

The Purrfect Pals PURR



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Mark your Calendar!

SUNDAY

2020 Event Calendar

March 21, 11am-4pm: Spring Open House & Kitten Shower at Main Shelter

April 1-June 3: Target Circle voting campaign

April 2-30: Average Joe Photo Contest online

April 14, 10am-noon: Marysville Schools Opportunity Expo, Everett Comm. College

July 25 & 26, 9am-4pm: Yard Sale at Shelter

August 22, 11am-4pm: Summer Open House at Main Shelter

October 3, 5pm-10pm: BLACK CAT BALL (details below)

December 5, 11am-4pm: Holiday Open House at Main Shelter

Black Cat Ball

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

**Please Join Us for the 23rd
Annual Black Cat Ball**

October 3rd, 2020
5:00pm - 9:30pm

**Lynnwood Convention Center
3711 196th Street SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036**

**Save the date! Tickets for the Black
Cat Ball will be available later!**

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"Tessa and I": Saying Good-bye to Kathy's Beloved Tessa

by Crystal Chiechi, Outreach Coordinator

Our founder Kathy Centala often joked that if a potential adopter ever came to the shelter to look at the black and white beauty named Tessa Ann, they'd have to adopt her too because they were a bonded pair. Kathy would sling an arm around Tessa and sing to their visitors about their special relationship: "Tessa and I, we think alike. Tessa and I, we look alike. Tessa and I, we're like an old married couple. We even hiss and drool alike. Tessa

and I. Tessa and I."

Kathy's special relationship with Tessa Ann started in 2006 when Tessa was left in a box at the Petco in Issaquah by her owner with a note saying they could no longer care for her. After her frightening ordeal, Tessa was understandably terrified when she arrived at Purrfect Pals and hid behind the toilet in Kathy's room for months. Slowly, with the help of a more

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Purrfect Pals founder Kathy Centala's beloved Tessa Ann

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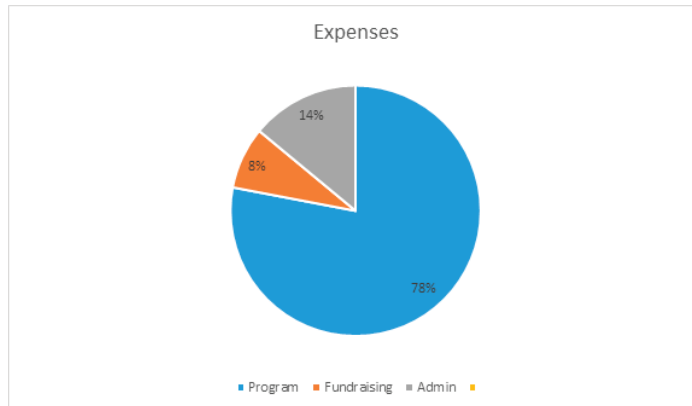
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Where the money goes...



\$68,000 a year for wet & dry cat food, including prescription diets to feed shelter and foster cats.



\$12,200 a year for clay & wood pellets to keep litter boxes clean & fresh.



\$150,000 a year to keep our veterinary clinic equipped and supplied.



\$18,547 to keep the lights, HVAC, fire safety systems and well water pumping system running annually.

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confident cat named Porter who, after the appropriate six month waiting period, started going in and swatting at Tessa to urge her to come out. Now with Porter by her side, Tessa became confident enough to leave the bathroom. With time and Kathy's patient nurturing, Tessa began to trust humans and seek their companionship.

Like many of our sanctuary kitties, Tessa Ann had a few quirks. She hissed at the humans who would come to visit, but the staff quickly learned that it was only her unique way of saying "I Love You". Once you got past her hiss, Tessa loved to be petted and roll on her back for pets. Her favorite pass times were napping on her heating pad on the window sill, or being the first to taste test the fresh kibble every morning.

As their bond started to grow, it was obvious they were falling for each other, so Kathy started thinking it was selfish of her to keep Tessa all to herself, and petitioned to have her go out to one of our offsite adoption centers.

Tessa didn't have the fondest memories of pet stores and while there, she became stressed and stopped eating entirely. Tessa yowled at anyone who walked by her cage and came down with an upper respiratory infection (URI), so she was sent

back to the shelter. When she came back to the room, Kathy told Tessa that had she known "someone" wanted her to go out to a store, she would've stopped it. Tessa quickly forgave Kathy.

In the past year, Tessa graciously allowed three new roommates to move into Kathy's Room with her and join her other roommates, Mama Luna and Tock; two were a bonded pair named Baritone and Bunny, who came from a hoarding situation, and are still very under-socialized. The other was a male tabby named Theodore.

Theodore came to us when his owner passed away in 2018. It's suspected that he may have been abused, as he is very scared of loud noises and fast movements. He was extremely shy, fleeing to the nearest dark corner whenever someone new entered the room.

With the calmer environment in Kathy's room and an outdoor catio to enjoy daily bird-watching, Theodore slowly started to become more curious and sought affection from the more confident Tessa. Tessa had now come full circle and took Theodore under her "wing" as he started his healing process, just as Porter had done for her so many years before.

Tessa's visits to the vet clinic became more

frequent during the past several months due to chronic IBD. Toward the end of November 2019, ulcers started developing in her eyes and Tessa stayed at the clinic for almost two weeks getting treatment.

When she was cleared to go back to her room on December 10th, 2019, Theodore, Tock and Kathy were so glad to have their snuggle buddy Tessa back! Tessa too seemed especially content and happy to be back with her family. Kathy even happily sang her song "Tessa and I" for a visitor on December 14th. While doing morning rounds on December 16th, our vet assistant Bailey found that Tessa had passed away peacefully in her sleep.

In the end, Tessa Ann got what we hope for every Purrfect Pals cat: a special person (named Kathy) to love and cherish her for the rest of her days.

Kathy Centala started a Black Cat Ball sponsorship fund In Memory of Tessa Ann and asks you to help with her goal of raising \$5,000 to support cats who, like Tessa Ann, may need Purrfect Pals for the rest of their lives. Please contact Shawwna at bcb@purrfectpals.org to donate in Memory of Tessa Ann.

Update: Mama Luna, one of Kathy's other longterm residents, also recently crossed the rainbow bridge.



Left: Tessa and her best friend Tock; Right: Theodore, Tessa's newest companion.

A Tale of Tails:

by Jessica Rockstad, Adoptions Manager

Fierce, feisty and at the beginning, semi-feral. Argyle's story starts last summer at Purrfect Pals. Staff members saw a flash of grey outside every once in a while and finally figured out what it was! It turned out to be a 14-week-old, grey and white kitten with a very injured tail. This 3-pound feisty girl was caught by our staff in a humane trap and was immediately examined by our veterinarian, Dr. Lisa Thompson.

Not for the faint of heart- the clinic staff soaked and cleaned Argyle's tail. We learned that it was de-gloved (meaning that the skin had been ripped away) and partially amputated. It was a mystery how Argyle's tail ended up with so much damage, but since she was living outside, the possibilities were endless. It was obvious that Argyle was now in the care of capable hands and would get round-the-clock care.



Since Argyle was semi feral, extra precautions were made to keep not only the staff safe, but to make her as comfortable as we could. Keep in mind, this is the first time she has interacted with humans and all she had experienced so far is pain from tending to her wound. Re-applying medications and changing bandages would be the new normal for Argyle and there was a specific person who seemed to have just the right touch. Her name is Kelsey.

Working in the clinic, Kelsey's calm demeanor started to work its magic on this scared kitten. Argyle would

perk up when Kelsey came in to start her busy day and Kelsey admits that seeing Argyle would brighten her day as well. Argyle's short stay ended up being longer than normal when she was diagnosed with Giardia (Giardia infection is an intestinal infection marked by abdominal cramps, bloating, nausea and bouts of watery diarrhea). This meant more medication! Our poor girl just couldn't catch a break...

A few weeks later, there was talk about moving Argyle into a foster home for the next step in her recovery. There was one "Argyle-approved" person for the job: Kelsey officially became a Purrfect Pals Foster mom. Not without its challenges- Argyle is still a frequent visitor at the clinic, getting rechecks by the doctor as her tail slowly starts to heal. Argyle's tail is not the only thing that's healing; so is her heart. She has blossomed under Kelsey's care and is enjoying the perks of being a strictly indoor kitty. We don't know much about Argyle's past, but her future sure looks bright.



Top: Argyle sunbathing; Above: Foster mom Kelsey cuddling with Argyle.

***We need more fosters like Kelsey!
If you are interested in becoming
a foster parent please reach out to
Susan at foster@purrfectpals.org.***

The Adventures of Tandy the Ginger Cat

by Jessica Rockstad, Adoptions Manager

Bright green eyes glowed in the carrier she sat in as she waited for a stranger's gentle hands to reach in and pull her out for her intake exam. The 10-month old kitten was full of fire like the red fur that coated her body. Her name is Tandy and she came to Purrfect Pals through a shelter transfer from Puerto Rico.

Tandy arrived at Purrfect Pals positive for Feline Leukemia, commonly known as FeLV. Feline leukemia is a very common disease in domesticated cats. It is often called the "friendly cat" disease as it is commonly spread from cat to cat through casual contact, such as grooming or sharing food or water. It is also transmitted by a pregnant or nursing cat to her kittens, which is how we believe Tandy contracted FeLV.

Tandy was placed into a loving foster care home for one month after arriving to Washington State, so that she could adjust to the change and her health could be closely monitored. When she came back to Purrfect Pals, she moved into our Leukemia room. With eight new roommates, this became a challenge for our little ginger girl. Tandy began to get over-stimulated and would take it out on the staff by biting, because - let's be honest - she was small, cute, fluffy and hard to resist petting. She would tolerate exactly three pets, and that was it!

We found the perfect outlet for Tandy to let out her energy and that was our Cat Exercise Wheel! The staff would hold out a treat or toy to encourage



Ginger beauty Tandy and her "glowing" green eyes.

Tandy to run up and grab it while the wheel slowly turned with her. It didn't take long for Tandy to get used to it and once she did there was no stopping her. We would often watch Tandy put herself in time out by running over to wheel after getting over-stimulated, she was a blur of orange fur sprinting her heart out.

Tandy has been a resident in the Leukemia room for two years now and we have discovered her personality. She is full of energy (multiple runs on her wheel per day), loves a good catnip toy to throw around and when she has finally calmed down, she will cuddle with you. Tandy is proof that just because a cat has Leukemia, it doesn't mean the disease will slow her down a bit.

Cats with special needs like Tandy and our other Leukemia Land residents will have longer stays with Purrfect Pals. Please sponsor Tandy or one of her roommates by contacting Shawanna at sponsor@purrfectpals.org.



Tandy is an orange blur as she works out on her exercise wheel.

Hunter Kennedy: One Cat's Journey from Shy to Social



by Jessica Rockstad, Adoptions Manager

Hunter in his "shy" phase.

Hunter Kennedy arrived at Purrfect Pals in 2011 as a kitten. This house panther was adopted, but returned to us in 2017 when circumstances in his home changed. Hunter had become anxious. He would hide from the family and he started to urinate outside of the box.

I started my career at Purrfect Pals about the same time Hunter Kennedy was returned. I had previously worked at a veterinary clinic and shelter, so was hired at Purrfect Pals to be a Cat Care Specialist. I went around to each room to clean, feed and interact with all of our special felines. One room in particular where I enjoyed caring for the cats was our Florida Sanctuary Room that housed our under-socialized and anxious cats. And this is where I met Hunter Kennedy.

Hunter loved his feline friends in the room. I would often see him rub on them as he walked by. Hunter did not, however, trust me. I was the strange

lady sitting quietly in the middle of the floor, holding out treats to his roommates. His green eyes would stare out at me from under his blanket as I spoke gently to him.

During my daily 10-minute break, I would go in and talk to the cats. It was normally a one-sided conversation, but I was frequently being interrupted by a random hiss from the corner where Hunter was hiding.

Slowly, Hunter started to come towards me to take a treat if I left it lying on the floor. His feline friend Carolyn was his security blanket, so if she came out, so did he. Once Carolyn graduated the room and was adopted, Hunter started to become more brave.

One day, Hunter Kennedy brushed against my leg, and I reached down to give him a scratch in a spot I knew he couldn't reach. He skittered away from me quickly, only to turn around and walk past me again, waiting for the

same scratch. That's what broke the ice-- that tiny itchy spot that needed a scratch.

From then on when I entered the Florida Room, I would whisper, "Where's my buddy?" And our large house panther would meow from wherever he was in the room and come over to get some scratches and love. He started to realize the other staff weren't so bad either, and though he was hesitant, he would let some of them pet him briefly.

2019 brought significant changes for Hunter and me. Because of his new trust in the staff, he then graduated from the shy cat room into our main adoption viewing area. At the same time, I was promoted to Adoptions Manager. I was determined that Hunter needed to find his forever home. I brought in plenty of potential adopters to meet my sweet guy, but Hunter did not want any of it. Ignoring the adopters, he would go into his cubby and glare at me.

It wasn't until I met Jana, that I knew this might be just the person he would love. A Seattle native, Jana already had two female cats at home, and had come to Purrfect Pals specifically to see another cat. Jana and I exchanged small talk as I escorted her from room to room to look at our cats.

Once we got to the room Hunter was in, I gushed about how much I loved him. As if on cue, he rolled around on the cat tree in response. Smiling, Jana reached out to pet Hunter. He froze

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In Honor and In Memory



Tessa Ann's portrait given to Kathy Centala as a birthday gift from artist Constance Perenyi.

In Memory of Len Berlind.

In Memory of Frankie.

In Memory of Carline.

In Honor of Jeff Faung.

In Memory of Jack.

In Honor of Lorraine Beverly's
Birthday.

In Memory of Bob; my buddy and best
tomcat ever.

In Memory of Rosie Davis.

In Memory of Rose.

In Memory of Julian, my fur baby.

In Memory of WeeCat.

In Memory of Astrid Reimann.

In Memory of Boots Randolph.

In Memory of Sierra, Bootsie, & Faith.

In Memory of Eleanor Fernald.

In Honor of Jenni Perkins.

In Memory of my Purrfect Pals, Nemo
& Chewy.

In Memory of Fwooper, the tabby
polydactyl from the Critter Room.

In Memory of Avery.

In Honor of Cher, our rescued cat.

In Memory of Piekatt, Snowshoe, The
Dink, Buster, & Tazzy.

In Memory of Tasha.

In Honor of Rufus Gribben.

In Honor of my friends at the Cat
Planet.

In Honor of Zuzu Peepers.

In Honor of Phanny Peters.

In Memory of Thelonius Monk Parris.

In Honor of Leo, who we adopted with
his sister from Purrfect Pals 10 years
ago. Leo passed away July 7th, 2019
and is very missed.

In Memory of Annie McKenzie.

In Memory of Diane Ritter & Spooky.

In Memory of Siri.

In Memory of Len Berlind, from
his friends, the AFU Hats. Our
condolences to his wife, Elizabeth,
with the hope that this might provide
comfort.

In Memory of Lacey Lou Blackburn.

In Memory of Sage.

In Memory of Birdie.

In Memory of Xian.

In Memory of cats who have shared
my life.

In Memory of Tiger Boy, Nona, Ray
the Stray, and Bean. We shared 18
years of love and companionship.

In Memory of our babies at the
Rainbow Bridge; Kitty Maynerd,
Patches, Barfield and Joby, all loved
and missed.

In Memory of our beloved kitty.

In Honor of Marcia Brand & Shanon
Dom.

In Memory of Ruth Erickson.

In Memory of our cat Sadie.

In Memory of Noel.

In Memory of Col. Mustard, Gracie, &
Benny.

In Honor of Max, Thomas, Chester,
and Roland.

In Memory of Zoe.

In Memory of Judah.

In Memory of Miles.

In Honor of Snuffer.

In Memory of Annie & Maggie who
brought so much joy to our lives. We
miss them very much.

In Honor of Debbie Plotkin.

In Honor of Ketty Latimer.

*Our handsome siamese Colonel Mustard,
Purrfect Pals' late unofficial mascot.*



In Honor and In Memory



Foster Dad John at our Everett Petsmart Adoption Center.

In Honor of Mary Ellen Reimund & Holly Field.

In Honor of Chris and Gail Rautmann for all the fostering they do. Many kitties have found their furever home thanks to their effort.

In Honor & Memory of Mr. Scout T Braverman, my dearest and best friend. Always in my heart.

In Memory of Sophie Torina.

In Honor of Bender & Cessa.

In Memory of Julian.

In Honor of my precious Lucy in the sky.

In Honor of Carole Naumes' birthday.

In Memory of Flora & Mia.

In Honor of Georgia Dunn's two Purrfect Pals, Puck & Lupin.

In Memory of our Shy Tessa.

In Memory of my cat Libby.

In Memory of Dorie Woodworth.

In Honor of Addyson, who was adopted from Purrfect Pals three years ago.

In Memory of my mom, Cassie.

In Memory of Sugar.

In Honor of Wanjai Bunnie, Class of May 2008.

In Honor of Foster Dad John.

In Memory of Spooks, the best house guest kitty; you will be missed.

In Memory of Mrs. Candy Dickard.

In Memory of Princess & Rascal.

In Memory of Jeremy.

In Honor of Gail Daschel's Birthday.

In Memory of Charlie.

In Honor of Princess Dusty.

In Memory of Bonita, the best cat ever.

In Honor of Karen Fineides' Birthday.

In Memory of our beloved cat Birdie, who lost a battle with cancer at age nine. She left her mark at our house- she loved to chew wood, leather, paper etc. All of our bar stools have her teeth marks on one rung only (the same on each chair), along with her bite marks on my jewelry box, our tv armoire, our headboard and footboard and our leather recliner. We adopted her at 10 weeks old and loved her dearly.

In Memory of KC Highpockets, and Beverly Sue.

In Honor of my senior ladies Sunflower & Thelma. I am thankful every day I have with them.

In Honor & Memory of all my feral colony cats.

In Honor of our cat, Luna.

In Memory of Charlie, Oscar, Linus, Pooh Bear, Yogi Bear, and Ginger.

In Memory of Mr. Flint, Zeus, Odin, Tabby, and Uddins.

In Memory of Dear Peggy.

In Memory of my mom, Alice "Billie"

Boyce. She loved all creatures and especially loved our furry friends.

In Honor of Holyfield.

In Memory of Bullet, my purrfect pals cat many years ago.

In Memory of Rags.

In Honor of Debbie Plotkin.

In Honor of Lacey, my Purrfect Pals rescue.

In Honor of Jennifer Austin.

In Honor of Lisa Murr.

In Memory of Kirby Q. Kirbington.

In Memory of Midge Rodriguez-Barrett.

In Memory of Simbu.

In Honor of Alan Christensen.

In Memory of Sydney.

In Memory of Johnny Depp.

In Honor of Marla Peele's Birthday.

In Memory of Joey.

In Memory of LiLi Damon.

In Memory of Robert and Grace Toudal.

In Honor of Finn, Darcy and Ben.

In Memory of Tina.

In Memory of Lily.

In Honor of Sage Levin.

In Memory of My Babies.

In Memory of Jackson.

In Memory of Koji.

In Memory of my Millie girl.

In Honor of Leukemia Cats at Purrfect Pals.

In Honor of Janeene Porcher.

In Memory of Lester.

In Memory of Gen MacManiman.

In Honor of Marti and her cats!

In Honor of Gordon.

In Honor of Ginger.

In Honor of Binx and Izzl.

In Memory of Dory.

In Honor and In Memory

In Honor of Susan Bark.

In Honor of Janet Bircher.

In Honor of Sophie.

In Honor of Ms. Linda Boyd. Thank you for your continual efforts to better conditions for animals.

In Memory of Sharon Long.

In Honor of Lee Allen.

In Memory of Macy who shared her unconditional love with you and Max. She was a lucky girl to be part of your family.

In Honor of Clarissa Cole's birthday.

In Memory of Vivian Allen.

In Honor of Erica Money.

In Honor of TheHenryAndEthel.

In Honor of Marla Peele.

In Memory of Little Ricky.

In Honor of Nikki my first cat I got from you.

In Honor of Megg & Geoff Joosten.

In Memory of Brenden and Ms. Kitty.

In Honor of Pet.

In Honor of Fred Brandt.

In Memory of Tessa Ann.

In Memory for Judah and the happy times you shared with him. You were a first-rate mama to him, and he clearly loved you. Great memories abound!

In Honor of Dustin and Mike.

In Memory of Winter DiVerde.

In Honor of Susan Schrier.

In Honor of Kit Brandt.

In Memory Cindy Fuzzbucket.

In Memory of Josie C.

In Honor of LaVonne Schott.

In Honor of Kato Potato.

In Honor of Jim and Meg Brunner.

In Honor of Lindy & Lorrie Lippert.

In Honor of Rachelle.

In Honor of Nelson and Simon.

In Honor of Jeanna Vogt.

In Memory of Cruiser.

In Honor of Joice Barnard.

In Honor of Jenna Beck.

In Honor of Holly & Tim R.

In Memory of J.L.

In Memory of Mr. Kitty.

In Honor of Lupin and Puck.

In Honor of Carole Naumes' Birthday.

In Memory of Rosebud.

In Memory of Spot.

In Memory of Gil and Bill the cats.

In Memory of Lucy in the sky.

In Memory of Janis Linn.

In Honor of Dr. Dawn Gill.

In Honor of Beebs.

In Memory of Wayne Home.

In Memory of Streaker.

In Memory of Juliet Bunnyfur Longtail.

In Memory of Lucky.

In Memory of Leroy.

In Memory of Julian.

In Memory of Luna.

In Memory of Cassie.

In Honor of Bender & Cessa.

In Memory Dorie Woodworth.

In Memory of my cat Libby that recently passed.

In Memory of The Girls.

In Memory of All the sweet cats I've rescued that have passed away, I will never forget any of you.

In Honor of Toby.

In Honor of Mary Whaley for her birthday.

In Honor of Ashley, Barack, Hillary & Tony.

In Memory of Ella.

In Honor of Bill Stoelt.

In Memory of Neelix.

In Memory of Junior.

In Honor of Jasmine, my 18-year-old Black Persian.

In Memory of Donald J Smith.

In Honor of Purrfect Pals.

In Memory of our beloved Mal.

In Honor of Robert & Martha Nicoloff.

In Honor of Linus.

In Honor of Bill Sarsted's 60th Birthday.

In Memory of Rachel Snelling.

In Memory of Miss Henrietta Pussycat.

In Honor of Darlene Brodland.

In Memory of Jan Bomonti.

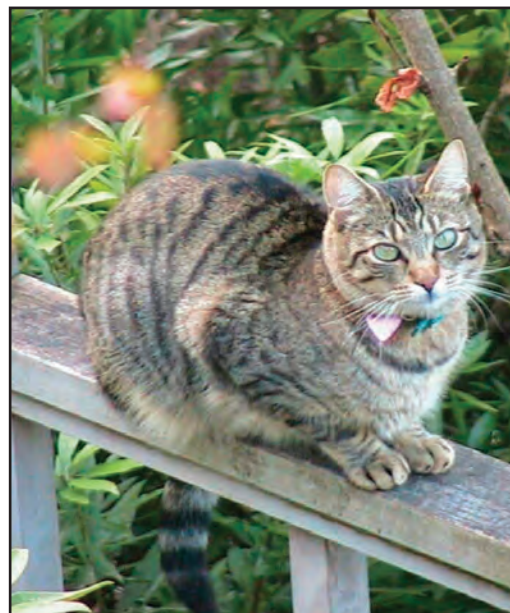
In Honor of Iona.

In Memory of Herman & Barbara.

In Memory of Wayne Hom.

In Memory of Edward Jefferson Branch.

In Memory of Rocky, a 'dog in a cat suit' doing rollovers, running up to us when we returned from walks, greeting all our condo neighbors, etc. He lived a wonderful 17 years with us and we miss him terribly.



Rocky "a dog in a cat suit" passed in 2019 at the age of 17

Purrfect Endings



Cello's Adoption Update

by Jessica Rockstad, Adoptions Manager

In the past 31 years, Purrfect Pals has often received cats from hoarding situations. That is how Cello arrived. Cello was one of eleven cats we received in the winter of 2016, and because of their living conditions, all of them were under-socialized.

A few days after having Cello on the property, a staff member walked into the room and found large amounts of blood and unfortunately, placenta. After looking at each individual cat, they found Cello hiding and in serious distress. We transported her to the emergency vet to find out that Cello, who was still a kitten herself, was miscarrying. The wonderful staff at Diamond Veterinary clinic were able to save Cello and spay her just in the nick of time.

Cello came back to Purrfect Pals and lived with us for four years. Her shy temperament was not a selling point for many of the adopters looking for a cat to add to their families.

Cello (above) nearly died from a miscarriage.

Cello preferred cuddling with her feline friends to humans, and often depended on her furry friends to keep her content.

In September 2019, I received an email from a man named Matthew. Matthew was a previous adopter from eight years ago and told me that his older cat recently passed and the other one was missing him. He asked about Cello and wondered if it would be a good fit for not only his cat, but Cello as well. After a few emails back and forth, Matthew was eager to meet our girl. He ended up adopting her the same day.

Like most under-socialized shy cats, it wasn't an easy transition for Cello to be moved into a new home. Matthew - still patient and understanding with Cello - is slowly making progress! She likes playing with the red dot, and she has even climbed on a blanket on his lap when he was "asleep" to snuggle with his other cat Shadow. (He was waking up from a nap with Shadow, but kept his eyes closed

when he realized she was climbing up). While Matthew still can't touch her, she no longer goes to hide when he approaches. The best part is that Cello has completely bonded with her new feline brother. Shadow allows her to climb up on top of him for a nice cuddle session and shares his bed with her! That is exactly what Matthew wanted!

I will always uphold our mission statement that every cat is adoptable and will continue to help cats like Cello find their forever families. Sometimes the cat stays at Purrfect Pals for a couple days; sometimes it's years, but no matter what, we will continue to care for these wonderful felines as long as they need us.

Are you interested in adopting a cat like Cello? Contact Jessica at adopt@purrfectpals.org to learn about other shy cats looking for a patient human to help them heal.



Cello (top left) - now aptly named "Spooky" - is bonded to her new brother Shadow.

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at first, but then she scratched him in THAT spot. He meowed and relaxed as she continued to pet down the length of his 18-pound frame. She asked about his story and why he was still here with us. After a brief discussion she firmly said, "Well, I want him".

Not many adoptions make me cry, but as we finished the adoption paperwork and I said my goodbye to my favorite buddy, I cried as Jana drove away.

I waited a week before emailing Jana to check in on Hunter and his two

new sisters. She replied, "He is such a wonderful cat. He seems very pleased with his new home. The other cats are getting used to him and no issues so far. My friends all love him and he greets them at the door. And he really responds to his name with meows and chirps. He demands me to pet him."

There it is, Hunter Kennedy got his forever home after three years of waiting at the shelter. But I know that all along, he was really waiting for his purrfect person – and that was Jana.

Left: Hunter at the shelter; Center: Relaxed at his new home; Right: Hunter (above left) with his two new sisters

Become a Volunteer Adoption Counselor!

Are you interested in helping to match our cats with their purrfect forever family? We have openings at our Main Shelter and at our four offsite adoption centers for Volunteer Adoption Counselors. Contact Crystal at volunteers@purrfectpals.org today to learn more!

Yes! I Want to Help Purrfect Pals End Cat Homelessness!

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Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

☐ My Check is Enclosed ☐ Charge My Credit Card:

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Prefer to donate online? Please visit www.purrfectpals.org/give

Here is my tax-deductible charitable gift of:

☐ **\$50** (can provide KMR milk replacement formula for a litter of kittens)

☐ **\$100** (can provide for ten days of care for a sanctuary kitty)

☐ **\$250** (can provide a dental cleaning and extractions for an older cat)

☐ **\$500** (can help us spay/neuter two litters of kittens and their moms)

☐ **Other Amount: \$** _____

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