



MEOW CAT RESCUE & ADOPTION

CELEBRATING 28 YEARS OF RESCUE

Holiday 2025

STEVIE WONDERPURR'S JOURNEY

NINTH LIFE TO FOREVER FAMILY



Stevie & Ezra

In the summer of 2022, a tiny tuxedo kitten was found on a road in Tacoma—much too young to be on his own. When he arrived at MEOW, he was thin, sickly, and struggling to see. An eye specialist soon confirmed he had limited vision, but despite it all, the little one—soon named Stevie Wonderpurr—was cheerful and affectionate. He quickly settled in with fosters Annalia and Alex, and their two MEOW cats, Wilma and Edgar.

At just three months old, Stevie had his first seizure, leading to a diagnosis of diffuse forebrain disease. Though bright and

responsive, he was, indeed, essentially blind. Anti-seizure medication helped manage his condition, and his fosters were unwavering in their commitment to his care. “He does well with toys he can hear,” Annalia shared. “He’s very vocal when he can’t find his people—then he runs to them (sometimes right past)! He has such a gentle demeanor.”

In early 2023, when Annalia and Alex moved to the East Coast expecting their first baby, Stevie became a Ninth Life kitty so his medical care would continue to be covered by MEOW, while staying with his family. He adapted beautifully, and when baby Ezra arrived, Stevie immediately claimed him as a brother.

Now, as the family prepares to move again—this time to the Midwest, and to welcome a baby girl—they’ve made it official: Stevie is adopted!

Annalia says, “We’re so thankful for the time, love, and funds poured into our Stevie Boy by MEOW. We never thought we’d have a medically needy kitty, but it’s been an honor. Ezra and Stevie share such a special bond—Stevie has definitely claimed him as his human.”

As Stevie graduates from Ninth Life status to **Forever Family**, we celebrate this extraordinary little cat and the people who love him so dearly.



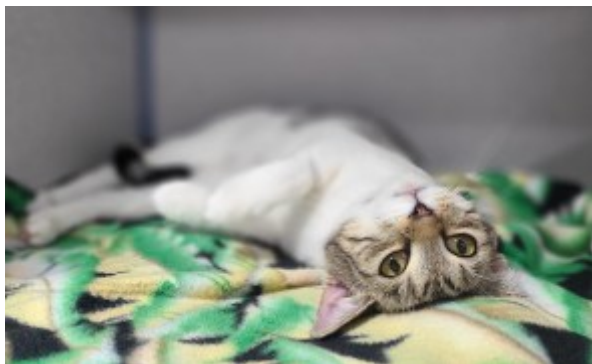
Silly Stevie



THANK YOU FOR SHARING OUR PASSION –
AND OUR COMPASSION.



TWIGGY TRANSFORMED PAINFUL TO PLAYFUL



Twiggy

Twiggy's life began on a farm where cats were treated as disposable. Food was scarce, shelter was minimal, and veterinary care for the sick or injured was nonexistent. In the midst of this hardship, a fragile kitten struggled to survive.

When rescuers learned of her situation, they rushed to help. They found Twiggy thin, dehydrated, and infested with parasites. Yet despite her suffering, she was affectionate, gentle, and full of quiet trust, as if she knew her life was finally about to change.

Arriving at MEOW, she shook her head constantly, and in her left ear a brown discharge was present. No amount of medication brought relief. A CT scan was arranged, which revealed a large polyp in her middle ear that had grown deep into her nasopharynx. Surgery would cause deafness in that ear but relieve her pain.

A skilled surgeon operated the very next day, carefully removing the polyp and the bony structure enclosing the middle ear. The risk was high for permanent vestibular disease, but Twiggy recovered beautifully.

Today, she is healthy and pain-free — playful, curious, and endlessly sweet. We're so grateful to the kind soul who rescued her, the specialist who treated her, the foster who helped her recover, and the adopters who opened their hearts to her forever.

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." - *Unknown*

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. 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

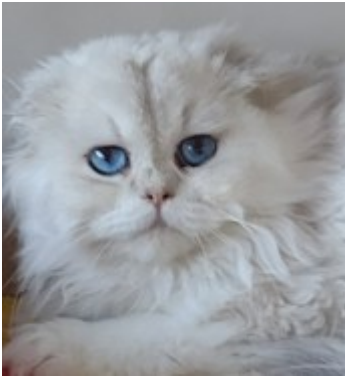


Commemorate this holiday season and support the animals of MEOW with a picture of your pet, your children, (and you?) with Santa. For a \$20 donation you will receive a printed photo on site and access to online digital images. Safety

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
11/29	12-3 pm	Ballard Mud Bay
11/30	12-3 pm	Issaquah Mud Bay
12/6	12-3 pm	Sammamish Mud Bay
12/7	12-3 pm	Overlake Mud Bay
12/13	12-3 pm	Roosevelt Mud Bay
12/14	12-3 pm	Lynnwood West Mud Bay
12/20	12-3 pm	Sammamish Mud Bay
12/21	12-3 pm	Redmond Mud Bay
12/21	3-5 pm	Ladd & Lass Brewing -Seattle

SCOTTY SAFE AND LOVED



Handsome Scotty

At a well-kept mobile home park in Redmond, outdoor pets are not allowed. Still, from time to time, community cats appear. Nobody's pets. Searching for food. When one such cat was found lying in her yard, frail and barely alive, each bone visible under his filthy, sparse white coat, Jean had to help. Each drop of water he swallowed gave her hope. Four times a day she fed him. In time, he found the strength to give a half-hearted hiss when she got too close.

Jean made him a warm, safe place on her steps. But outdoor pets are not allowed. Scotty was clear that he didn't want to be handled, but he needed help. Jean called MEOW. When Janis, an independent rescuer, arrived with a humane trap, he hissed at her from his comfy bed. At the vet he was scanned for a chip and then rushed into neuter surgery, with a quick shave to clean him up a bit.

While in her care, Janis did her best to convince Scotty to be a tame, adoptable cat. It was a hard sell. Returning him to the park was not an option; anywhere outside this white cat with tiny little Scottish Fold ears would be vulnerable to predators. Jean had literally saved his life and she understood that he might never be a cat she could pet or snuggle. But, he had come to trust her and she wanted him to be safe forever.

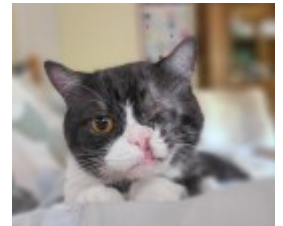
Today Scotty is an indoor pet at the mobile home park. Jean has welcomed him without requirements or expectations. She accepts him just the way he is.

all nine lives are precious®

#GIVING TUESDAY – DECEMBER 2ND HONORING THE POWER OF KINDNESS

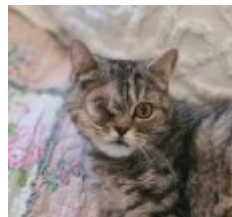


#GivingTuesday is a national day of giving: a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the kindness witnessed daily at MEOW in the level of care afforded to every animal, regardless of age or medical needs and be inspired by the kindness that has worked miracles in animals who have been fearful, injured, sick or just spent. Cats like Draco and Sable, just two of the fortunate kitties rescued from a deplorable hoarding situation, where, in a four-bedroom apartment, a disreputable breeder was housing more than one hundred cats and kittens. The rooms were terribly overcrowded. The filthy litterboxes overflowing. Nutrition was inadequate. Draco and Sable had both been attacked by the family dogs and each desperately needed an eye removed.



Drako

Thanks to a kind mother/daughter rescue duo who delicately negotiated with the breeder, dozens of cats and kittens were removed and provided the first steps on the road to a completely different life path. Despite their living conditions, the cats and kittens were friendly, affectionate, appreciative of every little thing – nutritious food, clean bedding, maintained litterboxes, ample space, and so much love from everyone who cared for them. At the shelter we marveled at their responses to the care and kindness they had so desperately needed.



Sable

Please consider a gift to MEOW on #GivingTuesday, or pledge today to our match challenge by emailing joni@meowcatrescue.org.

Throughout the day on December 2nd, we will be providing updates on donation matches available and amounts raised, as well as sharing stories on Facebook and Instagram.



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



Scan for our
Amazon Wish
List

MEOW'S 2026 CALENDAR GET YOURS TODAY!



We commemorate several of our rescue stories and happy endings in our 12-month calendar every year. 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 or order by phone at 425-822-6369 (\$13 including shipping) or at the shelter Thursday through Sunday, 1 - 5pm (\$10 each).



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 of Bobcat who didn't get to enjoy retirement life with me.

Jackie Kure

In memory of Eddie. Beloved fur companion of 22 years of Daniel and Steven.

With love, Jean, Harper & Halo

In memory of my son, Jack
Cheryl Kregel

In memory of Sue Holly
Philip Mariconda

In memory of Caesar, Prinnie & Hayley
Susie Poth

In memory of Crazy, Spike, Toot Toot, & Sam. We loved our pets with all our hearts

Bob & Charlotte MacNelly

We adopted Chanti in 2024, she's doing great! If we did not have her, we would scoop up Chessie. Just hope she's getting loving and is adopted soon.

Lisa Bristow

In memory of Wilson & Winnie
Tonya Blair

In June 2019 we adopted our cat PJ (Sterling) and he has become the center of our family. Our son even recently got a tattoo of PJ. We love what you do!

Christi & Patrick Stirrat

In memory of Budgie, Penny and Lucy. My first born kitties.

Kristen Lane

In memory of our precious Petunia who departed for heaven on October 6, two months shy of her 19th birthday, leaving behind her sister, Patches. I adopted them from MEOW in 2014, and they have been the most wonderful and loving companions. We will miss Petunia forever.

Diane D'Arcangelo

In memory of Clooney
John Bay

In memory of Hazel.
Susan Wong

In honor of Truffle and Cookie, foster fails
Amelia Riedler

In memory of Rowan, a spirited little kitty
Marjorie Hamlett

Thank you, Pam!
Heather Privratsky

So thankful for the trap.
Kristi Schermerhorn

In memory of Hazel Russell
Lori Laws

In memory of Gerrit
Patricia Miller

In memory of Buttercup - you were very loved.
Friend of MEOW

In memory of Susan Holly
Love from her fur babies Olias, Nutmeg & Holly Cat

In memory of Nutmeg
Catherine & Kim Hunter

In honor of my sweet Jacquetta Jax
Ellen Nicholson

In memory of Andy & Newman (Gremlins)
William Baker

In memory of Susan Holly. She adopted Nutmeg from you and rehomed her to a friend. We are so grateful.

Bonnie Mariconda

In memory of Hazel Russell. A woman of substance who exhibited through words and deeds a commitment to justice and the protection of our environment.

David McDonald

To Ben and Krystal
Alexander McHugh

In loving memory of Maxwell, the sweetest kitty who always gave joy, compassion and love.

Mary and Scott DeBoer

In memory of Milo
Joe Heiser

In honor of Windows
Nien-Han Huang

In honor of my only grandchild, Nathan, for his birthday.

Cynthia Henstock

In honor of Mary Stelton
Corey Stelton

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.

MEOW Cat Rescue
10600 NE 68th St., Ste F
Kirkland, WA 98033
425-822-MEOW (6369)

info@meowcatrescue.org
Newsletter@meowcatrescue.org
www.meowcatrescue.org

Adoption Open Hours:
Thursdays, Fridays,
Saturdays, & Sundays,
1-5 pm
Closed to Public:
Mondays—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 or, if you prefer, you may donate by check or credit card, enclosing a note with your special dedication.



Scan and Donate

MEOW'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 10 AM TO 2:30 PM



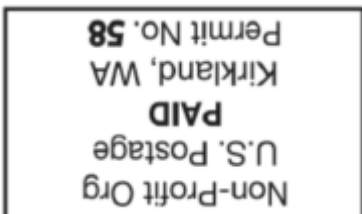
Our annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale will once again be held at St. John's Episcopal Church at 105 State St. S. in Kirkland, just up the road from the shelter. As always, we'll have beautiful, handcrafted items and delicious baked goods for sale, generously donated by our volunteers and supporters. 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.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Kirkland, WA 98083-0058

PO Box 58

