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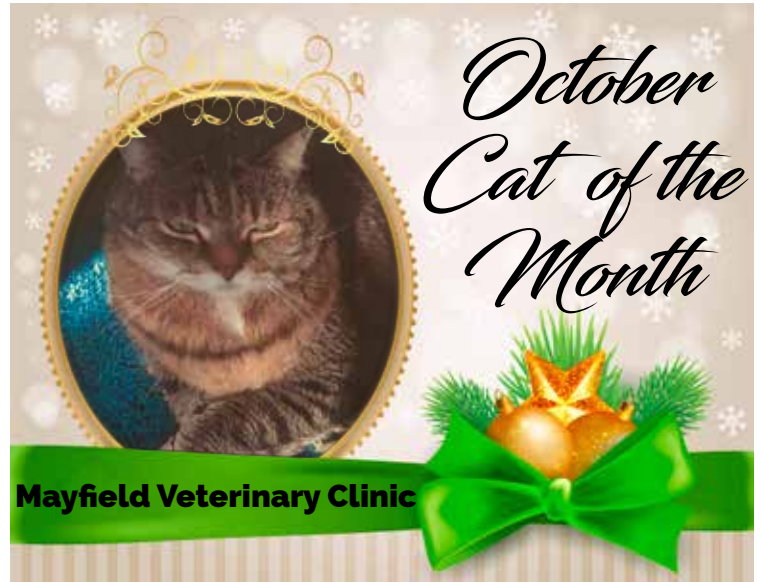
The Hervey Foundation for Cats

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Hi Marjorie. Here's a photo of Carter on his cat tree with his (porcelain) body double. We've had that cat statue for decades on a counter in one of the bathrooms, and when Carter was about a year old they were the same size. We tried putting them side by side for a photo, but Carter was still a squirmy little kitten, and it seemed to scare him. We put it on the cat tree the other day, just to see what he'd do, and he watched it for a while then launched himself to the top level from the back part of the tree. I guess he thought he was still the alpha cat at that height.

It seems we got another reprieve from winter for a few more days.

Regards,
Lydia



Hi! My name is Cinco. Some may think that this is an odd name for a cat! Really, my full name is Cinco de Marzo (fifth of March). It is the day, in 2004, that I left the EHS and was adopted by my Mum and dad, Brian and Julie Malone. We have been together for fourteen and a half years now, and I look forward to many more years with them. I have to thank the Veterinarians, Dr. Annabelle and Dr. Kelly, and all of the Technologists and Staff from the Mayfield Veterinary Clinic for keeping me happy and healthy. Over the years I have been able to train my Mum and Dad to my likes and dislikes, and I must say they train pretty well!!

It has been a pleasure to meet you and I am sure your furry friends appreciate your love, as much as I do from my family.

Bye for now!! Cinco



CAT WISH LIST

We are always in need of

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Pinesol
- paper towels
- garbage bags
- bleach
- Tide detergent (no lemon scent)

CAT FOOD

- Baby food (pref. chicken with broth)
- Friskies canned cat food
- IAMS Dry cat food

CAT SUPPLIES

- Cat litter deodorizer
- Jumbo litter pans

CAT ENJOYMENT

- Kitty toys
- Scratching posts
- Turbo scratchers
- Cat beds
- Kitty condos

GIFT CARDS for G & E Pharmacy, Canadian Tire, Walmart & Superstore help us buy much needed pet and cleaning supplies.





Welcome to the Christmas Newsletter!

Hi Everyone. Welcome to the Winter/Christmas Newsletter!

Well it is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another year. In 2018 we will have been in business for 20 years and the time has just flown by. It has been so rewarding to have been part of helping so many cats and kittens. I am so lucky to be able to do in life what gives me so much pleasure.

There have been some changes at the Foundation, mostly good. The one change that all of you know is our mailing address changed. We were told some time ago that our address would change. I contacted the person at Canada Post on three occasions who assured me that I would just need to put in a recurring change of address and there would not be a problem. So I went and put in a change of address (well ahead of time) and got a phone call the next day from Canada Post telling me the fellow had forgotten to phone me back and that putting in a change of address, to the old address, would not work. So with less than one month's notice, I had to rent a post office box and get a letter out to everyone giving you our new address, before the old address was removed from their system. If you send anything to the old address now it is going to go back to you marked 'No Such Address'. We are still very much in business and we are not planning on going anywhere for a long time!

Another change was hiring a different printing company to design our newsletter and to do our printing needs. This has worked out so well for us. Our newsletter is still beautiful and all of our printing needs are being cared for in a very timely fashion. At the same time we had to go to a new place for all of our internet needs for facebook, our website, and other online services; which has worked out very well for us.

This fall, many shelters and rescues are on overload with animals, and we are finding that our Foundation is also having to turn away so many people that have strays and kittens. This frustrates all of us so much because when are people going to get the message to spay/neuter their cats and keep them in the house. Maybe if some of these people saw the end result of what happens to these cats and kittens and the many terrible ways they perish, maybe they would be more responsible.

We have been able to help a lot of cats and kittens this year and some have been adopted into furr-ever homes. Your donations have helped a tabby named Thomas, who was hit by a car and need surgery to save his leg and the many weeks to recuperate; Willow, abandoned out in the country and if she had not been found would have died. Ernie and littermates were left in a box in a ditch along the highway, Lily, Tucker, Arthur and Autumn came from a stray mom. The list goes on.

It is because of your help and donations that made it possible for the Foundation to help these cats and kittens and it is with our most sincere thank you to all of you.

On another note we would like to welcome two new faces to our board of directors. We are proud to have Heather Wilson and Cynthia Wentzel join us and both ladies bring a lot of expertise in many different fields. Our board members that we already have do wonderful things for the Foundation and also help so much with the running of things. I would like to thank them for all the help they have given throughout the year. They are a wonderful group of ladies and with our two new additions it rounds our board out well.

Well it's time for me to say good bye for now until our next newsletter. I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for your generosity to the Foundation and want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New year.

Marjorie Hervey

Christmas Cat Tips



BY MARELIME

Christmas has to be a happy time for you and your pet, to make that possible it's important to make sure your cat is completely happy and safe.

The food and decorations that come hand in hand with Christmas can actually be quite dangerous for cats. Obviously, this isn't meant to put you off your holidays but these dangers should be made aware of, just so nothing puts a downer on your break.

Food

Christmas food, as good as it might taste for us, can actually cause a problem for your cats. Fatty foods like gravy and grease, can actually cause many problems for cat's stomachs and pancreas, leading to vomiting, pancreatitis and vomiting and dehydration.

Alcohol can also cause serious problems for cats too. Christmas is a busy season, with lots of parties and celebrations so just make sure you move all your cups and glasses. Cats are attracted to the sweet smell and taste of alcoholic drinks, so just a few simple moves will ensure your cat won't get ill.

Things like chocolate, bones from the turkey and fish and fruits like grapes and raisins which can be found in a lot of Christmas puddings can cause a lot of problems for cats, including kidney



damage. It might be hard to not give them some of your food, especially when they are begging, but it is important to be cruel to be kind.

The Gifts that are under the tree

A lot of people get their cats a little gift for Christmas gift, this is such a lovely idea, just make sure that you take off all the ribbons or ties before giving it them so they don't choke on them.

Perfumes that are under the tree can be quite dangerous and also batteries, that are included in a lot of the toys and items around Christmas can be toxic, for both humans and cats, so everybody be careful with those.



Cats are for life, not just for Christmas

Buying a cat for Christmas is not a good idea, if somebody wants a new pet, make sure that they are completely read, perhaps get them how-to books about raising a pet instead, or maybe even a birth certificate.

Christmas probably isn't the best time to welcome a new member to the family – the noise, hazards and lack of routine can be very stressful, a late Christmas present will not disappoint anyway.

Plants that are poisonous

Festive decorations can often include nice little plants. Unfortunately, many of these festive flowers are actually poisonous to our felines. Plants such as holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and hibiscus can cause a few problems. You can still use these to decorate your house, of course, just make sure that they are out of reach.

Winter Dangers



By Gayle McDonald | Housecalls for Housecats
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The cold winds of winter are here. With winter comes some health concerns for cats.

Small amounts of antifreeze (1-2 tsp) can be fatal if ingested by a cat (also dangerous to dogs but they have to consume a lot more than cats). A car in your garage leaking fluid or a do-it-yourself mechanic changing fluids and leaving some out can lead to antifreeze poisoning.

If a cat ingests antifreeze it is fatal if not treated within 1-2 hours. Treatment involves hospitalization and intensive care (IV fluids, ethanol, repeated blood and urine tests, seizure treatment, and more) that can cost thousands of dollars. IF not treated (or if not treated in time) the animal will suffer acute renal failure and die.

Outdoor cats (strays or your neighbor's roaming cats) will seek a warm car engine on cold days). Banging on your hood before starting your car that is parked outside might save a cat's life. Even if your car has not been running for a long time, if it is plugged in the engine is warmer than it is outside.

Nasal and airway allergies (rhinitis, asthma, etc) might flare up when cold weather arrives. Homes with a forced air furnace will have lower humidity once the furnace is running a lot. Low humidity is irritating to the nose and airways (cat and humans). It leads to more particles (dust, etc) in the air. Just because your furnace has a humidifier does not mean your humidity is ok. Use a hygrometer to test the humidity in your home.

If your cat is sneezing a lot, wheezy or sounds congested monitor their appetite closely. IF your cat's appetite decreases contact your veterinarian. A stuffy nose can interfere with your cat being able to smell their food. Medication might be needed to stimulate their appetite and/or to reduce nasal swelling.

There is an increased risk of urinary problems when the weather turns cold. We aren't sure why there are more cases at this time of year but emergency clinics see it all the time. FUS, FLUTD, FIC, Blocked cat are the terms that are used. Monitor your cats' litterbox habits closely. Only male cats become blocked (a life-threatening crisis) but female cats can be in a lot of pain. Please see Veterinarypartner.com for more detailed info on these urinary conditions. Feed your cat canned food to reduce the risk of FUS/FLUTD/FIC.

With the holidays come parties and decorations. Avoid ribbons and strings – these can be irresistible to cats. IF swallowed they might require emergency surgery to remove. Poinsettia plants can cause vomiting and diarrhea if ingested. Even if the plant is up high the cat might chew on the fallen leaves and get sick. Strange people (aka – your extended family) in the house can be very stressful for the cat. Make sure they have a safe place to hide. Some cats are happier being in a closed room away from the commotion. A pheromone like Feliway might help.

If you have any concerns about your cat's mental or physical health ASK YOUR VET!

If you cannot promise forever, I am not your cat!



I am NOT an until you...

- ... "get bored" cat
- ... "find a boy/girlfriend" cat
- ... "think I'm too old" cat
- ... "have to move" cat
- ... "have a baby" cat
- ... "get a new kitten" cat.

IS YOUR CAT A GENIUS?



By Patricia Allyn

Do you ever wonder how smart your cat is? Often people will think of cats as being intellectually inferior to dogs. Dogs, after all, are trained to detect bombs, guide the blind, herd sheep, and aid in police work, to name but a few jobs. Cats, for the most part, would never be used for these types of jobs. But is it really because cats are intellectually inferior to dogs? It's more likely because cats are more independent, they have a different skill set, and possibly because they would rather think for themselves.

There is actually scientific proof about how smart cats are. As far as brain size, cats' brains measure in at 0.9% of total body mass, compared to 1.2% in dogs, and 2% in humans. In the case of brains though, size doesn't necessarily matter as much as design. Surface folding area and brain structure are more important. The surface folding on a cat's brain is 90% similar to our own brains. In addition, a cat's cerebral cortex is more complex and contains approximately two times as many neurons than that of dogs. This is the part of the brain that is responsible for rational decision making and problem solving, as well as for short and long-term memory.

It's really unfair to compare cats to dogs as they each have a different type of intelligence and are both smart in different ways – it's like comparing apples to oranges. Not only is there not as much research that's been done on cats as compared to that done on dogs, but test results often aren't accurate on cats because the cats don't always want to cooperate, especially when out of their usual environment.

Dogs have been domesticated much longer than cats, are more compliant, and will do anything for a treat or to please their guardian. Cats tolerate frustrating situations better, have more patience than dogs, love a good puzzle and have great adaptability. Cats want to know what's in it for them. A dog wants to please, whereas a cat wants to be pleased.

When you talk to your cat or dog regularly, he learns a lot more words, and he learns them a lot more quickly. He learns by watching as well, and communicates through touch, posture, facial expression, gesture and sound. This is very similar to how human babies learn, and in fact, a cat's intelligence has been compared to that of an eighteen-month-old toddler.

Some of the keys to learning language are to have a safe environment and a loving, trusting relationship. Your cat needs to feel loved, and be included as a beloved member of the family. He must be confident in your love, and trust that he will be respected, not punished, and knows that he will still be loved no matter whether a mistake is made or not. Above all else he must know that you will not hurt him.

I speak to my cats and dogs all the time. I seldom walk by one without saying "hi", often followed by a quick pet. They all know their names and nicknames. They understand many key words such as treat, brush, hungry, and down, whether used alone or in a sentence. I had a cat, Coco, who could open any drawer or cupboard door in the house. Rudolph came running whenever he heard an ice cream or yogurt container being opened. On my evenings out Cedric used to wake up from wherever he was sleeping ten minutes before I'd get home, jump up into the front window, and watch for my arrival. All my cats disappear when I get out a cat carrier because they know it means a visit to the vet. When you really watch cats, there is no end to the smart things they're capable of.

Many cat guardians will tell you just how smart their cat is. Are their cats extra special? Or is it the guardian who is more attentive to the actions and reasonings of their cat? I'm sure, as with humans or any other animal, that levels of smartness vary within the feline species. Combine a higher level of smartness with a strong motivation for treats, which is definitely higher in some cats than others, include the right environment and guardian, and you have one very trainable cat. Ironically though, when training a cat, never forget that the cat thinks he's the one training you! Keep in mind that just because you don't or can't clicker or otherwise train your cat, it does NOT mean your cat is any less intelligent.

Celebrated Heroes and Geniuses

Tara (short for Zatarra) made worldwide headlines in 2014 when she saved her boy from a vicious dog attack in front of their own home in Bakersfield, California. When the neighbor's large dog ran up to the boy and for no reason whatsoever bit him

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and pulled him off his tricycle, Tara came out of nowhere, body slammed herself into the dog, then chased him off their property! She then ran back to the boy, and guarded him until the mom was able to get to him. The boy was badly bitten, but if not for Tara's quick thinking and brave actions, who knows how much worse the outcome could've been. "Tara the Hero Cat Day" was named in Tara's honor in Bakersfield, she was proclaimed grand marshal for Bakersfield's Christmas parade, and she received multiple awards of heroism, including the Los Angeles SPCA's "Hero Dog" award!

During a fire in a crack house in Brooklyn in 1996, a brave mama cat was seen carrying her kittens out of the burning house one by one, through smoke, flames, and out into the slushy winter to safety. Despite being severely burned in the process, eyes swollen shut and most of her hair singed off, her main concern was saving each and every one of her five one-month old kittens. When the last of the kittens was safely out, she touched her nose to each one, giving them a once over check, and then collapsed. A kind-hearted fireman rushed Mama and her babies to the North Shore Animal League Clinic to get emergency medical care, and over the next several weeks Mama went on to recover fully, other than her permanently damaged ears and eyelids. The kittens and Mama all survived the fire, but sadly one kitten passed away a month later due to a viral infection. Seven thousand letters applying to adopt Mama and her kittens were received! Mama was named Scarlet by her new person and went on to live the last 11 years of her life as every cat should – loved and cared for. The Scarlet Award, for animal heroism, was created in her honor. You can read about Scarlett's story in "Scarlett Saves her Family" by Jane Martin and JC Soares, or the children's version, "The Bravest Cat" by Laura Driscoll.

In the middle of the night on February 11, 2017, in the town of Clairmont, Alberta, Drack awoke his person by rubbing him on the face. After being pushed from the bed, Drack persistently jumped back up and proceeded to bite his person's arm. His person paid attention this time and when he was fully awake, smelled smoke. A fire had started in the laundry room, and the situation was worsening quickly, but the family made it out safely thanks to Drack. Fire fighters arrived on the scene, rescued the second family cat, got the fire under control, and thankfully no one was injured. If it wasn't for the quick thinking and persistent actions of Drack, the family may never have gotten out in time.

Mel-O was adopted in July of 2005, to a family in Morinville, Alberta, as a pal for their son, who happened to have Type 1 Diabetes. Eight months later, in March 2006, after having gone to sleep for the night, the boy arose to the usually mellow Mel-O walking on his chest and stomach, and swatting at his face. Mel-O had even climbed a five-foot ladder to get to the top

bunk where the boy slept. Because Mel-O was so relentless in his attempts to get the boy up, the boy and his mom, on a hunch, decided to check his blood sugar levels, which were dangerously low. In fact, he was perhaps minutes away from having a diabetic seizure. The boy and his family rescued Mel-O, and in turn Mel-O rescued his boy's life!

Pudding and Wimsy were adopted from the Door County Wisconsin Humane Society in 2014. The very same night they were brought into their new home, their person had a diabetic seizure in her sleep. Pudding knew something was not right and jumped on her person, waking her up enough for her to call out to her son for help. Her son was sound asleep and so Pudding next ran into the son's room to wake him up, at which time he was able to get his mom the medical help she needed. Without Pudding's smart thinking, she could've easily gone into a diabetic coma. Pudding has since been registered as a therapy animal.

Google Sullivan and Sarah, and you'll find youtube videos of Sullivan pointing to colors, numbers, and shapes, in response to his guardian's questions. He would appear to be very smart, and have a good understanding of the language. There are some who question as to whether Sullivan is answering the questions on his own, or based on a principal called the Clever Hans Effect, named after the horse (Clever Hans) who was watching his human's body language in response to math questions, rather than by figuring out the answers. Either way, Sullivan seems to be one smart kitty. Apparently, his sibling Sarah is every bit as smart, but quite camera shy. Watch the videos and decide for yourself!

The Amazing Acro Cats were formed by Samantha Martin in 2005. It's an educational and entertaining show made up of rescue cats who are trained to jump through hoops, ring bells, push carts, walk tightropes, and other adorable tricks and feats. Her goal is to improve public perception about cats, promote feline welfare, and show what cats are capable of. She talks about the benefits of clicker training and demos various techniques. She fosters cats and incorporates them into her show, and has helped many get adopted over the years!

Cats are amazing!

Whether your cat is a hero, does tricks, is registered as a therapy animal, answers trigonometry questions, or is just a plain old beloved furry member of your family, appreciate that they are truly smart and amazing little characters, each and every one of them!

Most of us prefer to enjoy cats just for being who they are!



Hervey Foundation for Cats

Upcoming Events

April 28, 2018 is our 17th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction at the Italian Cultural Center - 14230 -133 Ave. Tickets \$50. Any donations of silent auction items welcome.

Please contact Marjorie at 780 -963-4933



We would also like to extend our thanks and gratitude to Petsmart, Edmonton and Global Pet Foods, Leduc, for having us in for "Adoption Days"





Hi Friends! Gary Here.

For those of you who have been following my adventures you will remember that I applied for the job of being the CEO of Rodent Control and to be the Official Greeter at the Foundation. As you know I got the job! Well, what many of you need to know is that I did not read the fine print in the contract and there were certain individuals I was not to be so hospitable to.

One morning in the spring, it was nice out and I wanted to go outside. It was still pretty dark out and of course Mommy was not very awake, so she just opened the door and I ran out the door so fast, stopped dead in my tracks, and I almost fell on my nose. Standing in the driveway was this huge creature and I had never seen anything like it. I turned around and started beating on the door and crying to get back in, and of course Mommy was right there to let me in. She wanted to know what the problem was and when I told her and pointed out the patio door she finally went out on the deck to see what I was on about. She comes back in and tells me not to worry about it and to go a different way to do my job of inspecting for mice. I wanted to know what that creature was. Mommy explained to me that it was just a moose passing through and it would be on its way in the next few days and to not worry about it. It stayed for four days!

Then one warm summer evening I was out lounging in my deck chair on the deck and I see this very slow moving creature walking across the driveway towards the garden area. Well, being the friendly guy that I am, I thought I would go over and say hi and introduce myself. At that time Mommy comes out the back door and she sees me going over to say hi to my new friend, I have never seen this guy before

The Adventure's of Gary

either. Just as I am about to get really close, Mommy starts hollering at me to come to her and to get away from my new friend. She starts running after me to get me away and I am wondering what the problem is after all I am supposed to be the Official Greeter. Mommy grabs me and takes me in the house. She explains to me that it was a porcupine and that it could have hurt me quite bad, and that I would have had to go to the vet for surgery to get the quills out! That was only the first of my close encounters. Not to long after, Mommy was on the deck in the early evening, calling for me because it was time for me to come in for the night. I had met three new friends or I hoped they would be. It was a mother and two babies. They were kind of like me, a bit different in shape, but they were fluffy and had long black and white fur. So I thought I would say hi but the mommy started to chase me and so did the babies. I came running around the corner of a building and Mommy was there calling me and she got quite frantic for me to come in. The mommy and babies had quit chasing me but they were stomping their front paws and jumping at me. Mommy kept making noises until they finally ran away. She explained that they are called skunks and could have sprayed me! I would have had to stay outside while having many, many baths to get rid of the smell.

So I just want to let all of you know that when you apply for a job, read the fine print in the contract because you never know what you're getting yourself into. Mommy showed me the contract and yes it was right there - try not to be friendly to the porcupines and the skunks. The moose was no problem and I am used to all the deer that pass through the sanctuary. They are beautiful and they sometimes stand at our living room window and look at our big screen TV. I guess they don't have things like that in the bush. Well I am going to go for now and will see you again in the next newsletter.

Hope I don't meet anymore new friends for awhile,

Gary



BECAUSE OF LOVE: A TRUE STORY

by Willy Eagle

A brother and sister had made their usual hurried, obligatory pre-Christmas visit to the little farm where dwelt their elderly parents with their small herd of horses. The farm was where they had grown up and had been named Lone Pine Farm because of the huge pine, which topped the hill behind the farm. Through the years the tree had become a talisman to the old man and his wife, and a landmark in the countryside.

The young siblings had fond memories of their childhood here, but the city hustle and bustle added more excitement to their lives, and called them away to a different life.

The old folks no longer showed their horses, for the years had taken their toll, and getting out to the barn on those frosty mornings was getting harder, but it gave them a reason to get up in the mornings and a reason to live.

They sold a few foals each year, and the horses were their reason for joy in the morning and contentment at day's end.

Angry, as they prepared to leave, the young couple confronted the old folks

"Why do you not at least dispose of 'The Old One'. She is no longer of use to you. It's been years since you've had foals from her. You should cut corners and save so you can have more for yourselves. How can this old worn out horse bring you anything but expense and work? Why do you keep her anyway?"

The old man looked down at his worn boots, holes in the toes, scuffed at the barn floor and replied, "Yes, I could use a pair of new boots".

His arm slid defensively about the Old One's neck as he drew her near with gentle caressing he rubbed her softly behind her ears. He replied softly, "We keep her because of love. Nothing else, just love."

Baffled and irritated, the young folks wished the old man and his wife a Merry Christmas and headed back toward the city as darkness stole through the valley.

The old couple shook their heads in

sorrow that it had not been a happy visit. A tear fell upon their cheeks. How is it that these young folks do not understand the peace of the love that filled their hearts?

So it was, that because of the unhappy leave-taking, no one noticed the insulation smoldering on the frayed wires in the old barn. None saw the first spark fall. None but the "Old One". In a matter of minutes, the whole barn was ablaze and the hungry flames were licking at the loft full of hay. With a cry of horror and despair, the old man shouted to his wife to call for help as he raced to the barn to save their beloved horses.

But the flames were roaring now, and the blazing heat drove him back. He sank sobbing to the ground, helpless before the fire's fury. His wife back from calling for help cradled him in her arms, clinging to each other, they wept at their loss. By the time the fire department arrived, only smoking, glowing ruins were left, and the old man and his wife, exhausted from their grief, huddled together before the barn.

They were speechless as they rose from the cold snow covered ground. They nodded thanks to the firemen as there was nothing anyone could do now. The old man turned to his wife, resting her white head upon his shoulders as his shaking old hands clumsily dried her tears with a frayed red bandana.

Brokenly he whispered, "We have lost much, but God has spared our home on this eve of Christmas. Let us gather strength and climb the hill to the old pine where we have sought comfort in times of despair.

We will look down upon our home and give thanks to God that it has been spared and pray for our beloved most precious gifts that have been taken from us.

And so, he took her by the hand and slowly helped her up the snowy hill as he brushed aside his own

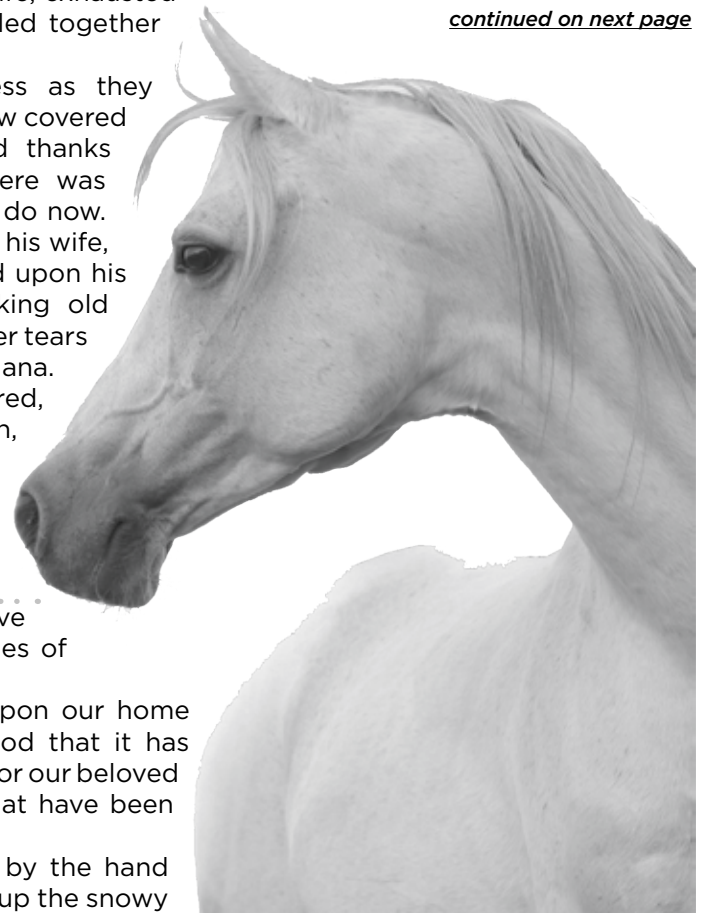
tears with the back of his old and withered hand.

The journey up the hill was hard for their old bodies in the steep snow. As they stepped over the little knoll at the crest of the hill, they paused to rest, looking up to the top of the hill the old couple gasped and fell to their knees in amazement at the incredible beauty before them.

Seemingly, every glorious, brilliant star in the heavens was caught up in the glittering, snow-frosted branches of their beloved pine, and it was aglow with heavenly candles. And poised on its top most bough, a crystal crescent moon glistened like spun glass.

Never had a mere mortal created a Christmas tree such as this. They were breathless as the old man held his wife tighter in his arms. Suddenly, the old man gave a cry of wonder and incredible joy. Amazed and mystified, he took his wife by the hand and pulled her forward. There, beneath

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the tree, in resplendent glory, a mist hovering over and glowing in the darkness was their Christmas gift. Shadows glistening in the night light.

Bedded down about the "Old one" close to the trunk of the tree, was the entire herd, safe. At the first hint of smoke, she had pushed the door ajar with her muzzle and had led the horses through it. Slowly and with great dignity, never looking back, she had led them up the hill, stepping cautiously through the snow. The foals were frightened and dashed about.

The skittish yearlings looked back at the crackling, hungry flames, and tucked their tails under them as they licked their lips and hopped like rabbits.

The mares that were in foal with a new years crop of babies, pressed uneasily against the "Old One" as she moved calmly up the hill and to safety beneath the pine. And now she lay among them and gazed at the faces of the old man and his wife.

Those she loved she had not disappointed. Her body was brittle with years, tired from the climb, but the golden eyes were filled with devotion as she offered her gift-- Because of love. Only Because of love. Tears flowed as the old couple shouted their praise and joy..And again the peace of love filled their hearts.



An Animal Story From The Earliest Days Of The Edmonton Settlement

When The Rev. William Newton arrived here in 1875 he expected to find settlers but instead found hunters and fur traders. By 1880 settlers were arriving and in December the *Edmonton Bulletin* started publishing. With as few as a few hundred inhabitants everything was of interest and got reported - even this vignette:

Frangg & Co's mill boarding house has a cat which has adopted two chickens. The chickens when hatched were weak and were brought into the house to be taken care of. The cat which had shortly before been separated from her family of kittens at once took them under her protection and has looked after them carefully ever since. A small dog belonging to the house also attempted to take a friendly interest in the chickens but the cat would not allow it and chased him whenever he attempts any familiarity.

From the *Edmonton Bulletin*, 10 September 1887
(reproduced article)



CATS' TOP TEN CHRISTMAS SONGS

10. Up on the Mousetop
9. Have Yourself a Furry Little Christmas
8. Joy to the Curled
7. I Saw Mommy Hiss at Santa Claus
6. The First Meow
5. Oh, Come All Ye Fishful
4. Silent Mice
3. Fluffy, the Snowman
2. Jingle Balls
1. Wreck the Halls!



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A RESCUER'S CREED

I shall be a believer of all that is good in man and of all that is deserving in animals.

I shall plead for their lives, campaign for their safety and uphold their right to a natural death.

I shall seek out the injured and the maimed, the unloved, and the abandoned and tend to them in their last days.

I shall not forget their place in the hierarchy of life, nor that we walk in each other's paths.

I shall bear witness to the wonder they bring to our lives and to the beauty they bestow upon our souls.

I shall renew their spirits when they are waning, bind their wounds when they bleed, cradle them when they whimper, and comfort them when they mourn.

I shall be near them in their hour of greatest need a companion and friend when the time has come.

I shall watch over them and console them and ask that the angels gather them in their arms.

From the creatures of the earth I shall learn the fruits of compassion & undying love, and I shall be called the beloved of God.

In their company I shall indeed be blessed.

- by Susan M. Pearson

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— Our Mission —

To care for cats in dire need and give our less fortunate feline friends a warm, loving and caring environment that allows them to live out their lives. To attempt to find loving homes for cats and kittens that come into our care. To promote responsible pet ownership through public education, early spaying and neutering programs and promoting other care programs.



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The Foundation's prime objective is to offer either a temporary or long-term place of protection for injured, unwanted, homeless and abused cats.

In line with this philosophy is the concept of HOMING - this means that we provide homes for these animals - either a new loving, caring home or permanent home at our facility for the cat to live a Quality Life for the remainder of it's life.

We provide a means of finding suitable loving and caring homes for these cats. In addition, we promote and educate the public on the proper treatment of cats.

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The Foundation is unique throughout all of Western Canada. The reason is quite simple. No person has the patience and the devotion that Marjorie has for the cats.

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Our 3rd Mission is **EDUCATION**

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