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Sisters Before Misters: Maple and Willow Raise Eight Kittens Together in Loving Foster Home



Bonded sisters Maple (left) and Willow (right) gave birth on the same night!
(Photo credit: Kyndra Peterson)

by Crystal Chiechi, Outreach Manager

Kitten Season 2021 started out with a bang; in late February Purrfect Pals' Intake and Foster Manager Susan Bark got a call from one of our local shelter partners that two sister cats were surrendered and were both VERY pregnant – could we take them in?

Without hesitation, Susan said “YES!” and went about lining up a loving foster home. Then she got the call the next morning that the two had given birth overnight and went to pick them up.

Siblings Maple, a black domestic shorthair, and Willow, a tortoiseshell domestic shorthair, were only two years old when they arrived, meaning they were barely out of kitten-hood themselves when they got pregnant (most likely by the same amorous tomcat on the same night!) and now they were raising eight kittens between them.

Luckily, we had an experienced kitten foster named Kyndra Peterson waiting in the wings to help this sister

duo raise their babies in peace and comfort so they could all have the healthy start to life and a chance at finding the loving forever homes they deserved.

Kyndra, who currently works from home, created a dedicated space for her foster cats and documented their daily activities on social media. Her followers were able to watch videos of the two snuggled next to each other while they tandem nursed the hungry little kitties, six girls and two boys.

“They are the best of friends and so sweet to each other,” she said. “They are raising their babies together and both doing an amazing job at looking after the kittens.”

The sisters doted on their demanding young kittens as a team as they nursed and cared for their babies, all named after various flora like their moms: Ash (male), Aspen (female), Ivy (female), Juniper (female), Meadow (female), Oakley (female), Sage (female), and Rowan (male).

As the kittens grew bigger and more independent, the moms were able to take more breaks as a duo to play and

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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 Executive Director, Kathleen Olson:



Kathleen with office kitty Manly.

Through prevention and placement programs, Purrfect Pals has been saving cats and kittens for more than 33 years.

From the modest beginnings at Founder Kathy Centala's home in Brier, Purrfect Pals has grown into a sanctuary and adoption center set on 5.5 acres with a home and outbuildings that Kathy purchased in 1993 and converted from a horse farm to a cat sanctuary and adoption center.

Today, Purrfect Pals has three offsite adoption centers in addition to the main property and a robust foster home program.

Spaying and neutering cats to reduce overpopulation and providing a space for cats with special needs was just the beginning. Purrfect Pals has saved thousands of cats since 1988, and has become the place for special needs cats and kittens that individuals and other shelters may not have the resources and space to help.

We are now uniquely positioned to provide even greater resources and homes for unwanted and medically fragile cats and kittens and to help cat owners successfully care for their beloved pets. However, as we are developing our strategic plans to better serve our community, we need your assistance.

We have identified some critical projects to secure the continued excellence of Purrfect Pals, the first of which is raising the funds for our veterinary team to purchase new X-ray equipment and other vital medical supplies (see page 3 for more details!). We humbly ask for your support as we expand and improve our clinic's capacity to care for special needs cats and kittens!

On behalf of Purrfect Pals, our Board of Directors and staff, we thank you in advance for your valuable assistance.

Respectfully,

*Kathleen M. Olson, CAWA
Executive Director*



Kathy's 80th Birthday Wish: \$80,000 to Improve Our Clinic!

Our founder Kathy Centala is celebrating her milestone 80th Birthday on September 11th, 2021. She invites you to share in her vision of raising \$80,000 to improve and expand our clinic's capacity to care for the 150+ cats that call Purrfect Pals home.

"We are currently using a machine well past its prime that was generously donated to us secondhand years ago," Kathy says. "It is now time for Purrfect Pals to move into the future and purchase new X-ray equipment!"

New equipment using cutting edge technology will allow us to more quickly and accurately diagnose and address health issues in our sanctuary kitties.

Purrfect Pals was able to secure a steep discount from medical supplier Covetrus on brand new, state-of-the-art Vet Ray by Sedecal X-ray equipment (*pictured right*). Our goal for the X-ray campaign is \$48,500 and we have \$16,000 in matching funds already pledged.



Kathy's \$80,000 wish, in addition to new Vet Ray equipment, is to start a fund for a future expansion of our onsite veterinary clinic.



Purrfect Pals Founder Kathy Centala turns 80 on Sept. 11, 2021.



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watch birds out the windows. “But they ran back the moment one of the babies made a sound,” Kyndra shared.

The mama cats seemed to thoroughly enjoy being pampered by Kyndra and quickly caught on to their new feeding schedule. “Maple and Willow understand the household routine and are always waiting for me at the door when it’s time for wet food,” she said.

The bonded sisters were purrfectly in sync as they raised their babies; grooming each other, singing for food in a duet, and strutting around their room like supurrmodels.

“Maple and Willow’s bond is very special. Willow is far more obsessed with Maple than Maple is with Willow, but they love each other dearly,” Peterson stated. “They deserve to have a life full of fun and playing, which is why I’m so happy

that these babies will be their last litters.”

Week by week, the kittens grew by leaps and bounds under the watchful eye of their “hoomin” foster mama and two cat mamas Maple and Willow.

“Whenever the kittens aren’t running around and playing, I can get six to cuddle near me, with Ash, Oakley, and Sage often on my lap. Meadow, Aspen, and Ivy will be nearby, and Juniper and Rowan are the introverts of the group who prefer to be alone,” Kyndra noted.

With every growth milestone that the kittens reached, their moms showed the telltale signs that they were ready to spend more time apart from their brood; taking time outs to play with the fun toys in their cat room and acting like they were kittens again.

Maple (left) and Willow (right) getting all settled in at their new home - together forever! (Photo credit: Anne King)



The kittens (minus one) shortly before getting fixed. (Photo credit: Kyndra Peterson)

“They will be spayed and adopted out together as a bonded pair when they are ready,” Kyndra said. “I’m very lucky to be able to see such strongly bonded sisters and know that they’ll get to stay together forever.”

Toward mid-May, Maple and Willow were in heat again, so they came back to the shelter to give their foster mom a break from their hormone-induced yowling and bickering. The kittens and moms were fixed shortly after that at the Northwest Spay and Neuter Center in Tacoma, and were then ready to be adopted!

They all went down to our volunteer-run offsite adoption center at Renton PetSmart at the beginning of June. It was a pleasant change of pace to see sister moms Maple and Willow adopted out first in this bunch the very same day to the mother of one of our volunteers.

All of the kittens have also now found loving forever homes as pairs or singles and foster mom Kyndra is taking a well-earned break -- for now!



ICYMI: The Limelight Pet Project's Q&A on Special Needs Kitty Daniel



Photo Credit: The Limelight Pet Project

The Limelight Pet Project came to Purrfect Pals back in May to film special needs kitty Daniel for a segment that aired on Q13 Fox News Sunday May 30th, 2021. Shortly after the segment aired, Daniel had a pretty severe asthma attack and was taken off our adoptable pet list while his medications were adjusted. Daniel is now medically stable, back up for adoption and ready to find his forever home! Please read the Q&A from the news broadcast below to see if YOU or someone you know might be a good match for handsome Daniel:

Q: Who do we have for adoption today?

A: We have Daniel, the 6 year old tuxedo kitty and he is our official door greeter here at Purrfect Pals, so when you come to visit he'll be here at the door to ask you how your day is going.

Q: About how old is Daniel?

A: He's about 6 years old.

Q: And it looks like he's a domestic shorthair?

A: Yep, you're right and he came to us from one of our shelter partners and he was originally turned in there as a stray, so we don't know a whole lot about his backstory.

Q: He has such an out-going personality though, it seems like he would bring so much joy to anybody's life. What are some of his favorite things to do?

A: He loves these kitty kicker sticks, he loves to talk to you and tell you all about everything he's feeling. He also just loves to be the center of attention, hop

in your lap and get all the cuddles that he knows that he deserves, so I think that a family that is willing to give him all that attention that he deserves would be perfect for him.

Q: Yeah, well and when Marika went in to start his photo session he gave her just the most fantastic meow. Does he tend to talk a lot?

A: (laughing) Oh yep, he does, he has a lot of opinions and he's not afraid to share them!

Q: So Daniel's only six years old. Does he have any behavioral or health issues that might be making it harder for him to get adopted?

A: Yeah, so Daniel, as a bigger kitty, is on a weight loss diet to help him stay at a healthier weight. At one point he was at 17 pounds. Now he's about 15 and a half pounds, so he's on a prescription weight loss diet and he also has feline asthma so he takes an inhaler twice a day; a couple puffs and the inhaler fits right over his nose and mouth so it's pretty easy to administer

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Special Thank You to Our Generous Supporters...



Thank you everyone for donating to our Summer Stock-Up! Virtual Cat Food Drive!

As a private non-profit shelter, Purrfect Pals relies heavily on the cat supplies donated to us by our generous friends. We are incredibly grateful to announce that this supply drive brought in over \$15,000 in dry and wet cat food, toys, eGift Cards and cash for our special needs cats! We're especially thankful for all of the kitten supplies that came in just in the nick of time, as kitten season hit many in our community especially hard this year with spay/neuter services slowed down due to the pandemic. With these vital resources in hand (and paw!), we were able to quickly take in multiple litters who needed us and distribute these supplies to the kind volunteers in our Foster Care Programs who are now providing loving care for the mama and baby cats in their homes or at the Monroe Correctional Complex. With foster families willing and able to care for these precious souls until they are ready to be adopted, this frees up space at the shelter for us to save even more lives!

If you'd like to purchase items for the shelter from our AmazonSmile or Chewy Wishlists, please visit:
<https://purrfectpals.org/wishlist/>



Purrfect Pals Presents...

Mouse~Querade Month

October 15th - 30th, 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Annual Black Cat Ball has been postponed to October 8th, 2022 at the Lynnwood Convention Center. In its place, Purrfect Pals is celebrating cats and their people in October 2021 with two exciting opportunities to give second chances to the special needs cats who need us the most.

Costume Photo Contest

Mouse~Querade Costume Photo Contest – The Contest opens at 5:00 pm on Friday, October 15th, 2021 and closes at 9:00 pm on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021.

NO ENTRY FEE TO PARTICIPATE. One photo submission will be accepted per person to show off your best costumes – people, pets, etc. in their finest, funniest or scariest Halloween attire. Each vote will be \$5 and the photos that raise the most money will be named our top three winners. Plus – a Judge’s Choice Award for the most inspired costume entered.

To Upload Your Photo Submission Visit:

<https://www.makemycontest.com/mouse2021/>

1st Place - \$500 Amazon Gift Card **2nd Place** - Large Prize Box
3rd Place - Small Prize Box

Please Note: Entries cannot be submitted until October 15th, 2021.

Super Silent Virtual Auction

The Auction starts at 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 23rd and closes at 9:00 pm on Saturday, October 30th. Tickets are available for \$10.00. Bid on some fine wines, dining experiences, original art and crafts, home chef appliances, weekend getaways, cat trees, custom jewelry and a variety of gift baskets. Bid from the comfort of your own home and help Purrfect Pals reach our 2021 Goal to help provide life saving work for the Puget Sound area cats & kittens.

To Register visit: <https://purrfectpals.ejoinme.org/mq2021>

HELP US REACH OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL BY DONATING TO OUR FUND-A-NEED TODAY!

All FUND-A-NEED donations will be eligible to be MATCHED, so that your donations would be doubled when you raise your virtual bid card for the cats and kittens in our care:

<https://purrfectpals.networkforgood.com/projects/124115-mouse-querade-2021-fund-a-need>

THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 MOUSE~QUERADE SPONSORS!

In Memory of Janice Foster, In Memory of Tessa Ann,
Kathleen & Rick Olson, Heritage Bank, Marysville Toyota,
In Memory of BJ Hunnicutt Brunner, Johnson, Stone & Pagano, P.S.,
Purrs & Snuggles from Rumble & Harley, In Memory of our cat, Sierra



In Honor and In Memory



Purrfect Pals' office "snoopers" Smudge (left) and Manly (right).

In Honor of Cher, our rescue cat.

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

In Honor of Jean & Jerry Hogan.

In Memory of Tasha.

In Honor of my friends from The Cat Planet.

In Honor of Zuzu Peepers.

In Memory of Thelonus Monk Parris.

In Honor of Phanny Peters.

In Honor of Jasmine Espana.

In Honor of Whitney Whitworth.

In Honor of Gloria DuCharme.

In Memory of Gage & H of Quigley.

In Memory of Frankie.

In Honor of Foster Dad John.

In Honor of Marvelous Crazy Man, Melvin.

In Memory of Charlene Pamula.

In Memory of my dear husband, Don & my best cat ever, Patrice.

In Memory of Harold who was just moving from feral to lap cat when his kidneys failed him.

In Memory of Muffin Man.

In Honor of Coco.

In Memory of Mario Smith Harris.

In Memory of Vinny.

In Memory of Simba & Hazel Boothe.

In Memory of Buster who was taken away from us at only six years of age due to lung cancer. We miss him so much.

In Memory of Marjorie.

In Memory of Bonnie.

In Memory of Phylus Stroh.

In Memory of Princess Caterina.

In Memory of Kirby the best cat ever.

In Honor of Zoe.

In Memory of Bassnectar.

In Memory of our son, Robert Woltzen.

In Memory of my Purrfect Pals, Nemo & Chewy.

In Memory of Fwooper.

In Memory of The Empress & The General.

In Memory of Avery.

In Memory of Alfred & Tristan.

In Honor of Arcee Babygirl Foster's 10th Birthday.

In Memory of Larry.

In Memory of William A. Cecil.

In Honor of Lori Udovich's Birthday in May.

In Honor of Gail Daschel's ½ Birthday. It has been the best of times and the worst of times. Here is to more of the best ahead.

In Honor of Emily Blair.

In Memory of Sandy Jones.

In Honor of DJ Burgess.

In Honor of Manly & Smudge.

In Honor of Atticus McLean.

In Memory of Ella.

In Memory of Thunder.

In Honor of Ava.

In Memory of Charlie and all the work Rachel Hermansen has done to care for all their wonderful kitties.

In Honor of Dona Bubelis.

In Honor of Sarah Belle Grey.

In Memory of Teddy Ruxpin, my special boy.

In Memory of Mischa.

In Memory of Marie Sweeney.

In Memory of Gil, bill, & Trixy.

In Memory of Jean Slinn Higgins.

In Honor of Isabel & Kim.

In Memory of our late cats Mira & Alistair.

In Honor of Duke & Daisy.

In Honor and In Memory

In Memory of Craig Joinette.

In Memory of Dorothy Tuma.

In Memory of Nana my pet bunny.

In Memory of WeeCat whom I miss terribly.

In Memory of Ikonos (Lil Boy).

In Memory of Ozzy.

In Memory of Bambi.

In Honor of Purrfect Pals.

In Memory of Xiao Mao.

In Memory of Meatloaf one of the best kitties ever.

In Memory of Franke.

In Memory of Toni's girls.

In Honor of Puck.

In Honor of Georgia Dunn. Thanks for adopting two special boys from here (Puck & Lupin) and for enriching and lighting up your reader's lives with "Breaking Cat News".

In Memory of Ashley.

In Memory of MacDuff & Rafa.

In Honor of Toby.

In Memory of Fu.

In Memory of Muffin.

In Memory of Aaron Toftdahl.

11-year-old Sophie Windchime was adopted in Dec. 2019.



In Memory of Pam Marshall.

In Memory of DocMontyRosieMissKittyStan.

In Memory of Jayme McFarland's sweet boy Teddy Ruxpin.

In Memory of Boey.

In Memory of Nora.

In Memory of Chickee Gulden.

In Memory of Harvey, a beautiful boy.

In Honor of Jade.

In Honor of Julie Sorensen's birthday; may you always have hairs and purrs in abundance.

In Memory of Ancho.

In Honor of See McGuire.

In Honor of Jacquie.

In Honor of Carol.

In Memory of Captain Kitty.

In Honor of Simbu.

In Memory of Penelope.

In Memory of Hallie who was such a dainty, sweet, and beautiful little girl. She will be sorely missed.

In Memory of Mitzi Joy & Donald.

In Memory of Lulu.

In Honor of LaVonne Schott on Mother's day.

In Memory of Neil.

In Memory of Sydney.

In Memory of Felix & Oscar.

In Memory of Yoda.

In Honor of Yeager & Alma Lopez.

In Honor of Sneezzy.



In Loving Memory of Scarsdale.

In Memory of Mr. Bighead.

In Memory of Sandy Jones.

In Honor of Kathleen Olson's birthday.

In Memory of Gary Lazachek.

In Memory of Rainbow.

In Memory of Frankie.

In Honor of my Purrfect companion, Sophie Windchime.

In Memory of Keeley.

In Honor of Jaxon.

In Honor of Jean & Jerry Hogan.

In Honor of Navi (formerly Cookie).

In Memory of Rick Schwarzenbach.

In Memory of The Empress & The General.

In Memory of Avery.

In Memory of Velcro Tosh.

In Honor of Linda Fraser's birthday.

In Honor of Thomas Gray.

In Honor of Gandalf.

In Memory of Grace Toudal.

In Memory of Kekoa.

In Memory of Scarsdale.

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6-year-old tuxedo kitty Daniel likes to wear a neck tie to up his game and has A. LOT. of opinions!

to him. Also because he has such a large personality, other animals find that pretty intimidating so he'd also need to be the only pet in the home.

Q: So his ideal home would be no other pets. What about a home with children, do you think he would like that?

A: I think with older, respectful children he would do really well especially if they give him a lot of play time and help keep him active and help him get his summer body in shape. I think he'd do really well with one or two kids.

Q: Great! So if Daniel could talk, how do you think he would describe his perfect day?

A: I think he would describe his perfect day as waking up as early as he wants and getting all the food that he wants and then lounging with his humans maybe in front of the TV for a little bit, getting lots of cuddles and then I think he would love to have a couple play sessions during the day too. He loves his balls, he loves his toy mice, so yeah just as long as he's getting all the attention and everything is his way he will be very happy with that.

Q: Well and he's definitely dressed for success! In

addition to being a tuxedo kitty, he has a scarf on and then you were saying he also has a tie?

A: Yes he does also have a tie that he likes to wear, so with the tuxedo it just ups his game a little bit more and he's always in his formal wear ready for a party!

Q: Now you've gotten some time to get to know him, what's your favorite thing about Daniel?

A: I love Daniel's long, glorious whiskers and I also love his very out-going personality. He's not afraid to hop right up into your lap, give you some kisses and tell you all of his opinions.

Q: Yeah, he looks like a fun boy. So if somebody sees this segment and they think, "I have the perfect home for Daniel," how do they reach out to Purrfect Pals? What's your website or email address for people to contact you?

A: So go on purrfect.pals.org, click on the "adoptions" tab, and then all the way to the right-hand side is our pre-adoption questionnaire. Go ahead and fill that out and we'll pre-screen that to make sure it's going to be a good match, and then we will set up an appointment for you and Daniel to fall in love with each other!

To watch the full interview with The Limelight Pet Project go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bt8OBUsNzZw>

Note: Daniel may be adopted (paws crossed!) by the time this newsletter goes to print, so if he's not available, please consider opening your home to one of our other fabulous special needs kitties!

*Daniel and his "glorious" whiskers.
(Photo Credit: The Limelight Pet Project)*





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Kathy's 80th Birthday Shelter Open House

Purrfect Pals Founder Kathy Centala turns 80 this year!

Please celebrate this milestone with us
& wish Kathy a Happy 80th Birthday:

Saturday, September 11, 2021

10am-2pm

230 McRae Rd NE, Arlington WA 98223

Sweet treats and light refreshments provided!

RSVP to: director@purrfectpals.org

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BIRTHDAY KATHY!



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