



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

CELEBRATING 27 YEARS OF RESCUE
& OVER 27,000 LIVES SAVED

Spring 2024

SNIEZKA



Courageous Warrior

Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, more than eight million people have become internally displaced, leaving their homes but remaining in their country, and another six million have had to flee to other countries. Countless

displaced people were unable to take their pets. Animal shelters in Ukraine are overflowing and pop-up shelters are doing their best to help.

The beautiful city of Kherson, captured by Russia and reclaimed by Ukraine several months later, continues to experience shelling almost daily. Among the residents being forced to seek safety was the family of a 12-year-old cat named Sniezka, which translates to Snowflake or Snowdrop (the flower). We have no information about her life prior to last summer when she was released into the care of a pop-up shelter in Lviv, but we can imagine the sorrow her people must have felt when saying their goodbyes. Sniezka has clearly been loved.

Although her senior labs were normal, during her exam, a small mammary mass was discovered, containing cancerous cells. Thankfully, no metastasis was found. She has begun treatment and, befitting of her Ukrainian roots, her attitude is upbeat and her constitution is strong. We have high hopes that our little Snowdrop will win this battle and go on to live a long and happy life.



all nine lives are precious®

ANSWERING THE CALL



Krista and Kittens!

When the cleaning crew entered the abandoned apartment, it had been empty for at least a week. And it had been trashed. The residents left in a hurry, just taking what mattered to them.

Suddenly a black cat shot past. Then a young tabby, very thin, appeared. Tiny kittens began trying to follow her, falling out of the couch cushions. Stunned, the cleaning crew counted...5,6,7. They were so young and vulnerable, just 7 to 10 days old. The former residents hadn't even bothered to leave any food or water for the cats. They were literally starving.

An Independent Rescuer had just finished an intake appointment at MEOW and was headed home when the call came. She turned around, headed North and called MEOW. Could we help this little family? Yes, indeed. One of our experienced foster families offered them sanctuary in their Kitten Room.

At first, mama Krista rested in the comfortable accommodations, enjoying everything on the menu. But then she lost her appetite, quickly dropping weight, becoming dehydrated and lethargic, and unable to give her babies the nourishment they needed. Bottle-feeding duty around the clock was now the foster mama's top priority. There was fear that something inside might be causing Krista to become septic. During her emergency exploratory surgery nothing was identified, but being spayed may have helped her. She's recuperating beautifully now.

How could anyone have left her behind like trash? Krista has now discarded her previous life. Surely new doors will soon open for her and her kittens, with families they deserve, ones to whom they will matter, forever.

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of Mrs. Beasley, Maggie and Gracie.

Suzanne Bingham

In honor of Roxanne Navrides
Dittany Lang

For Little Guy and 17 years of love.
Anna Morgan

In honor of my wonderful MEOW kitty, Emma! Thank you for the amazing work you do, day in and day out.
Annette Hamilton

In honor of Rob, Lindsay and Alec Walbrun.
Barbara Mank

In honor of Sally McKissick.
Happy holidays!
Sierra McKissick

In honor of Gary and Christine Kimura
David Kimura

In memory of Madeline Goldsmith, love from her grandma
Bonnie & Kenneth Holstad

Merry Christmas! In honor of Kristina, Bumble, Emmie and Tuni
Heather Chilcote

In honor of Pounce and Feather
Christine Weh

In memory of Joseph & Poseidon
Teresa Lillygren

In honor of the marriage of Michael Belle and Lara Egui
Judith Reese

In memory of Jax Prewitt, kitty cat of Anne Prewitt
Rachel Nahon

For our furry family members! Thanks for all the wonderful work you do!
Karl & Kimberly

In honor of and to help precious Vinny and all the other angels
Carolyn Paslay

Thank you for all you do! I saw Vinny's story on the news!
Jennifer Cherney

In honor of Susan Taylor, a volunteer at MEOW.
Mary & John Taylor

Remembering Madison
Diane Gwynne

In honor of Taylor Swift's 34th Birthday!
Love, Alice & Rosie

To help Vinny
David Funsinn

In honor of all my beloved pets.
Minna Levitt

In honor of Taylor Swift's birthday today
Julia Sloan

In honor of the Lapp Cats
Cynthia Lapp

In memory of Hunter
Justin McKissick

In honor of Marjorie Ferris and her three kitties, Luna, Gus, and Princess – Thanks for your amazing support!
Ian & Donna LeGrow

In loving memory of Heidi Jane, faithful, companion who was kind, attentive, wise and strong! I miss you so.
Nancy Bacon

In honor of Rocky and Willow, adopted just over a year ago. Both are doing great and are perfect additions to our family. Thank you, MEOW!
Brad Leland

This donation is from my daughter, Alexa. She hopes you buy a cat toy with it.
Luke Myers

We adopted Holly 11 years ago when she was 4. She's been such a wonderful cat and we hope she has many more years to go.
Marsha Tellesbo-Kembel

Thank you to Katy Rosenlund and your other volunteers.
Love, Mom

In loving memory of my late wife, Danee, and Rusty, the cat we both loved.
Michael Myers

In memory of Peewee and Missee
James Nakata

Thank you for the work, love, and care you provide!
Don Sparry

Saw the post about Vinny and my heart melted. Wish I could adopt another cat, but I think my apartment is only big enough for Esteban (I adopted from MEOW) so I hope this donation helps. I hope Vinny finds a forever home soon.
George Price

In loving memory of Eugene, a beloved kitty
JD Krucik & Family

Keep up the good work.
John Saba

In memory of Jackie Stewart
St. Hilda & St. Patrick Episcopal Church

In honor of Miss Cordelia's 7th birthday
Brittney Garcia

In memory of Matt Garrett
Sally Ross

In memory of David Ellenz, who rescued many Arabian street cats. My wonderful companion of 12 years and probably the smartest cat I have, came to me as a result of David's generous nature. He had a knack of evaluating and socializing feral cats. He will be missed.
KH Ressler

In memory of Alfie
Brenda Gruber

In honor of Barb & Jack Avery and to support all of the wonderful work you do.
Noreen Allen

In memory of Emily, my friend's ragdoll kitty.
Linda Juliano

In memory of Carla and all the cats she helped.
Edward & Rob Pedersen

Thank you for all you do to help cats. Our dear cat Lydia came from MEOW and brought such joy to our family for 16 years.
Ann Fenwick

In memory of Zoe, the sweet, almost made it to 20(!) year old cat
Rachel Nahon

In honor of Bonne
Mary Kathleen Hope

In loving memory of Gracie my beautiful, sweet and gentle Ragdoll kitty, aged 18. I miss her very much.
Annette Hallen

In honor of Puff
Greg & Carla Page

In loving memory of Smokey
Vivian Uno

In honor of Islay & Skye.
Julia & Bob Harding

For Bender & Flash, the two best kitties ever
Patricia Summers

My family and I give donations for Christmas instead of presents. Love and appreciate what you do!
Nancy Heath

In memory of Manny
Friend of MEOW

In memory of Marcel - Kitty - Bernier
Annette Bernier

Happy Birthday to Animal Advocate and Cat Obsessed Taylor Swift!
Cara Cashman

In honor of Katherine Kiner's good work She's an awesome "cat mama", and in memory of Zahra
Francina Noordhoek

Thank you for your dedication to lost cats everywhere. We had two darling kitties for 15 year.
Sally Kercher

In memory of Vince
Rachel Searcy

In honor of Sara & Will Brewer
Judith & Robert Fisher

In honor of Neil Erdman & Shannon Sorem
Dianne Erdman

In honor of Becky Mustoe's Birthday fundraiser.
Claire Bunney

LENNY LEARNING LIFE'S LESSONS



Loveable Lenny

As youngsters, Lenny and his sister would have the occasional dust-up, which sometimes resulted in sensitive Lenny having a litterbox indiscretion. When the family adopted a dog, the situation worsened. There was no happy place for Lenny anymore. To keep the peace, Lenny was separated

from the others, given a room of his own. This living arrangement, however, did not help Lenny. He began to withdraw. He became aggressive. When the owners sought veterinary help, Lenny became fractious, requiring sedation to be examined. He was prescribed behavioral medications, but most likely, he didn't get them regularly. Nobody was happy with the living arrangements. Last July, after Lenny had been segregated from his family for about two years, they made the difficult decision to return him to MEOW.

At first, Lenny made threatening gestures when offered meals and cleaning services. But slowly, as he began to acclimate to his new situation, his protestations softened, little by little.

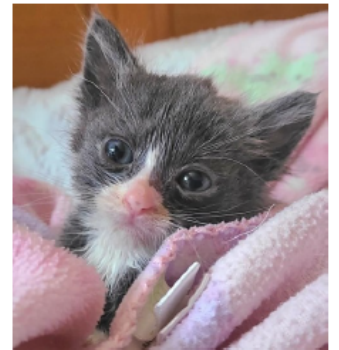
Veterinary behaviorist Dr. Cori Gross adjusted his behavioral medications, which he took willingly with his food, and prescribed a canned diet to help support healthy digestion. Once he became more stable, a petting protocol began. Yes, petting! By October, Lenny would only nip occasionally, and not in a malicious way, more in response to overstimulation, or attention seeking. He was changing.

Six months of patience and persistence by the staff has paid off. These days, Lenny jumps down from the post in his suite to greet visitors. He's ready now to meet that person who will understand his special needs, who will continue to help him understand how relationships work and be there for him. At last, Lenny is learning how to love and be loved.

GIVEBIG – MAY 7TH & 8TH COMPASSION IN ACTION

At MEOW, compassion is at the core of who we are and all we do. Each and every day, our compassion drives us all - our staff, our volunteers, our adopters, our veterinary partners, and our supporters. With all of us working together, we are able to transform that compassion into action and make a wonderful difference in the lives of companion animals in need.

Each year, through GiveBIG, your compassion translates into life changing and life saving action. It provides care and sheltering, facilitates adoptions, sustains our public spay/neuter voucher program for low income families, provides outreach and education opportunities within our community,



Safe and Sound

welcomes the most vulnerable little ones into our foster care program, offers a loving home life to our Ninth Life long term foster cats, and secures emergency and specialty care for those whose very lives depend on it.

Last year during GiveBIG, you, our amazing supporters, donated over \$36,500. Your compassion continues to help us keep our promise to the precious ones we serve at MEOW! This May 7th and 8th, we are asking you to stand with us once again, to offer your compassion to those in need of a soft place to land.

Are you interested in pledging matching funds to inspire other donors, to make your gift go even farther, to save more lives during GiveBIG 2024? Email joni@meowcatrescue.org or call the shelter at 425-822-6369 for more information.

Beginning in April, there will be a GiveBIG donation link available on our website, www.meowcatrescue.org, or your GiveBIG check may be sent anytime. Thank you for continuing to believe in MEOW, for turning your compassion into action for the animals who depend on all of us.



CAT RUNNING 5K FUN RUN/WALK SAT., APRIL 20TH – MARYMOOR PARK



It's that time again! Lace up your tennies, don your cat themed leggings or sweatshirt and join other MEOW supporters for the CAT Running 5K at Marymoor Park. Start time is 9am, which gives you the rest of the day to

celebrate your accomplishment. Last year our Couch to 5K Challenge was successful at getting several folks off the couch and onto the course, so we brought it back this year for those who had thought about participating in the past but perhaps weren't ready. The training program is a very doable 10-week program to prepare folks to run or walk. If you're motivated, it's not too late to join the program in progress.

Along with the event challenge, we have a \$2,500 fundraising challenge as well. Participants are fundraising on Facebook, asking friends and family to support their physical efforts by donating to MEOW. Use the QR code to learn more, sign up for the challenge, register for the race, or donate to someone who's taking the challenge. Join us for some fun in the great outdoors. Leashed dogs are welcome!



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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Thursdays, Fridays,
Saturdays, & Sundays,
1-5 pm
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Wednesdays
and major holidays

DONATE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF YOUR SPECIAL SOMEONE



We all find comfort in community, whether that means honoring a special friend or occasion, or sharing our grief by commemorating the life of a loved one. At your request, MEOW is proud

and humbled to publish those tributes in each newsletter. For a minimum donation of \$50, you may use this QR code to donate on line or, if you prefer, you may donate by check or credit card, enclosing a note with your special dedication.



IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WITH HEARTFELT THANKS...

These tributes were made by donors during our #GivingTuesday campaign, in which MEOW supporters gave over \$61,000!

THANK YOU one and all, for your generosity and your loving hearts!

In Honor of ...

Windows, Tubbs & Sonny, Pepper & Dover, Lily, Fidget, Spike & Little Boy, Vinnie, Marc Castillo, Peanut & Pepper, Chunk, Chui & Zeld, Brian Palmer & Kristin DeLong Palmer, Celia & Casey, Zoe, Will Brewer, Alison, Karina O'Malley, Sterling & Simon, Sylvester, Marti & her cats, Finn, Livvie, & Ozzy, Bonne VeVea, Otter & Willow, Christy Reynolds, Susan Reynolds, Spuzzy, Sessna, Lucy & Mittens, Barb Cardarelli, Zoe, Timmy, Captain Jack

In Memory of...

Jennifer, Jax, Axel & Lucy, Lennart, Isabella Binne, Bun the Cat, All of our furbabies, Sophie, Lefty, Fluxx, Keke, Kay Glenn, Mom, Teddy, Cookie, Attila & Minnie, Paul A Smith, Cooper, Dora & Dewey, Bonnie & Beau, Keisha, Wild Boi & Mr Fluffy, Mac, Chester, Toby, Princess, Jack & Roxee Hill, Leo the Junkyard Cat, Gus & Sadie, Tommy & Darby, Pnurf, Orcas, & Tigger, Riley, Frasier & Salsa, Finley, Ruggles, Tasha, Wishus & Moo, Alice, Franny, Monty, Ollie & Romeo, Cheri & Jack, Joanne Caldwell, Sam, Cleo, Jing-Jing & Ying-Ying, Tommy Hartmann & Darby Hartmann, Vinnie, Scooter & Bandit, Lizzie, Alec, Annie & Fozzie Bear, Harriet, Gracie, Scotchy & Budzee, Scarlett & Spenser, Allie, Ziri, Ariel Fuzzy, Betty Boop, Gizmo, Picasso & Casanova, Fiona, Maurice & Speedy, Leo, Hub, Tulip, Sebastian, Rebecca, Elvis, Heidi & Mister Puppies

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of Atticus & Mikey
Bernice & Joseph Schick

In memory of Josie Leahy-Brooks
Josie Cobos

Congratulations on your retirement,
Jean!
Kristin Carroll

Love you Milo, we promise to keep your
sister safe and happy.
Joe Heiser

In memory of Miss Maynard & Kiwi
Dean William Byrd

In honor of Arno & Kathleen Panek
Pam Bowling

In loving memory of
Madeline Goldsmith
Amy Holstad

In memory of Mark Blackbird
Michael Yonan

Prudence & Felicity send their love.
Priscilla Finch

In memory of my cat Blackey. I sure
miss him. RIP little guy.
Linda Juliano

In honor of Randi Teter on her birthday.
She is the best cat mom I know and
has so much passion for animals.
Alikeh Jackson

Remembering Gabby
Karen Derr

In memory of Linda Juliano's
beloved Blackie
Randi Beck

We love and miss Crazy, Spike,
Toot-Toot & Sam
Bob & Charlotte MacNelly

In honor and memory of Eddie, much
loved and still very much missed.
Kassie Koledin

In memory of Caesar and Cleopatra
Friend of MEOW

In honor of Patches & Petunia adopted
9-1/2 years ago from MEOW and thriving
in their forever home.
Diane D'Arcangelo

Thank you for all that you do for
the precious cats.
Norma Hobbs

In loving memory of Fraidy cat.
Michael Dodd

In honor of Lewie & Lola. A big thank
you for keeping them safe and happy
until my daughter and her husband
stopped by and were adopted by them!
They are very much loved!
Nancy Heath

In memory of our beloved MEOW
kitties, Egypt and Sundae. In honor of
all the volunteers who take such good
care of the cats waiting for
their forever homes.
Christy Reynolds

In Memory of All the Ronnholm Felines!
Brenda C Campbell

Our best girl, Nee Nee will be 20 in June!
So thankful MEOW gave her
a good start to life.
Megan Walker

In honor of Susie and Bill and in
celebration of Christmas.
Jenny Herring

In honor of my Mom and her rescue cats
Bear, and Samwise. She inspired my love
and respect for cats
Elisa Stuart

In the name of Zene and Noah Banholzer
Carmen Cioc

In honor of Spike, Lily, Fidget, & Little Boy
Lorri Dunsmore

It is with heartfelt gratitude and admiration
that we honor Brianna Mark for her re-
markable dedication to MEOW Cat
Rescue. Her unwavering commitment
and tireless efforts in ensuring the health
and welfare of countless animals has
made a significant impact. Her compas-
sion and love for these animals shines
through in everything she does, making a
real difference in their lives.
Lovingly, your SHW Team

In memory of Kim Stapleton
Leigh Anne Lynch

In memory of beloved
companion Chloe Denis.
Nancy Sullivan

Merry Christmas, ma.
Marlowe Emmons

In honor of Chloe, Curly, & Wookie
Phyllis Van Winkle

In honor of my sister, Sarah Brewer. She
and her spouse are two of your amazing
foster parents.
Nathan & Jessica Eikenberry

Donation at request of our son, Kasen
Scott & Marianna Beetham

In memory of Andy & Robbie's cat Nate.
He was a great cat!
NK Holcomb

Wishing Sandy & Marc happy holidays.
Bryan & Priscilla McCarty

In honor of Marjorie Ferris, Gus, Luna,
Princess, and Scout. Thank you Marjorie
for all you do!
Neil Hinnant

In memory of Hazel, a smart, happy little
kitty deeply loved and adored by Mommy,
Daddy, and brother Archie. You are dearly
missed each moment of each day. You
live in our hearts forever, sweet baby girl.
If love alone could have kept you here,
you would have lived forever.
Susan & Richard Wong

In honor of Steve Heaps
Katilyn & Derek Baxter

In honor of Nora Jade
Patricia Miller

It's been a while since I've made it to
Kirkland to say hello, but I'm so thankful
for the work you all continue to do.
Tiffany Lutnick

Celebrating Twiggy(11) & Sabrina (9),
my MEOW Cat Rescue adoptees!
Deborah Efron

On behalf of
Cindy Claypool & Steve Bracher
Kellie Smith

From our friends and family in
celebration of our wedding.
Linda Watson

In honor of Levi. He is doing well and
is such a great cat!
Jim Fimiani

In honor of my sweet companion,
Miss Fritzyl
Marti MacPhee

In memory of Zoe and Sebastian
Friend of MEOW

Remembering Gabby
Karen Derr

In loving memory of Scooter, Tiffany, &
Willie, our beloved rescue cats
Bruce & Marilyn Ries

Thanks so much for Ozette & Nicolette!
Ann Breese

In loving memory of our handsome
Diesel, adopted in 2008. We will miss
his taps on the shoulder for attention.
When he entered a room he would say
hello & demand to be tucked
into bed at night.
Sherilyn, Brynley, Kirk & Family

In memory of Fred and George (the
smartest cat ever).
Kristin Kimmerling

In loving memory of
GrisGris, Lucie, & Gerrit
Patricia Miller

In memory of my beautiful,
smart, and brave Booboo.
Eva Sipos

Thanks for everything you do!
Wendy & Stuart Wolf

In memory of Francis, my best friend.
Martin Ekure

Thanks for all you do!
Shelly Baehler

In memory of our sweet Nelle.
Joan Hutto

In honor of Kelly A
Connie Peterson

In honor of all the cats our family
has had, including
Samantha, Trigger, and Elsie.
Daniel Carey

In honor of Lena's cat.
Antonio Roca

In memory of Putty Tat
Elizabeth Phillips

FELINE GROOVY!

FINE WINES & FELINES — 6/22 IN BOTHELL

Cascadia College Campus in Bothell is our hangout for this year's dinner and auction fundraiser. Just off I-405, about 12 minutes north of MEOW, the location is primo! Dig through your closet and find your coolest threads, as this year we'll be celebrating the hippie era of the '60s and '70s. To tickle and tantalize your tastebuds there will be an out of this world meatless buffet.

Over the past four years we've learned that our friends and supporters also dig online auctions, so we'll be offering many boss items online as a lead-in to the in-person event. Although the majority of our silent auction items will be online, at the event there will be a far out super silent section as well as awesome live auction items. It's gonna be a happenin' scene with games and prizes, and plenty of opportunity to rap with the other cool cats supporting MEOW. Hang tight! Details coming soon.



PUSSYCAT PANTRY

With all the cats and kittens at the shelter these days, we have an ongoing need for favorite food to keep their tummies full, and the supplies to keep their environment clean and all 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
Gift Cards for Costco, Target, Fred Meyer, and local pet supply stores



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