as long as these precious ones have with us. Yes, the cost of care is often expensive, but we, and our amazing Ninth Life fosters, know that the cats are worth every dollar spent on them and every extra effort made on their behalf. This year, during Giving Tuesday, please consider a gift to our Ninth Life Program. Learn more and donate online on Tuesday, November 30th, at <https://meowcatrescue.org>. Because *all nine lives are precious*. Thanks!



#GIVING
TUESDAY™

all nine lives are precious®

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!



PUSSYCAT PANTRY

Now that cats and kittens are back in the shelter, we have a need for food and supplies to keep their tummies full, their environment clean, and their needs met.

Friskies Pate' canned food
Unscented Clumping Clay Litter
Liquid Laundry Detergent HE
Kitchen Garbage Bags
Bleach
Postage Stamps
Paper Towels
Hand Sanitizer
Costco, Target, and Fred Meyer Gift Cards



Scan for our
amazon wish list

MEOW'S 2022 CALENDAR GET YOURS TODAY!



Every year we commemorate several of our rescue stories in our 12 month calendar. It's a wonderful way to be reminded that there are indeed happy endings. Calendars make great gifts for cat lovers and those who recognize the critical work that MEOW Cat Rescue is doing each and every day of every year. You may purchase online at <https://meowcatrescue.org/giving/meow-merchandise/> with payment through PayPal (\$12 with shipping) or at the shelter (\$10 each). MEOW is currently open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 pm.

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of Fraidy
Batya Harlow

In honor of Jolie Schiebe
Bill & Debbie Mowat

In memory of Missy - 18 years
wasn't long enough,
we will miss you sweet girl.
The Patel Family

For Monty and Oliver, good pets all
Daniel Carey

In honor of
Georgina Murphy and Eoin Byrne
Marco Zangari

Penny Yellow Lab Poinier -
Alice, John and Kitty Kalimi
miss you badly

In honor of Ann Dykstra
Donald Bullock Jr.

In memory of Jan West,
who was loved by Tigger.
He misses you so much.
Judith Sorensen

In honor of Helga Bajar's
99th birthday
Roxanne Navrides

In memory of
Biggie - loved by Janet Dayley
Rosie - loved by Kathy Reynolds
Bouncer - loved by Tanya Emmert
City Kitty, LLC

In memory of Phoebe Cranmer
Dr. Malia Cranmer

In honor of all the effort and love it
has taken to care for the cats during
the pandemic challenges.
Thank you, all!
Marya Barey

In honor of Foster Mom,
Christine Adam, who raised
Woody & Emmylou!
Bill & Trudy Trueit

In honor of Christina Brugman
Sallie Shippen

In memory of Kelly, truly a middle
child. Missing our MEOW 4 so much!
Joni & Paul Cervenka

In memory of Abby
Robin Hillier

In memory of Spencer
Tronda Quin

To honor the life of Sunny Jim and all
the other foster failures who have
blessed our lives
Ruth Laitila

In memory of Willow, "Wil 'O the Wisp":
2001-2021, adopted from MEOW 2001
Carolyn Adams

In memory of Cedar
Kimberly Lynch

In memory of Sophie,
so loved and missed
Frank & Maureen Santoni

For my sweet Boo
Priscilla Finch

In honor of Ruby
the sweet Ruble Dooble
Patrick Simmons

In memory of Peanut, Sushi,
Orange Pumpkin, Curls, and Meg
Nathan Rodahl

In memory Peanut and Tripod, our
19-year old kitties who gave us
more than nine lives of love
Francesca Leonetti

In honor of Annie, our Queen of Hearts
(adopted from MEOW Cat Rescue),
mother of Bailey and love of our lives!!
Susan Hart

In honor of Leo & Percy
Matthew Rands

In memory of a wonderful kitty Kelly,
beloved pet of Joni and Paul!
Ann Reid

Thanks to Katherine for coming over to
our house and helping us with Sweet
Pea! We appreciate your help so much!
Dana, Cody, and Sweet Pea

Sending my love to the people at the
shelter and the kitties. I was a short
time volunteer but it was worth it.
Thank you for treating me kindly.
Fay Dinh

In honor of Kai Di and Richard
Michael and Kara

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Denise Quach

In memory of Lexi
Carolyn Davids

In honor of our adopted cats Lizzie,
Alec, Annie, Fozzie Bear
Barbara Pearson & Cal Johnson

In memory of Marcel Kitty Bernier
Annette Bernier

In memory of Mister & Haley
Marie Alvarado

In honor of Andee for being an
amazing advocate for the kitties!
Megan Prine & Brian Stoltz

In memory of Ivor Philips with love,
Barb & Jon Beachner

In memory of Joy Gulmon-Huri
and fifty years of friendship
through laughs and tears.
Judith Sorensen

In honor of Bonne VeVea
Maarten van Dantzich

In honor of Hayley (adopted October
'17) and in memory of Caesar and
Prinnie (adopted April '08)
Susie Poth

In memory of the beautiful
and sweet Sashi Verrinder
Maria Baker

In memory of Ann Dykstra
The Estate of Ann Dykstra

In memory of Milo
Alice Fleck

In memory of Nora
Linda Juliano

In loving memory of
Sally Verrinder's beloved Sashi.
Rebecca McQuade

An Apology

If you were expecting to see your tribute and didn't, we are so sorry. A computer crash may have affected our Honor & Remember dedications. Please email us at newsletter@meowcatrescue.org so we can make it right. Thank you for understanding.

MEOW'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 10 AM TO 3 PM



Our annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale is back and we're once again at Life Community Church at 232 5th Ave S in Kirkland, just about 3 blocks northeast of the shelter. 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. Pet beds, and toys, decor, knitted wear, and seasonal items are just a few of the wonderful things we'll have available. To keep everyone safe, masks are required by everyone, and shopping will be by appointment (sign up schedule is online), in 20-minute increments. Appointments from 10 am to 11 am are reserved for vaccinated shoppers. If you are fully vaccinated and would be more comfortable shopping during that first hour, please sign up online and bring proof of vaccination with you. Your donation of pet food will support MEOW's Little Pet Pantry, which asks visitors to "Give what you can ~ Take what you need". You may schedule your shopping time online and learn more at <https://meowcatrescue.org>.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

