

The Purrfect Pals PURR



The Quarterly Purrfect Pals Newsletter • Because Every Cat Matters... • Summer 2018 Edition

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Strong financial health and a commitment to accountability and transparency recently earned Purrfect Pals a **4-star rating** from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator!



NO ONE PARTIES LIKE CRAZY CAT PEOPLE!

We're Celebrating our 30th Anniversary and Hope You Will Come Join the Party!

In 1988, a cat lover named Kathy Centala took a look around her community and didn't like what she found. She saw far too many unwanted cats and kittens whose only options were, in most cases, overcrowded shelters with high euthanasia rates.

Kathy wondered what could be done to improve the odds for these cats. She decided that the only solution was to take away the option of euthanasia completely. Ignoring the critics who told her it wasn't possible, Kathy opened the Northwest's first no kill cat shelter and sanctuary.

Thirty years later, Purrfect Pals still believes that every cat matters, every cat is adoptable and every cat deserves a loving home... especially those with special medical or behavioral needs. We fall in love with these special cats and kittens not in spite of, but because of their differences.

To celebrate the past three decades and all that Purrfect Pals has accomplished with help from cat lovers like you, we're hosting an Open House at our Arlington Sanctuary on Saturday, August 25th. Please stop in to celebrate with us anytime between 9am and 5pm! 🐾



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
30th Anniversary
Open House!
Saturday, August 25th
9am-5pm at the Purrfect Pals Sanctuary
230 McRae Rd NE, Arlington, WA 98223
Come meet our cats, take a tour of our new building, enjoy some cake and help us celebrate the first 30 years of Purrfect Pals!



PurrfectPals

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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From the Desk of our Executive Director

Purrfect Pals Creates Positive Outcomes

By Kathleen Olson, CAWA

Since 1988, Purrfect Pals has been a lifeline, especially for cats entering animal shelters in the Puget Sound Region. It is such a joy to be part of this team that is dedicated to ending cat homelessness while providing quality care to the cats that need us most.

When I was hired by the Board of Directors at the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County in 2007, the mandate was to become a "no kill" community with positive outcomes for at least 90% of the pets that entered the shelter.

At that time, just 41% of shelter cats had a positive outcome and the numbers weren't any better in other jurisdictions. But there was a glimmer of hope – affordable spay/neuter to address overpopulation was being funded and citizens were independently trapping feral cats to be sterilized and providing them food, water and shelter in their outdoor homes. Purrfect Pals, having moved to its Arlington location in 1993, was gaining momentum as a shelter partner and community resource.

In 2014, things were looking up for felines in this region. Some 75% of cats were surviving shelter stays. At the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) Animal Care Expo in May 2014, Dr. Kate Hurley and Dr. Julie Levy issued a challenge to the 2000+ animal welfare attendees: to help save one million cats by 2019 by lowering shelter euthanasia by that number.

Organizations accepted the Million Cat Challenge with pledges for how many more cats they thought they could save by balancing intake, humane capacity within their shelters and more live outcomes.

The Humane Society shelter in Tacoma pledged to save 1000 more cats in Pierce County. We needed help, though. Cats that were too young, too old, or too sick had a very slim chance of making it out



Kathleen Olson and Quintin

the front door.

But then we received a lifeline... Susan Bark, Purrfect Pals Foster Care and Shelter Relocation Manager, visited the Pierce County shelter in 2015 to offer the option of positive outcomes for our population of hard-to-place cats facing euthanasia – those with chronic viral conditions and the senior and medically fragile cats that required more time and resources than an open admission shelter could provide.

Pierce County achieved the gold standard 90%+ live release rate in 2016. Affordable spay/neuter, resources for pet owners, a Community Cat Program and adoption promotions were part of the solution.

But the last and final piece was finding a sanctuary for the most vulnerable cats -- thanks to that offer from the first organization in the state to create a place for the cats that needed it most – Purrfect Pals.

So, where are we today? The Million Cat Challenge exceeded its five-year goal in just four years – with 1,148,129 cats saved nationally from 2014-2017. Purrfect Pals is a Million Cat Challenge

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Dear Tabby...

CAT BEHAVIOR ADVICE FROM
TABIGAIL VAN PURRIN'

Dear Tabby,

We recently adopted a new kitty, a two year-old boy named Jekyll. Jekyll is incredibly affectionate and sweet, not just with us but with our family and friends as well. So, we were really surprised when we took him to the vet for the first time and he freaked out and attacked the doctor, who ultimately had to cut the visit short because he wouldn't stop panicking and lashing out. What can we do to help Jekyll not turn into Hyde every time we take him to the vet?

*Signed,
Jekyll's Mom*

Dear Mom,

Hoo boy. This is a biggie. Most of us kitties don't like anything about going to the vet, and the anxiety and stress often begins for us long before we even get to the clinic. We feel it from you, we react to things like the cat carrier coming out of the garage, we hate the car, we have no idea if the strange person with the white coat is going to try to eat us or what. It all seems very scary and bad.

Luckily, there are a lot of things you can do you help Jekyll overcome this fear. Unluckily, it's going to require a fair amount of time and effort on your part. (Sorry!)

It's important to do that work, though, because anxiety and fear that leads to lashing out is one of the most common reasons cats don't get the veterinary evaluations and care they need, and it can be a problem that escalates as your kitty gets older and potentially develops a chronic health condition that needs more frequent care.

The process for helping a kitty overcome vet-related stress is the same as the process for helping a kitty overcome just about anything: what you want to do is

break down whatever it is into stages and start working on it one stage at a time.

For a vet visit, those stages typically look like this:

1. The cat carrier. Unlike dogs, cats don't often go places with you, and so, for most of us, the cat carrier is something we only see and get into when something Very Terrible is about to happen (i.e., a stressful vet visit).

If Jekyll reacts negatively to the carrier, here's where you want to start. First, instead of always storing it out of sight, put it on the floor in his favorite room. Make a comfy bed in there and leave the door open so he can come and go at will. Put food and treats in there and encourage him to go inside. Sometimes, but not always, close the door when he's in there, pick the carrier up, walk a few steps, then put it down again and let him out. The goal is to remove the association between the cat carrier and something scary happening.

2. The car ride. Once Jekyll is chill with the carrier, now it's time to take it to the next level. Load him up and take him for a drive that doesn't end with anything scary! Drive around for about as long as it takes to get to your vet (if that's too long for comfort, start with 10 minutes and work up). Then go home, and reward Jekyll with lots of treats and praise. Try to do this at least once a week for a while, until Jekyll no longer shows any anxiety about it.

3. THE VET, OH NO! Oh yes! Once a car ride is No Big Deal too, start actually driving your cat to the vet's office! Go there, take Jekyll into the waiting room, let him hear the sounds, smell the smells, see the sights, and then just leave. Go back home and reward him with treats and praise. Try asking your vet if you can bring Jekyll in about once a month for a weight check for free (explain why!)

— a lot of clinics will offer this service with the assistance of a tech. This will show Jekyll that going to the vet doesn't always mean being poked or squeezed. Or eaten! Sometimes it just means getting picked up by a stranger and put right back down again. AND THEN THERE ARE TREATS, WOO!

4. Actual vet exam day! Now that you've spent the last several months doing all this incredible work to help Jekyll overcome his anxiety, DON'T BLOW IT by being really anxious on the day of the appointment yourself! Kitties pick up on your stress – boy, do we ever! -- and it makes US stressed! Don't make us stressed, yo!

If you don't feel like you can be cool, ask your vet if you can do a test: does Jekyll do better with the doctor if you leave the room? If so, leave the room! It'll be okay! They won't eat him! (Probably!)

Overcoming this kind of fear and anxiety can be really hard for us kitties, for sure. But breaking the vet visit down into stages and addressing each trigger one at a time can make a huge difference for your pet's stress on the big day. This may take months! But I assure you that it'll be worth it for you, Jekyll, AND your veterinarian.

NO MORE HYDE-ING, JEKYLELL!

Ear scratches and nose boops,
Tabigail van Purrin'



NO ONE PARTIES LIKE CRAZY CAT PEOPLE!

Join Us for our Black Cat Ball Gala!

OCTOBER 27TH AT 5:00PM AT MEYDENBAUER CENTER IN BELLEVUE

The 21st Annual Black Cat Ball will take place the evening of Saturday, October 27th, 2018, at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue and you (and your cat loving friends and family!) are cordially invited to join us. **Tickets are now available at purrfectpals.org/bcb.**

The Black Cat Ball is definitely not a stuffy or boring fundraising event. It's a relaxed yet FUN celebration of cats and the people who love them. If you are crazy about kitties, this is the event for you! Halloween costumes are encouraged but not required. Many of our guests come dressed in evening or business casual attire. We won't even judge you if your costume, gown or shirt has cat hair on it!

This year we will also be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Purrfect Pals at the Black Cat Ball so, if you've never attended, this is the perfect year to join us!

Complimentary champagne will be flowing as you browse our silent auction tables with items priced for every budget, from \$15 to thousands of dollars. You'll have the chance to bid on over 500 items in our live and silent auctions, including a relaxing Holland America cruise, wonderful evenings of dinner theater and music and stays in elegant hotels.

During our live auction our guests will enjoy a delicious three-course vegetarian (or vegan) dinner while Randy Scott, radio personality, entertains and inspires them.

We will have jewelry, art glass and paintings as well as baskets of goodies, home decor, collectibles, electronics, delicious desserts, gourmet kitchen items, garden art and a wide variety of gift cards. There will be plenty cat items to choose from, of course, including cat-themed art, cat trees, catio designs, scratchers, beds and toys. You can even bid to have your cat's



photo featured in the 2020 Purrfect Pals calendar (perhaps even on the cover?).

Don't have room in your house for one more thing? We've got you covered with experiences galore! Exciting afternoons of whale watching and kayaking trips, yoga classes, music and dance lessons, relaxing massages and spa treatments will be available to tempt you. You can host a circle of your friends at wine tastings across the Pacific Northwest and then take home a bottle of the kind of wine that has critics buzzing. Not a wine lover? How about a cheese making class where plenty of tasting encouraged? Yum!

The Black Cat Ball is the perfect opportunity to finish your holiday shopping for friends and family members so be sure to bring your "nice list" with you!

All proceeds from the Black Cat Ball support the life-saving work that Purrfect Pals is doing for cats and cat owners in our community. Our goal is to end cat homelessness in the Puget Sound region and we are very proud of all that has been accomplished during the past thirty years thanks to the support of cat lovers in our community like **YOU**. We are even more excited to see what we can accomplish together in the next thirty!

All of us at Purrfect Pals are looking forward to celebrating with you on October 27th!



FOR TICKETS OR EVENT INFO VISIT:
PURRFECTIONPALS.ORG/BCB

Help Us Make the 21st Annual Black Cat Ball our Best Yet!

Organizing our Black Cat Ball Gala is a lot of work and we sure could use your help getting ready for October 27th!

DONATE AUCTION ITEMS

Have you ever wondered where those 500 auction items come from? They're all donated! Some of those donations are made by hotels, artists, restaurants and jewelers. Most, however, come from cat loving Purrfect Pals supporters like you.

We welcome a wide variety of items and experiences of all values. Popular items that always do well include cat stuff, restaurant or store gift cards, fine wines, artisan beer and spirits, artwork, electronics and gift baskets of all themes.

Who do you know who might give a stay in their vacation home or a pair of tickets to the symphony, theater or a Seahawks game? Those are always at the top of our auction item wish list.

Your donations can be mailed, dropped off or picked up. We just need the donation

form on this page filled out for whatever is donated. You can also complete our online donation form at purrfectpals.org/bcb.

Questions about donating? Please email us at bcb@purrfectpals.org or call Shawnna at 360-926-8494.

VOLUNTEER AT THE EVENT

Prefer to enjoy the Black Cat Ball from behind the scenes? We still have volunteer opportunities available! We need help now procuring or picking up auction items, promoting the event online and distributing posters and postcards to local businesses.

On October 27th, we will need help before, during and after the auction. During the day, we need volunteers to set up auction items and centerpieces. During the event, we need volunteers to check our guests in at the registration table,

pack up and distribute items to winning bidders, sell raffle tickets and more. For our night owls, we also need help cleaning up after the auction ends.

To sign up to volunteer at the Black Cat Ball, please call Sue at (360) 395-8285 or email us at bcb@purrfectpals.org.

BECOME AN EVENT SPONSOR

It's not too late to sign up as a Black Cat Ball sponsor! To learn more, please visit purrfectpals.org/bcb, call (360) 926-8447 or email us at bcb@purrfectpals.org.



Black Cat Ball Auction Item Donation Form

Feel free to photocopy this form if you need additional copies! Please complete this form and mail it to: Black Cat Ball, Purrfect Pals, 230 McRae Road NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

Volunteer Solicitor Information

Name _____

Day Phone _____

Donor Information

Name as it should appear in catalog _____

Contact Name (if different from above) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

Day Phone _____ Fax _____

website _____

Gift Information

Gift Item Name _____

Donor Est. Value \$ _____

Gift Item Description (please specify color, size, material, time available, exchangeability, valid for how many people, assembly required, and any other pertinent information):

Auction Item Delivery

☐ Item or gift certificate accompanies this donor form ☐ I would like Purrfect Pals to make a gift certificate for the item, details above.

☐ Item needs to be picked up (address/date/time)

Items not sold at the Black Cat Ball will be retained and sold in our other auctions, or through other means, to benefit Purrfect Pals

30th Anniversary Celebration

Purrfect Pals Then and Now: 1988-2018



1988 - Beginning in Brier

Purrfect Pals was founded by Kathy Centala in 1988 in Brier, Washington. Kathy had started a cat boarding business ("Purrfect Pals, a Cat Hotel") in her home but, before long, was accepting stray cats without anywhere else to go. Kathy's name spread even further after cat lovers heard about her "no-kill policy." Cats started coming in by the hundreds and people started calling her "the Mother Teresa of Cats." By 1992, Kathy was taking in up to 500 stray and unwanted cats annually and placing them up for adoption. In need of more space than Brier could accommodate, she began looking for a new home for Purrfect Pals.

1993 - Moving to Arlington

Kathy managed to scrape together the down payment for a modest house on five acres in rural Snohomish County. Kathy saw the property's unlimited potential, which would allow Purrfect Pals to expand and save more cats. Room by room, the house was renovated over the years, along with its two unattached garages, to create our original shelter, clinic and sanctuary buildings. We quickly outgrew the space and, with many cats still left to save, began dreaming bigger.



2017 - A New Adoption Center

In 2017, we completed construction of "Patty's House," a brand new 4000 sq ft building, at our Arlington sanctuary. We added a much-needed reception area and adoption center, additional office space, a new caretaker's studio for Kathy (who still lives at the sanctuary), an expanded pet food bank and several more cat rooms which were designed with special needs kitties in mind. Our newly expanded facility will allow us to increase our capacity, improve the services we offer and provide even better care for the cats in our community and their families...

Because Every Cat Matters.

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partner, joining this national movement to save all cats.

Purrfect Pals is among the hundreds of animal welfare organizations that recognize the need to continue to advance adoption, fostering, shelter support, and programs that help families and their pets stay together.

Purrfect Pals has been a pioneer in this work for the past 30 years, and continues to prove that every cat matters, especially those with special needs.

We expanded our facility with Patty's House, our new two-story, 4000 sq. foot building that came online last July, adding a reception and adoption center, administrative space, more housing for cats and a studio apartment for our 24/7 hospice cat caregiver – our founder Kathy Centala.

Thanks to generous grants from the Banfield Foundation, Petsmart Charities and the Gary E. Milgard Family Foundations, we have new dental equipment in our veterinary clinic, new flooring in our foster department, and an upgraded HVAC system in Building C (the original house). Some 26 new, stainless steel housing units for critical care cats will be installed in a few weeks.

Our pet food bank and spay and neuter voucher program help keep cats with their owners. Our foster program provides nurturing homes for cats of all ages.

"Monroe Corrections Kitten Connections," our Prison Foster Program, has graduated more than 700 kittens since 2006. Shy adult cats have been integrated into the program since 2014. The offenders make positive changes in their lifestyles as well to qualify to participate.

Volunteers work shifts at our seven offsite adoption locations in Snohomish and King Counties so that more cats can find their forever homes.

As we celebrate our 30th anniversary this summer, we imagine the possibilities for expanding services on our campus for cats and their people. Stay tuned.

The challenge continues. Together, we can save all the cats. Thank you for helping us do just that.

Kathleen Olson joined the Purrfect Pals staff as Executive Director in December 2017. A Certified Animal Welfare Administrator, she serves on the Board of the Washington State Federation of Animal Care and Control Agencies and the National Conference Committee for the Association for Animal Welfare Advancement. Before joining the Purrfect Pals team, Kathleen was the Executive Director for the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County for a decade. 🐾

In Honor and In Memory

In Memory of Mango. Sending some love to your healing home.

-Hank Balson

In Memory of Jean Home.

-Janet Straus

In Honor of Beau and Zig; much missed cat family from Purrfect Pals.

-Kayt Hoch

In Memory of Ada Ann Thompson.

-Susannah Woods

In Honor of Jeri Bell.

-Karen Andrews

In Memory of Hello Kitty Kerman. I miss Hello Kitty! I love Bubba & Midgi, though. I love you, Bubba and Midgie.

-Johanna Brown

In Memory of Henry a beloved cat.

-Shelli Rine

In Memory of Nerd, Derby, and Owl.

-Gregory Knepper

In Memory of Dr. Poopt.

-Jennifer Whitworth

In Memory of Faith, my companion cat of almost nineteen years.

-Pauline Minnick

In Memory of Jerita Ingle, a dear friend and kind person.

-Pat Bredouw

In Memory of Cossie and Angelica.

-Vicki Spadaro

In Honor of Julie's fabulous 50th birthday. Love you!

-Keri Forgey

In Memory of Jean Home; Thank you for many years of laughter together. I will miss your generous soul, smile and love for all creatures.

-Rebecca Pope

In Memory of Bart and Felix.

-Sara D'Eugenio

Thanks Abby for being a wonderful mom to Mr. Big and big sister to Noel; a Zen kitty with sense of fun and a little mischievous; our hearts miss you!

-Brent Herrmann, Michael Crawford, Mr. Big and Noel

In Memory of Cossie and Angelica.

-Vicki Spadaro

In Memory of my beloved Zuki; beautiful inside and out. The best thing I rescued from a yard sale.

-Vonny McCarver

In Memory of Baby Kitty; you gave this kitty a wonderful life.

-Marlene Patrick



Abby

In Honor and In Memory



Flower McFlower

In Memory of Flower McFlower, thank you for loving and caring for all the animals. Jeff & Lisa you are an inspiration to all animal lovers.

-Rachel Maas

In Memory of Tiberius, the best cat ever.

-Tanya Vail

In Memory of Jerry.

-Alisha Hendren

In Honor of Jamin Palmer. Thank you for donating your years of service to this wonderful organization.

-AnnMarie Fein

In Honor of Betty.

-Priscilla Frizzle

In Memory of Milly McCloskey.

-Kathy McCloskey

In Honor of Teddy.

-Marisol Moran

In Memory of all the caring kitty people.

-Karen Testa

In Memory of my two Purrfect Pals kitties, Gracie and Rascal.

-Terri Bauer-Rizzo

In Honor of Lynne Dixon.

-Susan Westphal

In Memory of Frango, Buddy, Butterball, Buddy Boo, and Sis.

-Denise Trautmann

In Memory of Mabel.

-Jamelyn Snoots

In Memory of Winkie.

-Maureen Morin

In Honor of Nana.

-Dev Soni

In Honor of Joan Rehrl. Dear Aunt Joan, a little bird told me that donating would be a wonderful gift for you in honor of Mother's day.

-Ingrid Graff

In Memory of Tucker.

-Beverley Murphy

In Memory of Calvin, Pippa, and Tyke.

-Amanda Lund

In Memory of Dennis.

-Patricia Revoyr

In Honor of my human who rescued and loves me.

-Tina Guzinski

In Memory of Monkey Wiggins, my dear kitty.

-Kerri Wiggins

In Memory of Catsie & Cleo, my beloved kitties.

-Collette Moffett

In Honor of Aaron & Tasha.

-Roxie Jackson

In Honor of Cody Bear.

-Margaret Anne Hilton

In Memory of John Sweetland.

-Meg Sweetland Baker

In Memory of Penny, my beloved Persian in heaven.

-Marla Weeks

In Honor of Xerxes.

-Gwen G.

In Memory of Oso.

-Barbara Bocek

In Memory of Jeannie Robinson.

-Julie Aulava

In Honor of Marian LaBeck.

-Alma Plasencia

In Honor of Stormy, Isabelle, and Tora my rescue Persians in the past.

-Marianne Andringa

In Honor of Kim Brinkley.

-Laura Phillips

In Memory of Clio and Jewels, my sweet cats.

-Kim Archer

In Memory of Luna the cat.

-Kacee Jernigan

In Memory of Missy.

-Susan Hawes

In Honor of Foster Dad John, Uncle Kougra & Aunt Sabby. Thank you FDJ for caring for the foster kitties, sharing your experiences and showing us the unique and wonderful personalities of cats and kittens.

-Cynthia Black, Marci Voss, Jan Brown, Martha Gunnarson, Susan Robinson, Lauri Burgess and Catherine Melchior

In Memory of Anthony Staggs.

-Cheryl Jenkins

In Honor of Pamela.

-Francine Henderson

In Honor of Pompei.

-Carla McKizzick

In Honor of Tito.

-Monica Mcgrath

In Honor of John Orrison.

-Morgan Williams

In Memory of Sonoma.

-Eric Rant

In Honor of Carolyn Austin, WSGR.

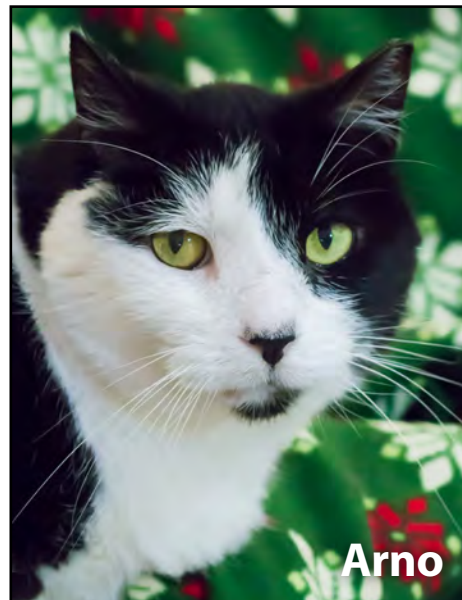
-Rosanna Carter

In Memory of Kevin Cady.

-Paula Weir

In Honor and In Memory

In Honor of Frank Lindeke. Happy Birthday! -Mary Ellen Reimund	In Memory of your beloved Lox, the great ginger hunter. -Debra Plotkin	In Memory of BK. -Beth Schlansky
In Memory of Ethel and Garry Greyerbiehl. -Clarissa Cole	In Memory of Fortune Cookie. -Krista Wray	In Memory of Wayne Hom. -Gayle Janzen
In Memory of Mr. Bear. -Jennifer Kaplan	In Memory of Mao Mao. -Linnea R.	In Memory of Bobby. -Karen Samuels
In Memory of Buddy Corrin; Buddy was the very best. With love, Auntie. -Diane Perry	In Memory of Venice. -Mike Gleeson	In Memory of Annie. -Carolyn Cummins
In Honor of Tilly's Friends. -Bryan Harper	In Memory of Shirley Colasurdo; please take good care of each other at this challenging time. Your mom was simply the best! -Plough Family -Cindy Smith	In Memory of Isabelle. -Craig Feyk
In Memory of a beloved kitty, Baxter. -Terri Bauer-Rizzo	In Memory of our four kitties. -Makana Macomber	In Memory of Lily. -Toni Keefer
In Memory of Bruce Wayne. -Sarah Onofrey	In Memory of Mom, I love you. -Susan Larsen	In Memory of Daytona. -Anna Bowlin
In Memory of Gladys. -Dana Simpson	In Memory of Dorothy. -Kay Staeger	In Honor of Paul. -Nicole Upson
In Honor of Monica Jones. -Monica Larsen	In Honor of Jordan Juranek, Happy 21 st Birthday! -Trent Ollerenshaw	In Honor of Max and Tala. -Ayana Looney
In Memory of Helen Hood. -Kimberly Hillier	In Honor of Holly, Torrey, and Zach. -RE West	In Honor of all the kitties everywhere. -Martha Garrett
In Memory of Snicks, Beebe, Sienna, Earl, and Punkin. -Lori Gwin	In Honor of Angel Kitty. -Amanda Lund	In Loving Memory of Arno, who came to live in the Purrfect Pals Sanctuary in 2006. This special boy lived with and was cherished by Kathy Centala for twelve wonderful years before he crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Rest in Peace, Arno. -Friend of Purrfect Pals
In Memory of Millie. -Paige Garberding	In Memory of our sweet little Ellie. -Judy Noel	
In Honor of John Kuray. -Samantha Kuray	In Memory of Collette. -Chris MacDonald	
In Memory of Esmee. -Samantha Kuray	In Honor of Orion. -Mary Hannan	
In Memory of Riley Valdez. -Rebecca Smith	In Memory of Tommy. -Stephanie Elsy	
In Honor of Lucky. -Becky Reid	In Memory of my Parents. -Jenny Adams	
In Memory of Tootsie Roll. -Mariesa Houston	In Memory of Margo Douglas; a little piece of your heart will always belong to Mojo. -Terri Hawdon	
In Honor of Obi the best cat ever! -Tammy Borkowski		
In Honor of Peggy B. -Mary Francis		



Purrfect Endings

We adopted Kaylee back in November of 2017 and she is doing so well! Hardly any wobble, it shows up when she is stressed or excited. Her hind legs have gotten stronger, she can now sit up for her daily brushing and can stand up on her hind legs to use her scratching post. She has stairs for the sofa in the living room and LOVES to be out on the deck drinking water from the bird bath and surveying her domain. We have two other kitties and the calico and Kaylee are not the best of friends but they tolerate each other. The Maine Coon and Kaylee have a love affair going. He wants to cuddle so badly and she is not there yet, though she will allow him to curl up next to her and his tail can touch her, so it always does. We got her toys recommended on the CH kitty Facebook page to work on her core and she is so much stronger, for better or worse, when Angel, our calico is being obnoxious, Kaylee can now chase her and put an end to the nonsense. I swear it's like having toddlers in the house again. We can't imagine life without our little wobble cat!

-Jo Dee and Nick

Dear Purrfect Pals, thank you so much for all the good work that you do on behalf of our cat population. I have visited your shelter and know that all your workers and volunteers are animal loving and compassionate people. I follow you on Facebook and know that in spite of the heartbreaking stories there are many caring people out there. I told you last year that my husband and I adopted our Carly because she was the only cat not adopted



Kaylee

on Valentine's day. She looked so lonely and vulnerable in her little cage that we really had no choice, she was meant for us. How lucky we were. I could write pages telling of all the funny sweet things she does but I know you have heard these stories thousands of times from other lucky cat families. Well, we wanted to give an older cat a loving home and she has repaid us in so many ways. We have had her a little over two years now and can't imagine life without her. I admire so much about the work that you do and if there were more shelters like yours the world would be a better place. I hope you will accept the enclosed check as a small token of our gratitude.

-Joan Rehrl

Dear Kathy and Pals! Thinking of you all, especially our furry friends. Hoping our friends find loving homes soon. You are so amazing at what you do all year round! Saving cats and kittens by giving them your care and kindness and finding new homes all throughout the years. Kelly Kitty is now 19 and doing fabulous. Hope you all are too.

-Cal, Chris, and JT Gant

Zoey, a border collie, was adopted in 2014 from the Skagit Valley Humane Society and has become friend's with Scooter (aka Pepsi) who I adopted in September, from Purrfect Pals. As you can see they're both sizing each other up. As it turns out Scooter is the dominant one but they both respect and secretly enjoy their time together.

-Connie Murry

We brought home two FIV+ chunks, Alice and Coliver, last week and wanted to send an update on these babies, because I know how much everyone loves them there. The first couple of days, Coliver mostly slept in his window bed. He must have just been feeling a little crummy from his shots, though, because now he owns the place. He emerged from the bedroom, strolled over to the German Shepard, sniffed noses with him and head bumped him and strolled right on by with his tail in the air. Alice is obviously more timid and insecure without front claws, but she's made friends with the little dog. If the big dog could calm down a little she would be more apt to like him too. Coliver's



Zoey and Scooter

confidence really helps her be braver. They are both just great love bugs and snugglers with super loud motors. We love our new chunk babies very much! Oh and Coliver bounds up down the stairs two at a time, so maybe that will help his waistline a bit. If they could talk they would say, "Thank you, Purrfect Pals, for taking such good care of us and giving us a safe place and a chance at great long lives!"

-Cami and Kory

I adopted my two loves from you in October of 2016. Fred and Ginger. Brother and sister Maine Coons. I had recently lost my 20 year old cat and I was desperately lonely. They were at PetSmart in Lynnwood. I promised my husband I was "just going to look". Oops. I haven't regretted one moment. Fred waits in the front window every night for his humans to come home, and Ginger sleeps snuggles up to me every night. When I make my lunch in the morning she sits at my feet, and if I don't 'accidentally' drop any chicken for her she tugs on my robe to remind me! They are petted, pampered, and loved. I try every day to show them how happy they make me. Cat toys are everywhere in my house and I wouldn't change it.

Proud and delighted to be owned by Fred and Ginger,

-Amy Graham

Special Thanks to:

Petsmart Charities, who gave us a very generous grant to replace the Heating and Cooling system in our oldest building. The cats are much more comfortable now!

The Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, who awarded a \$5,000 grant to Purrfect Pals to provide vouchers for free spay and neuter surgeries for low-income cat owners.

S&S Roofing in Arlington, who came to our rescue when our veterinary clinic's room started leaking. They gave us a very generous discount and their crew was wonderful to work with!

Bundy Carpet in Marysville, who were also very generous when we needed to replace the floor in our foster office. Their staff went above and beyond to help us and the floor looks fantastic!

Pet Food Experts in Fife for the three pallets of grain-free cat food and litter they donated to Purrfect Pals!

Purina, for their very generous donation of three pallets of Pro Plan cat food and Tidy Cat Litter!

Trupanion Employees who organized a food and supply drive for shelter pets and delivered a truck full of donations to our sanctuary!

Tatum Farr, who sold handmade books to friends and family to raise money for Purrfect Pals cats and kittens.

The Employees of **3Wire**, who held a pet food and supply drive in their office to support Purrfect Pals.

The **Kitten Cam Fans** from all over the world who donated **ChickenWhale** toys for Purrfect Pals and **Donna**, who mailed them all the way from the Netherlands!



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