



# MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

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

Summer 2024

## DAGMAR



**Dagmar**

A bedraggled cat was seen limping around a dry boat moorage facility, obviously in poor shape. A man who worked at the facility felt that the cat would be better off euthanized, but that ending was not in the cards for this lucky boy. A woman

mooring her boat there had also noticed the poor cat, and while attending a Community Cat Coalition (CCC) event, she reached out for help. Sara, a rescuer and CCC member, was on it!

When Sara arrived at the moorage, it wasn't immediately clear whether this cat was feral or tame, but soon after setting the humane trap she had the cat. This big guy filled the whole trap! When at the vet for his neuter, a sticker was placed on his recovery carrier that read, "Seems like he wants to be sweet". Boy, howdy!

Back in his foster home, it quickly became evident that this big guy was indeed a very sweet and mellow fellow. Dagmar loves people of all ages, cats, dogs, even ferrets, and wants nothing more than to be friends with anyone and everyone.

Dagmar's first four years or so have been very rough and he has the scars to prove it. He needed treatment for multiple facial wounds and internal parasites. His right ear is permanently bent to the side, probably a result of a scrap over a meager bite to eat. Regardless of testing FIV+, he is cleaning up and healing up just beautifully. These days this big lug of a boy is giving happy head-bonks to everyone he meets, and waiting for someone to offer him a job doing just that, and to give him the happy ending and the new beginning he deserves.

## GROGU & STRUDEL



**Brotherly Bond**

Grogu and Strudel met in foster care and became as close as blood brothers, so we will honor their wishes to be adopted together. These good buddies enjoy a wrestling match as well as a rousing game of tag. They have a lot of energy and do get underfoot. Both do well with adult cats but have not been in the

company of a dog.

Strudel is an 11-month-old medium haired brown tabby with white. He and his sisters had been living in a car until their owner realized they needed a better home. Although the kittens had a rough start, that's in the past. Strudel is a purr machine who loves to cuddle in a warm lap. Already 11.5 pounds, he's on his way to becoming a good sized boy.

Grogu is a short haired 10-month-old black and white bicolor, who was found alone in a restaurant parking lot. He arrived with some single kitten tendencies, rough play and a bit nippy, but over time the adult cats and other kittens in his foster home have been teaching him good manners. As his permanent teeth emerged, Grogu developed juvenile gingivitis. Time and medication did not resolve the painful condition, so he required full mouth dental extractions. Now fully recovered, he is pain free.

The boys will do best in a home with adults or one which includes older children. They need space to work out their wiggles, so would not be a good fit for small apartment living. An environment where their family works from home or are not away for long days would be ideal. They are friendly, playful, brave, athletic, affectionate, and curious. Did we mention perfect?

# TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of Lucy, Holly, Graham Purr & Goldie Mewer. Long-time fabulous felines.

*Dorothy Pierce*

In honor of Windows  
*Nien-Han Huang*

In memory of Milo  
*Joe Heiser*

In memory of Manny  
*Friend of MEOW*

In memory of  
Marcel - Kitty - Bernier  
*Annette Bernier*

In memory of Roc & Milo  
*Friend of MEOW*

In memory of Bowling Ball  
*Friend of MEOW*

In honor of Vinny  
*Deborah Wilson*

In honor of  
Maureen & John Carroll,  
who've rescued more cats  
than I can keep track of.  
*Diane Staub*

In memory of Leslie's Squeak  
*Hilary Rose*

In memory of Mary Margaret  
(Peggy) Merrill, a fellow cat lover!!!  
*Ruth Anderson*

In memory of Linda Briggs & Toby  
*Rose Reid*

In Honor of Fritz  
*John Bay*

In memory of Peggy Merrill  
*Sherrie Sparks*

In memory of Peggy Merrill  
*Todd Palmer*

Thank you for finding me a great  
home and friend in Jim.  
*Archie*

We adopted Russell and his  
brother Petey from MEOW 8 years  
ago. Unfortunately, Russell passed  
in January, 2024, from a heart con-  
dition. We love him so much and  
make this donation in his honor.  
*Derek Chen*

A Gift from Jasper (Milo)

In memory of Brue  
*Sheryl Hettinger*

In memory of Captain Jack  
*Shannon Dodge*

In honor of Grace & Eevee  
*Melissa Barrett*

In memory of my two sibling senior  
ragdoll kitties adopted in 2010, they  
are remembered with much love  
*Friend of MEOW*

In memory of Ginger, an awesome  
kitty and the last of the Italian fur  
kids. With love and purrs,  
*Harper & Halo Bergquist*

In memory of Jing-Jing & Ying-Ying,  
brothers adopted from  
MEOW in 2007  
*Robert Fruth*

In memory of Toby, Roxie,  
Jack & Princess  
*Shelley & Greg Hill*

In memory of Alexandra,  
Peanut & Tripod  
*Francesca Leonetti*

In memory of Ollie  
*Mary Wiegand*

In memory of Chunk  
*Cathleen Hooper*

In memory of Kaya  
*Joni & Paul Cervenka*

In honor of Rocky and Willow  
*Brad Leland*

In memory of Marilyn Richards  
*Bob Richards*

In memory of Leo the Junkyard Cat  
*Friend of MEOW*

In honor of My Saturday Crew!!  
*Katy Rosenlund*

In honor of My Dad who is 95 today  
*Roxanne Navrides*

In memory of Ruggles, Allowishus,  
Tasha & Moo. Miss you guys!  
*Carol Shames*

In memory of Joanne Caldwell  
*Sally Simpson*

In memory of Haley,  
Mr. Red, & Mama  
*Marie Alvarado*

In memory of Mary Hutton  
*Friend of MEOW*

In memory of Irene  
*Friend of MEOW*

In honor of Bonne VeVea  
& Janis Newman  
*Maggie Baker*

In memory of Poohbear Finley  
(MEOW alumni)  
*Cynthia Finley*

In honor of Milo Brady the cat!  
*Kim Coyne*

Remembering sweet Osito  
*Seiko Sato*

In honor of Liping Bian  
*Xiaomei Wang*

In memory of our beloved Caly and  
Morgan, both of whom left us too  
soon, to rare conditions. We miss  
you SO much, but are spreading the  
love to new rescue furbabies.  
*Yasmine & Samwise Galenorn*

In honor of Johnna Leslie  
*Patrick Leslie*

In honor of Momo and Lychee  
*Bartley Tablante*

To our precious Vinnie (adopted  
from MEOW) who shared our lives  
for 13 years.  
*Mary Butler*

In honor of my dear friend,  
Julia Simon and her  
charming cat, Winston  
*Suzanne Bingham*

It's all about Archie!  
*Jim Kesl*

In memory of Sneakers (Princess).  
What greater gift than  
the love of a cat?  
*Zoe & Rich Evans*

Happy birthday, Suzanne!  
*Julia Simon*

In memory of Riceball, who was 18  
and a precious member of the family  
of May Wu and Jordan Power. They  
miss him so much.  
*Amy Power*

In memory of Angel Boy  
*Friend of MEOW*

## KATSU—LIFE'S LESSONS



Katsu

Mother Nature allows cats to birth up to five litters of kittens per year, perhaps because the mortality rate for kittens is 15%-30%. While we like to think of “the miracle of birth” as something so natural and

beautiful, sometimes it's anything but. Sometimes we bear witness to the reality of sad statistics, when we must do our best to care for not only a birthing mother and her little ones, but also one another.

Leaving her office one evening in May, a woman heard rustling in the brush near the parking lot. A little cat, appearing to be late into pregnancy, needed help. Unable to locate her home, the next morning the woman arrived at MEOOW with the cat in tow.

Katsu settled in, seeming grateful for the clean and comfortable quarters, soft bedding, and nutritious food. A short time later, contractions began. Her new caretakers lowered the lights, put on soft spa music, ceased doing laundry nearby, and covered her cage door for privacy. They hushed their voices and tried not to hover. By mid-afternoon, she had given birth to one stillborn and two healthy-appearing kittens. A few hours later, visibly exhausted, she birthed a fourth kitten. Mama did not tend to this kitten as she had the others. He had a serious and obvious birth defect, yet he was lively and wiggly, just like the others. He was rushed to an emergency hospital. Sadly, the vets there confirmed what we already knew – in a short time the tiny baby would suffer an inevitable death. The doctors blinked back tears as they mercifully helped him to cross the Bridge.

That evening, another kitten passed. Katsu rested. By morning, she had delivered two more kittens and her family was complete. These three kittens, under the careful watch of their foster family, survived, grew and soon will be available for adoption. These situations: so much joy, tinged with so much sadness, remind us that life is indeed a miracle and that, truly, all nine lives are precious.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH: UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS & COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES



We love staying in touch with you and sharing what's happening at MEOOW. Each time we mail a newsletter, about 200 are returned due to changes of address. If you've moved recently, are planning a move, or if you have a new email address, please scan the

QR code below and update your information.

If you'd like to opt out of receiving our quarterly mailed newsletter or our occasional e-news update, the QR code may be used for that as well. Both of these publications are available on our website after they've been distributed. We're happy to continue to mail our newsletter to you, but we want to make sure you enjoy holding it in your hand to read about the wonderful work you're supporting at MEOOW.



## 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, MEOOW is proud and humbled to publish those tributes in our newsletter. For a suggested donation of \$50 or more, you may use this QR code to donate on line or, if you prefer, you may donate by check or credit card and enclose a note with your special dedication.



*all nine lives are precious®*

# FINE WINES & FELINES 2024

## FELINE GROOVY & OH SO GRATEFUL

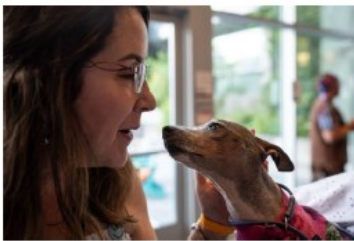


We are in awe and so thankful for the amazing support of our many online auction bidders and the attendees of our in-person fundraising event in June. Our online bidders raised over \$30,000 and those in attendance at our sold out in-person event raised \$170,000, which includes more than \$110,000 for our Mercy Fund. All in, \$200,000 is a new high for us.



These funds will go a long way towards supporting the animals in need of emergency or specialty care in the coming months, as well

as provide general care for the residents as we help them prepare for their forever homes. Cats like Groggu, who needed full mouth dental extractions to be relieved of pain and returned to health, are truly the beneficiaries of your amazing generosity.



So many individuals contributed to the success of this event, each attendee and bidder, each auction item donor, each volunteer and staff member, as well as our wonderful business sponsors,



Eastside Veterinary Hospital, Cat-Man-Doo, All About Cats Animal Hospital, Coldstream Financial Group, Seattle Veterinary Associates, Northwest Animal Eye Specialists, Leatherback Printing, and Animal Medical Center of Seattle. With the support and commitment of so many, this year's event surpassed all our hopes and expectations!



If you'd like to share with us your feedback about the event or any aspect of it, please email us at [meowauction@gmail.com](mailto:meowauction@gmail.com).

If you couldn't attend and would like to watch our 2024 Mercy Fund video, you may access it using the QR code below. We do hope you'll join us next year. Tentative date is June 21, 2025. The animals rely on us all to



Event Photos

meet their every need and because of you, we can continue to do that. We could not be more grateful!



Mercy Fund

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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**Adoption Open Hours:**  
Thursdays, Fridays,  
Saturdays, & Sundays,  
1-5 pm  
**Closed to Public:**  
Mondays through  
Wednesdays  
and major holidays

# TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In loving memory of Azul and Sweetie Peetie who graced our home and brought us joy.  
*Nora Carlson & Lora Hein*

In memory of Blessing. Thank you Blessing for filling Renee's heart and soul with love for many years. You will forever continue to rest in her heart.  
*Anna Ormsby*

In memory of Nancy Bacon. We will miss you, Nancy. You made the world a better place while you were here.  
*Lauren Randolph*

To Baby Girl, the sweetest princess. We're so lucky to have known you and you are missed dearly.  
*Ethan Walker-McMullen*

Thank you Steve and Marilyn! Thanks for all your help around the house and for all that you do for the cats in need.  
*Mark Family: Alex & Saeki, Bentley, Rayne, Petunia, and Ziggy*

For LY in memory of Jet, may you purr on forever.  
*Love T & C*

In memory of Charlotte and over 20 years of love she gave to her family.  
*Kelly Corey*

In memory of Honey, Punkin, Cosette, Kiki, and Chloe  
*Julian Woodward*

In memory of Peggy Merrill. A dear colleague and even dearer friend. I will miss all our good times together. I hope you have found peace and many kittens to play with.  
*Sherri Carson*

In memory of Stacey Bodine. TaskMaster/Celebrate Stacey  
*Laurence Noone*

In memory of Stacey Bodine  
*Bryan Bodine*

In memory of Doreen Lidgate  
*Laurie Kohli*

In honor of Marcie and Sally  
*Patricia Rodeman*

In memory of Linda Kawaoka Briggs -She loved cats  
*Russell & Joyce Akiyama*

In honor of Mary Stelton. Happy Mother's Day  
*Bob Stelton*

In loving memory of Barbara N. Lentz on Mother's Day  
*Nancy Hopon*

In memory of Gemi  
*Shekela Wanyama*

In memory of my late sweet cat Janet  
*Leigh Jacobson*

In honor of Cathy Taylor  
*Cynthia Lapp*

To celebrate the wedding of Foster Hardt and Autumn Tocchi  
*Laura Abramson*

In memory of Cakes, Merry Gagg's beloved cat. Sending you lots of love, Merry!  
*Your Signature Family*

In memory of Sushi. Forever in our hearts!  
*Rosaline Bernstein*

In honor of Bonne on Mother's Day  
*Patty & Jim Groves*

In memory of Heff & Muff. Sweetest cats ever.  
*Jo-Anne & Michael Priebe*

In honor of Tater. Forever grateful for our family member we adopted from MEOW Cat Rescue!  
*Amber Wood*

In memory of Samantha  
*Linda Juliano*

In honor of Crescendo now Gen and Rhapsody now Leo's birthday a little gift to you. They were adopted on November 11 and are two crazy brothers. Never a dull moment around the house.  
*Susan*

In honor of Marjorie Ferris - cat mom extraordinaire to Luna, Gus, and Princess!!  
*Neil Hinnant*

In honor of Doja Cat's adoption  
*Sally Paull*

In honor of Scamper  
*Elizabeth Gaines*

In memory of Chester  
*Richard Cooley*

In loving memory of Jewell Pearson  
*Jan Wiley*

In memory of Stuart  
*Kelsey Bolinger*

In loving memory of Alexandra Leonetti and her love for kitty cats  
*Chelsea Brogan*

In honor of all the wonderful cat trappers and rescuers. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to cats. You save lives!  
*Penny Olson*

For all good cats everywhere, especially Elsie, Trigger, Crash, Tiger & Samantha.  
*Daniel Carey*

In memory of Hazel.  
*Susan Wong*

In honor of Symon Roberts 19 y/o male cat who crossed the Rainbow Bridge, March 22, 2024  
*Susan Hart*

Thank you for our boys, Gibbs and Maximus  
*Roxanne & Tim Smith*

In loving memory of my cats, Precious and Duke.  
*Rose Smith*

In memory of a wonderful dog named Kaya. I will always think of you when I walk my dog.  
*Ann Reid*

In memory of "Owen" Lee. He was a sweet baby and his family will miss him. Rest peacefully Owen.  
*Amy Teague*

In loving memory of Brue, who was such a special kitty, loved by his foster family and by MEOW. Gone too soon.  
*Tracie Romslund*

In the memory of the most awesome and joyful cat.  
*Lena and Gabi*

For Sophie Cat My Best Kitty Remembered Always  
*Mary*

## FRESH FINDS FOR FELINES SALE SATURDAY OCT 5, 2024, 10AM—3PM

Our volunteers and several supporters have once again stepped up and donated a lot of great, gently used household items and decor to benefit MEOW. We'll be hosting our first Fresh Finds for Felines sale in the Fellowship Hall at St.



John's Episcopal Church (home to our annual Holiday Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale) at 105 State Street in Kirkland from 10 am to 3 pm on Oct 5th. Just as every MEOW kitty deserves a second chance for a good home, so do these deserving items of value. If you're looking for some fresh pieces of decor or household items at a bargain price, please stop by, browse, and perhaps fall in love with a few sweet finds to "adopt" for yourself or to start your early holiday gift shopping. It'll be fun!



## PUSSYCAT PANTRY

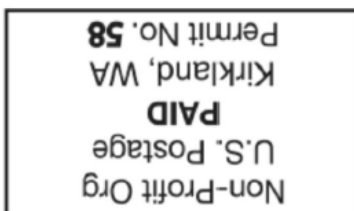
With all the cats and kittens at the shelter these days, we have an ongoing need for favorite food to keep their tummies full, and the supplies to keep their environment clean and all their needs met.

Friskies Pate' canned food  
Unscented Clumping Clay Litter  
Liquid Laundry Detergent HE  
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Bleach  
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Gift Cards for Costco, Target, Fred Meyer, and local pet supply stores



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