



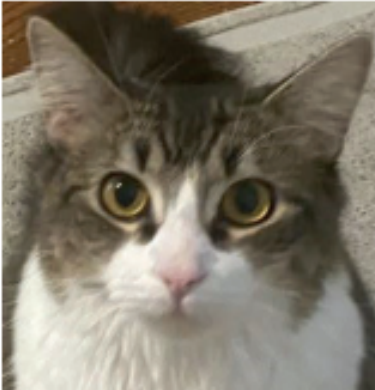
MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

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

Holiday 2024

BEIGNET

NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE



Beautiful Beignet

As young kittens living in a homeless person's car, Beignet and her two siblings' prospects looked bleak. But then Kelly, a rescuer, stepped in to help. Unfortunately, while Beignet's siblings thrived in their foster home, something just wasn't right with this sweet, brown tabby kitten. Smaller, lethargic and with a persistent fever, she obviously wasn't feeling well.

Blood tests revealed concerning infection and inflammation markers. Even with antibiotics, Beignet was going worryingly downhill. Eventually, exploratory abdominal surgery found enlarged and conjoined lymph nodes too complex to remove. When steroids also failed, she was diagnosed with Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP).

FIP, an intense inflammatory reaction in some cats infected with certain strains of feline coronavirus, historically has been a devastating and almost always fatal diagnosis. However, in recent years, a drug named GS-441524 has provided a bright spark of hope. This antiviral has shown success in saving the lives of cats with FIP. While potentially miraculous, it continued to be unlicensed for feline use, remaining challenging and incredibly expensive to obtain. But thankfully, in June this year - while still costly - it has finally been made available to veterinarians.

Closely monitored and cared for, courageous Beignet began treatment. Within five days, her fever decreased and she began gaining weight. A little over a month later, her future is beginning to look rosy. Her lab work is vastly improved, mostly in the normal range already. She's enjoying her meals and treats and she's continuing to gain weight. She has become active and playful, recapturing her kittenhood.

Beignet is one of three cats currently being supported by MEOW through the 84-day FIP treatment: Pecan and Peanut, tiny kittens found under a trailer, were also facing certain death without this life-saving intervention.

One month into treatment, they are also showing positive signs of recovery. MEOW believes all nine lives are precious and every animal deserves a second chance. Finally, cats with FIP have that chance too.



Nutty Pecan and Peanut



**THANK YOU FOR SHARING OUR PASSION –
AND OUR COMPASSION.**



TOM & JERRY BREATHING EASY



Tom On the Mend

Tom and Jerry were tiny kittens fending for themselves outdoors, when their luck changed - a kind person took them in. Unaccustomed to human contact, it took a leap of faith for them to respond to their rescuer's care. From scared and hissing, Tom and Jerry began to realize people weren't so bad after all, and even started to enjoy their company.

Unfortunately, their journey wasn't to be a simple one. While being neutered it was discovered Tom had a condition called Pectus Excavatum, a deformity to his chest wall which can cause serious respiratory distress. The boys also suffered from internal parasites and digestive upsets so severe that Jerry required hospitalization. Already small, he was losing weight fast. But Jerry fought back, and after multiple days of treatment he turned the corner and re-joined brother Tom in their loving MEOW foster home.

Meanwhile, further x-rays showed Tom's case of Pectus Excavatum had become severe and was displacing his heart. He would need life-saving surgery, with an external splint placed to aid the repair to his chest. On September 4th, he underwent the procedure successfully. After weeks of care, recuperation and regular check-ups, final x-rays confirmed all was well and the splint was removed.

Tom and Jerry are small survivors (although their weight has now doubled!) who have gone from little hope to a bright and healthy future. These loving, goofy and mischievous brothers have recently opened their courageous hearts to their fortunate forever family.

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Genial Jerry

KEEPING IN TOUCH. UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS & COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES

We love sharing what's happening at MEOW. 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 mailed newsletter or our 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'd love 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 MEOW.



PHOTOS WITH SANTA



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. Many thanks to Mud Bay, Ladd & Lass Brewing and Seattle Veterinary Associates, for supporting Santa photos again this year. 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
11/30	12-3 pm	Issaquah Mud Bay
12/1	12-3 pm	Ballard Mud Bay
12/7	12-3 pm	Fairwood Mud Bay
12/8	12-3 pm	Overlake Mud Bay
12/14	12-3 pm	Issaquah Highlands Mud Bay
12/15	12-3 pm	Lynnwood West Mud Bay
12/15	3-5 pm	Ladd & Lass Brewing
12/21	12-3 pm	Redmond Mud Bay
12/22	12-3 pm	Roosevelt Mud Bay

KOA EVERY RESCUE COUNTS



Aloha Koa

The voicemail message was marked URGENT. Judy, who works at a resort on Kauai, befriends about a dozen cats at a time, and does her best to arrange the occasional transfer of homeless beach cats to better lives on the mainland. She had willing transporters soon to leave for Seattle, but she needed someone to receive a tiny tabby boy. "He's so little", she said, "and he just wants to snuggle." Less than two hours later, a flight took off with a teeny traveler whose life was about to be transformed.

Weighing in at under three pounds, he was named Koa, meaning warrior, brave, bold, fearless one. We hoped he'd think of himself in that way. For several days he ate very little and required syringe feeding. He had an upper respiratory infection. He had tummy troubles from intestinal parasites. On and off, he had a fever. Days turned into weeks while a sad Koa was monitored and treated at the shelter, with little improvement. Then Erica, LVT and Foster Liaison, offered him one-on-one home care, and at last things began to turn around for this little warrior. His appetite, his temp and his tummy are all good now. Very soon he'll be clear for takeoff to the next destination in his upgraded life.

A staggering 25,000 feral and free-roaming cats are estimated to live on the island of Kauai alone, where they are in danger of being declared an invasive species. How can removing one kitten possibly matter? We think of the starfish principle, from Loren Eiseley's touching story, "The Star Thrower": it made a difference for that one.

all nine lives are precious®

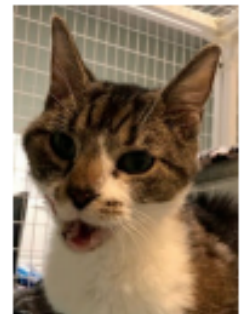
#GIVING TUESDAY – DECEMBER 3RD THE FACES THAT INSPIRE US



This year for #GivingTuesday, to celebrate an amazing year of soft landings and new beginnings, we are sharing the stories behind the faces that inspire our staff, volunteers, veterinary partners, adopters, and supporters to keep doing the impossible.

We are inspired, every day, by the cast of characters who come through our doors. Each day we recommit ourselves to something we truly believe in, our motto, "all nine lives are precious."

Cats like 12-year-old Madge, who come to us with a tale to tell and remind us of the importance of perseverance. Madge was a stray, brought to us by a good Samaritan. After several weeks of supportive care and medications, she became stable enough for necessary thyroid treatment. Though she still has a ways to go, she is looking better every day and we hope will soon be strong enough to find her forever home. Madge has a powerful and sweetly raspy voice, which she uses frequently to remind us that she has a story to tell about the life she has led.



Marvelous Madge

Last year our amazing supporters raised over \$60,000, which helped sustain our Ninth Life and Public Spay/Neuter Voucher programs, our Mercy Fund, and the daily needs of the animals in our care.

Throughout the day on December 3rd, we will be providing updates on donation matches available and amounts raised, as well as sharing stories on Facebook and Instagram to celebrate the faces that inspire us.

Please consider a gift to MEOW on #GivingTuesday

- www.meowcatrescue.org/donate/
- or use this QR code.



PUSSYCAT PANTRY

With so many cats and kittens in the shelter and foster care, it requires a lot of food and supplies to keep their tummies full, their environment clean, and their needs met. Some daily needs include:

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



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MEOW'S 2025 CALENDAR GET YOURS TODAY!



We commemorate several of our rescue stories in our 12-month calendar every year. It's a wonderful way to be reminded that there are indeed happy endings.

Calendars make great gifts for cat lovers and for 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 through PayPal (\$13 including shipping) or at the shelter (\$10 each). MEOW is open Thursday through Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm.



Scan and order
yours today

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 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 endless loads of laundry, answering phones and providing guidance, 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 supported our mission and contributed financially, donated pet foods and bedding, cleaning supplies 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!

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In honor and memory of Kathy Centala,
founder of Purrfect Pals.
What a legacy she has left with us.
Judith Sorensen

In memory of Caesar, Prinnie, & Hayley
Susie Poth

In memory of Skittles
Halie Becker

In memory of Winnie & Wilson
Tonya Blair

In memory of John & Kelly's beloved
Max. Over the years, Max hosted more
dogs and shared his world with a lot
who had great needs. Max was what
German Shepherds are supposed to
be, a beautiful athlete, a protector of his
tribe and a "good boy" until the end.
Mary Geneva Hall

In honor of our two goofy boys in
Heaven, Frosty & Tiger. MEOW con-
nected us to our forever family mem-
bers over 12 years ago, gifting us an
endless amount of love and memories.
Shaun Colby

In memory of Bettyjane Kirkpatrick
Lynn Coulibaly

In honor of Windows
Nien-Han Huang

In memory of Meowmeow, a wonderful
cat who enjoyed a long life
in a loving home.
Ann Reid

In memory of Lucian and his mom Esme.
We miss you two very much.
Kam and Kirk

In memory of Milo
Joe Heiser

In memory of Hazel
Susan Wong

In memory of Rory W
Amelia Wachtel

In memory of Andy & Newman (Gremlins)
William Baker

In loving memory of Diesel, Opal & Ronin
Sabrina Chase

In honor of Barbara Avery's 80th Birthday
Barbara Higgins

In honor of Daisy Murphree
Josh Murphree

In memory of Tralée
Stephanie Kelley

In memory of Mr. Mann, beloved Manx of
Rodger & Joyce from PR.
Paula Fendler

In memory of Frida Kahtlo, the best cat
we ever had. Thank you MEOW,
for making it happen.
Stanton & Teddy Erwin

In honor of Mary Stelton
Corey Stelton

In honor of the marriage of
Sami Ross & Corey Patton
Ann Ross

In loving memory of my 2 beautiful girls.
Blitz and Tiggy. They were the best
cats I could have ever had. They each
passed at different times in my life, but I
will never forget them as they were truly
very special kitties to me.

Michael Myers

In honor of Luna
Annie Amzen

In loving memory of Chloe, adopted
from MEOW in Jan 2012, crossed the
Rainbow Bridge Oct 9, 2024
Shelly & Larry Abner

In honor of all the cat trappers and
rescuers. Thank you for your
hard work and dedication.
Penny Olson

In honor of Janis Newman and MEOW.
For everything that was done for Pedro
in his journey to find his new home.
Colleen Wardell

In honor of Barb Avery's 80th birthday
Nancy Faulkner

In memory of Winston,
our fuzziest little buddy.
David & Heidi Relyea

In honor of Chunk. So sweet.
I wish we could have stayed together.
Cathleen Hooper

In honor & remembrance of Elvis, our
beloved cat of almost 20 years!
Lynne Brown Ellis

With respect and compassion for all animal life,
MEOW promotes lifelong relationships between
people and companion animals, providing shelter
and care for each pre-
cious life until adopted
into a forever home.

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Thursdays, Fridays,
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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 or, if you prefer, you may
donate by check or credit card,
enclosing a note with your
special dedication.



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MEOW'S HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR & BAKE SALE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 10 AM TO 3 PM



Our annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale will once again be held at St. John's Episcopal Church at 105 State St. S. in Kirkland, just up the road from 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 fun raffle drawings. Pet beds and toys, decor, knitted wear, quilts, jewelry, and seasonal items are just a few of the wonderful things we'll have available. Bring a pet food or human food item to donate and support MEOW's and St John's Little Pantries. MEOW's Holiday Bazaar is a wonderful opportunity to find one-of-a-kind gifts, support MEOW, and catch up with other MEOW folk. We hope you will stop and shop.



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