

# The Purrfect Pals PURR



The Purrfect Pals Newsletter • Because Every Cat Matters... • Summer 2023 Edition

## Purrfect Pals Celebrates Four Feline Leukemia Kitties Going to Forever Homes!



Quizard:  
Sweet Quizzly called Purrfect Pals home off and on after originally coming in as a kitten in 2011. In April 2023, she was adopted to a wonderful home with another resident FeLV+ kitty!



Billy:  
With his playful and easy-going persona, three-year-old Billy quickly won the hearts of many staff and volunteers after arriving in May 2022. It took just a little over a year for Billy to also win the heart of his new meowmy <3



Broccoli:  
Two-year-old Broccoli's time at Purrfect Pals was a bit of a whirlwind as he arrived in mid-May 2023 and, due to his cuddly demeanor, this adorable house panther was adopted before the month was up.



Douglas Furr:  
FIV+ and FeLV+ Dougie was a bit spicy when he arrived in February 2021. By June 2023, he'd softened into an extreme cuddlebug and wriggled into the arms of his new pawrents at five years young.



# 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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*Artwork by Constance Perenyi*

Our 2023 auction will offer items and experiences for every taste and budget including cat beds, cat trees, toys and supplies, Pacific NW wines and wine tastings, artwork, antiques and collectibles, jewelry, relaxing getaways, home décor, electronics and more!

All proceeds from the Black Cat Ball support the lifesaving work that Purrfect Pals is doing for cats and kittens in our community. Our goal is to end cat homelessness in the Puget Sound region, and we would love for you to be part of that mission.

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The funds raised from your donation will help Purrfect Pals save the lives of thousands of cats in the Puget Sound Region! The Black Cat Ball provides more operating funds for Purrfect Pals than any other fundraiser. Supporters will come together to enjoy this fun and festive Halloween-themed event that will feature items for sale in a silent and live auction, a champagne reception, assorted appetizers, a cash bar and a delicious gourmet vegan pasta or salmon dinner buffet, including salad, rolls and wine. Guests are invited to come in dressy casual or formal attire or a costume.

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# In Honor and In Memory



*In Honor of 15-year-old Cowgirl, a precious calico beauty who passed in May.*

In Memory of Mind-Lou.

In Memory of Barb "Midnight".

In Honor of Sonny & Cher.

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

In Memory of Tasha.

In Honor of my friends from the Cat Planet.

In Honor of Zuzu Peepers.

In Memory of Thelonius Monk Parris.

In Honor of Phanny Peters.

In Honor of Kourtne Hertlein, daughter of Korrina Ferg.

In Memory of Sondra Nelson.

In Memory of Avery.

In Honor of Denise Anderson.

With profound sadness we announce the passing of Lucy, age 13. A magnificent and exceptional cat in all respects. She was beautiful, gentle, smart, well groomed, strong & a constant companion. A big softy and goofball. Her affection was 100% for myself & Margie. We miss her terribly.

In Memory of Good Brothers.

In Honor of Sylvia's Birthday.

In Memory of Bonnie & Bobby

and many other cat friends and "relatives".

In Memory of Irv Hansen.

In Memory of Marjorie Waldheim.

In Honor of John Bartlett.

In Memory of my god-kitty, Tarah C.

In Memory of Zoey Britt, a Purrfect Pals alum who lived the good life for 20-years with my friends.

In Memory of MRF & Ari Kai.

In Memory of Brynn. Brynn was a very senior kitty cat (19-years old) who was well loved and cared for by Kelly R.

In Honor of Roswell.

In Memory of Macduff & Rafa.

In Honor of Sharon Russell's Birthday.

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

In Memory of my mother, Mary Martin, who passed away 4/15/23. Mom was 90 years of age when she passed. She loved kittens and cats and learned of you through Foster Dad John's kitten cams in 2012.

In Honor of Keeley.

In Honor of Harry, Zurk & Nicole.

In Honor of Spooky Sailor.

In Honor of Alastor (Hummer Scooter).

In Memory of Winston & Veela.

In Honor of Dexter, Moji & Friends.

In Memory of Paul O'Grady.

In Honor of Zeke & Zoey Matson.

In Memory of Tasha.

In Honor of my friends from the Cat Planet.

In Memory of my beloved 18.5-year-old kitty, Troy, who passed away in May.

In Honor of our little fur baby, Wednesday, who turns sweet 16 later this month! We adopted her from Purrfect Pals via PetSmart back in 2007.

In loving memory of Maggie McDangles and with such gratitude to Purrfect Pals, who brought her into my life, where she made all the difference.

In memory of Todd Anthony Pfeifle and In Honor of his loving mother, Kathleen Olson, and all those who will miss him.

In memory of my babies, Percy, Charlie, and Jackson. May no other kitten struggle with what you all had to.

In Memory of Craig. Today would have been my dad's 63rd birthday. He loved cats, and he would have loved the work you do.

In memory of Frodo, the happiest cat I've ever known, who passed away Jan 29th. He was my greeter, lap warmer, and furry alarm clock and I miss him.

In Honor of Brandi Brown for her kindness to our friend who recently moved to Mill Creek from PA.

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In honor of Disco, beloved kitty. May her memory always be a blessing.

In Memory of TinyKitten Nano, who needed the same surgery.

In Memory of my Lester, who left this world far too soon.

In Honor of my daughter Luna, who cares so much about kitties.

In Honor of Gordon Ramsey & Sweet Pea (aka Sriracha).

In Memory of Korrina Ferguson's daughter, Kourtne Hertlein.

In Memory of Bonnie & Bobby and many other cat friends and "relatives"

In Honor of FDJ & Jessica. They do so much, including bringing me into the Purrfect Pals family.

In Memory of Omer "Old Man" Pysson from PUD Sunshine Club.

In Memory of Pippin J. Shenanigans, Esq. He was lucky to have you as his family. I'll miss his nightly hunting escapades. Hugs to you all. The Bauer-Rizzo Family.

In Memory of Beverly (fka Maggie Magnus). RIP sweet girl.

In Honor of our favorite Vets, Carolyn & Susan.

In Memory of Soochie & Poe.

In Memory of Madeline Goldsmith. Loni and Ron, Our heartfelt condolences to you as you bear the loss of your wonderful Maddie. Much love, Weldon and Sandy

In Memory of Louie. We are so sad you had to say goodbye.

In Memory of Kumiko Kurosaka

In Memory of Sorsha.

In Memory of Tiger Lily & Moochie Bell.

In Honor of Clarissa Cole

In Memory of Peanut.

In Honor of Harry.

In Memory of Leo. My Hero, a real gentleman.

In Memory of Barbara, a dear friend no longer with us.

In Memory of Len Berlind.

In Memory of Carrol Cook.

In Memory of Zoey Talulah.

In Memory of my soul kitty, Tasha.

In Memory of Mazzie.

In Memory of Isabella.

In Memory of Tilly Dahl.

In Memory of Jill Pickford.

In Memory of Edward J. Zapata.

In Memory of Dree Ritter.

In Memory of Sterling.

In Honor of Shadow the cat.

In Memory of Mittens.

In Memory of Toothless, Romi & Mac.

In Honor of Carole Manganaro. Thanks for all the care you devote to the animals and especially Frankie.

In Memory of Gizmo.

In Memory of Ella.

In Honor of ChenYu Hua. To Huahua & Perper~ May all the happiness and joy be tightly by your side!

My tortie Jade

In Memory of Alice.

In Memory of Lester Berry. We're incredibly sorry for your loss. His time with you may have been short, but every second of it was packed full of love. -Your Logic teammates

In Honor of Michino.

In Honor of Bob Smiley.

In Honor of Linda Fraser, Happy Birthday!

In Memory of "Sky" who was a very special kitty. Love, Karen & Ralph.

In Honor of Dona Bubelis.

In Memory of Macduff & Rafa.

In Honor of Sharon Russell's Birthday. Sharon, I couldn't think of a more purrfect way to celebrate you (Puck, Amber & Dexter) on your birthday. They are (and have been) so important to you.

In Honor of Gerald Schwab.

In Memory of Ancho (aka Club at Purrfect Pals).

In Memory of Sean Stringer.

In Memory of Rusty.

In Honor of Linda, Happy Mother's Day.

In Memory of Cathy Ackert.

In Honor of Sebastian Corrington III.

In Honor of Roswell.

In Memory of Sydney.

In Memory of sweet Furley and In Honor of Suzann Finch.

In Memory of Michael G. Wenk.

In Honor of the wonderful people at Purrfect Pals.

In Memory of Izzy

In Memory of Patch, my first foster and Purrfect Pals kitty.

In Memory of Red.

In Memory of Meesha.

In Memory of Guthrum my very special boy.

In Memory of my beloved Cyrano "Ratty" L. Catte.

In Memory of Tilly.

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In Honor of Suzanne Halsey.

In Memory of Monika.

In Memory of Linda Ness.

In Honor of Meg Wood.

In Memory of Stormy & Miss Pretty.

In Honor of Cowgirl.

In Memory of Tiger Lily.

In Memory of Tina Turner & Sweet Pea!

In Memory of Jazmine & In Honor of Mildred.

In Honor of Oliver.

In Honor of Otis & Blue.

In Memory of Kiara.

In Memory of Meomoto.

In Memory of Michelle "The Habitually Disappointed Cat".

In Memory of Alistair.

In Memory of Stitch & Sox.

In Memory of Lucy in the sky.

In Memory of Ginger the best little doggo out there.

In Memory of Dorothy Eikenger.

In Memory of Lucy, Rory & Missy.

In Memory of Dorothy.

In Memory of Tifa.

In Memory of Ashley Morrison.

In Memory of Wrexie.

In Memory of Midnight.

In Honor of Jacquie.

In Memory of Marjorie Mae Sigurdson.

In Memory of Tatania, our first Purrfect Pals adoptee.

In Honor of Luna & Stella.

In Honor of Kati Hoeschen. Hope your birthday was wonderful.

In Honor of Chieko Kashiwagi a lover of cats! Happy late Birthday to you!

In Honor of Judi Sorensen. Happy Birthday to my cat loving friend!

In Memory of Maximilien.

In Memory of Oreo.

In Memory of Memphis.

In Memory of Marjorie Waldheim.

In Memory of Charles Symens.

In Memory of Irv Hansen.

In Memory of Willow.

In Honor of Arly Rogers.

In Memory of the sweet, little, fierce Kite. Our hearts are heavy with your loss, Shari. We hope this gift is a good way to honor Kite's memory.

In Memory of Michiko McAndrew.

In Memory of Buster Henderson.

In Honor of E.J. Branch

In Memory of Sondra Nelson.

In Memory of Sassy Marie Kelsey 2008-2020.

In Honor of Jyl Phipps' Anniversary.

In Memory of Sondra Nelson.

In Memory of Bentley. Bentley could not have asked for a more loving family to adopt him. I know you both have lost a dear companion. Sorry for your loss. Linda & Mike

In Memory of Mama Mia who passed away on 1.1.2023.

In Honor of Dr. Tori McKlveen.

In Honor of Denise Trautmann.

In Memory of my cats Macduff & Rafa.

In Memory of Bujoi. Bujoi was an extraordinary cat and a wonderful member of your family.

In Honor of Tom Wells.

In Honor of Harry.

In Memory of Purrfect Pals kitties, Ike & Monty.

In Honor of Goku.

In Memory of Lucky Meyer.

In Memory of Bonnie Vernon.

In Honor of kitties Lily & Lina.

In Honor of Ron & Connie Tosh. Thanks for accommodating tree crew. I know how much Dimitri was loved and how he is missed. Gail, Dexter & Sirius Black.

In Memory of our feline nephew and cousin, dear Sirius, a handsome gentleman who was well-loved and loved well. Love, Sandy, Weldon & Jobaca.

In Honor of Rumble, Harley, Sahara & Winston.

In Memory of GusGus & In Honor of his generosity.

In Honor of LaVonne Schott. Happy Birthday Mom! Love, your daughter xoxo.

In Memory of Mind-Lou.

In Memory of Barb aka. Midnight.

In Honor of Nancy Nims.

In Honor of Annie H.

In Honor of Ruby.

In Memory of Betty White.

In Honor of JoAnn Syron.

In Honor of Dave & Peggy Tovrea.

In Honor of Theresa Diehl.

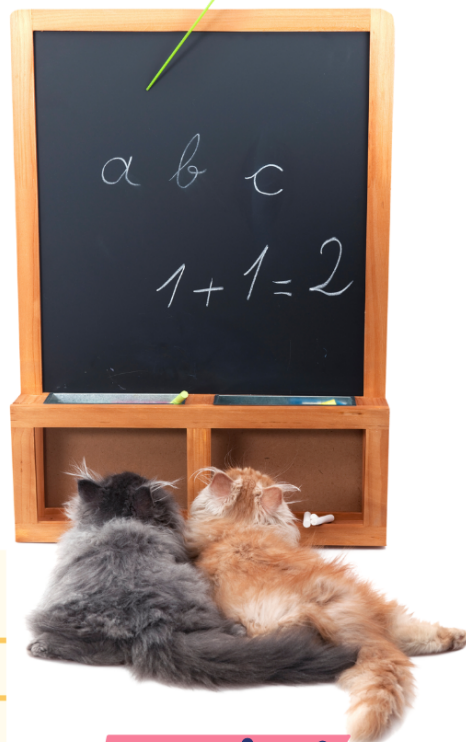
In Honor of Downey (now called Tali).






As kids and teens gear up to head back to school this fall, this is also the time of year when many foster kittens who came to us over the summer as newborns are preparing for their forever homes.


Will you help our foster kittens grow and learn by purchasing supplies off our Amazon, Chewy or Walmart online Wishlists?



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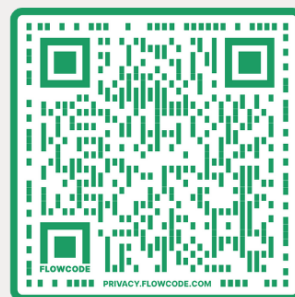
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# Purrfect Endings



*FIV+ Furnando, adopted in January 2023, celebrated his 3rd birthday August 7th!*

## By Adopter Paul Varn

In [Furnando's adoption] documentation I have there are three different birth dates - March 7, August 7 and August 8. My best guess based on what I know, August seems the most reasonable. Unless I discover otherwise, I have chosen to celebrate Aug 7 as his three-year birthday.

The latest report on the Fearlessly Ferocious, Furny the Fickled Feline of Fanciful new-Found Fate:

I continue to be amazed at this animal. He's not particularly athletic, (although he can jump a bathroom sink in a single bound and land like a feather- after inspecting the top carefully for obstacles) nor does he do tricks or inspire songs with his vocals. He's not particularly cuddly (doesn't like to be held for more than a few moments) nor will vets rave about his not-so-calm exam table behavior.

What cat owners will admire right off the bat is how much of a respectful gentleman he is. He's not quick to intrude into people's space. Does not scratch or damage anything. Is cautious to explore and not disturb

anything which might get dislodged.

He ASKS for permission to explore areas not always accessible to him. He has yet to touch any of my computer devices and shows no interest in the various clumps of wires. A home boy, he has no interest in escaping my apartment.

Before he climbs onto my bed or lap, he asks permission rather than just jumping on. When he enters a room where I am, he announces himself to let me know he's there. In like kind, when I come home or enter his playroom (the entire living room is his to do whatever he likes- I'm just the grocery deliver and maid guy) I also announce myself to him so he knows it's not a stranger.

He will not eat unless I'm standing next to him by the bowl. Doesn't matter how hungry he is and the constant howling to get me up in the morning, he will not eat without me even with fresh food in the bowl. He'll eat a few bites then leave and will only come back to the bowl when I return there in my chores. He does not jump on my lap without asking. Same as the bed he'll meow and stare at my lap.

When I slap my lap or bed twice with my hand, he jumps on.

When he first moved in, I had a collection of toys for him and have added to it. Not interested. He was a ball and string only guy and even then, a little reluctant as if playing with toys was a new thing. Now he plays with most toys, but some took months for him to use. One of the first things I got after he arrived and I realized his size, is a giant tunnel (biggest I could find.) He would NOT go near it for nearly four months. Would only stick his head in with a paw for a treat. Now, as of about two weeks ago, it's his #1 toy. He dives through it, hides and pounces from it and spends large parts of the day in it and loves batting at my hand when I touch it.

He's finally used to my touch and lets me stroke his tail. Over a long time, he got used to being brushed and now enjoys it. He observed me carefully picking up his fur frequently and now when he sees it, he'll eat it off the floor! In all this time, he's only had one furball issue and diet seems to have solved it completely. He's handled the automated litter box fine from the start, but he does get angry with it if the rake does not do a "proper" job after all his effort to cover it up.

Purring does not seem to be a thing with Furny. Only once in all this time has he done it without provocation -- when he climbed into bed and curled up on my shoulder and purred for a half hour. If I embrace him in a gentle hug, he will briefly roar a purr so loud he almost chokes himself. I don't think it is a purr of comfort though- rather one of anxiety. I know pets are capable of loyal bonds with their original owners as kittens/puppies. Furny may be one of those whose heart was purchased, and he's still waiting for her to come back and claim him. What a joy awaits him on



that day! Until then he's a survivor, patiently looking for that glorious day of her return, making the best of his time, ready and faithful. I'm just a steward, but appreciated.

His emotional sensitivity is unusual. Lately he's been getting braver with me during play and will nibble at my hand. I will say "no" and pull away and leave him alone for a while. Last time he chomped painfully hard (he has never scratched or bit to drawn blood.) This time, instead of a firm "no" said a loud ouch, cradled my hand and made a big deal of whimpering like a wounded animal. His little head stared at the ground and would not look at me. I walked away. Five minutes later, he was loudly yeowling and making a huge fuss. He spent the rest of the day doing everything he could to cuddle hug, lick, head butt, even purring in a valiant attempt to make up. My heart melted and I did everything I could to encourage and comfort him in return.

His vocabulary of understood words is constantly growing with predictable reactions.

"Churru?": his favorite treat. "Yeow!"

"Food": I'm going to replenish his

bowl.

"Secret Sauce?": Do you want wet food? "Yeow!"

"Hi Furnando": my entering greeting and I get the four paw stretch salute. First front paws, then rear. Every time.

"Ready Set Go": I am about to bounce a ball and he prepares himself to try and catch it.

"People Food": I am eating so not paying attention to him. Note: He has no interest in people food and does not beg for it or jump up to inspect or try it.

"Brush Furnando?": He'll walk over to our special grooming spot and nuzzle the brush then sit while I do it.

"Good kitty. Good Furnando": His I'm OK #1. He squeezes his eyes shut and puts his head on his paws.

"OK Furnando": His startle reaction reassurance when unexpected happens. Settles.

"Outside?": If he wants to explore the apartment floor hallway he will go to the door and stare at it.

"Adventure?": He knows I'm asking if he wants to get in a harness or leash to take a walk or ride the bike. He immediately looks for a place to hide.

He has a wide range of vocalizations from greeting: "burrrrup" to a barking-like "Yah!" and most of all "Ararrrr!" play with me now or let me explore that. "Eeeeyow?" is his asking permission to jump onto the bed.

He cannot get enough left front shoulder rubs. When I rub, he leans into it with all his strength and weight. Maybe he got injured there once.

Risking a broken record, I cannot thank you enough for providing this opportunity to care for him. Anyone else who didn't show interest has no idea what they are missing. He is a VERY complex critter.

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