



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF RESCUE
& OVER 25,000 LIVES SAVED

Fall 2022

RILEY AND CHASE FOR A LIFETIME



Riley & Chase—Home Again

Fifteen years ago, in October 2007, a momcat was discovered caring for her eight kittens under a porch in Shoreline. Two of those little ones, brown tabbies later called Riley and Chase, had become a bonded pair and were adopted together. Ten years later, their family had to move to a place where they would not be allowed to bring pets. MEOW, as promised, welcomed them back with open arms.

At ten years old, Riley and Chase were so irresistible that within a few weeks they were happily settling into their new home with their new mom. When the pandemic hit, the boys loved having her at home, and she loved being there, taking care of Riley's newly diagnosed diabetes. However, this spring, when she had to go back to long days at the office, she knew he would need more observation and care. She tearfully arranged for Riley and Chase to once again be returned.

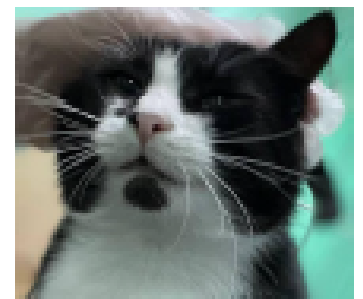
While diabetes can be a daunting diagnosis, often with frequent vet visits and twice daily insulin shots, it is a fact that many cats can be successfully converted to dietary management using a proven protocol. If this could work for Riley, perhaps he and his brother Chase could be welcomed back into their home.

Change is difficult for senior cats. At 14 years old, the loss of their home and their comfortable routine unmasked a multitude of health problems for both of the boys. In addition to diabetes, Riley developed irritable bowel disease and pancreatitis. After a few months of managing his blood glucose and weight loss, his diabetes went into remission and his tummy troubles improved. Chase, who was underweight on arrival, was discovered to have hyperthyroidism. In addition, treatment for pancreatitis brought the discovery of slow-growing metastatic mast cell cancer.

Their mom has been a faithful visitor since they came in last April. At times their health management has seemed overwhelming, but she never stopped hoping that one day she might be able to take them home again. Yes, they are getting older. Yes, they have some chronic conditions now. And yes, with MEOW guiding and supporting the family, she has taken them home again! We will be right here for all of them, for as long as we are needed. For all nine lives.

SUNFLOWER A JOURNEY TO SAFETY

Sometimes, when the world seems darkest, one ray of sunshine is enough to brighten the shadows. For MEOW, that ray came in the form of a little girl named Sunflower, a war cat, rescued off the streets of Ukraine and transported to MEOW recently. Through a MEOW supporter, we were connected to an amazing gentleman who is doing human relief work in the Ukraine and is also working to bring animals to safety in Washington. Prior to her transfer, Sunflower tested positive for FeLV, Feline Leukemia. Even without the dire situation in Ukraine, this would have limited her chances of adoption there. Sunflower will be safe with us and thanks to her, and our efforts on her behalf, we'll walk a little taller and the coming days will be just a bit brighter. And perhaps we'll be able to do more...



Sunflower-
We're Glad You're Here

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of Maxwell and in honor of
Andee & Marc for their great care of him-
Mary Cathey

In honor of Daniel's & Paul's birthday
Kathleen Eaton

In celebration of Lily & Dan's wedding day
Natalie Fuller

Thanks so much for rescuing me almost
ten years ago and getting me to
my forever home!
Lamme Meow

For all the cats displaced
by the war in Ukraine.
Daniel Carey

In memory of Penny's sweet boy Leo,
may he rest peacefully.
Stacy Chartrand

In memory of Lisa, a true animal lover.
Milton Johnston

In memory of the many beloved cats
and dogs which have shared
my life, heart and home.
Phyllis Abshier

In memory of Ariel, she kept us in line.
Tish Ryan

In honor of Lola
Carolyne Pinkston

In memory of Diana Sigalla
Elayna Ferguson

In memory of Trisper
Betty Tiberio

In honor of Micki and Fiona
Saundra E Willis

In memory of Tourette & Pandora
Grace Wong

In honor of Sir Winston
Dawn Padula

In honor of Eddie
Kassie Koledin

In honor of Marjorie Ferris.
Thank you for all you do, Marjorie!
Neil Hinnant

Happy 80th Birthday to Burt
From all the Grandkids & Grand Cats

In memory of Catalina
Linda Jullano

With lots of love
Jamie W

In honor of Pew
Carlos Ascencio

Many thanks for the use of the cat trap.
Alder is now safe at home!
The McGough & Edelfsen Families

To thank you for the loan of your live trap!!
We were able to get our kitty out of the
crawl space very quickly and easily.
Jeffrey Bradford

In memory of Cleo Kitty. My dear friend's
cat who lived to be 16 and to help other
kitties find their fur-ever home so they can
live that long, too!
Lellani Saper

In celebration of Adel Clifton's birthday
Elizabeth Barrie

In honor of Mary Stelfon
Bob Stelfon

In honor of Mags Thomson
Nicholas Castin

In honor of Daniel & Paul's birthday
Diane Petkau

In memory of Bobo
Joni & Paul

Very much like the first signs of spring,
you're appreciated for all the happiness
and care you bring to our four-legged
friends and soulmates.
Lovisa Lerose

In memory of Jahnna, Neelum, and Sadira
In honor of KIKI

In memory of Joanne Caldwell
In honor of Addy

In memory of Pookie

In memory of Missy & Arlo
In honor of Sulley and Nessie
In memory of Kuku, Munga, & Princess
To support Gulliver

PUSSYCAT PANTRY

As our shelter population grows, we once again are
in need for food and supplies to keep their tummies
full, their environment clean, and their needs met.

Friskie's Pate! Canned, any flavor
Other Canned Kitten/Cat Food
Royal Canin Sensitive Digestion
Unscented Clumping Clay Litter
Liquid Laundry Detergent HE
Paper Towels
Kitchen Trash Bags
Bleach

Postage Stamps

Gift Cards (Costco, Target, Fred Meyer)

Cat kibble in small bags for community Pet Pantry

Other items on our Amazon Wish List would be much
appreciated as well.



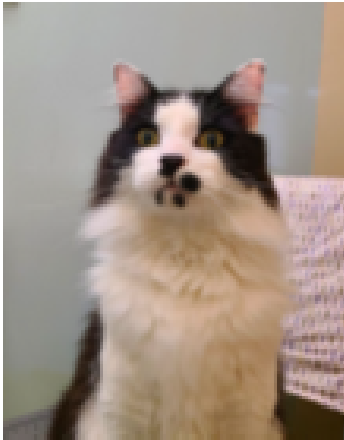
Amazon Wish List

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE PENCIL IN DECEMBER 3RD, 2022

MEOW's annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale is a
wonderful opportunity for our talented MEOW sup-
porters to craft and bake in support of MEOW, and
an amazing shopping experience for all of us looking
for gifts for friends, family and ourselves. Although
we've yet to secure a location, we are hopeful that
once again this year, you will be joining us to
shop for unique and special items and gifts
while supporting all the cats and dogs of ME-
OW. If you're interested in crafting or baking this
year, please email us: bazaar@meowcatrescue.org to discuss.



VAN READY TO RIDE AGAIN



Van the Man

Van is a playful and clever 3-year-old boy who recently came to MEOW at the request of an emergency hospital. He had a history of multiple urinary blockages. It is not unusual for a male cat who has been blocked once to block again – and again. Thorough diagnostics led Van's doctors to suggest a life-saving

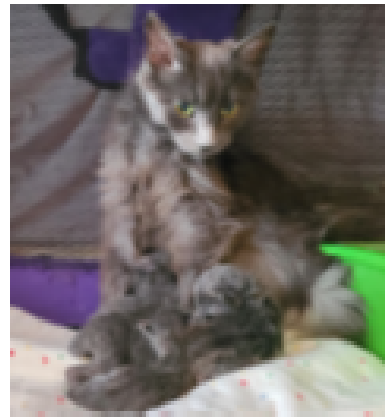
perineal urethrostomy, a procedure most commonly performed on male cats which removes the narrowest part of the urethra, allowing easier urination with a lower risk of repeat obstructions. While other treatment options, such as dietary changes and stress reduction, are generally preferred over surgery, felines who have the PU surgery generally live long and normal lives without further issues. For cats who have a history of repeated blockages, it can be the only option.

After recovering from surgery and adjusting to life at the shelter, Van has become quite the ham! His prior urinary struggles aside, Van is a very gregarious cat who demands attention from all who pass by. He engages daily in aerial performances on the skinny window sills in the Summer Suite, tippy-toeing around the high windows. Van can sometimes be a bit forward, leading us to conclude that he would do best as an only kitty in his new home, at least until he has settled in with his new forever family. He is a born entertainer who happily commands the attention of the crowd. Van's big personality can fill the room all on his own!

He enjoys his special diet and loves the attention he gets from staff and volunteers, but he's hoping he'll soon be chosen to live in a home of his own, entertaining his forever family.



LANA DEDICATED LITTLE MAMA



Watchful Lana

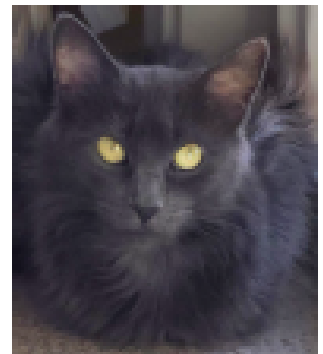
It was the late shift and the employees at Lowe's were working in the receiving area when suddenly one of them detected some movement. Across the floor, on a tiny piece of cardboard near the wall, a little cat stood over her five newborn kittens. Astonished, the workers turned off the

forklifts and began making phone calls.

Soon mama and her babies were warm and under the watchful eye of an experienced MEOW foster mom. Back at Lowe's, thirty hours later, a sixth kitten was found. The baby quickly joined her little family, but being alone for so long, being so new, so hungry, so cold, took a terrible toll, and this kitten did not survive.

Weighing less than five pounds, emaciated, and dehydrated, Lana gave her all to feed and care for her little ones. But, in the coming days, Lana would lose three other kittens, the harsh reality of being born to a sick mom and an unstable situation. Her initial exam revealed that she was fighting not only starvation and anemia, but an upper respiratory infection, pneumonia, and lungworm. Weeks later, after her two surviving kittens were weaned, when she still struggled to gain weight, ultrasound findings showed liver inflammation and pancreatitis. She is not out of the woods, but we are committed to doing whatever we can to give her the chance she deserves.

And, at last, Lana is beginning to behave like a cat. The light is returning to her eyes. There is so much more to Lana's story and hopefully soon she'll be ready to write it, along with that special person with whom she'll spend the rest of her nine precious lives.



P.S. Lana's kittens are doing great and will soon be ready to find their forever homes.

KICKING OFF THE GIVING SEASON IS OCTOBER GIVING MONTH AT YOUR WORK?



If you've worked for any of our local tech companies, or other community-oriented employers, you know that they are huge supporters of non-profits and often dedicate a

month to encouraging their employees to learn about and become regular supporters of the nonprofits working for causes in which they believe. Many of them also match their employees' donations. Workplace giving, either during that Giving Month, or through payroll deductions throughout the year, is an amazing way to support non-profits.

We are fortunate to be supported by the employees of Microsoft, Google, King County, United Way, Boeing, to name just a few. And as of last year, Microsoft alumni are now able to join in the Giving Month celebration and then give on a regular basis. The Microsoft Alumni Network has even secured a \$100,000 stretch pool to provide a partial match of donations made through their platform from Oct. 17th through the 24th. If you are a Microsoft alumnus, check out their website at <https://microsoftalumnigive.com/>.

If your employer offers the opportunity to support local nonprofits, offers payroll deduction, and perhaps even matching, we'd be so grateful to have you join our network of recurring donors who provide this critical safety net of funds each month.

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.

MEOW Cat Rescue
10600 NE 68th St., Suite F
Kirkland, WA 98033
425-822-MEOW (6369)

info@meowcatrescue.org
newsletter@meowcatrescue.org
www.meowcatrescue.org

Current Walk-In Hours:
Sat., Sun. 1-5 pm
Closed: Weekdays and
major holidays

VOLUNTEER ADOPTION COUNSELORS FOUR HOURS EACH WEEK SAVES LIVES

Every volunteer position at MEOW is important and we rely heavily on our volunteers to keep the shelter running each and every day and to make sure the cats in our care are getting high quality care. For the past 2 ½ years we've suspended recruitment of new volunteers because of pandemic related changes necessary to keep everyone safe. As we continue to welcome in more cats, we have a need for more volunteers to help keep the shelter running smoothly. We're ready to bring some new volunteers on board, so in the next few newsletters, we'll be highlighting different volunteer opportunities in the hope that there is a volunteer position that speaks to you.

Adoption Counselors are the cats' and kittens' bridge to their forever homes. After orientation and training (which includes shadowing an experienced Adoption Counselor), these volunteers interact with interested adopters, review their Adoption Application with them and then help approved applicants to select and "interview" cats or kittens that would be a good fit for their family and lifestyle. It is so rewarding when those matches are made and the cats and kittens are then made ready to go home with their new family.

Our most successful Adoption Counselors enjoy working with the public and getting to know the personalities of the cats in our care. They are good listeners, which helps in making the right matches. They are able to follow the steps to complete the adoption process, which often takes more than an hour. Finally, they are committed to and believe in our policies, which are designed to keep in mind the cats' needs (as well as the human's) and make the best placement decisions possible. Adoption Counselors provide high quality customer service to visitors.

If you are ready to get back out in the community and make a difference and being an Adoption Counselor sounds like it might be a good fit for you, please contact Linda@meowcatrescue.org. We'll get back to you as soon as we can. THANKS!

all nine lives are precious®

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of Nilla Nelson, a rescue cat
Julie Gerringer

In honor of Brianna Mark
Christina Bladeau

In memory of Shelby Weaver
Jamie & Amy Hankins

In memory of Fiona Esaki
Jessica Forsythe

In memory of Pat
Janis Newman

In memory of Pat Oman, and
in support of Felix and Pretzel
Chris Federlein

In honor of Nolan & Corbin's birthday
Ashley Gillespie

In loving memory of our
neighbor's cat, Rosy
Laura Martin

In honor of Christopher Noto's birthday
Josh McCall

In honor of Percy Pumpkin
& Natasha Pepper
Lyn Kawasaki

In honor of Christopher's 9th birthday
Lisa Plantanida

To help the fluffballs
Yasmine & Samwise Galenorn

In memory of Jim Hamett
and Raita and Theo
Karyn & Michael Angulo

In honor and memory of all the ferals and
strays I lovingly refer to as "my outside
guys". You taught me so much about
kitties, and I miss you every day.
Judith Sorensen

In support of Candy
Brian Phan

In support of all the kitties
Laurie Watson

In memory of our beautiful Vixen, she is
in our hearts forever. In thanks for our
new babies Mary J and Bonita, they are
mending our broken hearts.
Cathy & Bruce

In thanks for all you do to help
the littiest ones
Mark Fiteau

Thanks for all you do to adopt out kitties.
My two babies came from MEOW and 12
years later are still happy and healthy and
bring me so much joy.
Friend of MEOW

In honor of Amella,
from her brother and sister-in-law

In memory of Bob,
loved by Laura Murphy
City Kitty

In memory of Rip Jones,
a big supporter of MEOW
Polly Miller

In honor of Danielle's new house
Travis Magelsen

In honor of Piper Boehmes' 11th b'day
Jamie Jacobsen

In honor of Addy's birthday
Yajuan Chen

In memory of Annie (Tina) and Sagwa
Susan Hart

In support of a great place for kitties
Cindy Engstrom

In honor of Flash N Dash & Fender Bender
Patricia Summers

In memory of all the much-loved cats that
shared our lives and have crossed over to
welcome us with open paws and hearts.
Phyllis Abshier

In memory of Betsy's beloved cat Halvor
Katie Lax

In honor of goofy, sweet George
Dara Zirowsky

In memory of Paddy, he was very loved
Rob & Lise Lindfors

To thank Elena for taking care of Nikki
Jolene Janacek

In memory of Buddy & Sweetie, who lived
happy lives until age 19.
Jeanne Swift

In memory of Daisy
Lisa Patnode

In memory of Joy Guilmon-Hurt, my beloved
friend who filled my life with beauty.
Judith Sorensen

In memory of Gracie & Charlene
Paul Harrison

In honor of all the cats who
have made life better.
Anne Mulder

In honor of Sheba, Sofie, Simba,
Milo, Nellie, and all who have
graced our lives.
Jack & Barb Avery

In honor of Evie the Sweet
on her 17th birthday.
Rodi Crawford

In honor of Choco and Snoop
Melissa Evans

In memory of Bella and Luna
Anne & Tom Ottersburg

In memory of Grace the Cat
Jane Stevens

In thanks for the help you give kitties and
the humans who love them.
Barbara Baugh

In honor of Jennifer Swift
Robert Swift

In honor of Bonne Velvea
Patty & Jim Groves

In honor of Cleo and Sally
Elizabeth & Stace Elliott

In honor of Shadow and Zoe
Christy Callahan

In honor of Marcus
Cady Gooding

In honor of Blanca
Sally Paul

In memory of Iggy
Brandi Chambers

In honor of Ziggy and Bob
Jennifer & Scott Tucker

In honor of Marc Castillo
William Flash

In memory of Tommy Hartmann
Alex Hartmann

In honor of Jigen Shikany
Michael Shikany

In honor of Pedro
Katherine Nega

In memory of Barbara D'Arcangelo
Diane D'Arcangelo

In honor of Christina Brugman
Erin Whitty

In honor of Midna & Mr. Knightley
Erin Peterson

In honor of Edward Gray
Christine Gray

In memory of Doreen Lidgate
Laurie Kohl

In memory of Kobe, a life well lived
and well loved
Ruth Laitila

In memory of my dear feral, Call
Margaret Ann Dewitt

In memory of Crystal, Melinda, Chelsea,
Dutch, Patrick & Elliott
Deb & Donovan Handrich

In memory of Princess
Maria Katz

In honor of Rob & Jolie Schelbe,
for the gift of Ellie and Rosie.
Peggy Kramer

In honor of Nancy Howard
Bonni Sundberg

In memory of our sweet Ivy,
she graced our home for 12 short years.
Luana Douglas

In memory of Neelam, Jahnu, & Sadira
and to welcome George & Henry
Joni & Paul

MEOW'S 2023 CALENDAR

GET YOURS TODAY!



all nine lives are precious.



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION 2023



JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



APRIL



MAY



JUNE



JULY



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER

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 on our website with payment through PayPal (\$12 with shipping) or at the shelter (\$10 each). MEOW is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 pm to 5 pm.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Kirkland, WA 98033-0058

PO Box 58



Non-Profit Org
U.S. Postage
PAID
Kirkland, WA
Permit No. 58