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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 (with a photo if you have one!) to us at director@purrfectpals.org.



We Can't Believe These Boys are Still Waiting for a Forever Home!

Oscar and Mao just can't seem to catch a break! They have been adopted and returned to Purrfect Pals three times (Yes, THREE times!) even though they are wonderful cats! These brothers first came to Purrfect Pals in 2005 as cute little kittens and were quickly adopted. Sadly, they were returned in 2012 when personal problems left their family unable to keep them.

Adopted again in 2013, they were then returned in 2015 because they were too stressed out in an overactive household

with active kids and other animals. We thought they had finally found their forever home later that year, but they were quickly dumped at the adopter's girlfriend's mother's house. We don't really know what happened there but we did learn there was a dog in that house the boys did not adjust well to.

Oscar and Mao need a family committed to keeping them FOREVER, no matter what. They are two of the most loving and truly bonded cats we have ever seen.

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Brothers Oscar and Mao have been adopted from and returned to Purrfect Pals three times now and just want a quiet and loving forever home to retire in!

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

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Brothers Oscar and Mao are mellow, loving boys who would love a home with other cats!

They will give their people a ton of love in return for a home with minimal stress, lots of affection, a few cozy napping spots and no dogs, please.

Oscar and Mao love other cats! They are very submissive and enjoy snuggling up with their kitty roommates at the shelter. Mao enjoys reading the newspaper and curling up in a warm lap on a cold rainy day. Oskar loves running up and down hallways and bird watching. Both are affectionate, quiet, loving gentlemen looking for a quiet, safe home where they can spend the rest of their lives together free of small children, dogs, and stress. They would love to sit in laps, cuddle, snuggle, ankle rub, head butt and generally show their undying affection to the family willing to give them another chance at happiness.

Both of these boys received some medical treatment since returning to Purrfect Pals. Oscar had progressive pigmentation of the iris of his left eye, which can progress to a malignant condition, so his left eye was removed. Losing his eye has not slowed Oscar down or stopped him from being one of the sweetest cats on earth, though. Mao had an abdominal mass which was aspirated and revealed to be a lipoma (a benign fatty tumor). Their senior blood screens are within normal limits, though,

and they have the energy levels of cats half their age!

Would you like to come visit Oscar and Mao to find out if they are the purr-fect matches for you and your home? Please contact us at cats@purrfectpals.org! 🐱

Black Cat Ball!

Would you or your business like to help us make our 20th Annual Black Cat Ball, a gala auction and gourmet dinner supporting Purrfect Pals, a huge success? Please visit purrfectpals.org/newsevents/bcb to learn more about donating auction items, volunteering or becoming an event sponsor!





“Dear Tabby...”

Cat behavior advice from Tabigail Van Purrin’

Dear Tabby,

Our rescue cat, Tex, is seven years old and obese. Our vet told us that this can lead to a number of health problems as he gets older, and she suggested we put him on a diet to help him lose a few pounds.

We used to free feed him dry food, but over the last two months have slowly transitioned him to wet food twice a day (as suggested by the vet). Now that he’s only eating twice a day instead of all day, and is eating slightly less than he’s used to, though, he has started meowing constantly – practically all day long! – begging for food. Every time we sit down to eat something, he tries to jump on the table or into our laps to steal bites from our plates, as well. It’s gotten to the point where I’ve started eating lunch standing up just so I don’t have to keep shoving him out of the way!

I feel bad for him, because I know myself how hard dieting can be, but he’s driving us up the wall with the constant crying and begging. How can we help him feel better when he’s so hungry all the time?

*Sincerely,
Vexed Tex*

Dear Delightful Tolkien Nerd,

First things first: good job on heeding the advice of your vet and helping your little buddy shed a little weight! Obesity in cats is unfortunately all too common, and it can lead to a variety of issues as cats grow older. Even being moderately overweight can reduce a cat’s life expectancy, and obesity in particular increases their risks of developing cancer, diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, osteoarthritis and the chronic pain that comes with it, bladder or kidney stones, and more.

It definitely sounds like your vet has put you on the right track in terms of slowly

switching from free feeding dry food to a fixed amount of wet food twice a day. But as you point out, dieting for kitties can be just as hard as dieting for humans – nobody likes feeling hungry.

So, what can you do?

One of the first things you could try is adding a lunch for Tex – that is, going from two meals a day to three. Feed him the same daily quantity you’re doing now, but spread it out into more frequent, smaller meals. Just tossing in a mid-day meal can make a big difference. If you work outside the home during the day, you can also split dinner into two meals, by feeding half the usual dinner when you first get home, and the other half right before you go to bed. My humans do this to keep my crazy brother, the Unholy Terror, from getting too hungry during the night.

In terms of helping stem the meowing, one of the most important things to do is NOT GIVE IN! We cats are no dummies – we know that meowing at you is one way we can get what we want. If you give in even once by handing over a snack after a prolonged session of begging, you’re toast!

If Tex jumps onto the table or into your lap while you’re eating, simply gently pick him up and put him back on the floor. Try to redirect him to a toy he can play with while you eat (Moody Pet’s “Fling-ama-String” toy is popular at my house for this purpose, because we can play with it by ourselves). Importantly, don’t punish him or yell – kitties do not respond well to anger; it just scares and upsets us! Be patient, gentle, distracting, and consistent. And don’t forget to reward him when he’s good, too! Ask your vet if you can add a couple of healthy treats a day into his diet to use to help reinforce good behavior.

Speaking of play, stepping up your playtime every day can also make a big difference. When he starts to pester you, get a toy out to distract him with. Adding

in some lengthy, highly aerobic rounds of play a couple of times a day will not only help Tex burn some extra calories, but it will also burn off some of the energy he’s using to fuel those marathon crying sessions. It additionally helps with one of the most common drivers of the desire to eat: BOREDOM.

If Tex isn’t used to playing much, it might take a while to get him into the habit. Try a variety of toys until you find something he loves, and make the play as active as you can. Use feathers or mice on sticks you can use to get him to jump up and down off cat trees and furniture, or balls you can toss down the hallway for him to chase. Laser pointers are great for this too!

You can even set up an obstacle course in one of your rooms that you run him through several times in a row using a feather/stick toy to lead him along. Set up some chairs for him to jump on and off, put a couple of scratching posts in the middle of the room to lead him around, cut the bottoms off a few boxes or brown bags and make a series of tunnels he has to run through; be creative! Periodically get a new type of stick toy and rearrange the obstacle course to change it up.

Most of all, just be patient and consistent with whatever it is you try. Tex will eventually adjust to his new feeding schedule and the begging will ease up. Ramping up your play together will increase your bond AND make him healthier and calmer as well. It’s win-win! Best of luck to you and Tex and thank you for adopting a rescue kitty!

Love and nose boops,
Tabigail van Purrin’

Have a Question for Dear Tabby?

**Email it to her Purr-sonal Assistant
at meg@purrfectpals.org!**

Our Second Chances Luncheon with Jackson Galaxy was a Huge Success!



Jackson Galaxy shows off his new Purrfect Pals t-shirt after the Second Chances Luncheon.

behavior questions for Jackson during the event and his insightful answers inspired several people to make changes that day. He spoke about various diet facts and myths, and his strong beliefs that wet food diets are best for cats. He explained how important it is for cat owners to educate themselves and have discussions with their veterinarians. He also spoke about behavioral medication and the need for them in some cats' lives. Just like the physical health of the cat, he explained, experts are now realizing the importance of their mental health. Some cats are rescued from horribly traumatic situations and develop symptoms similar to PTSD, he explained. Cats can suffer mentally like any of us can, sometimes it's all about their hormones and keeping them at a good balance.

Our speakers also included members of our community whose lives have been dramatically changed by Purrfect Pals and the cats we brought into their lives.

We had such a fantastic time at the first annual Second Chances Luncheon for Purrfect Pals! Cat behavior expert Jackson Galaxy and an amazing crowd of 400 cat lovers came together at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue to provide second chances for Puget Sound cats and the people who love them. Together, we raised more than \$130,000 to save Puget Sound cats and kittens!

Our guests enjoyed a vegetarian lunch while learning about our new behavior rehabilitation program, the important work we are doing in a prison with our "Monroe Corrections Kitten Connections" foster program and other ways in which we are changing the lives of homeless cats and kittens in the Puget Sound Region.

One of the most memorable parts of the luncheon was the hour long Q&A session with Jackson Galaxy. Guests were able to submit their cat health and



Jackson describes his work rehabilitating cats with behavioral challenges in animal shelters.

View More Event Photos at purrfectpals.org/newsevents/luncheon!



Jackson Galaxy spends time with his fans at a VIP Reception prior to the Second Chances Luncheon. Table Captains, Pacesetter Donors and special guests were invited to attend.

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One of these speakers, Kelly Benson, was diagnosed in her early twenties with stage four metastatic carcinoid, an extremely rare cancer with a devastating prognosis. She described at the luncheon how fostering, and ultimately adopting, two Purrfect Pals kittens gave her a sense of purpose during such a difficult battle.

"It's funny," Kelly shared. "A lot of people say, 'If I was told I only had a couple of years to live, I would fly all over the world and go bungee jumping.' But when it actually happens to you, it's not that easy. There are times when it is very, very hard. You have the support of your friends and you have the support of your family but there's just something about cats. They give you what you didn't know that you needed. There's this sixth sense that I feel like cats have. They know when you need that little bit of extra of love. They don't know how bad things can be and just live in the moment. I feel very, very blessed to have them in my life."



Kelly Benson, Purrfect Pals foster parent and adopter, shares her battle with cancer and how two tiny kittens gave her a second chance and a renewed sense of purpose.

Would you like to learn more about the

Second Chances Luncheon and how you can participate next year? Please contact

us at luncheon@purrfectpals.org. 🐱

Special Thanks to:

Morgan Stanley Employees in Seattle, who supported Purrfect Pals by donating the proceeds of their monthly "Jeans for Charity" day. Thank you!

The Ghostbuster Fosters, alumni of the Critter Room Kitten Cam, who celebrated Ray and Egon's 3rd birthday by collecting donations for the cats at Purrfect Pals! Their parents and friends delivered piles and piles of boxes of much-needed food, toys and other supplies which are already being put to great use in our foster homes. Many thanks to each and every one of you who donated!

Just Peachy Frozen Yogurt in Marysville, for hosting a benefit charity night on June 28th to support Purrfect Pals!

Alex the Cat Groomer in Woodinville, who generously donates his services for our cats who need a professional spa day and some extra TLC.

Everyone who recently sent donations of food and supplies via our **Amazon.com Wish List!** Amazon rarely provides us with your names, unfortunately, so we are unable to thank you personally. Your generosity is very much appreciated, though!

Norene Townson, who spent many hours sewing 121 fleece blankets for the cats in our new building's adoption rooms.

The Wonderful Volunteers who helped us get ready for the move into the new building! They put together desks and chairs for our new offices, built dozens of Kuranda cat towers for the new cat rooms, helped with landscaping, painting, cleaning, laundry and packing and more!

Everyone who donates their **Fresh Step Paw Print Points** to Purrfect Pals! Thanks to you we have been able to order many free bags of litter for our cats. Thank you!

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
- Dye and Fragrance-Free Laundry Detergent and Dryer Sheets



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

In Honor and In Memory



Baby Punk

In Memory of Baby Punk. This darling Roly-Poly black & white girl was a special kitty. She had a "unique" personality, but she was an excellent office assistant to Connie at the shelter. Connie and Punk had a special bond. The best day in Baby Punk's life was when Connie took her home to live with her. "We'll never forget you sweet girl".

-Lorrie Lippert

In Honor of Boots Randolph, my 17yr old kitty.
-Dorothy White

In Memory of My Mother for Mother's Day.
-Patricia Miller

In Memory of Bowser
-Tom Wells

In Memory of Yuki who was loved by Louise Cheung and her friends at City Kitty.
-John Schwartz and the team at City Kitty

In Memory of Lucky who was greatly loved by Oliver, Leeann & Aiden Pavak.
-Sheri L. Pemberton

In Loving Memory of Christine Brady
-Stanly Brady

In Honor of Pippin J. Shenanigans Esq & Woody.
-Jan Waterbury

In Memory of Donna Rhoades
-Andrea, Gerard, Dominic & Olivia Vanderjagt

In Memory of my Purrfect Pals, Nemo and Chewy.
-Jane Brennan

In Memory of my friend, Lyn Sitton and her beloved cat Smokey.
-Vicki Rowland

In Memory of Margaret Snook.
-Alan & Sue Sherbrooke

In Memory of Cupid.
-Lucinda Michelle, Jessie Coan, Nick White, Liz Clark, Liz Foley, Tony & Rebecca Gama-Lobo

In Memory of my good friend Renee Marsh.
-Rebecca Keesling

In Loving Memory of Mitzy Joy, a crabby pants, independent, much-loved girl. And to honor your commitment to the FeLV kitties from the hoarder.
-Ruth Laitila

In Memory of Sophie.
-Norene Townson

In Memory of my beloved Purrfect Pals kitty of 17 years, Miles. I miss him but know he is in pet heaven.
-Michelle Swienty

In Memory of Malachi 1999-2017.
-Bruce & Patricia Johnson

In Memory of Lucky who was greatly loved by Oliver, Leeann & Aiden Pavak.
-Sheri L. Pemberton

In Memory of Wally, the best Purrfect Pal, to me.
-Pat Guthrie

In Memory of my familys cat, Punkin (Baker) Gwin.
-Lori Gwin

In Memory of Marley.
-Jeannie Nordstrom

In Memory of ChitChat, a senior lady to whom you gave loving care.
-Tom Wells

In Memory of Dale Foltz.
-Karil & Becky

In Memory of Neko & Launa.
-Willie Jinka

In Memory of Spunky my sponsor kitty, and my dear friend and cat sitter, Roberta Mulcahy, a wonderful gentle soul who loved kitties.
-Beth Schlansky

In Memory of Leslie.
-Lynne & Steve Lynch

In Memory of Marjorie.
-George & Carol Waldheim

In Honor of our well-loved nephew, Kai Hidaka's, birthday. He never forgets the kitties in your care!

-Carla & Mike McKendry

In Honor of Marilou Couture's birthday.
-Marilou

In Memory of Missie Moo.
-Shari Lake

In Memory of Joanna Groves.
-Karen Groves

In Memory of Mary 'June' Shilleto, a good friend who was crazy about cats. June, age 90, passed away peacefully at home on February 28th. June deeply cared for all animals, providing a warm home for her precious cats and adopting orphaned strays. A strong advocate for animal protection, June often contributed to local animal shelters and faithfully fed the deer frequenting her yard. She took pride in treating the garbage truck drivers to cake, bringing hot coffee to construction crews, and making certain every pet walking past her home received a treat. Even in her later years, June would shovel snow from her neighbors' walkways, pull trash totes to the curb and feed the neighbors' cats. She loved serving others. June lived by simple principles: trust God's Divine Order; be self-reliant; clean up your mess; protect and care for critters; help your neighbors; respect working people; help the needy; and be trustworthy. June left a legacy of vivid memories for all that knew and loved her.

--Robert & Norma Moe



June

In Honor and In Memory



Michelle

In Honor of Miss Michelle's adoption. After spending 17 months between a shelter and two foster homes, Michelle's dream came true when Jen & Matt adopted her. A big thank you to them for giving this special girl a loving home.

-Lindy & Lorrie Lippert

In Loving Memory of Gucci, my niece Jennifer's ginger who recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge. She raised Gucci from a kitten with feline leukemia and gave him a wonderful pampered life of 12 years. Gucci was Jenn and Andy's child as is Gucci's brother Baron who is also FeLV. Jenn is an avid FDJ Critter Room watcher, but silent chatter like me.

-Debbie Overton

In Memory of Donna Rhoades.

-Beverly J. Pausheck

In loving Memory of two longtime Purrfect Pals supporters, Nelson C. Bliven & Elizabeth L. Bliven. They dearly loved cats.

-Karen P. Anderson

In Honor of Carl Jelstrup, DC, in honor of his 80th birthday.

-Jolene D. Bozich

In Memory of Ziggy who was very loved, senior kitty cat who recently passed away, greatly loved by Meg Shugarts & family.

-Sheri L. Pemberton

In Honor of John Bartlett and his fosters.

-Gail Harwood

In Memory of Joanna Groves.

-Anne Nielsen

In Memory of Beautiful Maeve. I do not have adequate words to thank you and Purrfect Pals and associates for the exceptional care and support given to Beautiful Maeve. Like many cats at Purrfect Pals Maeve had an "improbable chance at another life". From the kind man who rescued her from the middle of a busy road in Marysville, to her acceptance at Purrfect Pals when she was found to have skin cancer and unlikely to be adopted, her odds to live out her life in comfort and care improved immeasurably. I had the previous year lost our majestic Ragdoll cat at thirteen years of age having survived eight years with FIV. I knew a diagnosis such as Maeve's did not necessarily preclude a life worth living. I did not plan to adopt or foster or anything when my friends dragged me the Average Joe Cat Show at Shoreline Community Center. In fact, if anything I expected to go home feeling guilty. Beautiful Maeve certainly stood out. Even with her smoke fur shorn, her Persian face and emerald green eyes were lively. She gave hand kisses to those paying court. I kept going back I read her diagnosis and thought about it. I kept going back to see her. I was not sure about the skin cancer but I knew I could provide a safe, quiet, and singular cat home to her. Without your willingness to go the extra mile to give Maeve the medical care she needed to live and enjoy her final years, I and those who knew and loved her, would not have known her endearing, delightful, playful and loving personality. Every pet gives us the gift and insight of a very individual love. Thank you Purrfect Pals for your mission to save feline lives. To give homeless and rescued cats the gift of love and life. Thank you for the time and effort that goes into rescue and giving another chance for a cat to receive care and thrive.

-Theresa Molyneux

In Memory of Bella Belle. Bella was the special friend (dog) of J. G Janice.

-Sandra Haug

In loving memory of Lucy Cristal and her sweet foster family.

-Maile Horita

In Honor of Lynne Marachario.

-Ellen Levesque

In Memory of Dugan.

-Don & Nancy Cummings

In Memory of Willie.

-Cynthia Winings

In Honor of the marriage of Rolf & Julie Vitous.

-Tom Wells

In Memory of Sasha.

-Jeannie Nordstrom

In Memory of Georgia Halstead.

-Kiddy Chloe Johnson

In Honor of Chloe DeWold-Domingo.

-Kristin White

In Memory of Sapphire who was loved by Michelle Couture and her friends at City Kitty.

-City Kitty

In Honor of the Balderson, Dreyse, and Fox families.

-Teri Balderson

In Honor of Jayne Hildebrand.

-Fumi Ikeshima

In Memory of Kevin Sims.

-Monica Trepanier,
-Jacob Meredith,
-Jody Hendrix

In Memory of Fritti Mercury.

-Jo Ann Syron

In loving Memory of Baby Punk.

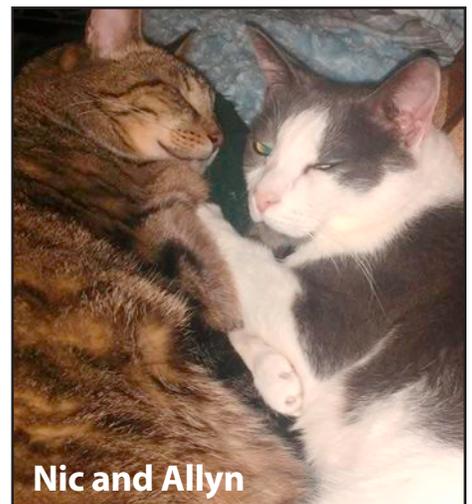
-Susan Pierce

In memory of Rennie (formerly Miss Honey of the Dahl Fosters, Critter Room kitten cam), from her daughter Tilly (Matilda).

-Karibou Harper

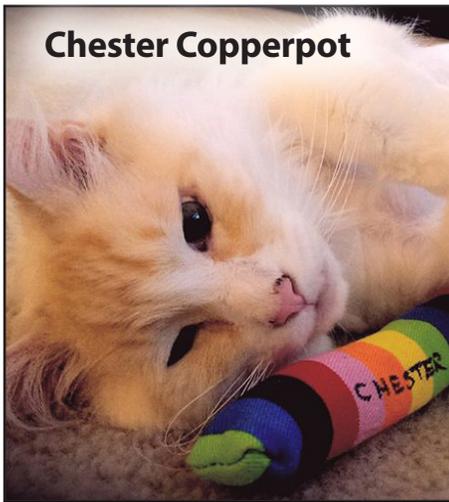
I wanted to post and let you know how much we love our Purrfect Pals adoptions, Allyn and Nic. Allyn, the tabby, was adopted at the Average Joe Cat Show 11 years ago, and his grey and white snuggle buddy, Nic, came from one of your adoption events at Petsmart 10 years ago. Sadly Nic just passed away a week ago from cancer. He had a wonderfully vibrant spirit that is so missed but we are grateful for the time we had together.

-Debi Lana



Nic and Allyn

In Honor and In Memory



Chester Copperpot

In loving memory of Chester Copperpot. I will miss his sweet face on my Facebook feed. Thank you Purrfect Pals for finding Chester a new home when he needed one. My condolences to Chesters family on their loss. Thank you for sharing him on Facebook. His spirit will live forever in my heart.

-Sherry Douceur

In Honor of Pumpkin Patch.

-Helen Russo

In Honor of Whitney Whitworth.

-Aidra Frazier

In Memory of Sissy.

-Susan Turner

In Honor of Chloe DeWold-Domingo.

-Kristin White

In Memory of Jo Craven.

-Pat Doucette

In Honor of Linda.

-Shane Henderson

In Memory of Major Tom who was a stray adopted by Teri & her family when he was an older cat. He brought Teri & her family lots of love and companionship.

-Sheri L. Pemberton

In Memory of Hobbs.

-Deborah Smith

In Memory of Sam the Buddha cat.

-Jolie Wheeling

In Memory of Hiede.

-Patty Struck

In Memory of Oliver.

-Jennifer Wietzke

In Honor of John Bartlett & the Kitten Cam, and the rest of the foster kitten program.

-Jennifer Bedford

In Loving Memory of Cyndy Wilson, my twin sister.

-Patty Hughes

In Memory of Sydney.

-Kai Kubota

In Honor of Gail Spivack.

-Lauran Natarajan

In Honor of Matt & Shara's wedding.

-Sarah Bibler

In Memory of Chester Copperpot, a very special cat who touched the hearts of many cat lovers. This handsome orange boy had some rough years early in his life, but that all changed when he came to Lynnwood PetSmart to find his forever home and met Sue Masser. Sue admits that Chester was her first "Kitty Crush" as a volunteer. Sue made sure Chester found the best mom and dad ever. His last three years were the best any kitty could ask for. Chester is missed by many.

-Lorrie Lippert

In Memory of Luna.

-Hank Balson

In Memory of Hobbs.

-Deborah Smith

In Honor of Carol Ann Brown.

-Aaron Brown

In Memory of Donna Rhoades.

-Kent Evans

In Memory of our son Rob.

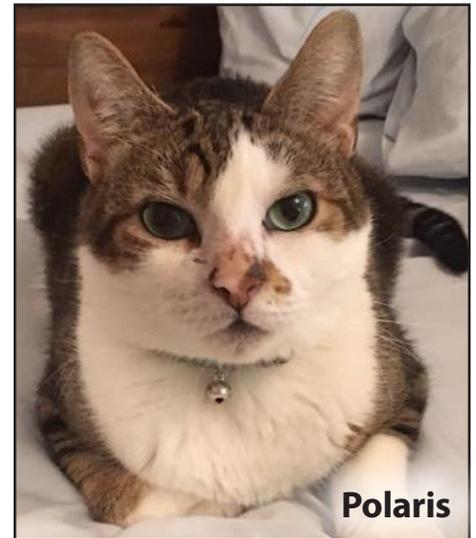
-Harold & Joanne Woltzen

In Honor of Phanny Peters.

-Lyn Peters



Rennie



Polaris

It's with a heavy heart that I have to tell you we said goodbye to Polaris on Sunday. He's brightened our house for the entire time we've had him - waking us up every morning yowling for breakfast, sleeping in our bed every night. He insisted on being in the same room with us at all times, constantly exploring and interested in anything we were doing. He loved his brothers, cats and dogs alike, and was constantly snuggling with them. He was a total goofball and honestly the bravest cat I have ever known. I never once saw him scared. If I could insert videos, I'd show you the ridiculous ones of our roomba cleaning around him while he sat there, refusing to move despite it shoving into him over and over. Or maybe the one of him riding the roomba. The point is, we had a lot of fun.

It's the care Purrfect Pals provided that brought Polaris into our lives. You constantly take chances on special needs kitties, providing them care and love in a world that would - on the most part - write them off completely. We benefited greatly from that. As Jonathan said, "Who knew one little cat could mean so much?"

I'm not about to try and shove another cat into this Polaris-shaped hole in my life, but Jonathan and I found what we think is a nice solution. We have decided to sponsor Hoku Cheerio. He has seizures and is a bit of a medical mystery, just like Polaris was. It just feels like the right thing to do.

-Heather and Jonathan

In Memory of Rennie, AKA Miss Honey, of the Dahl Kittens.

-Kimm Schaut

In memory of Rennie (formerly Miss Honey of the Dahl Fosters, Critter Room kitten cam), from her daughter Tilly (Matilda).

-Karibou Harper

Purrfect Endings



Daphne Terre

We love our little kitty queens, Emperor Furiosa and Ellen Ripley, that we adopted last Christmas. I call them my cat-dogs because they are so very people oriented and they play with anything and everything. We love them so much. Just wanted you to know they are very loved and cared for.

-Debbie Whitener

It has been two years since we adopted Carrot, our first Purrfect Pals cat. He is an absolute delight. Its hard not to love a cat who wants to bring toys to your feet and just wants to be petted so that he can purr away while snuggling under the blankets. Last summer, he even helped welcome Ruby, our third cat, a Purrfect Pals cat previously known as Sensei. The two absolutely adore each other and love to cuddle together. What a joy it is to have Carrot in our lives.

-Nyasha, Kody, Angua, and Ruby

We adopted two brothers one year ago today from the Lynnwood Petco. They were Potter and Weasley but since we adopted them on St. Patrick's Day, their names were changed to Guinness and Jameson! Both are doing great!

-Janet Franson Segur

Update: Its been a week in my new home and I am settling in nicely. I had to stay safe in a pen for a few days until my brother and I got used to each other. Now we chase and play and groom each other. He takes his job as my babysitter very seriously! Sometimes I tire him out (which my parents didn't think would be possible). Everyone is in love with me!

-Daphne Terre



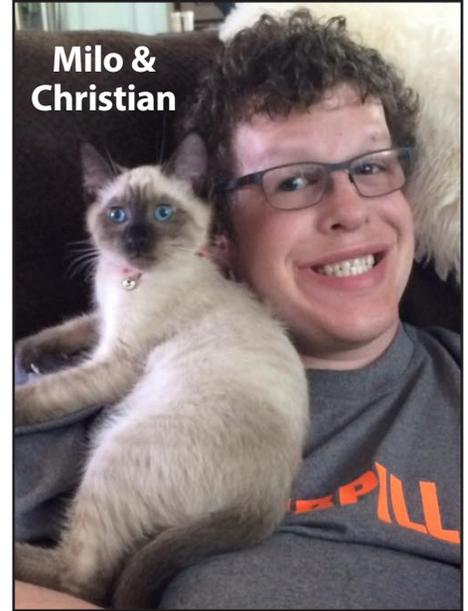
Lilliput

I adopted my boy, Chimo, from Purrfect Pals a little over three years ago now and he's the best thing that's ever happened to me. He's moved with me four times since then, and has gained two brothers! (Dogs). He's not the biggest fan of no longer being an only child but he's still the cuddliest boy in town and loves his belly rubs and sleeping with his momma. He's also very vocal about me being over 5 minutes late to feeding him. Thank you, Purrfect Pals for letting me find my best friend.

-Summer Paurus

I realized that I never sent an update about how Rhododendron is doing - we are having a ball together! I decided to call her Lilliput, since she is such a tiny girl. I've attached a photo of her with her lion cut starting to grow out a bit. Things were a bit touch and go at the beginning with her litter training, but we managed! She responded well to confinement training, and since then she has had only one accident! She has two litter boxes, one filled with cat attract litter and the other lined with a pee pad, and she seems to like being able to choose where to do her business. Her favorite things to do are snooze next to me while I read and play with string! Thanks for running such a great organization!

-Ellie Janzen



Milo & Christian

Maa is adjusting wonderfully! He is such a sweet boy and is a pro muffin maker. We've decided to change his name to Milo. He is such a sweet little guy! He's always purring when you pick him up, and both Lyta and Tuba (Aka Manny) are enjoying a new buddy to run around with at 2am. It sounds like a stampede of buffalo.

-Paige and Christian

It's gotcha day for Snickers and Guinness! We brought them home from Denny's Pet World two years ago today and they've added nothing but fun to our home. Thank you for giving senior kitties a second (and sometimes third and fourth) chance!

-Dave and Alison Zurcher



Carrot

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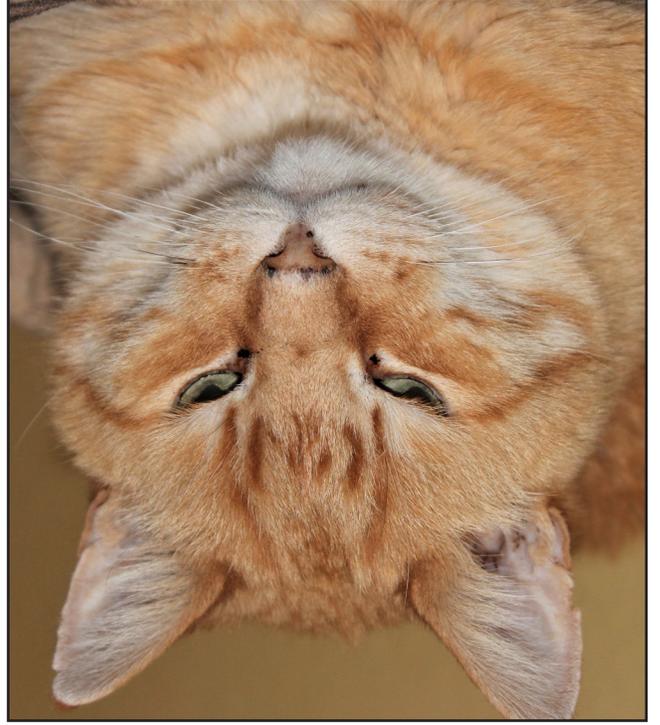
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