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Purrfect Pals 30th Anniversary Celebration!

We Believe That Every Cat Matters

Including Those With Special Medical Or Behavioral Needs

Can you believe that we are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Purrfect Pals this year? And what a difference thirty years has made in the Puget Sound Region!

When Kathy Centala founded Purrfect Pals in 1988, cat and dog euthanasia rates in Puget Sound animal shelters were high and the number of pets being spayed or neutered was low. Thirty years later, the opposite is true and, thankfully, most shelters in our area are no longer

forced to euthanize animals because of space limitations. Many cats and kittens who have special medical or behavioral needs are still at risk, however.

After three decades spent rescuing and advocating for cats, Kathy and Purrfect Pals still whole-heartedly believe that every cat matters, every cat is adoptable and every cat deserves a forever home. After all, people aren't perfect. How can

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Ten-month-old Romeow arrived at Purrfect Pals needing surgery for his broken pelvis.

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Because every cat matters

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

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we expect our cats to be?

Our highest priority at Purrfect Pals is helping cats and kittens in need of medical care or behavioral rehabilitation. We welcome cats who need surgery, the intervention of a veterinary specialist, 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!

Romeow, a ten-month-old kitten, came to Purrfect Pals recently after escaping from his home and returning eighteen days later with multiple fractures to his pelvis. Because of the severity of his injury, Purrfect Pals paid to send him to visit a veterinary orthopedist. This sweet little guy is on bed rest for a few more weeks to give his pelvis time to heal and will then have surgery. A femoral head osteotomy will help stabilize his hip joint, which had luxated out of placement (Ouch!). Romeow's surgery, hospitalization, Xrays, blood work and other treatment will not be inexpensive but we know he is worth it.

Shaggy, Fred and Daphne, affectionately known as the "Scooby Kittens", are another

example of what makes Purrfect Pals so special. When they were only five weeks old, these three darling kittens were found behind a dumpster in Eastern Washington. An animal rescue organization in the Tri-Cities area brought them to Purrfect Pals so we could provide the extensive medical care they needed.

The Scooby Kittens have eyelid agenesis, a rare congenital disorder, and were born without fully developed eyelids. Because of this condition, their eyes were left exposed to debris from the environment. The resulting tears would not be able to properly spread across the eyeball, all of which leads to pain, discomfort, and damage.

Without treatment, the kittens would have lived in constant pain and it is highly likely that they would have developed corneal ulcers, eye infections, an inability to blink and, ultimately, blindness. That is not the life they deserve so we were determined to provide the surgery and treatment which would change their lives. Thanks to generous donors who contributed toward their care, the Scoobies recently had surgery to repair the deformity.

After recovering in a loving foster home, Daphne received a clean bill of health



Daphne and her siblings, Shaggy and Fred, came to Purrfect Pals with a painful, congenital eye disorder. Their eyelids were recently surgically repaired thanks to Purrfect Pals supporters.



“Dear Tabby...”

Cat behavior advice from Tabigail Van Purrin’

Dear Tabby,

I am planning to adopt a kitten this spring and I want to make sure I introduce it properly to my dog Angus so they can play together and be friends. Angus is a small 2-year old mutt, playful but not aggressive, and I think he’ll really be happy to have a pal. What’s the best way to make sure that happens?

*Signed,
Best Friends Forever*

Dear BFFs,

I’m so glad whenever someone asks this question BEFORE they adopt a new pet! Great job, you!

Introducing a cat to a dog is no different from introducing a cat to a cat: the key is to take things as slowly as needed, and to always be respectful of both animals’ anxiety.

Start by putting your new kitten in a room

by itself for a couple of days. Spend lots of time in there with them so they become comfortable both in the room (their future safety zone) and with you (their future safety person). Take something from the room the kitten has slept on or played with and let Angus smell it so he starts to get a sense of just who is in there with you.

After a day or two, if your kitten seems to be adjusting well, try introducing them to Angus. A baby gate is a great tool for this – it this lets you open the door to the kitten’s room so the two animals can see and sniff each other, but with a safe barrier between them just in case.

If you don’t have a gate, try opening the door a crack and letting them sniff each other. If they seem curious, try letting Angus come in. If the kitten immediately bounces all over him and he seems overwhelmed, get out a toy and keep the kitten busy while Angus sniffs around and watches. End the visit as soon as anyone starts to seem stressed (including you!). Treats and praise all around after every interaction!

Repeat this process as many times as

needed, aiming for longer visits each time. Try feeding them while they’re in the room together, and play with them separately or together, depending on their preferences. The key is to make sure only good things happen in that room – try really hard not to let anybody escalate to aggression. You want them to learn that being around each other means good times, not bad ones.

Once they seem relaxed with each other, it’s time to let your kitten explore the rest of

their new world with Angus! The kitten may want to retreat back to their safety zone whenever things seem stressful, so continue to make that room available as long as needed.

Stay mindful of everybody’s feelings and don’t rush any of the steps, and you’ll be giving your furkids the best possible chance at becoming BFFs 4EVA!

GOOD LUCK and I hope you and Angus find the purrfect kitten this spring!

Ear scratches and nose boops,
Tabigail van Purrin’

Dear Tabby,

Why does my cat Walt insist on having half-and-half every single morning? If I don’t give it to him, he meows and meows until I do!

*Signed,
Walt’s Owner*

Dear Walt’s Butler,

Please pass this message along to Walt: Good job, buddy, your human has clearly been very well-trained! I will update the Global Cat Domination spreadsheet to make sure this information is recorded in the logs.

secret paw-shake,
Tabigail Van Purrin’

**DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR
TABIGAIL VAN PURRIN’**

**Email it to her PURRsonal Assistant
at meg@purrfectpals.org!**



Dogs and cats can be best friends with the right introductions!



During a cruelty investigation, twenty-four persian cats and sixteen dogs were recently removed from a breeder's home by authorities. Fifteen of the cats are now in the care of Purrfect Pals.

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from the eye doctor and was adopted by a wonderful family in our Lynnwood Petsmart adoption center. Both Shaggy and Fred's eyes improved after surgery but they both ended up needing a second procedure to fully repair them. These two are very bonded so, once they have healed from surgery, we will start looking for a family with enough room in their home and hearts for both boys.

Earlier this month, one of the municipal shelters that Purrfect Pals partners with reached out for help. A cruelty case in Snohomish County ended with authorities removing 24 persian cats and 16 dogs from a home where they were being housed in tiny, filthy cages and used for breeding.

On April 19th, Purrfect Pals took in fifteen of these poor kitties. None were spayed or neutered and they came to us in very poor condition. They were scared to death of people, covered in sores, horribly matted and suffering from upper respiratory and eye infections. Some had such long nails that they had grown into their paws.

These special cats still have a long road to recovery ahead of them but we are determined to provide them with the second chances they deserve. Purrfect Pals staff, volunteers and foster families

will give them as much time as they need to heal and learn to trust people. Some of them might need our help learning to use a litter box. We don't mind, though, because each and every one of these kitties matter to us.

As you can imagine, the special veterinary care, medicine, grooming services, high-

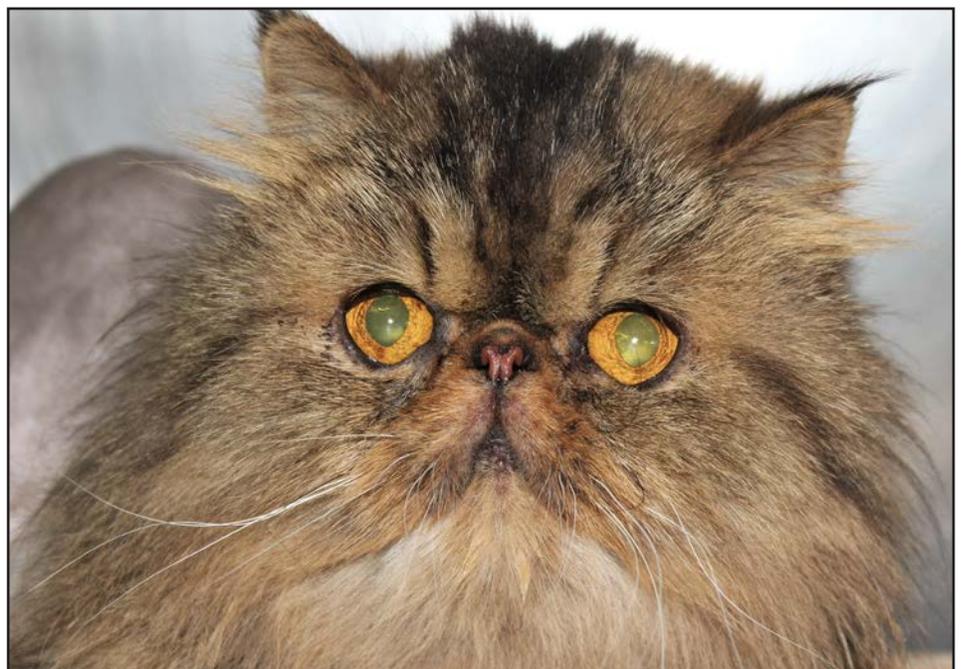
quality food, litter, toys and other supplies that these sick and traumatized cats need will not be inexpensive. We are hopeful that the cat lovers in our community will open their hearts and checkbooks and help us change these fifteen precious lives.

You've heard us say that "Rescued" is our favorite cat breed and seen Purrfect Pals encourage people to adopt, rather than shop, for new pets. These persian kitties are the face of backyard breeding and the reason why we do it.

Each and every one of these kitties have a different story. Romeow was injured, the Scoobies were born with a congenital condition and our persian friends suffered lifetimes of cruelty and neglect for profit. What do they have in common? Each of them came to Purrfect Pals needing a second chance.

Our approach to helping cats is more of a marathon than a race. Before they will be ready to be adopted, most of the special cats and kittens who come to us for help will need more time, love and medical care than a typical shelter kitty would. We focus on quality, not quantity, and intentionally take in fewer cats and kittens than some organizations, knowing that saving them will require more of our resources.

And we wouldn't want it any other way... **Because every cat matters.** 🐾



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Extreme Persian Makeover!

This has to be one of the most amazing makeovers we've given at Purrfect Pals! This poor guy, one of our fifteen rescued persians, was in very rough shape. He was matted everywhere and his nails were so long that they had grown into his paw pads. He must feel so much better now that we removed over half a pound of urine-soaked fur. What a handsome boy!



A Purrfect Ending for Miracle Kitty Tippy!

Tippy came to Purrfect Pals after being surrendered to a public shelter. When he arrived at that shelter, he had facial wounds they thought were consistent with fight/bite wounds from a dog. They contacted us for help when Tippy developed a head tilt.

We soon discovered that in addition to the head tilt, Tippy had some compromised facial nerve function (for example, he doesn't blink normally on that right eye) so we investigated further with X-rays.

X-rays of Tippy's skull revealed a surprise. His head is full of metal shrapnel, most likely from a small caliber gunshot wound. We ran tests to rule out lead poisoning and the veterinarians who have worked with him agree that it will be safer to leave the shrapnel where it is rather than attempting to remove it surgically. Tippy's head tilt is most likely permanent but he

seems to be a happy 5 year-old boy who doesn't have any trouble getting around. He's an amazingly friendly, outgoing boy who wants to be friends with everyone he meets.

Lydia, who is fifteen years old, recently lost her cat to cancer. Lydia and her mother came to the shelter on Thursday and visited with many of our wonderful cats. The minute they met Tippy, they knew he was the one for them. Tippy is going to be thoroughly spoiled and loved by Lydia and her family. They have three other cats and a very nice cat friendly dog and it's a wonderful match for Tippy. The family has a great vet in Everett and will be able to give Tippy any medical care he needs down the road.

We're delighted to see this unique young guy headed to a loving home where he will be safe and secure for the rest of his life. Congratulations, Tippy and Lydia! 🐾





SHARE YOUR CAT'S STORY!

In just a few weeks we will be unveiling our **brand new Purrfect Pals website!** The new site showcases Purrfect Pals kitties and their adopters and we would love to share **YOUR** Purrfect Ending stories and photos with the world.

But wait, there's more! Each month, we will select our favorite Purrfect Endings story submittal and feature the "Cat of the Month" on our website and social media. In addition to the fame and recognition your kitty will receive, we will also send you a Purrfect Pals t-shirt!

Submit **YOUR** Purrfect Ending story and photo today by visiting:

www.purrfectpals.org/shareyourstory

SECOND CHANCES LUNCHEON: Join Purrfect Pals and TV's Jackson Galaxy in Bellevue on June 7th!

Please join us at our 2nd Annual Second Chances Luncheon! Our guests will enjoy a delicious gourmet vegetarian 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 producer of Animal Planet's long running hit show My Cat From Hell. Jackson, an animal advocate and cat behavior and wellness consultant, is also a two-time New York Times best-selling author with more than 25 years of experience working with cats and their guardians. Popularly known as the "Cat Daddy," Jackson is on a mission to educate people about cats and deepen the human and cat bond,

while reducing the number of animals that end up in shelters.

Over time, Jackson has developed and honed his philosophy known as "Cat Mojo," which teaches cat guardians the skills to help their feline friends build confidence within their environment. Jackson has written extensively about his work and philosophy in Cat Daddy, Catify to Satisfy and Catification. Jackson's newest book, Total Cat Mojo, hit shelves on October 31st. His new series, Cat Vs Dog, premiered on Animal Planet on Saturday, November 11th.

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

To learn more, please contact our team at 360-926-8447 or luncheon@purrfectpals.org.

We hope to see you in Bellevue in June!



REGISTER TODAY AT PURRFECTPALS.ORG/LUNCHEON!

In Honor and In Memory

In Loving Memory of Oskar the Blind Cat.
-David Clem

In Memory of Dillon.
-Peg Kehret

In Loving Memory of Kevin Sims.
-Lisa Sims

In Memory of Lucy.
-Jesse Bernoudy

In Honor of Constance Perenyi, for the things she does.
-Tam Wood

"That one is rich who has a friend..." is especially true for those who've known throughout the years a special friend like Carline McIntyre was to us all. Carline volunteered for Purrfect Pals and here at Brookdale Silverlake. She recently passed away from a long battle with cancer and this check is for your organization in her memory. Cat fostering was dear to her heart. Thank you for your great organization.

-Karen Forrest, Activity Director at Brookdale Silverlake

In Memory of Fritzl.
-Rose Branson

In Honor of Rochelle's birthday and her love of kitties.
-Angela Carpenter

In Honor of Zuki.
-Gary Hinz

In Honor of Sparky, Zippy, Muffin, Merlin, Lucy, Maggie, and Sparkplug.
-Karan Dennis



In Memory of Annie.
-Sandy Joski

In Memory of Ernie McGuire
-India McGuire

In Loving Memory of Stacie King.
-Chris King

In Memory of Moose and Muffin.
-Samantha Kuray

In Honor of Pam.
-Gail Rautmann

In Loving Memory of Snickers, Puppy, Kougra, and Sabby.
-Linda Chan

In Honor of Foster Dad John, Olympia, Sequins and Lizzie and in Loving Memory of Sparky, Kougra the Kitten Tamer, Tabby and Sabby.

-Karen Adams Brinkley
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Linda Seal
Jill Harbeck
Jacqueline Ohlerking White
Kaye Butler
Tam Wood
Linda Mull

In Loving Memory of Snickers, Puppy, Kougra, and Sabby.
-Linda Chan

In Honor of Connie Gabelein's 40th Birthday.
-Terry & Marjorie Hornshaw

In Memory of Felony Melony.
-Andrea Pieri

In Memory of Leaper.
-Donald Campbell



In Honor and In Memory

In Memory of Norman Larabee. Thank you, Norman, for all of the love you gave to cats. You were truly special and will be missed.

-Carrie Thompson
Bob & Diane Burns
David & Jennifer Shore
Laura Chambers

In Loving Memory of Lily, a sweet white girl who passed away recently from cancer.

-Beth Schlansky

In Memory of Brandee.

-Sandra Hayes

I have sad news to share, Jefferson, who we adopted from you (known as Baloo at adoption) has passed away. It was very sudden and unexpected as he was so young. We do not know exactly what happened, as he had no signs of problems and had a clean bill of health at his last vet visit, but he crawled off into the farthest corner of the garage and passed away. It's been a tough time for us all and mostly our other cat, Harrison, who was best friends with Jefferson is struggling. It's not an easy time. I wanted to let you know and share some of our favorite photos of Jefferson and our times with him.

-Linnea



In Memory of Judith Blake.

-Willie K. Jinka

In Loving Memory of my mother, Agnes Tuson, who loved cats.

-Vicki Rowland

In Honor of Carmon, Sarabella, Penelope, and all my pets.

-Susan Thornton

In Memory of Rebecca Nicole Cotey, a kind and fun loving spirit who was a friend to animals of all kinds.

-JJ Florey

In Honor of Janet Bircher.

-Marylyn Vincent

In Memory of Cody.

-Greg Forrest

In Honor of Alley, Tico, and Pepito.

-Elayne Nishita

In Memory of Annie.

-Sandy Joski

In Memory of Marjorie.

-George & Carol Waldheim

In Honor of Harley & Rumble's story.

-Anonymous

In Memory of our beloved Siri.

-Inta Wiest

In Memory of Renee Marsh.

-Becky

In Memory of Precilla & Sugar Baby.

-Richard M. Kirkhus

In Memory of Joyce Chriest who loved cats, including her latest "Brandy."

-Dave & Elaine Davenport

In Memory of Sassy.

-Christie Birkestol

In Loving Memory of Marjorie Bigelow.

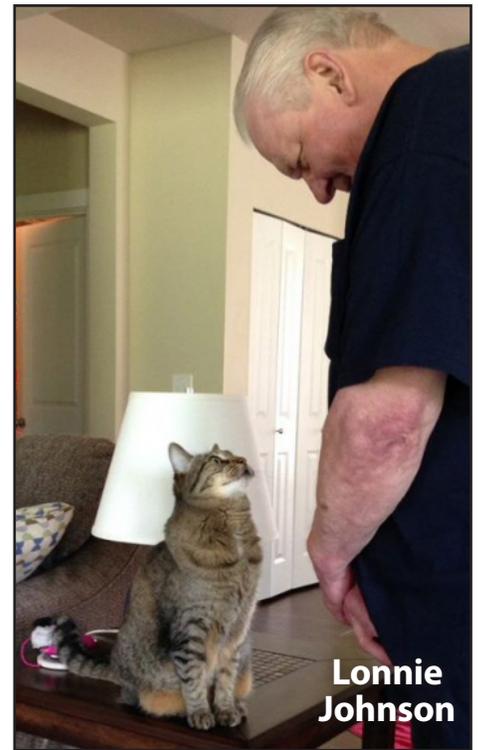
-Machel Salado

In Memory of Lisa B. Bigham.

-Margaret Blough

In Honor of Alissa Padgett's birthday.

-Nancy Teahan



In Loving Memory of Lonnie Johnson, and to Honor Bonnie, Brook, and the Puskketeers. Lonnie Johnson, beloved husband of Bonnie Johnson, recently passed away in Olympia, Washington. Bonnie and Lonnie, both devoted cat lovers, adopted two adult cats from Purrfect Pals, a result of Bonnie's volunteer work there (we can all relate). Lonnie developed a particular attachment to one of the adoptees, Brother, who spent four wonderful years in their loving care before passing in 2016. Sammy and Baby continue to be pampered and loved by Bonnie and her family.

- Mickey Uno
- Judith Smith
- Natacha De Genna
- Jan Brown
- Julie Pickford
- Jeane Harrison
- Glenda Kincaid
- Cheryl Lemos
- Heidi Schwartz
- Rebecca Hoover
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- Grace Hersh
- Anne Saumya
- Heidi Kunstal
- Laura Kincaid
- Joni Thomas
- Janet Wright
- Suzanne Charles

Purrfect Endings

Our cats started life as feral kittens. We were told that a lady rescued them and saved their lives but ultimately could not keep them, and they made their way to Purrfect Pals. We were looking for a bonded pair and saw them on PetFinder. We went to see them at the Lynwood PetSmart, filled out an application, and adopted them. We named them Pema and Metok (formerly Cassis and Patches respectively), which mean lotus and flower in the Tibetan language. They are sisters. They are beautiful calico/torbies. They like to run around and chase each other in the morning after their breakfast. Other times they like to find cozy places to hang out in. Pema is the extrovert and Metok is the introvert. Pema loves to be in your lap and purrs like a lawnmower. She loves belly rubs and will flop at your feet and roll over for one. Metok is shy and more reserved, but on her terms she likes to be petted and have her tummy rubbed. There are some signs from their feral kitten time. Pema has a small nick in one of her ears and Metok has a couple of her whiskers short. But they are now super affectionate and sassy. We love our beautiful cats and thank Purrfect Pals for bringing them to us!

-Linda and Julie McPheters

We adopted Snickers and Guinness, who are littermates and a bonded pair, at Denny's Pet World in March 2013. We wanted to adopt senior kitties who needed a second chance. Ours had been up for adoption for about 9 months before we found each other. We saw them online and went to meet them... it was love at first purr, and we took them home that same night. They have been a delight to our home. They have adorable - and unique - personalities. Snickers



Pema and Metok

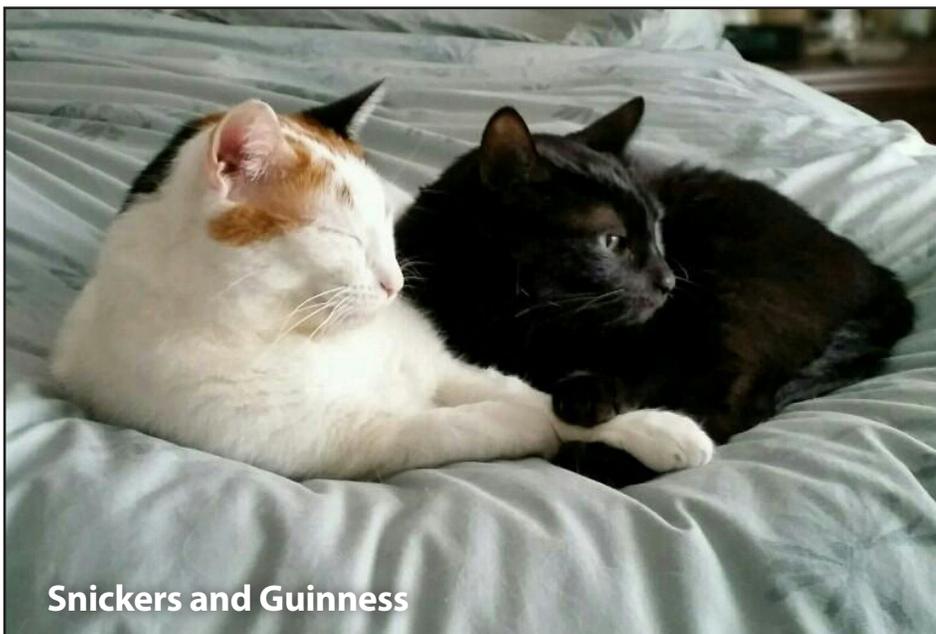
is definitely the sassy, braver more outgoing of the two, but Guinness is our love bug and has become much more outgoing as the years go by. They greet us at the top of the stairs when we come home from work, and when we're at home they're always in the same room as us. They have never hissed at, bitten or scratched us - I tell them all the time they're the sweetest kitties ever. I was able to connect with our kitties' previous owner through the Purrfect Pals Facebook site. She was brokenhearted at having to give them up, but she had a child who was so allergic to them she had no choice. She knew they'd be safe at Purrfect Pals, where they could

wait for us to find them. We are now connected through Facebook, so she gets to 'stay in touch' with them, which I know brings her joy. Don't you just love happy endings?

-Alison Zurcher

This contribution comes with special recognition to Dr. Leslie Kasper. We and our veterinarian commend her on the outstanding care that she and her staff provided for our newly adopted diabetic cat, Carmen. The extensive records alone were very impressive. With our thanks to everyone involved, I'm happy to report that Carmen adjusted to his new home more rapidly than we expected. He accepted his new "siblings", Blackie and Tritip, and became fully integrated member of the family in less than a week. Our 18-year-old diabetic kitty died on January 2nd, as a result of a chronic respiratory condition that normally would not be fatal. We were programmed to care for a cat requiring insulin shots twice a day and it was in her honor that we decided to adopt a diabetic. Sadly, that's difficult in our area where the diagnosis usually results in euthanizing the cat. Since our daughter is associated with Purrfect Pals, she knew of your shelter and she facilitated the adopting and travel to southern California. Keep up the good work.

-Barbara & Alan Doody



Snickers and Guinness

Carolyn was at your shelter for 8 years. We were concerned about how she would adjust to living in a home, but we shouldn't have been. She is amazing! Everything seems new to her, and she loves exploring. She has discovered sleeping in

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the clothes dryer is her favorite place and has learned to open the door when I close it. She loves to snuggle with her "sister" (Syren, who has been with us almost 10 years), tears through the condo playing with a variety of toys (her favorite being a mouse that jingles), sleeps at our feet, enjoys sitting and watching the guinea pigs (safely out of reach), and getting lots of pets. She is afraid of nothing, not the vacuum cleaner, people, nothing. She seems to be making up for lost time by being in a shelter for so long, and we are happy to help her do it. We are so grateful for the wonderful care you provided for all those years. She is an amazing cat and we are blessed to have her in our lives.

-Jennifer Alley

To all of the wonderful people who care about our cats. I am enclosing my donation to help other cats as you have helped my cat, and sending you a picture to show you what a hard life he has! Roscoe was adopted on 7/7/11 and, as you can see, has taken over the household. He is very loving and demanding, as I think all cats become when they have a good home. It always amazes me that he has an alarm clock in his brain. He lets us know when to feed him (morning and night), give him his nighttime snacks, scratch him, hold him and brush him, all at given times every day. I know that this donation will be put to great use and make other cats happy.

-Rozann Cherry

We adopted Quincy (formerly Keith) from the Issaquah Pet Smart a year ago, and I thought you'd like an update to see how happy and well loved he is. He has a few favorite spots in our house: His go-to is his perch by the window where he takes his mid-morning nap. He's happiest when the sun is shining, but he sleeps soundly no matter what. He also loves the top of the chair in our bedroom, where he spends



Roscoe

the night and waits quietly for us to wake up and tell him he can play and be as loud as he wants. And his new favorite spot: his Seahawks crinkle mat. He's definitely a Hawks fan. He also loves to go outside and explore, rain or shine (always supervised of course), keep me company in the kitchen, and watch the birds outside in the yard. But his favorite place of all is a lap. Anybody's lap, just as long as there's a little bit of room for him to snuggle in. We love Quincy and we thank you for bringing him into our lives.

Rhonna Kallander

Thank you again for my sweet Captain Hook, who I nicknamed "Catnip." He brings me so much joy and it's because of your organization. What wonderful things you all do to help cats! Catnip is thriving and is very spoiled and happy.

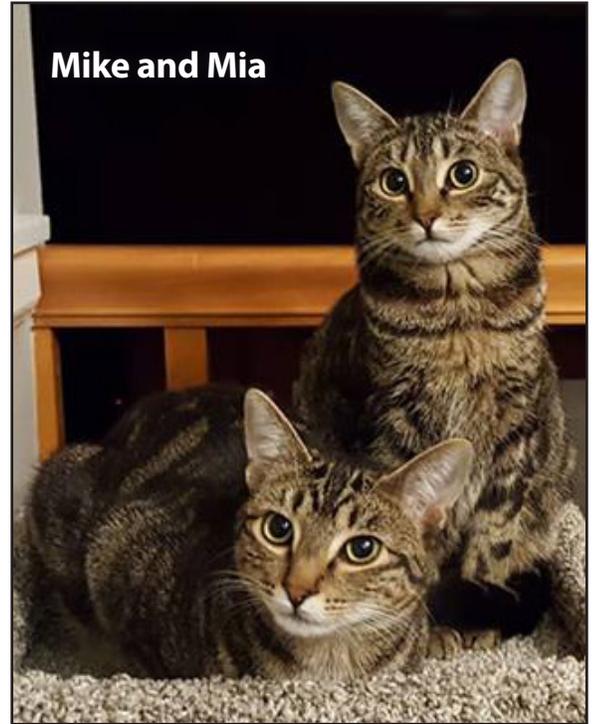
-Love, Catnip, RJ & Bethany

Thank you for saving our little Sitka. She has been a great addition to our lives.

-Jim & Naomi

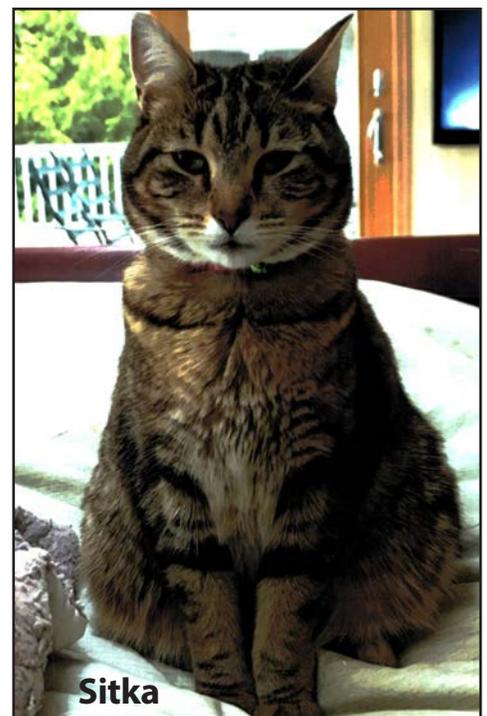
After the death of our 21 year old cat at the beginning of 2017, we became foster parents for Purrfect Pals. We fostered three litters of kittens before Derby, Dana, Daphne, and Dora arrived. We were only supposed to have taken care of them for about a week but they kept giving each other eye infections and upper respiratory problems, delaying their adoption event four times! We were sure they were determined to stay together for as long as possible! They ended up staying with us for almost two months, by which point we had fallen in love with Derby and Dana (now Mike and Mia). Their sisters were finally able to attend adoption events and they found their wonderful, forever homes while Mike and Mia nestled even deeper into our hearts. Mike always took good care of all of his sisters, bathing them and cleaning their eyes when they were sick. He still takes good care of Mia, who is a total lap cat. Mike loves curling up with our Border collie (who is not so sure about this kind of attention) and Mike and Mia's favorite activity is chasing each other around the house which, at times, sounds like a herd of buffalo! We are delighted to be called "foster parent failures," for having adopted two of our foster kittens, though we know Purrfect Pals calls that a success!

-Gail Rautmann



Mike and Mia

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Special Thanks to:

Alex the Cat Groomer in Woodinville, who generously donates his services for our cats who need a professional spa day and some extra TLC. Hamlet and Shamara have never looked better!

Whitebridge Pet Brands, who donated a big box of Tiki Cat canned food for Lil Lola, a senior kitty who works in our office and refuses to eat anything else!



The Ghostbuster Fosters who organized a very successful 4th Annual Birthday Boxathon donation drive for Purrfect Pals! Our staff and volunteers picked up three vans and one car full of much-needed cat food and supplies! We are incredibly grateful to Janine, Ray and Egon for sharing their celebration with us and to their human parents, Tracey and Matt, for sacrificing their dining room, garage and basement for two months to store the 375 packages that you sent from their wish list. Thank you, also, to each and every one of you who donated, volunteered or helped spread the word about the boxathon. You are amazing and we are thrilled to have you on our team.

Liam, who celebrated his 10th Birthday by asking his friends and family to donate cat food and supplies to Purrfect Pals instead of buying him presents. Happy Birthday, Liam, and thank you for this generous gift!

Catit, who donated a wonderful package of toys and other supplies for the cats in our sanctuary!

Gayle at **Gargoyles Statuary** in Seattle for supporting Purrfect Pals with a benefit



silent auction during Le Reve du Chat, an art show celebrating cats!

Kendra Scott in Bellevue for holding a special benefit jewelry shopping event for Purrfect Pals!

Thank you to **everyone who contributed** to our fundraiser for a new riding lawn mower and to **Tractor Supply Company** in Smokey Point for the generous discount they gave us when we purchased it!

The Ruth Foundation, a legacy of the Gary E. Milgard Family Foundation, for their very generous gift of brand new cages for our sick kitties!

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

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

My Check is Enclosed Charge My Credit Card:

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Please clip this form and use the enclosed envelope to mail your gift to:

Purrfect Pals, 230 McRae Road NE, Arlington, WA 98223

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 six months of care for a typical 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: \$ _____

The 2018 Average Joe Cat Photo Contest Has Begun!

THERE'S JUST AREN'T ENOUGH CAT PHOTOS ON THE INTERNET. LET'S FIX THAT!

Now is your chance to prove once and for all that your kitty is the most adorable ever! The fierce and cat hair-covered competition is already heating up so don't delay: Head on over to www.purrfectpals.org/photocontest today to enter (or vote for) your favorite cat photos!



We have some great prizes lined up this year including a **GoPro HERO6 Black Camera** (for taking adorable cat photos and videos, of course!).

Winners will be selected based on the number of online votes they receive between April 15th and May 31st and all proceeds will support Purrfect Pals.

Let's make this year's contest a huge success so we can provide even more second chances for homeless cats and kittens who need our help!

Enter (or Vote for) YOUR Favorite Cat Photos at purrfectpals.org/photocontest!