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FREE Cat Spay and Neuter Clinic!

Did you know that Purrfect Pals offers FREE spay and neuter surgeries for cats and kittens every week in our Arlington shelter's clinic? Donations are encouraged if you are able, but not required. To schedule your kitty's appointment, please call us at 360-652-9611 or email us at cats@purrfectpals.org.



Donate Your Vehicle to Help Cats

Are you considering buying a new vehicle this year? Instead of trading in your old one, consider making it a tax-deductible donation to support the cats at Purrfect Pals! Our partnership with Donate for Charity, a nationally known vehicle donation program, makes it nearly effortless for you. A call to Donate for Charity is toll free at 1-866-392-4483 or you can visit their website (www.donateforcharity.com) for more information. Many thanks to those of you who have already donated a vehicle to support our cats!



Did you Adopt from Purrfect Pals?

We love hearing updates on Purrfect Pals cats after they have been adopted. If you would like to share your kitty's story with our staff, volunteers and foster parents, please email your update to us at connieg@purrfectpals.org.



Special Needs are our Specialty!

At Purrfect Pals, we believe that every cat matters, not just the young and healthy ones. We strive to help cats who are in need of medical care. We welcome cats who need surgery, the intervention of a specialist or expensive medications and treatments which are beyond the means of many cat owners and most shelters. You might say that special needs kitties are our specialty at Purrfect Pals.

In March, our staff drove from Arlington to Auburn to pick up five special needs

kitties from one of our partner shelters. The Auburn Valley Humane Society had contacted us regarding three sweet little blind kittens who were in need of surgery. The boys, now named Geordi and Ray Charles, will each need to have both of their eyes removed due to birth defects. We are hopeful that we will be able to save one of the eyes of their sister, Justice, who is also visually impaired. These three darling kittens are currently in foster care so they can grow a little bigger before their surgeries. We



Justice, Ray Charles and Geordi are three blind kittens who recently arrived at Purrfect Pals in need of medical care.

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PurrfectPals
Because every cat matters

Through placement and prevention programs, Purrfect Pals works to end cat homelessness in the Puget Sound region -

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“Dear Tabby...”

Cat behavior advice from Tabigail Van Purrin’

Dear Tabby,

We recently adopted a new kitty named Jack (age 2). He and our older cat, Phoebe (age 8), get along pretty well. Both are fixed and healthy. We adore Jack, but have one big problem: he pees all over the place! It’s not spraying – he’s picking flat, soft surfaces like throw rugs and piles of laundry and then squatting on them and letting loose. Weirdly, he also does sometimes pee in the litter box. Help us figure out what’s up?

-PEEstastrophe!

Dear PEEastrophe!

Inappropriate peeing is one of those cat behaviors virtually guaranteed to drive our humans over to the Dark Side, so I’m impressed by your cool!

It’s important to remember, though, that cats are naturally meticulous about our bathroom habits. If we aren’t using the litter box, it’s usually because there’s something medically wrong with us or fundamentally wrong with the box.

In that case, the first step is to take Jack to the vet for an exam. Conditions like urinary tract infections can be a cause of inappropriate peeing. Gotta rule that out first.

If he checks out fine, then the source of his behavior is probably a beef with cleanliness, type of litter, or location.

1. Cleanliness: We cats have sensitive sniffers, and if our boxes smell like the Port-a-Potties at the local state fair, we ain’t goin’ anywhere near them (I’m sure you can relate). Scoop litter at least once a day, and completely clean out the boxes at least once a month. If you’re already scooping once a day, try twice (sorry). Don’t use boxes with lids – they hold in odors and can also make us feel trapped. And make sure you have at least 2 boxes; 3 is better (rule of thumb: 1 for each cat plus 1).

2. Type of litter: Most of us like litter similar in texture to dirt or sand – what we’d use if left to our own devices outside. But some of us like it coarser or finer, some like a lot, others a little, etc. (Almost

none of us like it scented, by the way.) Experimentation is key. Try adding a few extra boxes around the house temporarily, testing different kinds of litter – see if Jack has a clear preference.

3. Location, Location, Location: As with you 2-legged creatures, we kitties like privacy and a sense of security when we’re “powdering our noses.” Make sure our boxes are in easy-to-get-to but quiet areas. Situate them so we can see a clear exit route and know that predators (toddlers, other pets, the ghost in the attic, etc.) can’t sneak up on us. Put some of those new litter-testing boxes from step 2 near/on the spots where Jack has been peeing inappropriately the most. See if maybe he simply likes those locations better?

Inappropriate peeing is a tough nut to crack, but it is almost always solvable with persistence and patience. Don’t give up! If none of these things seems to help, talk to your vet and/or try a web search for more advice!

Sincerely,
Tabigail van Purrin’

Dear Tabby,

My cat stares at me to guilt me into doing what she wants (and it’s very effective). How can I make her stop?

-Thisbe’s Mom

Dear Mom,

When we cats are born, we are given a manual from our own mothers entitled Psychological Warfare: Make Your Humans Your Minions in Five Minutes a Day. Thisbe has clearly mastered Chapter 4: Shame Staring.

This whole “minion” thing sounds bad, I’m sure, but please don’t take offense: we love our people very deeply. We’re just not willing to put you in charge of anything important -- like dinnertime.

Sincerely,
Tabigail van Purrin’

**Have a question for Dear Tabby?
Email us at cats@purrfectpals.org!**



Polaris, a kitten with special needs, posing in front of his new parents on Adoption Day!

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hope to have three happy updates for you soon!

On the same trip, we brought back two adult cats, Jake and Sabrina, who had both been diagnosed with Hyperthyroidism. Both are now scheduled to be treated with Radioiodine at the Feline Hyperthyroid Center at Cats Exclusive in Shoreline. This treatment is not inexpensive but IS typically very effective. If all goes well, they will be completely cured and ready to be adopted within a month.

Earlier this year, a six month old kitten named Polaris was transferred to Purrfect Pals from the Olympic Peninsula Humane Society in Port Angeles. Polaris has a neurological condition, likely the result of head trauma, which makes him more

wobbly than other cats. He is also visually impaired, has impulse control challenges and doesn't always know when to stop with interacting with other cats and dogs. He also needs medication to prevent seizures. This intimidating list of special needs might pose a challenge for some shelters but Purrfect Pals is fortunate to have the resources required to provide Polaris with the love and medical care he needed. We are thrilled to report that his story has the happiest of endings! Last month, Polaris was adopted by a wonderful family who were ready to open their hearts and home to a special needs kitty.

Fifteen year old Benihana, a sweet and quiet older gentleman, came to Purrfect Pals from the Everett Animal Shelter after his lifelong owner passed away. He had glaucoma in his left eye so it needed to be removed, unfortunately. He has recovered nicely, though, and is now ready to find a retirement home! We can't be certain, but believe Benihana might be a Norwegian Forest Cat mix. What we can be sure of is that Beni is a loving and gentle boy who is waiting for his future family to come meet him in our Woodinville Petsmart adoption center.

All of these kitties had different special needs but what they do have in common was that they might have died if Purrfect Pals had not had the financial means to take them in. It is the support of cat lovers like you which provides us with the freedom to say yes to these special cats who so desperately need our help! 🐾



One-eyed heartbreaker Benihana is now in our Woodinville Petsmart adoption center.

🐾 Events Calendar 🐾

Saturday Kitten Adoption Events!

10am-2pm at Everett Petsmart

FREE Cat Spay and Neuter Clinic

Fridays by Appointment at the Purrfect Pals Clinic in Arlington. Email cats@purrfectpals.org or call (360) 652-9611 to schedule an appointment for your cat or kitten!

April 26th

Seattle Pet Expo
Seattle Center

May 10th

Average Joe Cat Show!
Spartan Recreation Center, Shoreline
Register now at www.averagejoecatshow.org!

October 25th

Black Cat Ball
Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue

🐾 Shelter Wish List 🐾

- Dry Adult Cat Food (Purina Pro Plan preferred)
- Dry Kitten Food (Royal Canin Babycat or Pro Plan preferred)
- Canned Kitten Food (Royal Canin Babycat or Pro Plan preferred)
- Paper Towels
- Postage Stamps and Greeting Cards (Thank You, blank inside, sympathy, etc)
- Non-Clumping Clay Cat Litter
- Fleece, batting and catnip for kitty toy sewing projects
- Costco and Amazon.com Gift Cards



For more donation ideas, please visit our shelter's Amazon.com Wish List!

The average Joe Cat Show!

Join us on May 10th in Shoreline to celebrate cats and the people who love them!

The Average Joe Cat Show, a fundraiser for Purrfect Pals, isn't a stuffy competition limited to traditional show cats. We don't discriminate against cats who happen to be purebred, but you won't find any "Best in Breed" awards at this event. For eleven years now, we have gathered every spring to celebrate cats and their quirks. What you will find at the Average Joe Cat Show is a gymnasium filled with cute housecats, some begrudgingly dressed in costumes for the occasion. They will be competing for titles such as Most Impressive Ear Hair, Loudest Purr, Biggest Feet and Most Obnoxious Cat. And, since every cat is a winner in our (and *their*) minds, every contestant who doesn't win first place will take home a red second prize ribbon.

If your cat isn't much of a social butterfly and would prefer to enjoy the festivities from home, there are still plenty of ways for you to participate in the Average Joe Cat Show. This fun, family-friendly event also features a cat photography show, a cat and kitten adoption event, tons of vendor booths selected with cat lovers in mind, professional cat behavior experts offering up free advice, a kids' craft table, silent auction, hot dogs (veggie dogs,

too!), ice cream and more! If the ribbon your cat will win in the photo contest doesn't impress him, surely the catnip toys, cat beds and other goodies you can bring home from our vendor fair will.

But Wait, There's More! We will even have some special celebrity guests at the show this year! Oskar the Blind Cat and his buddy, Klaus, will be at the show with some of their awesome cat toys and other goodies! Thanks to increased media attention, we are expecting the 2014 Average Joe Cat Show to attract our biggest crowd yet! The show was even featured in Lonely Planet's "Best of Travel 2014" as one of the Top 10 destinations in the world for cat lovers!

We invited our animal rescue friends to share in the fun again this year! In addition to Purrfect Pals, the show will feature ten different non-profit organizations including Everett Animal Shelter, PAWS, The NOAH Center, Seattle Animal Shelter, Animal Talk Rescue, Feral Cat Spay & Neuter Project, Pasado's Safe Haven, Genevieve G. Animal Advocacy, Pieceable Kingdom and AHELP Project. Several of these groups will be bringing adoptable cats and kittens and all of them will have staff and volunteers on hand to talk about volunteering, fostering and other opportunities for you to lend a helping paw to Puget Sound animals in need.

It's not too late to enter your cat (or cats) in this year's Average Joe Cat Show or our cat photo contest! This year our photo contest categories include Funniest Photo, Most Adorable Cat, Best Cat in a Box, Grumpiest Looking Cat and Most Artistic Photo.

You can enter the cat show and photo contests online by visiting us at www.averagejoecatshow.org. If you prefer to register by mail, no problem! Please email us at director@purrfectpals.org or call us at (360) 652-9611 to request an

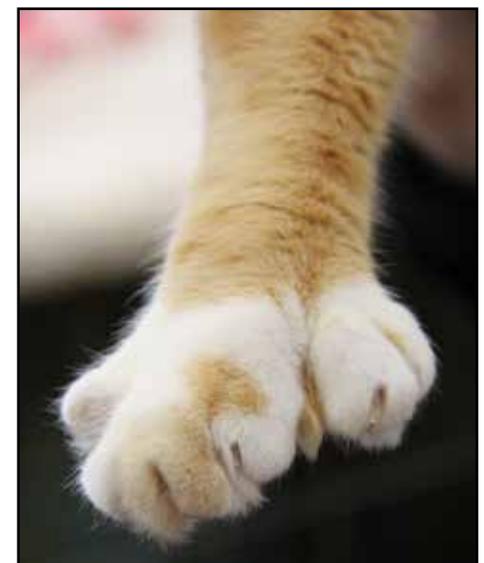


Every Cat is a Winner at the Average Joe Cat Show!

entry form. We are all looking forward to seeing you (and maybe even your cat!) on May 10th! 🐾



The Average Joe Cat Show is a fun event with activities for cat lovers of all ages!



Toesy took home the blue ribbon for "Biggest Feet" in the 2013 Average Joe Cat Show!

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City Kitty Grooming 🐾 Cats Exclusive
ACCES 🐾 Meow-Ville Cat Grooming



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please join us!

Saturday, May 10th
10:00am-3:00pm

**Shoreline's Spartan
Recreation Center**
202 NE 185th Street

average joe cat show links:

Cat Show Entry Form:

www.averagejoecatshow.org/show-entry

Photo Contest Entry Form:

www.averagejoecatshow.org/photo-contest

Vote for your Favorite Cats in the People's Choice Contest!

<http://www.averagejoecatshow.org/category/cats>



Special Thanks to:



New Scratchers from Kitty Kan

The Staff at **Mud Bay in Burien** for their VERY generous donation of a cat tree! It is now being put to very good use by a litter of EIGHT kittens and their mama in foster care.

Kitty Kan for sending our office and sanctuary cats several cat beds, a litter box (which they prefer to use as a fort) and several cardboard Jumbo Scratch Mountains.

The Staff at **Trupanion** for selecting Purrfect Pals as one of their shelter

partners! Now when our adopters sign up for Trupanion's free 30-day trial of pet insurance or convert it into a paid policy, Purrfect Pals receives a donation of up to \$20!

The Handsel Foundation for their recent gift of a \$25,000 grant which will support our free community spay and neuter clinic! Thanks to their generosity, we will be able to provide spay and neuter surgeries for more than 650 cats and kittens. Thank you so much!



**Cat Tree from
Mud Bay in
Burien**

It Took Three Years But Now Chester Has a Home!

We're crying tears of joy! A few weeks ago, the charming, cantankerous, playful, and one-of-a-kind Chester Copperpot **finally** found his forever home! A couple who saw his story on Facebook came to meet him at our Lynnwood PetSmart adoption center and decided to adopt him!

After being abandoned in 2010, adopted briefly in 2011 and then returned when there were issues with another cat, Chester waited almost three years for this new beginning. At 10 years old, he is very much an individual with strong opinions, likes and dislikes. He loves sitting in windowsills, basking in the sun and watching the world go by.

Chester asked us to thank City Kitty in Edmonds for his recent spa day, which allowed him to go home

sporting his stylish new lion cut; the staff and volunteers at Purrfect Pals for giving him his second and third chances; and Oskar the Blind Cat for helping put the word out that he was looking for his forever home. We are thrilled to see him making a fresh

start in a new home, where he can live like cats are supposed to - with a family who loves him and his own kingdom to rule. He even has his very own Facebook page now! Be sure to check it out! www.facebook.com/chestercopperpotthecat



Chester Copperpot

Helping Our Friends in Oso...



Austin Dvorak from Purrfect Pals and Elizabeth Grant, Director of the Snohomish Community Food Bank, fill a truck with cat food for local food banks and Oso landslide relief efforts.

In our last newsletter, we shared with you that Purrfect Pals would be receiving a donation of 100,000 cans of Friskies cat food thanks to Purina and internet cat celebrity Oskar the Blind Cat.

We are happy to report that when our March shipment arrived, we were able to share 9406 cans of Friskies cat food with other organizations in Snohomish County, including those assisting victims of the recent tragedy in Oso.

Shortly after the food was delivered, our friends from the Snohomish Community Food Bank loaded it into their truck and headed to Oso to deliver half the cans to the landslide relief efforts. The remaining food was distributed to the food banks in Marysville, Snohomish, Monroe and Arlington.

It takes a village to help Puget Sound cats and cat owners in need and we are so happy to have such amazing community partners who pounce in to help! Thank you!

In Honor and In Memory

In honor of Kathy Centala, the founder of Purrfect Pals, celebrating her completion of many months of cancer treatment. Her positive attitude, energy and determination inspire us every day and we are grateful that she will be here to help homeless cats and kittens for many years to come.

The Staff of Purrfect Pals

In memory of Samantha Gallagher (our girl of 18 years!) and Salmon Bergsma

Sandy Gallagher

In memory of Linda Phelps and her sister, Stacey King

Michael Rizzo

In memory of Elizabeth Porter

Marcia Walters

In loving memory of Stacey King, a longtime volunteer and foster mother for Purrfect Pals.

Chris King
Zoeann Hallgren
Jeffrey and Jessie King
Nancy Harvey

In memory of Mable Kuxhaus

David and Lois Bailey

In memory of Nikita

Chad Waldman

In memory of sweet Skitchy

Cristine Eshinski

In honor of Cher, our rescued cat

Sandra Coke

In memory of Snowshoe, Dink and Buster

Patricia Colaizzo

In honor of Rex and Xena

Sharon Eaton

In memory of Tasha

Margret Graham

In memory of Ringer and Shadow

Leslie Harding

In memory of your beloved mother, Diane Cecilia Candler

Deborah Efron

In honor of my friends from the Cat Planet

Patricia Hedtke

In honor of Kiki Lenore Ostwald and Zuzu Peepers

Jennifer Ostwald

In memory of our beautiful Zoe, who left us too soon

Lee and Melanie Power

In honor of Tracy Van Woert, a friend to cats everywhere.

Allison Quinn

In honor of Harmony, who was adopted from Purrfect Pals many years ago.

Heather Kern

In honor of Ash (Ripley's kitten)

Darcie Larson

My Foot Foot is turning fifteen this year thanks to Purrfect Pals. This is just a little token of my gratitude for connecting us.

Katie Glaser

In honor of Mysander, Michelle Welsh's beloved kitty.

Purrfect Pals Staff

In honor of Cris LeGassey on her birthday.

Karen Peterson

In memory of Rosalie Lorber Revesz

Kiddy Chloe Johnson

On January 8th, we had to put our cat, Sonny, to sleep. He was more than a pet. He was my, James, 24/7 companion and Carol's lap warmer. He is terribly missed but he's at peace and will always be loved. He wasn't the first cat we've lost, but it's always hard. We know we will give another cat a home after a while. Please use this donation for the cats in Leukemia Land.

James and Carol Cannon

In honor of Marcia for her birthday

Mike and Barbara Lerman

In honor of Dawn Ritter and Dave Blue

Jan Bell and Ten Schanley

Around the world, viewers of Foster Dad John's "Critter Room" kitten cam were saddened by the passing of Purrfect Pals kitten Peter, one of the "Ghostbuster Kittens". He was only four days old, yet had already stolen the hearts of cat lovers near and far. The outpouring of support from this community of the over 35,000 followers of the Critter Room was immediate and overwhelming. All of us at Purrfect Pals are extremely grateful for the abundance of gifts we received in memory of Peter and in honor of his loving Foster Dad, John. **Rest in Peace, Peter.**



In Honor and In Memory

In memory of my kitty, Little Lil, who died January 25 of this year. She was a very soulful little girl kitty who gave so much love to me, I cannot say how much I miss her. She came to me from Pet Smart Lynnwood, so shy and afraid she kept wetting on herself. The Purrfect Pals volunteers would have to bathe her and bring her back hoping someone would adopt her before she peed again. Her name was Marjorie then. She was a small little calico long hair, very sweet and sad looking to me. I had Mr. Anders my boy kitty; we had lost his sister a year ago and wanted him to have another kitty friend. The volunteers were so grateful and happy for her to be adopted. I felt I could love her enough to help her feel safe at my home. I was about a month on the floor with my hand under the bed - loving her a tiny bit at a time. Finally she came out and joined the world. She and Mr Anders became great friends, sleeping and playing together. She had so many crazy cute things she would do, her little mama meow was priceless, I spoiled her with salmon, tuna treats along with her PCC food. She would actually lick her lips before a meal as she watched me fix it. She loved the fleece blankets, toys I had for her all over, and the scratch box by the window was her special bird watching station. I've had kitties before but she really enjoyed everything so much and would tell me so. Her eyes were very expressive, we would blink at each other, along with her meows that also really said how she felt, it was a conversation. I was the only one she let come near to her and love her, whose lap she would sit on. She was always sitting at the top of the stairs when I came home. She woke me up in the morning with her little wake-up meows. She was more than a pet; she was a real friend to me. I knew she was special and celebrated her every day, but I couldn't keep her no matter what I did. I wanted to love her more, but she is gone. Mr Anders is sad too, yowls around from time to time. He is more loving to me now. When I am reminded of her, like I am so often, I look at that horrible sadness and say to it - the sadness is how big my love is for her, and how much joy she gave me. And how grateful I am to have had her in my life, how grateful I am to her. Thank you Little Lil for having been my little girl kitty.

-Sue



Lilly

In honor of Maron Resur and Bob Branigin
Neil Derksen

In memory of our son, Rob
Harold and Joanne Woltzen

In loving memory of Diana Hampden-Smith
Martina Jaeger
Patricia Miller

In honor of Mary Russell's birthday
Faith Young

In memory of Honey. Thank you to Karyn, who gave him a home the last years of his life.
Thomas Wells

In memory of Lou Donnell
Margie Carothers
Rosemary Krsak

In memory of Marjorie Waldheim
Ellen Kerr

In loving memory of Josephine Buck
Nancy Weaver

In memory of Pam Sorenson, whose cheerful spirit and devotion to the community will be sorely missed.
Elaine Lively

In memory of Milo and in honor of Angela Eaton, Cher Sniadoski, Dawn Tryjborn, and Trish Brush - Purrfect Pals volunteers and angels to me. They helped me every day for three months to find Milo.
Claire Wilkinson

In honor of Chrissy Lee, who was adopted from North Seattle Petsmart on February 3rd!
Jane Buck

In honor of Sean Mollahan and Amanda Cox.
Anonymous

Dear Orion, it feels like so long since I've talked to you. The new ones are doing great and I'm so lucky to have found a pair that get along so well. Eric was up this past weekend to see them and we both reminisced on how gentle, patient and willing to put up with things you were. You were such a special cat and we both miss you so much.
Love, Mom



Chrissy Lee

Will You Leave a Legacy of Love for Puget Sound Cats & Kittens?

Making a planned gift to Purrfect Pals is a wonderful way to ensure that your love and compassion for animals continues to benefit them for many years to come. Including our organization in your estate planning allows you to make a profound and lasting impact on the future of our life-saving programs. It also ensures that your generous spirit will continue to help Purrfect Pals rescue countless cats and kittens in need now and into the future.

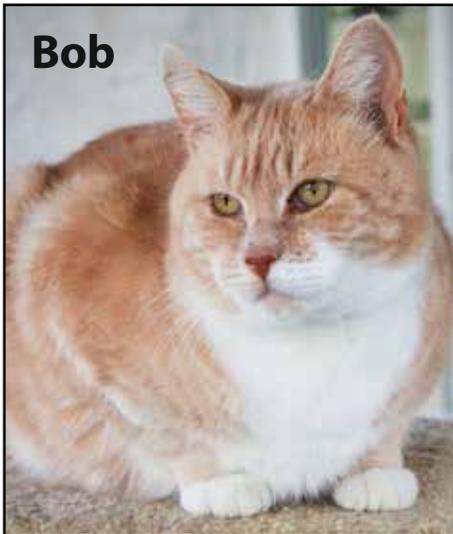
When naming Purrfect Pals in your will, you may leave a specific dollar amount, a set percentage of your estate, or a particular property. You can also name Purrfect Pals as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, life insurance policy, bank account, mutual fund, charitable remainder trust, or charitable lead trust. Each of these options may help you reduce your estate taxes.

To leave a bequest to Purrfect Pals, simply include the following note in your will:

"I give to Purrfect Pals, Tax ID# 94-3127448, (the sum of _____ dollars or _____ percent of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate) for its general purposes." If your gift involves insurance policies, land, stock or other property, please include a description.

Questions? Please Contact us at 360-652-9611 ext 15 or director@purrfectpals.org. 🐾

Purrfect Endings



Bob

My name used to be Darius Bob and I adopted new humans, Jack and Barbara, in June of 2013. They shortened my name to Bob, Bobster or other derivatives of Bob. It is funny what they can come up with! I am very happy in my new home that I share with a big tuxedo kitty named Eddie. He is several years older than I am but is playing with me more and more. My new humans have lots and lots of toys that they pick up and I get back out and redistribute. The organic catnip is the best thing ever! For the most part, I have been healthy and I have a new doctor that I really like. Just lately, I have had issues with becoming constipated and my humans have been very understanding. As much as I do not like going to the doctor, my humans take me anyway and I always feel better. My medication has been increased and now I am feeling even better. I hope to live a long and healthy life with my new humans. They really like me and I really like them... especially in the evenings when I can curl up on a lap and gets lots of petting time!

Bob

We would like to tell you how much we love and are blessed by the kitten formerly known as Crepe, who we adopted on 11-16-13. She is a wonderful addition to our family. Thank you so much for all the care and love she was given by her foster parents. She is a love!

Cindy and Joe

We have had Tasha for a year now. My wife Alicia and I adopted her (Formerly Paget) from Purrfect Pals on Aurora at Petsmart. Since June I have been volunteering at the Northgate PetCo. I love it and it is because of Tasha and the great experience at Purrfect Pals that I now work with the kitties multiple times a week. Here are some pictures of our little girl.

Aaron Plotkin

I adopted my cat Ella from Purrfect Pals in 2006. I liked her right from the beginning, but never dreamed she would grow into the wonderful cat she is today. She is everything you would want in a pet. Although she had her teeth removed, and doesn't hear too well, she is intelligent, athletic, affectionate and so much more. Twice during her stay she would go outside her cat box. Some said she was stressed and maybe returning her might be an option. But I knew I could never do that and live with myself. I put newspaper down on the stairs, and was prepared to do that forever if need be. I never scolded her, just gave her love. Today, those memories are distant. Ella continues to be my best friend.

Jon

Two weeks ago we adopted Orange Slice from you, and I wanted to update you on how he's doing. We renamed him "Milo." He made himself at home right away, and quickly dispatched the (toy) mice and birds he found in the room. His brother, 6-month old Jasper, wasn't sure what to make of the creature behind the door at first, but once Milo was out, they were off playing. Now they chase, wrestle, and hang out with each other all the time. Milo loves being held (we love holding him) and hangs out with us too (which of course we love). We love him, he is a sweetie and we are so lucky to have gotten him. We look forward to sending you updates as the years go by.

Duyen and William

Eight years ago, my husband and I tried to foster

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a six-year-old cat for Purrfect Pals. We grew so attached to this cat, we decided to adopt her. Her name was Harmony and she is a great cat. She will sleep on my stomach when I'm sleeping and also come downstairs for pets when it's time for treats. Now that she is getting older she stays upstairs more than she used to. I think she is overwhelmed by our other three cats. Adopting an older cat is often the way to go. They are calmer and already housetrained so most of the work has already been done. I would recommend adopting an older cat, especially if you have small children. An adult cat is less likely to bite or scratch than a young cat or kitten. Thanks to Purrfect Pals for allowing us to adopt Harmony. We are happy to have her in our lives and she seems to be happy living with us. You are a wonderful organization and I'm happy to be a regular donor. All to best to your remarkable staff.

Zandra

It's almost been a year since we adopted Mortimer at the North Seattle Petsmart. We saw a picture of him posted on Facebook and I knew he had to be ours! We love and adore him so much and he has a very loving home where he is worshipped. He's brought so much quality of life that I wanted to give you a small donation in appreciation for what you all do. Thank you!

Susan and Nels



Tasha

Purrfect Endings



Hercules and Friends

My wife and I adopted a wonderful kitten from your location at the Petsmart in Lynnwood a few months ago. He turned out so well we just have to share a few things. She had an orange Persian named Zeus, who was her friend for 15 years, but finally went home following age related kidney and lung problems. He was such a sweet boy that she took quite a long while to come to terms with his loss. We have only been together for 8 years, so their history was profound and we decided to get a puppy because we like furry kids but she was still too attached to her kitty's memory. As we were leaving the Petsmart with food and toys for the puppy, she just made a beeline to the adoption window and pointed to a beautiful all black kitten with gold eyes and a very long tail. We couldn't leave the store, she was so drawn to him. We did the paperwork and went back to bring him home. With a new puppy and another very young kitten, the house was very full, very quick but in the next 7 months everyone has become friends! We named him Hercules (Herky for short) and he has become the official clown prince of the house! The dog loves to sleep with his paws around Herky and the whole crew plays and plots trouble all day! What fun. Here are a couple of pictures. We are so glad that Purrfect Pals is around to help find forever homes for such wonderful pets. We are a family again.

Brady

Hi! I just wanted to give you all a little update! We adopted Bentley (formerly known as Baby) from Purrfect Pals at the Smokey point Petco almost a year ago. He is doing super and is much loved by our whole family! He rules the house as you can tell. Thank you for all that you do. We really did find the Perfect Pet thru you!

Laura

We adopted a kitty from you guys last Monday evening. My 5 year old son and I were looking to rescue a cat that could handle a high energy, not so quiet, 5 year old boy and we found her at the Bellevue PetSmart. Her name is Bellarosa and we are in love with her!! I wanted to thank you for

We adopted Fizzy and Copper Penny a few weeks ago and I just wanted to give you an update on how they are doing.

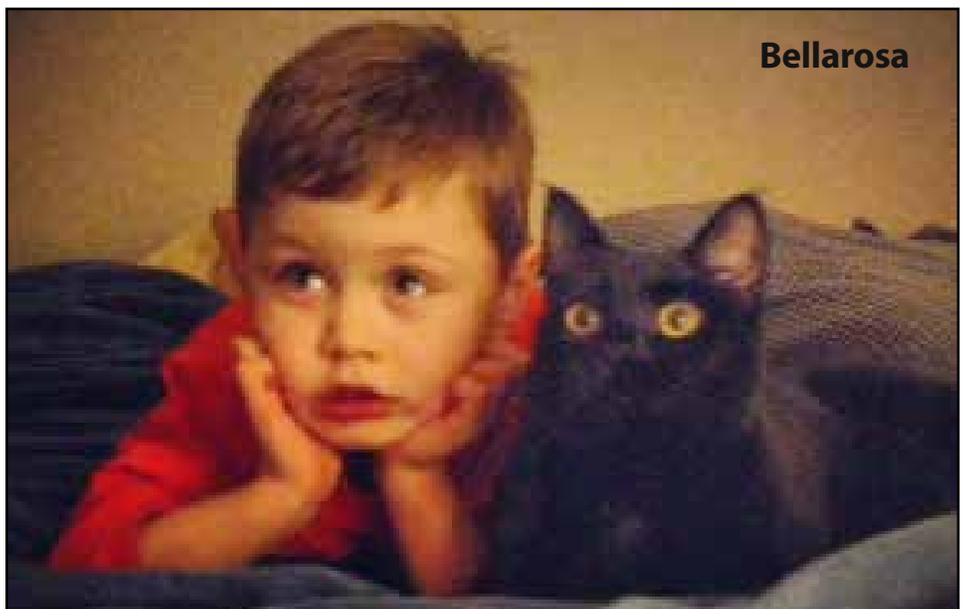
We renamed them Clio (the black one) and Abbie (the orange one) and they took over our home like it was their own the first day they were here. The morning I woke up, I ate breakfast and Abbie got in the chair across from me, wondering where her breakfast was too! Clio is the loud one, meowing whenever she wants love, and sometimes will run to make it to the bathroom before us so she can get extra attention. She is a huge love bug who gives kitty kisses and love bites, and loves every part of her body scratched! Abbie is the quiet yet mischievous one. She loves to climb on things, so we bought a nice cat tree for her to climb on, and she loves it! She will greet us at the top of the stairs when we come home and I sometimes call her 'Cute Face' because she gives these cute, innocent looks when she wants petted or a kitty treat. They both will sit on the couch with me and keep both hands busy while I scratch under their chins, and if we are in the computer room, they will migrate in and sleep on the futon where we set up some makeshift kitty beds. They are just wonderful cats!

I am so happy that we were able to give them a home, and they fit into our lives perfectly. After losing the first cat we have ever lived with, (not owned, since I'm sure all cats actually own us) we were not expecting to get another cat so soon, let alone two! But we went into the Petsmart's in Tukwila and Renton a few weeks later just to give the cats some extra attention, and ended up falling for these two and picking them up the next day.

Thank you for all that you do,

Ryan & David (And Abbie and Clio!)

Alison



Bellarosa

Sweet Kitty Seeks Busy Family!

Here is just one of the special cats we have living in our Arlington Sanctuary. Email us at cats@purrfectpals.org for more information.



Delaney

Eight year old Delaney is quite the social butterfly! This sweet boy was found wandering the streets and came to Purrfect Pals from one of our local partner shelters. This VERY friendly kitty was pretty much the perfect cat except for one bad habit...he wouldn't eat! Our veterinarian ran every test she could think of but nothing would explain his anorexia. We soon discovered his weakness... PEOPLE! We moved Delaney into our caretaker's bedroom and he blossomed. Once he became the center of attention in a busy room, he started eating like a horse. He is still on the slender side but, as long as he ends up in a busy home with lots of social interaction with people, we expect him to thrive. Do you know a busy family in need of a loving and playful kitty who has adorable fangs that always stick out? Oh, and he also LOVES other cats. :)



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