RILEY AND CHASE
FOR A LIFETIME

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...
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 Absher
In memory of Arlie, she kept us in line. Trish Ryan
In honor of Lola Carolyne Pinkston
In memory of Diana Sigalla Elayna Ferguson
In memory of Trisper Betty Tiberio
In honor of Moki and Fionta Sandra E Willis
In memory of Tourette & Pandora Grace Wong
In honor of Sir Winston Dawn Padula
In honor of Eddie Kassie Kolein
In honor of Marjorie Ferra. 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 Juliano
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 & Edelsen 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! Lellan Saper
In celebration of Adel Clifton's birthday Elizabeth Bartle
In honor of Mary Stetton Bob Stetton
In honor of Maggie Thomson Nicholas Castlin
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 Jahn, 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, Mungo, & 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.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE
PENCIL IN DECEMBER 3rd, 2023

MEOW's annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale is a wonderful opportunity for our talented MEOW supporters 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 MEOW. If you're interested in crafting or baking this year, please email us: bazaar@meowcatrescue.org to discuss.
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 sill 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

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 alumni, 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, you’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.

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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 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!

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TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of Nilla Nelson, a rescue cat
Julie Gerringer

In honor of Britanna Mark
Christina Bladieu

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 Galenom

In memory of Jim Hammet and Ralla 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 kittens, and I miss you every day.
Judith Sorensen

In support of Candy
Brian Phan

In support of all the kittens
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 littlest ones
Mark Fitteau

Thanks for all you do to adopt out kittens.
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 Amelia, 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 memory of Piper Boehme’s 11th b’day
Jamie Jacobson

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 Enstrom

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.
Phylis Absher

In memory of Betsy’s beloved cat Hador
Katlie Lax

In honor of goofy, sweet George
Dara Zirofsky

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

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 Gulmon-Hurt, my beloved friend who filled my life with beauty.
Judith Sorensen

In memory of Grace & Charlene
Paul Harrison

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

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

In honor of Elve the Sweet on her 17th birthday.
Rod Crawford

In memory of Choco and Snoop
Melissa Evans

In memory of Bella and Luna
Anne & Tom Oetersburg

In memory of Grace the Cat
Jane Stevens

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

In memory of Jennifer Swift
Robert Swift

In honor of Bonne VeVe
Patty & Jim Groves

In honor of Cleo and Sally
Elizabeth & Stace Elliott

In honor of Shadow and Zoe
Chrsty Callahan

In honor of Marcus
Cady Gooding

In honor of Blanca
Sally Paul

In memory of Iggy
Brandi Chambers

In memory 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 Lattila

In memory of my dear feral, Call
Margaret Ann Dewt

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

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 Soudas

In memory of Neelam, Jahu, & Sadira
and to welcome George & Henry
Joni & Paul
MEOW'S 2023 CALENDAR
GET YOURS TODAY!

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MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION 2023

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.

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