Purrfect Pals Helps Ten Cats from Hoarding House of Horrors

On January 24th, Purrfect Pals took in ten cats from our amazing friends at Pasado’s Safe Haven. The cruelty investigation team from Pasado’s removed twenty-three cats and kittens from a devastating hoarding situation in Coulee City and reached out to us for help since they knew we could provide the medical care and rehabilitation these cats desperately need. Words cannot adequately describe the horror Pasado’s employees and volunteers found in the home. The cats who had not already starved to death are severely dehydrated and many have major medical needs. Most are scared and traumatized and all of them will need extensive care.

Our veterinary clinic team has their work cut out for them with this group. Bloodwork revealed that all but one of the ten cats have feline leukemia (FeLV). Fortunately for them, we have a sanctuary here at Purrfect Pals (“Leuki Land”) where they will be able to live if we are not able to place them in homes. At least two of them also have (continued on page 2)
Through placement and prevention programs, Purrfect Pals works to end cat homelessness in the Puget Sound region -

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You can help us care for these special cats by donating for their medical care fund. We also need more foster homes where they can spend some time recovering in a quiet setting before we move them into our Leuki Land sanctuary. If you might have room in your home and heart to temporarily take in a rescued cat, please email us at fostercare@purrfectpals.org. Thank you! 🐱

August is the oldest of our new arrivals at five years old. He has Feline Leukemia, FIV and a metal BB in his abdomen that will need to be removed during his upcoming neuter surgery.

Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) and another, April, needed surgery to remove her infected eye. The oldest in the group, five-year-old August, has a metal BB in his abdomen and two of his friends have a hernia and a possible tumor. At least two need major dental work and none of the cats weigh more than five pounds. The list goes on and on but we are committed to doing whatever it takes to make them healthy.

June is a very shy young girl but starting to show progress as she settles in. She has an eye condition that we are closely monitoring and definitely needs to gain some weight.
Dear Tabby,

We have two rescued cats in our house: Gandalf (4, male), and Galadriel (“Gal” for short, 9 months). Gandalf is a really rambunctious, high-energy guy who had some issues with play aggression with us when he was younger, but has improved quite a bit after some behavioral training with him.

Seven months ago, we adopted Gal, and she and Gandalf have quickly become as close as two Hobbits on a quest. They play together, eat together, and Gandalf will even plop down next to her sometimes and groom her.

Occasionally, though, their play will get pretty rough. Gandalf has about 4 pounds on Gal, and sometimes she lets out a howling sound during these interactions. No hissing, no ears back, but definitely a sound that, to me, seems like distress.

The weird thing is, Gal doesn’t try to get away from Gandalf, and half the time, she’s the one instigating the fight. Is this actually “play”? Or is it more like the Battle of Helm’s Deep in my living room? And if the latter, what should I do? I’m fresh out of dwarves!

Thanks,
King of Gondor

Dear Delightful Tolkien Nerd,

This is an excellent question and a very common one here in the Shire. After all, cattenses are tricky, no doubt about it, and it can be difficult to tell if two kittens are engaging in a spirited little war game, or if one of them is two bops away from going full Uruk-hai on the other.

From what you’re describing, it sounds very much to me like play, however. You’re correct that Gal’s behavior during these engagements is the key to deciphering their nature.

If Gandalf were hurting or intimidating Gal, she would not only be running away in the moment itself, but also likely showing signs of an increasing lack of confidence around him generally (keeping her distance, hissing when he approached, being hyper-alert to his presence, etc.).

Instead of running away during these “fights,” though, Gal is essentially yelling, “NOBODY TOSSES A DWARF!” and charging back in. This suggests she is consenting to the game, and both willing and eager to keep it going.

If you ever get a chance to see a litter of kittens play, you’ll see a miniature version of exactly what you’re seeing your living room at Minas Tirith. Rough play between kittens is a key part of their development; it’s how they learn boundaries when interacting with their friends. When one kitten gets too aggressive with the other, the other will often get up and leave, teaching the rough-housing kitten a lesson in pulling back for harmony.

Some signs play aggression is crossing the line into fight aggression:

- prolonged or repeated hissing (the occasional short hiss is okay),
- ears flattened,
- claws extended,
- back of spine raised with hair standing up, and/or
- confrontational staring (one cat crouched down with eyes fixated on the other and their tail swatting firmly).

Also key: if the play fight always goes the same way, with one cat always being the aggressor, the fight always escalating into aggression, and the other cat always being the one to run away. The fact Gal is initiating play sessions with Gandalf herself is a clear sign she is down for the action.

In short, neither of your kittens sounds like a late-stage Smeagol about to go full Gollum, no one is heading West to the Undying Lands, and everything is peaceful in the Four Farthings.

Second breakfasts all around.

Love and nose boops,
Tabigail van Purrin’

Have a Question for Dear Tabby?

Email it to her Purr-sonal Assistant at meg@purrfectpals.org!
Please Join Us at Our First Annual Second Chances Luncheon!

Jackson Galaxy

Thursday, June 8th
at the
Second Chances Luncheon for Purrfect Pals

You are cordially invited to the first annual Purrfect Pals Second Chances Luncheon on June 8th in Bellevue! Guests will enjoy a delicious gourmet vegetarian or vegan lunch while learning about our new behavior rehabilitation program and other ways in which we are providing much-needed second chances for homeless cats and kittens in the Puget Sound Region. Our inspirational speakers will include cat behavior expert and television star Jackson Galaxy as well as members of our community whose lives have been dramatically changed by Purrfect Pals and the cats we brought into their lives.

Jackson Galaxy is the host and executive director of Animal Planet’s hit show My Cat From Hell. The Cat Daddy has more than 20 years of experience teaching cat guardians to understand the world from a cat’s eye view, and helping feline family members get their “mojo” back.

The road to Jackson’s unusual profession, which began when he was working in an animal shelter, is documented in the book Cat Daddy: What the World’s Most Incorrigible Cat Taught Me About Life, Love, and Coming Clean — a memoir published in 2012. His second book, Catification: Designing a Happy & Stylish Home for Your Cat (and You!), was released two years later with co-author and cat style expert Kate Benjamin, reaching the top position on the New York Times animal books best-seller list for a month. His third book, Catify to Satisfy: Simple Solutions for Creating a Cat-Friendly Home, debuted at number two on the same New York Times best-seller list in November 2015.

Jackson’s innovative ideas for helping cats and their guardians are also brought to life in The Jackson Galaxy Collection by Petmate Pet Products, an award-winning array of toys, carriers and more.

Jackson Galaxy Foundation, and Spirit Essences, a line of holistic remedies for animals formulated with Dr. Jean Hofve, continues to help pets and their guardians after more than two decades. Jackson has been featured on 20/20, the Today show, the Ellen DeGeneres Show, The Tonight Show and EXTRA, and in the New York Times, USA Today, the Washington Post and more. Jackson’s ability to connect with even the most troubled felines — not to mention the stressed-out humans living in their wake — is awe-inspiring.

There is no charge to attend the luncheon, but guests will be asked to make a donation during the event. A minimum donation of $150 is suggested.

To register or learn more about the Second Chances Luncheon, please visit us at purrfectpals.org. You can also contact our Development Director, Connie Gabelein, at 360-652-9611 ext 15 or connieg@purrfectpals.org with questions.

Register Today at purrfectpals.org/newsevents/luncheon!
Special Thanks to the Staff at Lynnwood PetSmart for Helping Feed Hungry Cats!

Three cheers for our cat-loving friends at the Lynnwood PetSmart store! They collected over 5,000 cans of cat food for Purrfect Pals during their January food drive. That makes them the number one contributor to Purrfect Pals during this drive, and they’re number 21 overall in the entire 1400+ PetSmart stores! While all of the staff has been actively involved, the sales associates who’ve made the biggest impact are Eleanor, Velda and Sandy. They’ve been asking every single customer they ring up to donate to us and all those individual cans have sure added up! Store managers Cara, Trey, Dan and Amy lead the way in supporting this particular drive and supporting our adoption room in their store. The entire staff at Lynnwood is engaged in supporting the cats and volunteers in their store and they get just as excited as we do when one of the special needs kitties goes home. While they have a real desire to see us do adoptions, they are completely invested in those adoptions being the right fit for the individual cat. Our staff and volunteers couldn’t ask for a better group of people to partner with in caring for these cats. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the folks at the Lynnwood PetsMart who worked so hard on this food drive and to all our partner Petsmart stores!

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Shelter Wish List

- Dry Adult Cat Food (Purina Pro Plan preferred)
- Dry and Canned Kitten Food (Royal Canin Babycat or Pro Plan preferred)
- Paper Towels
- Kitten Milk Replacement Formula
- Cat Beds and Blankets
- Postage Stamps and Greeting Cards (Thank You, blank inside, sympathy, etc)
- Non-Clumping Clay Cat Litter
- Fleece and batting for sewing projects
- Dye and Fragrance-Free Laundry Detergent and Dryer Sheets
- Costco and Amazon.com Gift Cards

For more donation ideas, please visit our shelter’s Amazon.com Wish List!
In Honor and In Memory

In Memory of Sierra, Aurora, Riker, Miles, Tucker, Q, and my beloved Faith.
-Diane Mason

In Memory of Lily, A kitty who was my friend's faithful companion for many years. A lovely girl, a great conversationalist and the best lap cat in the world.
-Norma Nelson

In Memory of my recently departed cat, my sweet angel, Isabel.
-Donna Freeman

In Honor of Kristin and Matt's Wedding.
-Don Booty
Shannon and Jared Gerritsen

In Memory of Gabbie, our princess of a cat.
-Joe Scherman

In Memory of Pat Lashley.
-Dustin Toftdahl

In Memory of Jinx.
-Sheila Markman

In Memory of Joanne Dixon.
-Aaron Plotkin & Alicia Rice-Plotkin
-Susan Westphal

In Memory of Rambo; several years ago my grandson, Kyle, worked at a deli on Roosevelt Ave, at about 50th. Purrfect Pals had an adoption center next door, and one day Kyle saw a cat that drew his attention. Every time Kyle would walk by, he would tap on the window and the cat would come. Finally, Kyle couldn’t stand it any longer, and he went in and adopted the cat. He named him ‘Rambo’ and fell in love with him. Unfortunately, last month was diagnosed with advanced diabetes. The vet told Kyle the kindest thing to do would be to say “Goodbye” to him and he did. Thanks Kathy and thanks for what you do.
-Elaine

In Memory of my beautiful black cat, Gina, who went to kitty heaven on 12-7-16. She was 19 years 8 months. Judah and I miss her very much.
-Susan Malysiak

In Honor and Special Thanks to Joy Chen, Debbie Egeland, Evan Griffiths, Carolyn Kossik, and Candice Schwartz.
-CH2M

In Memory of my cats, Molly, Pepper Jane, and George.
-Susan Schrier

In Memory of Kira & Bernadette, the beloved sisters of Pippin. J Shenanigans.
-Scarlett Hilts, Praline Barrand
-Susan Schrier

In Honor of Parker Kable's 11th birthday.
-Anonymous

In Memory of Momma Kitty – so glad to have eighteen wonderful years with, miss you lots.
-Marion Folkemer

In Honor of Karen Fineide; Happy Birthday to my partner in crime.
-Gail Daschel

In Memory of Roberta Stryker.
-Katherine Hall

In Honor of Cookie – my Purfect Pal.
-Thomas Hackett

In Memory of Iris and Ramone.
-Joanne Drewsen

In Memory of Thor - He was one of God's gentle creatures.
-John and Laura Oversvee

In Memory of Yeah Yeah.
-Kay McKenzie

In Honor of our neighbor, Cindie Skyes. She is a lover and caretaker for cats and various other small animals and has been a Purfect Pal for our three cats, Rose, Blossom, and Berry while we are on vacation.
-Richard & Susan Alvord

In Memory of Sugar Baby.
-Mary Kirkhus

In Memory of Cynthia – Cindy to me!
-Jessie Wiggins

In Memory of Socks, official curmudgeon of the Bartlett Clowder. The memories of your many opinions will surely be held as vividly and as fondly as those of the times during your last few years when you explored the joys of curling up on your dad's lap on the sofa and purring up a storm.
-The Ghosties
Faith Nelson
-Alice Mann
-Teresa Teague.

In Memory of Roscoe, aka The Monkey Man, three times winner of the AJCS Blue ribbon for the biggest feet. Your gentle and loving soul was even bigger than your paws, and your mum and dad's love for you bigger still. You'll be missed, but will live on in the love of their memories always.
-The Ghosties

In Memory of Sagamore AKA Saggy, a sweet but shy tuxedo cat.
-Jay Florey

In Memory of Jane Ferguson.
-The Ferguson Family

In Memory of my bestest little buddy Diamond has past. He was a stray and showed up at the back door begging for food & petting. I've had him since '98 for 18 years but he may have been 20 + years old. He broke his right rear leg some how in '99 but got'em all fixed up, he had a stainless steel pin in his leg since then. Diamond liked the vacuum cleaner and would run over to get vacuumed also liked the hair dryer! He also likes to hear me play the guitar and would try and put his paw on the fret board while I was playing. Diamonds' girl friend Missy and his dog Smokey and I are sure gonna miss my buddy Diamond! We will never forget you RIP Diamond!
-Ric, Karen, Missy and Smokey

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In Honor of the Girl Scout Troup 44512 at Cherry Crest Elementary.
- Erin Faith

In Honor of Deborah Tannehill’s birthday.
- Karil Klingbeil

In Memory of Hannah (1999-2016). Lovingly cared for by Mike & Christine Go; she will be missed at City Kitty.
- City Kitty

In Memory of Eve, a wonderfully old kitty.
- Karil and Becky

- City Kitty

In Memory of our dad (real and adopted), Mike Todisco. He was a huge cat lover and was such a fan of all the good work your organization does. We hope this donation will help you continue to take such amazing care of all the kitties at your shelter.
- Michelle, Nittany, and Pia

In Honor of Andrea Davies. Angels appear in your life in many different forms. Thank you.
- Heidi

In Honor of David and LuAnn. “Thank you” just does not seem like enough.
- Heidi

In Memory of Chi who was loved by Becky Sue.
- Heidi

In Honor of Marjorie.
- George & Carol Waldheim

In Memory of Jeanne Sealbach.
- Charlene & Phillip Gearhart

In Memory of Rizzo (1998-2016); she will be missed by Joan & Stephen Cunha and all of us here at City Kitty.
- City Kitty

In Memory of Tootsie; she was loved and missed by the Anthony family of Edmonds.
- City Kitty

In Memory of Midnite, loved and cared for by Jamie.
- City Kitty

In Memory of my little Sadie girl; she was my constant companion for 10 1/2 years and I miss her. She came to me with feline herpes and one eye. She fought off cancer (injection site fibra sarcoma) Jan 2013. Then on 9/24/16 was diagnosed with diabetes and UTI; she then began to show signs of her body shutting down. I finally had to let go of her and authorized her to be let go on 10-26-16. I adopted her from Purrfect Pals on 3-26-06. Sadie is what you consider a shy cat. She was not a lap sitter and ran and hid when strangers came to the house. Her trust issues with me finally improved as the years went by. I loved my little one eyed gray kitty cat and my home feels empty without her. Kathy, I’ve followed your vision of a safe and loving home for your cats. What an adventure this must be for you; congratulations for all the changes that are being made at Purrfect Pals. God Bless you and the staff.
- Carolyn Bloomer

In Memory of Curly Q who passed away Nov 1st, 2016 at Auburn Valley Animals Clinic. We all truly miss her, our beloved companion will forever live in our hearts. Thank you staff and Purrfect Pals helpers.
- Nancy Pelland

In Memory of Diamond and Shasta Nerby.
- Karen & Ric Nerby

In Honor of Marla Peele’s birthday.
- Don and Reva Hamilton

In Memory of Rizzo.
- City Kitty

In Honor of all our boys – Max, Thomas, Chester, and Roland.
- Cindi & David Anderson

In Memory of Annie-cat, a very sweet kitty with the worlds softest fur. We miss her very much.
- Marcia and Kurt Hanson

In Memory of Lisa Murr’s Kitties.
- William Stoelt

In Honor of Peanut.
- Rick & Marguerite Angelo

In Honor of Chanukah and Debra Plotkin’s Birthday!
- Gail Day

It is with a very heavy heart that I share this sad news with you. Ron and I had to say goodbye to our kitty, Cher, last Friday, November 4, 2016, due to kidney failure. The vet and staff at Lien Animal Clinic in West Seattle were incredibly compassionate, and we are grateful to them for their help during a difficult and painful time. Cher was born underneath our shop out back in mid-May 2000, and Ron “went fishing for kittens” with fishing net in hand that July 4th weekend rescuing Cher and her two brothers. A couple weeks later, we were able to place her brothers with loving families...and we kept the smart, pretty one for us (see attached picture). We thought it only fitting to bury Cher in the same place we rescued her. My mom had made a miniature quilt for Cher several years ago, so we wrapped her and her toy weasel in her quilt and had a candle light service for her out back. We don’t have any kids, so Cher was our baby, and we were blessed beyond measure to have her in our family for 16-1/2 years. While we miss her terribly and our grief is immeasurable, we know Cher is in a much better place and we will see her on the other side. We also wanted to thank all of you for your kind notes over the years, as you made a point to include Cher in your comments. I have saved every one of the thank you cards you have sent to me. Some day, when I can handle it, I’ll go back through and read them again. Also, I plan to continue to support Purrfect Pals through the UW Combined Fund Drive, but now it is in Memory of Cher.
- Ron and Sandra Coke

In Honor of the Woodinville Petsmart Volunteers!
- Anonymous

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- Mary King

In Memory of BK; It is my sad duty to tell you that my seven year old boy, BK, went to the Rainbow Bridge the day after Thanksgiving. He had cancer which turned out to be extremely resistant to Chemo and wasn’t getting any better. He wandered into my yard the same year I adopted my precious panther McGee so I always think of them as sort of a “matched set” as they were both black. Of course, Panther had short hair while BK’s was long. In fact, BK and Spunky (My new sponsor kitty) look a lot alike. Thank you, Kathy, for picking him for me. May everyone there have a wonderful holiday season.
- Beth Schiansky

In Memory of Lisa Murr’s Kitties.
- William Stoelt
In Honor of Kevin Sims.


In Memory of Fritzl.

- Fred and RoseMarie Branson

In Memory of Henry & Tyrone 2012.

- Diane M. Hartzell

In Honor of Tim Onders, Laura Wilbur, and Sophie Gentilly.

- Stacy Tolle

In Honor of JoAnn Syron & Bill James.

- Nancy Syron

In Honor of HolyField and MaryEllen.

- Judith Ann Ridner

In Honor of my Gracie.

- Nancy Pederson

In Honor of my dear friend Patricia Miller and her Purrfect Pal, Gerrit.

- Kelly A. Straight

In Honor of Deborah Tannehill and Ann.

- Karil and Becky

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In Memory of Kira and Bernie, the cats of Bill & Trudi Strain Truitt. I hope everyone at Purrfect Pals has a wonderful holiday season!

- Jan Waterbury

In Honor of Lupin and Puck.

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In Honor of our beloved Zeus who you took in early 2003. He was so sweet and you gave him an enjoyable few more years.

- The Plambeck Family

In Memory of my friend Viki Konicke and her Golden Retriever.

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- Bill & Trudi Trueit

In Memory of Meow Mix, Cookie, & Tucker.

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In Memory of Salem Vale, Jake Taylor, Dobbie Edamatsu, Peetnut Schreiber, Licorice Protzman, Champagne Tyler, Jeff Baugh, Bertie Beseecker, Natalie Sullivan, and Bandit Rothe.

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In Honor of Dona Bubelis. -William & Katy Bubelis
In Honor of Kit Brandt. -Fred Brandt
In Honor of Lina Jiang and Hung Thai. -Kenneth Chin
In Honor of Mike, Dustin, Luna, and Casanova. -Katherine Baird
In Honor of Penny Robinson. -Barbara Carmody
In Memory of Buster. -Elizabeth Rogers
In Memory of Caramal. -Vinessa Mayer
In Memory of Chai. -Cindy Claypool
In Memory of Christy Cufley. -Eileen Williams
In Memory of Winnie. -Catherine Stevens
In Honor of Carla Madrigal. -Pam Heath
In Honor of Colton Beebe. -Trish Dickey
In Honor of Laurie and Bill Corrin. -Victoria Keith
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In Honor and In Memory

In Memory of my beloved cat, TJ.  
-Margaret Blough

In Honor of Janet Cullor.  
-Laura Schultz

In Honor of Tom Jodi.  
-Patrick Bohannon

In Memory of Lily.  
-Norma Nelson

In Memory of Rupert.  
-Agnes McConnell

In Memory of our dear, sweet Lolly who recently passed away of GI cancer. While she wasn't technically a Purrfect Pals kitty, I would not have found her if not for Purrfect Pals. At the time, I was a volunteer at Tukwila PetSmart. One day, I came in for my adoption shift and there was a 5 month old kitten in a wire cage in the Petsmart office. One of the employees of Petsmart came up to me and asked me if I knew what she was doing there, as nobody seemed to know how she got there. It was clear someone had brought her in the hopes that she could be put up for adoption but I didn't know if any arrangements had been made for the driver to pick her up or even if the shelter had room. I spent the next 20-30 minutes calling around to other volunteers, the shelter, etc trying to get the full story, and the entire time I was holding her and petting her. She was the sweetest kitty with the prettiest blue eyes. She wasn't scared at all and she was purring the whole time. I was smitten. After begging my husband for a couple of hours to let me keep her, he finally gave in disgustedly saying “FINE! You are going to do what you want anyway!” And he was right. She turned out to be the best kitty ever!  
-Nicole Jacobs & Family

Purrfect Endings

Farley (redubbed “Gurgi”), has been allowed out of quarantine and officially met the other cat (who promptly ate all his food and went to sleep in his bed). There have been no fights, although they are both still a bit wary of the other. It is hard to get good photos because he immediately gets up when he sees me and comes over for petting and head-butts. I’ve felt a bit like Daddy Warbucks this week, because he is so ridiculously excited by everything. The first time he came in the master bedroom, he ran up to the cat bed by the window and did circles and meows, like, “This is mine? OMG! OMG! Look at the view!”

-Greetings to all the great folks at Purrfect Pals! I am a couple of weeks late getting this email sent off but Paul and I wanted to thank you and update you on our first year with the gorgeous Gwen. First off, and I hope this doesn’t hurt anybody’s feelings but we gave her a new name: Qcue. It’s a bit of a long story but we decided the name really suited her and yes, it is pronounced “Q”. After three days of fitting into some of the smallest spaces imaginable, Qcue finally started to make herself comfortable in her new home. Today, she owns the place! We discovered that she has the gift of gab. Boy, can she talk! Our favorite moments are when she comes running to us with her mouth full of stuffed mouse, meowing her little head off. She is sooo funny :) We also discovered that the tip of her little tongue sticks out of her mouth before she starts to speak. Speaking of her tongue, she LOVES to lick Daddy’s nose. She doesn’t lick mine so much but she is definitely Daddy’s little girl. She lives in his lap. They are inseparable. She’s been an amazing girl and seems to be staying relatively healthy. Yay! I honestly could go on and on with how much we love her but I think you all know how this feels. We are so happy that your organization gave us the chance to adopt this most precious, gorgeous girl. We love having her in our life!

-Andrea, Paul and Qcue

Thank you so much for taking in Bonnie Rose and caring for her until we adopted her in 2009 from Petsmart in Woodinville. We kept the name she had been given at Purrfect Pals. She rules the house. Our grandson, who lived with us, adores her and she him. He was thirteen years old when we adopted her. She wants to be patted but not held, even after seven years. She loves my husband and grandson but not me so much even though I feed her and clean her potty pans. Bonnie Rose has moved to Leavenworth where she has a large screened-in porch where she can watch the birds and chipmunks.

-Don, Nita, Curtis and Bonnie Rose

Love Purrfect Endings? Join us on Facebook for more updates!

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New Building Construction Update!

Freezing temperatures and unexpected snow slowed down our shelter expansion project a bit but now our construction team is hopping! We already have a finished roof and windows and siding will be up by the time you read this update. Interior walls, HVAC, electrical, cable and plumbing are in and frontage and parking lot improvements won’t be far behind. The project is now expected to be finished at the end of March. Paws crossed!

This expansion of our facility will allow us to increase our capacity, improve services and provide even better care for the cats in our community and their families.

It’s not too late to give a gift in support of the expansion of our sanctuary! We still have several naming opportunities available in the new space, starting at the $500 level.

Want to know more about our shelter expansion project? More information, including building plans and more update photos, is available online at purrfectpals.org/give/capital-campaign. Our Development Director, Connie, would also be happy to answer your questions! She can be reached at give@purrfectpals.org or (360) 652-9611 ext 15.

Yes! I want to help the cats at Purrfect Pals!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of:

- $50 (can provide KMR milk replacement formula for a litter of kittens)
- $100 (can provide for six months of care for a typical sanctuary kitty)
- $500 (can help us spay and neuter two litters of kittens and their moms)
- Other Amount (please indicate amount)

Total

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Clip and include in the attached envelope, or mail in your own envelope!
You are cordially invited to our first annual Second Chances Luncheon:

Thursday, June 8th
12:00pm – 1:15pm
Meydenbauer Center
Bellevue, WA 98004

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Please join Purrfect Pals and TV’s Jackson Galaxy in Bellevue on June 8th!