



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

CELEBRATING 28 YEARS OF RESCUE
& OVER 28,000 LIVES SAVED

Spring 2025

SAVING KITTENS—SUPPORTING FAMILIES

For a few weeks a small calico cat had been seen near the dumpster of an apartment complex. The cat appeared at all hours of the day and night, even in the cold winter rain. Was she an indoor/outdoor pet? Had she lost her way? Did she actually have anywhere to go for food and shelter?

A cat-loving resident had been asking her neighbors and scouring the lost and found cats pages on social media. Finding no answers, she coaxed the kitty indoors. At the vet for a microchip scan, it was obvious that she was very pregnant. Thankfully, this kind woman knew how to plan for a secure future. She had already decided that if an owner wasn't found, Mama would stay for her lifetime, and she wanted to ensure the kittens' health and safety, too. She reached out to MEOW.

MEOW's Toms & Moms Program is a perfect fit. MEOW will accept a weaned litter and provide a spay/neuter voucher for the mama cat, and daddy, too! The adult cats are returned to the owner. No charge. MEOW provides loving care as well as veterinary care for the kittens - vaccines, parasite treatment, testing, microchip, spay or neuter, and when completely ready, allows them to be adopted into approved forever homes.

By the time Mama delivered four healthy kittens, the woman had learned that this was her third litter. Someone had previously claimed her as their own, but those people are out of the picture now. Mama is described by her new human as "My soul cat". She will want for nothing, and thanks to Toms & Moms, the kittens will be afforded the same loving commitment.

"Pets are humanizing. They remind us we have an obligation and responsibility to preserve and nurture and care for all life."
~James Cromwell

all nine lives are precious®

MOONSHADOW—SHINING BRIGHT



Moonshadow

One Saturday last fall, a kind couple arrived at our door with a young black cat in urgent need of help. They had noticed her in their apartment's parking lot and could see she was injured. With patience and diligence, they were able to get her into a carrier and to MEOW.

An emergency exam revealed extensive wounds to her ears, neck and head. Clearly, she was in significant pain. Unfortunately, it's not uncommon for us to have little information about a cat - sometimes only that they've endured terrible hardship and that a long journey lies ahead. In these cases, a leap of faith is often needed. We named her Moonshadow.

Initially, fear and pain made Moonshadow understandably aggressive. It was nearly impossible for caregivers to touch her. Giving the medical care and pain relief she badly needed multiple times a day was challenging and often required courage, creativity and more than one pair of hands.

Gradually, Moonshadow's wounds began to heal. She started to accept attention more readily. At times, she would become overstimulated and nip, likely due to her still-healing skin. But slowly, with patience and love, behavioral medication, and many visits from volunteer Buddies, she started to enjoy and seek out company.

Today, this courageous girl, with her golden eyes and sleek black coat, welcomes every visitor with enthusiastic chirps. She's always ready for a good conversation! Energetic and playful, she also loves to sit on laps and only occasionally gives gentle love bites. Moonshadow is finally ready to give her love to a savvy adopter understanding of her past and willing to give her the happy ending she so deserves.

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In memory of dear beloved cat Schmitt
Friend of MEOW

In memory of Doreen Lidgate,
changer of lives.
Laurie Kohli

In Memory of Fatbaby.
Love, The Lanes

In memory of Georges, beloved gray
tuxedo, adopted from MEOW in 2009.
Silvia Koros

In memory of Gracie.
Teresa MacDonald

In memory of Hazel.
Susan Wong

In memory of Jasper and Jessie,
adopted 2005. Sweet souls, constant
companions. I miss them dearly.
Matthew Luders

In memory of Jennifer, Jax,
Axel and Lucy.
Andrea Skelly

In memory of Jenny, Harry & Sally.
Forever missed and held in our hearts,
until we meet again.
Bruce & Suzanne Johnson

In memory of John Kinsella
and all the cats he loved.
Diana Kinsella

In memory of Junior and Spike.
Gretchen Ellison

In memory of Kathryn Daily.
Thank you for being the best
Auntie a Kat could ask for.
Francisco Alfaro

In memory of Kato, Lucky & Pumpkin.
Pumpkin comforted me after my mom
passed. He's with mom and dad now.
Jennifer Shannon

In memory of Lulu. Truly the sweetest
cat ever - she will be missed terribly by
her family and her favorite pet sitter.
Jodi Knieper Tanner

In honor of Pepper & Dover
Sylvia Tashev

In memory of Pikachu. She will always
be an important member of our family.
We miss her.
Hannah Zhao

In memory of Luna and Yuki.
Mary Wiegand

In memory of Manny.
Friend of MEOW

In memory of Marcel - Kitty - Bernier
Annette Bernier

In memory of Marilyn J Milloy, Jake's Cat
Camp Counselor extraordinaire.
Duncan & Cheryl Milloy

In memory of Maxine Clements.
Amy Poley

In memory of Milo.
Joe Heiser

In memory of Mindy, our beloved kitty
who passed away in August.
Kristy Conrad

In memory of my beautiful
Ragdoll cat, Gracie.
Annette Hallen

In memory of my loving Buster Brown
whom I miss every single day!
Norma Hobbs

In memory of Nutmeg ("Nutt").
Forever in Our Hearts.
Noah McGinnis

In memory of our dear Arikai.
Connie Keith-Kerns

In memory of our dogs, Crazy & Spike,
and our cats, Toot Toot & Sam.
Bob & Charlotte MacNelly

In memory of Peewee & Missee.
James Nakata

In memory of Rose and Lila.
Mary & John Taylor

In memory of Rosie, our wonderful kitty
who passed a couple of years ago.
Hazel Russell

In memory of Simone & Weebie, my two
MEOW kitties who gave me so much joy
these past 18.5 years. Miss you both.
Carolyn M Adams

In memory of Smokie, Jasper, & Stella.
Mary & John Taylor

In memory of Winnie & Wilson.
Tonya Blair

In memory of Phyllis and Jim.
You gave Queen P and Jim an amazing
life. I hope this feels like a warm hug.
Jen Bukich

Lewie & Lola, well-loved 2017 graduates
of MEOW, asked me to donate to their
kitty friends. With love and appreciation!
Nancy Heath

Remembering Boo and Atticus.
I miss you everyday!
Marti MacPhee

In honor of Sarah, Winnie, Lizzie,
Minnie, Arvo, Rocky & Roscoe.
Bill & Anne Nolan

Sugar and Spice are thriving. Thank you
for the wonderful work you do.
Cynthia Woodford

Thank you Andee & MEOW for helping
us choose our fur kids.
Trish Royers

Thank you for caring for our little friends.
Michele Paratte

Thank you for our fur babies: Dewey,
Dora, Archie, Daisy, and Leo.
Richard & Angela Ankney

In honor of Donna Hoskins, for her ser-
vice to the feline community (especially
Siamese and Siamese adjacent).
Love, the Lesters

To honor the wonderful work you're do-
ing to save the FIP kitties. I lost my pre-
cious Panther McGee to FIP in 2013,
long before GS-441524 existed.
L. Beth Schlansky

We adopted our second cat, JC
(formerly Annalise), from MEOW in De-
cember 2023, and we love her so much!
-Zoe, Elodie, CJ & JC Finley

We are so grateful for almost
15 years with you, Babycat,
but miss you so much.
Penny Olson

We love our kitties, Lewie and Lola. This
donation is in lieu of giving gifts to my
daughter and son-in-law.
Nancy Heath

We love you always: Awny, Sam,
Peshi, Chrissier, & Sofie
Rob McCall

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 suggested 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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JAZZY, MARI, & LAVENDER NEW YEAR, NEW LIVES



Jazzy

looking bleak until an independent rescuer stepped in.

A foster family quickly began a regimen of medical care, TLC, and socialization. The trio blossomed under their watchful eye and the kittens' personalities began to shine through. Jazzy and Lavender were clearly bonded, while Mari was a little more independent.

It was fall before they got the medical all-clear. Unfortunately, instead of coming to the shelter to start the search for their new families, the siblings came down with upper respiratory infections requiring a little more treatment and care.



Mari

When finally ready, they became residents of one of our community rooms, The Library, and spent their days playing, relaxing and keeping watch on the birds outside. Every weekend Jazzy, Lavender and Mari would welcome visitors, but through no fault of their own, they didn't meet their perfect match.

The weeks of winter passed as they bade farewell to other Library residents beginning their new lives. It was now the weekend before Christmas, The trio were the only Library residents. The shelter was buzzing with prospective adopters when it happened - Mari was chosen! Then Jazzy and Lavender found their perfect families, too! After a long, brave journey, our little Librarians were finally going home for the holidays.

In late summer, young siblings Jazzy, Lavender and Mari, were living on a farm in Arlington. As is so often the case, outdoor living wasn't treating them well and all three were struggling with multiple parasitic infestations and the associated health issues. The future was



Lavender

GIVEBIG – MAY 6TH & 7TH ALL NINE LIVES ARE PRECIOUS



Last year during GiveBIG, you, our amazing supporters, donated over \$52,000 and helped us provide a soft place to land for the animals.

Donations help us cover the expenses of providing everyday shelter and care as well as needed veterinary care. You help us keep our promise to the precious ones we serve at MEOW.

This year we are asking you to stand with us once again, to offer your compassion to those in need. Are you interested in pledging matching funds to inspire other donors, to make your gift go even farther, to save more lives during GiveBIG

2025? 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.



Safe and Sound

Thank you for continuing to believe in MEOW

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
Closed to Public:
Mondays through
Wednesdays
and major holidays

NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITIES -GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Having been involved with MEOW since 2003, in many ways, I think 2024, our 27th year, is one in which I am most proud. So many accomplishments!

There are still many opportunities (and challenges) for us. The rescue world hasn't yet recovered from the temporary suspension of spay/neuter surgeries during the pandemic, the impact of which is huge and heartbreaking. There are still so many cats, newborn, senior, healthy, ill or injured, who deserve a chance.

One opportunity is the prospect of a new space. In 2022, the City of Kirkland purchased the Houghton Village Shopping Center, which includes our building, to redevelop the property. The City is still in the phase of seeking input on how to best develop the space, and the future uses of the property. A timeline for development has not yet been communicated.

What does this mean for MEOW? We are secure in our space for the time being, though while waiting to hear more, we are being proactive and identifying all of our options. There may be a place for us in the redevelopment or we will find a new location that allows us to continue to care for each precious life. We are committed to continuing to serve our Eastside community and staying close to our volunteers, supporters, community partners, adopters, and local companion animals.

Our organization is in the right place to take on these challenges. Since retiring, I have led our fundraising efforts on a volunteer basis with the help of many MEOW volunteers, and after 14 years, it is the right time to bring in some additional support to meet the fundraising opportunities ahead. Mary Rasmusson, a lifelong cat lover, with nearly two decades of nonprofit experience, has been assisting us in our existing fundraising efforts for the past year and a half and will become more present in our daily work.

MEOW's goals for 2025 are to expand our engagement in support of our community's cats, collaborate with local organizations, support the staffs' interests and goals, and garner additional financial support to continue to provide high quality care for the cats.

2024 — LOOKING BACK WITH A WARM HEART

I am looking forward to connecting with more of you, seeing what's possible, and watching MEOW take the next steps in our phenomenal story. ~Joni Cervenka

Happy Endings

We provided a soft place to land for 750 cats and kittens and provided loving, permanent foster homes to 19 Ninth Life cats.

Spay/Neuter Vouchers

We funded 576 spay/neuter surgeries for pets of community members needing assistance to "do the right thing" through our voucher program.

Volunteers

We had 173 amazing volunteers log almost 23,000 hours during 2024 (that's the equivalent of over 11 full time employees).

Fundraising

Our supporters humbled us by donating over \$130,000 during our GiveBig and Giving Tuesday campaigns. The Auction was our best yet, raising \$200,000.

TO HONOR & REMEMBER

In honor of Marjorie Ferris.
Ian & Donna LeGrow

In memory of Annie
Tami & Bruce Echigoshima

In honor of Martha and Ella.
Elizabeth Wires

In honor of
Shannon Sorem & Neil Erdman.
Dianne Erdman

In honor of Sarah & Will Brewer.
Judith & Robert Fisher

In memory of
Barbara Bernstein & Calie.
Karen Jung

In honor of John Houston.
Gene & Nancy Studer

In honor of Angie & Bruce Meyer.
Patricia Miller

In honor of Simo "The Buddy" Sarles.
Tammy Eubank

Recognizing Katherine Kiner Look.
Thank you for all you do!
Francina Noordhoek

In honor of Bonne VeVea in appreciation for all that she does in the world to make it better for cats and humans!
Patty & Jim Groves

God bless you and your work, Bonne.
Kathleen & Fred Repass

In memory of Heather, Lola, Fred, Ginger, Beau and Puff.
They gave us much love.
Greg & Carla Page

Honoring our recently adopted kitty Chanti, now Lucy, completely at home and flourishing.
Lisa Bristow

Honoring the Sumner Vet Hospital Staff
Phyllis Van Winkle

In honor and remembrance of Bailey, the sweetest, most loving, precious treasure in our lives.
Susie & Jean

In honor of Amanda Lee and Scott Gibb
Candace Thompson

In honor of Amy & Darren. The purr-fect pet parents of Lewie & Lola! You are much loved and appreciated.
Kristy Lieberman

In honor of Brianna Mark. Happy New Year from SHW! Thanks for all you do.
Carly McGovern

In honor of Celia and Casey, doting managers of Mayhem and Bug.
C.A. Tarabulski

Happy Birthday Benjamin & Samuel!
Vab Choe

In honor of Julie Beffa.
Dorothy Fuller

In memory of your sweet, sweet Lizzy.
Alex Denu

In honor of Chuck Coggins. Thank you for your continuous kindness to the Mill Creek community!
Kimberly Dansie

In honor of Corey Patton & Sami Ross, in celebration of your recent nuptials. Wishing you a long & happy future! MEOW!
Sandra Patton

In honor of the Gunson's & the Yilmaz's.
Craig Richmond

In honor of Fig & Seven O'Clock. Thank you, MEOW, for taking good care of them. They bring us so much joy!
Megan Walker

In honor of Hugo and Bubbles, who completed our family.
Anita Lavine

In honor of
Jen Alderman & Kate Sylvester.
Merry Christmas from Mom

In honor of Joel, Ranjana, & Captain Rex
Joyce Sterling

In honor of Karina O'Malley
Charlene Downes

In honor of Katrina, Awna, Sophia, Kirina, and Little One II.
Lani Mobius

In honor of Leo and Gem's One Year Anniversary.
Susan O'Callaghan

In honor of Lily, Fidget, Spike and Millie and in memory of Little Boy.
Lorri Dunsmore

In honor of Lindsey Gregg.
Cathy Gregg

In honor of Louise Cooley, animal lover.
Carl Priess

In honor of Mango's 18th birthday!
Brenton Clark

In honor of Mary Stelton.
Merry Christmas!
Bob Stelton

In honor of Matt Winkler.
Sandy Winkler

In honor of Mike & Nikki Alex.
Merry Christmas!
Love, Mike & Pat

In honor of Neil and Jen Hinnant. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.
Constance R Hoover

In honor of Noah Banholzer.
Carmen Cioc

In honor of Opal. Opal is everything to us and we could not be more grateful to have rescued her at such a great shelter!
Jane Kim

In honor of our two furry loves, Islay & Skye.
Julia & Bob Harding

In honor of Boonee, Angel, Kittykat & Tiger.
Donald & Sandra Wirth

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

In honor of Sally and in awe of Marcie.
Patricia Rodeman

In honor of Samantha Ross & Corey Patton. Congratulations!
Fred Shapiro

In honor of Sami Ross & Corey Patton.
Ivan Kane

In honor of Sami Ross & Corey Patton.
Art Matin

In honor of Sarah & Will Brewer. Best foster parents ever!
Love, Sam & Arya

In honor of Savy, Chapter and Ronald (aka Vanna White, Jazzy Jeff and Dougie Fresh). We love our triple threat, at MEOW for well over a year.
Kajsa Jungaro

In honor of Zip & Zorro.
Simon Blagg

In loving memory of Nelle.
Joan Hutto

In loving memory of Smokey.
Vivian Uno

In memory of Liacci, a very wise and brave mama cat. She is tremendously loved.
Friend of MEOW

In memory of Abbie, Lindy, Rubin, Chester, Scooter, Inky, Cuddles, Squeaky, Sadie Rose, & Buddha.
Cathleen Southwick

In memory of Ally Haugan.
Luther Haugan

In memory of Andy & Newman.
William Baker

In memory of Ash, Scott, Sugar, Stu, Luca and Summer.
Joan & Robert Talder

In memory of Bailey & Mango.
Peter Geron

In memory of Barbara D'Arcangelo.
Diane D'Arcangelo

In memory of Belmont. Thanks for being the best kitty to Harless. Every day together was full of love and Magic.
Aideen Magee-Price

In memory of Captain Cat. Sweetest cat ever 2000-2018. Thank you MEOW!
Shauna Budge

In memory of Cinnamon ("Cinni"). Forever in Our Hearts.
Noah McGinnis

In memory of Zeke, the best ginger boy ever!
Cynthia & Jim Dillman

In honor of Samuel and Benjamin Baquero-Young's' birthday
Eloise Drackett

FINE WINES & FELINES 2025 - 6/21 IN BOTHELL

FAIRY TAILS - CELEBRATING STORYBOOK ENDINGS

Mark your calendars for June 21st, and plan to join us for a heartwarming night where fairytale moments meet real-world impact at our annual dinner and auction fundraiser. This enchanting evening celebrates the life-changing journeys of animals in need and the incredible transformations made possible by your support. Feel free to come dressed as your favorite fairytale character or in a whimsical, storybook-inspired outfit to add to the magic of the evening! There will be a delightful meatless buffet dinner, spirited beverages, fun and games, and a silent and live auction full of unique treasures. Mobius Hall at Cascadia College in Bothell will once again be our magical venue.

Leading up to our whimsical and nostalgic evening we'll be hosting a captivating online auction, offering you a chance to be involved from the comfort of your home and be part of something truly magical. More details coming soon.



PUSSYCAT PANTRY

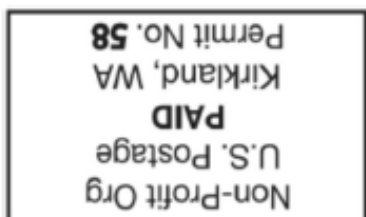
With all the cats and kittens at the shelter these days, we have an ongoing need for favorite food to keep their tummies full, and the supplies to keep their environment clean and all their needs met.

Friskies Pate' canned food
Unscented Clumping Clay Litter
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