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Carter's Corner

The Hervey Foundation for Cats

May 30, 2017 @ 8:54 PM

Hi Marjorie . We just received your very kind thank-you note for our donation in honour of Carter's 4th birthday. He also received a little present----a stainless steel water fountain bowl after we liked the one we saw at our friends' house for their two very arthritic and geriatric cats who now don't have to bend down so far to drink.

As you probably know very well, Maine Coon cats adore playing with water, and a fountain will amuse them all day. That turned out to be so true for Quincy, who took to it immediately, and was licking the funnel, biting it, grabbing it with both paws, drinking from his wet paw, and generally splashing water all over. Carter sat on a kitchen chair, a few feet away, and didn't know what to make of it. Sometimes he'd turn and look at us as if to check whether or not we thought Quincy was engaged in unacceptable behavior. Finally, after a week, he decided to take a drink from the bottom part, and we're hoping he'll get more confident and brave enough to make it his regular water bowl too. It's supposed to encourage them to drink more, and Gene has reported there seem to be more clumps in the litter box.

Here are some photos of the cats at their new fountain, and also of them taking in the sun in the window. Carter often lies there on his back with his little white tummy soaking up the sunlight.

Enjoy summer. It's here!

Regards,
Gene & Lydia



Hervey Foundation for Cats

August 03, 2017 @10:40 PM

Hi Marjorie. Hard to believe this is going to be the last real long weekend in summer. Since there was no smoke from the B.C. fires, no wind, heat, loud neighborhood noises or mosquitoes today, we thought we'd sit in the yard, and "park" the cats nearby in their harnesses. Quincy is very good on these cat picnic occasions, and meandered off to investigate the shrubbery before I could take his photo with Carter, for whom it's still a relatively new experience. He loves to walk in the harness but is less confident on his own when staked on the leash. He did pretty well today on his cat picnic, and settled down after figuring out it might be OK if there was food, water, and his humans nearby.

Regards,
Gene & Lydia

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

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





Welcome to the Fall Newsletter!

Hi Everyone

Hope you had a great summer, I know I did so pull up a chair and let's spend some time catching up.

Well this summer has been quite an experience with the weather. You never knew what the day was going to bring each time you got up in the morning. From scorching hot days to very cool one, pouring rain, the wind never quit and hail and thunder and lightning and of course tornado watches. You never knew what was coming next. Of course the heat was a big concern for us trying to keep kitties cool so blinds were closed and fans were going and late nights were a great respite from the heat. Of course the cats could go out in their runs but they found it to warm during the hot days so retreated into the house but of course they would not stay downstairs where it was so much cooler. As everyone knows cats like to be with their people, so upstairs they were lying flat to the floor under the fans. So I am not sure what we should expect for fall and winter but let's hope that things are calmer, not a lot of snow and maybe temperatures not to cold.

We would like to thank Global Pets Leduc for having us to their store on the 29 of July for an adoption day.. We have some beautiful kittens for adoption and we were pleased to be able to showcase them at their store. For those interested in adopting you can see them on our facebook page or call me for more information about them 780 963-4933.

Well it is never to soon to remind everyone of our 17 dinner and silent auction on April 28, 2018, at the Italian Cultural Center and if anyone wants to make a silent auction donation that is fine to. Hope we can get more people to the event this time as I know the economy affected the attendance this year. Circle your calendars.

Hope you enjoy this newsletter and we want to thank everyone who supports us and who has made donations to us. Our supporters are our lifeline and it is you that helps us to be able to fulfill our mission of helping the cats and kittens. We hope everyone has an enjoyable Thanksgiving and a safe Halloween. Remember to feel free to call us any time with questions or concerns and we will be glad to try and help.

Marjorie Hervey





By Gayle McDonald

Housecalls for Housecats
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If your cat is scratching at its ears it might just be wax OR it might be a nasty infection. If the ears are red, painful, have a bad smell or visible discharge, your cat need to see a vet.

An ear exam by the vet will differentiate between waxy ears, infected ears, or ears with masses. Your vet will probably do an otoscope exam (look down the ear canal) and look at an ear swab under the microscope.

Young cats and outdoor cats are most likely to have ear mite infections. To get ear mites a cat must have contact with a creature that already has them (another cat – perhaps the mother cat, dogs, rodents, etc).

These tiny parasites crawl around the ear canal eating and causing intense itch. The discharge is usually black/brown but some chronic infections will have a white discharge.

If mites are found, the best treatment is one of the prescription topical systemic products (Revolution or Advantage Multi) that also prevent / kill fleas and roundworms. One treatment often cures the mite infection but some cats need a second treatment ~ 28 days after the first treatment. Oils in the ear do NOT reliably kill ear mites.

Yeast and bacteria can cause painful and itchy ears too. They often cause redness and a bad odor.

Yeast are treated with ear ointment twice a day for 1-3 weeks.

Bacteria are treated with ear ointment and/or oral antibiotics. How does a cat get a yeast or bacterial ear infection? The cats own skin yeast and bacteria overgrow due to an abnormal ear environment. Causes of the abnormal environment are allergies (food or environmental), masses (such as benign polyps or malignant tumors) and wet ears (after a bath or due to excessive wax).

If you don't properly treat a cat with an ear infection you are not only causing them constant discomfort but they might develop an aural hematoma (a blood clot + fluid buildup in the pinna). This condition can be very painful. Large and painful hematomas require surgery. Smaller cases might resolve with medication.

Waxy ears often need cleaning but overly aggressive ear cleaning can do more harm than good.

Do not use Q-tips. It is easy to traumatize the epithelium (top skin layer) and the ear drum. You can wipe away excess wax with a Kleenex or gauze. Your finger will not go too deep. Most cats hate the liquid ear cleaners. They are not necessary unless your vet has recommended their use. If you have more than one cat, they will often clean each other's ears unless they do not get along well enough to groom each other.

If you have any concerns about your cats' ears ASK your VET. And don't be upset if they won't just sell you medication without seeing your cat. We need to see your cat's ears and often take a swab to properly diagnose and treat the ear problem.

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.

CATS IN THE WORKPLACE

By Patricia Allyn

"The best associates are healthy and happy, and lead full lives." -taken from Purina's career page

The average North American workday is 8.8 hours. Although it may seem like a lot of time out of our lives, in comparison to earlier times throughout history, this is relatively few hours. Back in the days of the Industrial Revolution, for example, people were working 10-16 hour days. Welsh activist Robert Owen felt that these hours were harsh, and campaigned for shorter workdays with his slogan "Eight hours labour, eight hours recreation, eight hours rest." However, the 8 hour work day didn't truly evolve until in the early 1900s when Ford made a surprising change, reducing daily hours down to 8 while at the same time doubling wages. The result was an astounding increase in productivity! According to more current studies and research, the average number of actual "productive" hours is much less than the 8 hours spent at work.

Perhaps it's time for another monumental change in the workday, and perhaps cats could be part of that change! Several larger companies have or are transitioning to become dog friendly, including Google, and Amazon, who consider themselves to be among the most dog friendly companies in the world. While so many dogs are coming into these "pet friendly" offices already, cats, while not discriminated against, are somewhat discouraged, for their safety and well being. With cats being who they are, it's much trickier, and not often ideal, to bring the average cat to work each day. However, there are several places of business around the world where cats are not only welcomed in the workplace, but play a very important role in day to day business!

Cats supply their own kind of "feline therapy" to help people get through a rough day or perhaps make daily routines more interesting. They make people more happy and friendly, improving morale. Communications are increased, helping people to bond and contributing to more of a family feeling. All of this makes for employees who find their job more satisfying, and as a result, productivity is influenced positively. It has also been proven that pets boost immune function, possibly resulting in less sick time.

Cats In Offices

Ferray Corporation, an internet solutions company in Japan,

has taken drastic measures to increase the productivity of its employees. Their goal was to increase happiness and contentment, reduce stress and anxiety levels, and encourage inter-office communication.

Their strategy – bring in cats! Lots of them! Ferray Corporation has adopted 9 homeless cats and committed to caring for them for life! With their calming and soothing presence, the cats have quickly accomplished their intended purpose, and in return have received a loving forever home.

Google Ferray Corporation and you'll find images and movies of cats walking on and laying beside keyboards, on conference tables or comfy chairs, joining staff for lunch, and being held and cuddled. It will warm your heart to see how much these cats are cherished and how well they're cared for!

Employees at Ferray Corporation are not only allowed to bring their own pets to work as well, but they will receive \$45 per month as an incentive to adopt and care for a homeless cat of their own. It just doesn't get much better than that!

MDVC Creative, a professional marketing and design services company in Dallas, Texas, has had one or more cats in their office since 1998. In addition, they have a "Kitten Rescue" room where they foster young kittens, until they're old enough and well socialized, for adoption through Dallas Animal Services. In MDVC Creative's warehouse they store donated cat supplies which are then distributed to various rescue groups.

Not only does MDVC Creative realize how having cats in their workplace increases motivation, enthusiasm, and happiness, but they use cats on their website, symbolically representing their company with a comparison of seven key traits of cats. These seven traits are loving and caring, curious, playful, adventurous, smart and intelligent, friendly, and agile.

Unishippers, a transportation brokerage company in Green Bay, Wisconsin, has three office cats. They believe in a simple philosophy: If you make a cat happy, you, in turn, will be happier. I couldn't agree more!

Cats And Books ... They Just Go Together!

Locally, in our own wonderful city of Edmonton, the Wee Book Inn has always had a resident cat in each of their store locations! If you search their website you'll find a whole section devoted to past and present cats, with a picture and a short write-up about each. In looking at these photos, it soon becomes very apparent that the owners of Wee Book Inn obviously have a penchant for long haired oriental breeds! **How can you blame them?**

For nineteen years, Dewey was a much adored and celebrated fixture of the Spencer Public Library in Spencer,



CATS IN THE WORKPLACE

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Iowa. After being cruelly disposed of by being stuffed into the library's book drop overnight at a mere three weeks of age and in freezing temperatures, Dewey was then found and adopted by the Library Director and under her loving care, thrived and blossomed into the beloved celebrity that he was. Over his lifetime Dewey charmed people from near and far with his love and enthusiasm, along with an uncanny insight of knowing who needed him the most at any particular moment. Some of you may have read about Dewey in the book "Dewey" by Vicki Myron. If you haven't, I would highly recommend it!

Cats In Hotels

The famous Sylvania Hotel in Vancouver had a special cat who, for seven years (approximately 1994-2001), held the job of official mascot and dog detector (dogs were not allowed in the hotel at that time).

One rainy day a stray cat showed up at the Sylvania Hotel and the hotel's manager felt sorry for the wet and bedraggled cat so he let him in to dry off and weather the storm, telling him that as soon as the storm was over, he's got to go. As days and weeks went by and the manager kept telling the cat he's got to go, the cat was lovingly named "Mr Got To Go", and for years held a position of great prestige in the Sylvania Hotel. Mr Got To Go went on to inspire three children's books by author Lois Simmie (the first being a favorite of mine and my kids when they were young), and he received fan letters and was visited by admirers from near and far! The Sylvania Hotel went on to become Vancouver's first pet friendly hotel.

One wonders if the Sylvania hotel is actually famous for its beauty and long history, or if Mr Got To Go is the real reason for its fame!

Cats And Police ... Laying Down The "Claw"

Porter was rescued by the Toronto Police Marine Unit in September 2016 as a wet, cold and scared cat who was found sick and starving. After his owners could not be found, Porter was adopted by the unit, and all members chipped in to cover his care costs. Porter has now made himself at home as a very important member with the title "Honorary Officer In Charge". He has free run of the whole unit, has beds everywhere, with favorite perching spots and people.

Apparently, the way to Porter's heart is through his stomach!

In 2001 a stray cat was found by a police officer with the Lindenhurst Police

Department in Illinois, who then brought him in to show his chief, suggesting the cat become their mascot, with the intention of having him help to reduce stress in a very tense work environment. The cat got to stay, and his name became Mister Meanor. Mister Meanor has the incredible ability of differentiating between criminals and victims, either giving his tough cop "cattitude" to criminals or providing comfort to victims, as he sees fit. He is also a great support and stress relief to his two legged comrades. Everyone adores Mister Meanor and his wonderful spirit!

Cats In Your Workplace!

Companies that welcome pets in general tend to be thought of as having a creative and open working environment with innovative thinking, where importance is placed on employee experiences at work, improving work-life balance, and stress reduction, all of which ultimately result in increased productivity. These are some attributes that may be the perks needed to attract and keep desired candidates.

Having cats in the workplace can be a very good thing, but is totally dependant on the people and the environment. Everybody needs to be on board, or having cats may create issues. Feline safety and well-being always needs to be first and foremost. The location needs to be cat friendly and secure so that the cat can't get hurt or escape. Someone needs to take responsibility for the well-being of the cat who would require feeding, watering, grooming, monitoring for health, vet visits, and kitty litter maintenance. Weekends and holidays must be considered, as well as a backup caregiver for vacations and sick days. Having more than one cat would provide feline companionship during closed hours. Perhaps a monthly office fund could be started to cover costs.

If you'd like to encourage your boss to allow cats in your workplace, have a well thought out plan to present before approaching him or her. Do your homework first, anticipating any questions or concerns that may arise, so that you will be prepared with a solution.

Any cat lover knows the great attributes and resulting great feelings cats bring to any home. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had these great qualities to look forward to in our place of employ each day as well?

For more helpful information on having cats in the workplace, google "purina pets at work"*



Stray cat becomes internet star after joining fire department

GREENVILLE, SC -- The tiny orange and white kitten was in rough shape when he strayed into the Belmont Fire House malnourished and too small to even be vaccinated.

After lapping up some fried chicken and lots of attention, the weeks-old kitty grew stronger.

And two short years later, Flame, as the guys in the firehouse call him, is an Instagram sensation who was featured in a recent segment of the popular Animal Planet show "My Cat From Hell."

"I came in one day and I saw the guys playing with this kitten," Fire Chief Anthony Segars said of Flame's arrival at the firehouse.

"Now we've had dogs and cats wander up here before but they're always gone in a day or so," he told The Greenville News. "But a few days later ... the cat was sleeping in the bay. So I asked the guys, 'Why is the cat here?'"

"And they told me, 'He lives here now!'"

Since his arrival, Flame has come to be not only a companion for the firefighters, who can spend many hours away from home, but a kind of therapy cat for them as well.

"We see a lot of bad stuff," Segars said. "And it's like he knows, he can sense, that maybe they aren't having a good day. And he will just rub up on them and sit in their lap, and be like, I'm here for you."

And that's what brought the show's star, cat behaviorist Jackson Galaxy, to Greenville.

Firehouse cat

"My Cat From Hell" features Galaxy helping people cope with their feline behavioral dilemmas.

Is your cat pooping outside the litter box? Is he shredding the furniture? Or maybe your friends?

Galaxy solves their issues. Though it typically involves training the people more than the cats.

And included in every show is a segment called "My Cat From Heaven" which highlights special felines and their people, like Tara, the hero cat who chased off the dog that was attacking her family's little boy.



Stray cat becomes internet star

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Flame is the latest "Cat From Heaven."

"Everybody knows that the simple act of touching an animal brings down your heart rate and blood pressure. It seems nobody needs the benefit of this contact more than a building full of firefighters," Galaxy told The News about why Flame was chosen for the show.

"For most firefighters, their station is their home away from home," he added. "Their shifts are often 48 hours and they are without their family and loved ones. Every firefighter in the station agrees, coming back ... after fighting a fire and spending time with Flame — simply holding him or playing ball — they instantly feel better."

In the show, which airs on Saturdays, Galaxy watches Flame take a leisurely stroll around the firehouse contentedly nuzzling his firefighters and is awestruck by his calm in an environment that can be a cacophony of sirens and buzzers and radio calls.

"All the loud noise we make ... it doesn't phase him," Segars said. "He owns the domain."

'Loves them all'

"I have never dealt with a firehouse cat before, so congratulations, you're the first," Galaxy tells the chief.

"And you know, one of the things that makes Flame, for me, a cat from heaven is seeing a bunch of guys gathered around a cat and having them melt — and a bunch of tough guys at that," he says. "We don't have enough cat guys out there flying that flag and saying, 'Come on, cats are for men too.'"

Thanks to his Instagram fans, Flame, who boasts more than 12,000 followers, has a little cat firehouse complete with a fire station slide pole scratching post.

"From the time he got his first few thousand followers on Instagram, we'd get cat items — break-away collars, bow ties — people who are truly cat lovers would send gift cards for us to buy him food. So someone built that fire house for him," Segars said.

"At Christmas time, he gets more gifts and cards than the firefighters do. We seldom go a week and something is not in the mail for him," he added. "This fraternal order of cat lovers out there are very generous and awesome people."

Flame's fans include people from all over the South who stop by to get their picture taken with him while they're traveling through, Segars said. Greenville County EMS even made a getting picture with him one of their must-haves in a recent scavenger hunt, he said.

Belmont is a combination volunteer and career fire department with about 60 people, so someone's always at the firehouse with Flame, he said. And everyone chips in to care for him. Which may account for why he has no favorites.

"He loves them all," Segars says.

A form of therapy

Flame sleeps on, in and under the fire trucks, he said. When the fire alarm sounds, he simply moves out of the way as the firefighters scramble. And he's always sitting at the door waiting for them when they return.

On the day of filming, Segars said, Galaxy was anxious to hear the firefighters' stories and shared some of his own as well. Like the story of Tony, the cat who saved his owner from a fire 11 years after she'd saved him from death row. He also shared some behavioral tips with the guys.

"He was just kind of laid-back and real pleasant to be around," Segars said. "We had a great day of them shooting here."

It was a different kind of adventure than the guys at the firehouse are accustomed to.

After battling a recent blaze that involved some critically burned victims, the firefighters returned with heavy hearts. As always, Flame came to the rescue.

"When we have those bad times, my guys can sit in the rocking chairs out front and hold him and talk to him and it's a form of therapy. I truly believe that," Segars said. "It's amazing how he interacts with the guys like that. It's like he knows, 'They need me today.'"

As he wraps up the segment, Galaxy marvels at Flame's story.

"That was amazing," he said. "Flame gives new meaning to the concept of a working cat. Sometimes it's not about catching mice. It's about unconditional love and support. And these guys have got plenty of that now."



Halloween Safety Tips for Pet Owners



1. Lock Candy Away

Kids love to stash candy in their rooms, but a dog's keen sense of smell will lead him to even the most cleverly hidden treasure. Contact a veterinary professional right away if your pet does get into Halloween candy, especially if it contains chocolate or is sugar-free and contains xylitol.

2. Ditto the Glow Sticks

Glow sticks are used to help keep kids safe while they are out in the dark. Pets (especially cats) find these glow sticks to be a lot of fun and often puncture them. While most of the sticks are labeled as non-toxic, they do have an extremely bitter taste and pets who bite into them may begin drooling and racing around the house. A little treat or sip of milk will usually stop the taste reaction.

3. Have Pets Identified and Visible

There are a lot of extra people on the streets at Halloween, and that combined with strange costumes can spook pets and cause them to bolt. If you take your pet out after dark, make sure he or she wears a reflective collar and is securely leashed. And make sure your pet has proper identification on the collar.

4. Keep Pets Calm

Even pets who are kept indoors may experience intense anxiety over the large number of strangely dressed visitors. Keeping your pet away from trick-or-treaters may do the trick, but if you think more will be needed be sure and speak with your vet well in advance about options to help calm your pet.

5. Check Those Costumes

Costumes can be fun for the whole family. However, if you are planning on dressing up your best bud, ensure that the costume fits well and isn't going to slip and tangle the pet or cause a choking hazard if chewed on. And never leave a costumed pet unattended.

A background image featuring two black cats sitting among several pumpkins and scattered autumn leaves. The scene is set against a warm, orange-toned background.

Provided by the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center

ASPCapro.org



The Adventure's of Gary

Gary: Look at all those treats you have for us Mommy! Are we having a party or is there a special occasion coming up for us?

Not exactly Gary

Gary: AH I know what you have the treats for. I remember now from last year. You give us all those treats so you can catch us all to vaccinate us. I am out of here!

You are not out of here you are going to have your annual vaccines!

Gary: Why do we have to be vaccinated?

Okay I am going to explain to you why vaccines are so important. There are many diseases out there that kitties can get and some have no cure and are fatal and others can make you very sick and in some cases you can even die. So with the vaccines you receive annually you are protected.


Gary: Well, what vaccines do we get? Well you get a separate leukemia vaccine and a separate rabies vaccine but the most important vaccine that you get is all the upper respiratory vaccines and that vaccine includes Rhinotrachitis-Calici-Panleukopenia- Chlamydia Psittaci vaccine. Everyone at the Foundation has these vaccines and all new kitties that come into us have these vaccines.

We ask the owners of cats that they are having to give up to get the above vaccine before the cat is brought to us and we know that they ask for it but often they do not end up getting the cat vaccinated for what we want which creates problems because we will turn the people away or under certain

circumstances we have the vaccines redone and the cat has to end up in isolation longer. A lot of these cats receive an upper respiratory vaccine that does not have the Chlamydia in it and that to me is like vaccinating your children for measles and not mumps. Many people think that because their cat is an indoor only cat that they do not need to bother getting their cats vaccinated at all. In a perfect world, people would keep their cats for their lifetime but in the real world more than 50% of cats at some time or another end up being given up. So these cats end up in a shelter or rescue and have no immunity what so ever and that can mean that they can pick up something that will make them sick and even though the shelters and rescues vaccinate the cat does need time to build its immunity.

The other thing that people don't realize is if there is a natural disaster like we have seen in the last few years, flooding in High River and the fire in Fort McMurray many of these kitties will end up in an evacuation situation where they will be exposed to all kinds of things and with no vaccines and stress, they run a very good chance of getting sick. So as the guardian of the kitties at the Foundation we want to make as sure as we can that everyone is protected as much as we can and especially the ones going out for adoption. We hope they are going to good homes and the people are well screened but sometimes kitties get out and we want to make sure that we have protected that kitty as much as we can. So Gary every year all the kitties here will have their annual vaccines and everyone that comes to us will have their vaccines that way everyone stays healthy. There is a lot of dispute over vaccines. What to give and how often but we will continue doing what we do because it works.

Gary: So when's the appointment Mommy?
Soon

Gary: I love you Mommy.
Thank you for taking such good care of us. PURRR 





Those Lucky Black Cats

Did you know that black cats are lucky? They get a bad rap in this country, but the truth is that black cats have been viewed as luck bringers and guardians over many centuries and in many cultures. The black cat has an amazing history and their story is closely intertwined with ours. Their treatment has varied, depending on how we humans view them. Let's begin with an old charm, and a modern problem, and move on from there to the myths, stories and science surrounding these dark beauties.

Black cat, cross my path

Good fortune bring to home and hearth

When I am away from home

Bring me luck wherever I roam

- Old English Charm

The number one reason to adopt a black cat... They are the least likely to be adopted.

The Lucky Black Cat

Throughout history, and in many cultures, black cats were seen as lucky, sacred and protective beings. For example:

- ① To dream of a black cat is thought by many people to be a lucky omen.
- ② Many theatre folk love cats, perhaps because they, too, were once ostracized and shunned. It is believed that a black cat in the audience on opening night portends a successful play.
- ③ In the south of France, black cats are referred to as "matagots" or "magician cats." According to local superstition, they bring good luck to owners who feed them well and treat them with the respect they deserve.
- ④ Fisherman's wives kept black cats while their husbands went away to sea believing that the black cats would prevent danger from occurring to their husbands. These black cats were treated like royalty and were considered so valuable that they were often stolen. At one point, they became so expensive that few fisher folk could afford them.
- ⑤ In Australia and Britain and other parts of the world where black is a protective color, black cats are thought to be lucky. It was believed that their color gave them the power to ward off negative forces.
- ⑥ In Ancient Egypt, cats were sacred and protected by the Goddesses Sekmet and Bast. A home that kept a cat was blessed. Egyptians believed that cats captured the glow of the setting sun in their eyes and kept it safe until morning. Killing or harming a cat was a horrible crime in their culture, and was punished by death.
- ⑦ In the English Midlands, a black cat as a wedding present is thought to

Sleeping in a crate at the Montgomery County Humane Society with three other orphaned cats, 3-month-old Lark would seem to be the model of an adoptable cat. She is fuzzy, friendly toward people, and the domestic shorthair kitten has her life in front of her. There's just one small problem with Lark: she's black. In the numbers game that is animal adoption, that detail moves Lark and other cats like her to the proverbial back of the adoption line.

It is a sad but true fact that overcrowded animal shelters will euthanize black cats first because it is so hard for them to find homes.

bring good luck to the bride.

- ⑧ Many cultures believe that cats with gold or green eyes bring prosperity. Because of their eye and coat colours, black cats are thought to have ability to attract abundance and the power to protect it.
- ⑨ Many cultures consider cats to be mystical creatures which were really fairies or in disguise.
- ⑩ Cats have always been associated with motherhood, protection, love and fertility, and in many cultures, black is the colour of protection.
- ⑪ Advocates of Feng Shui remind us that cats are drawn to harmony. Therefore a happy cat is the sign of a happy, harmonious home. A figurine of a black cat is often placed in the home, facing north, to ward off evil.
- ⑫ In Finland black cats were thought to gently carry the souls of the dead to the other world.
- ⑬ King Charles I of England owned a black cat, which he valued very much. He treasured the cat so much that he had his guards watch over it 24 hours a day. As luck would have it, the day after the cat died from an illness, the king was arrested.

Hervey Foundation for Cats &



Pet Adoption Day



The Hervey Foundation had the pleasure of doing an adoption day at the Global Pets location in Leduc on July 29th. We appreciate the staff having us in to showcase some of the kittens that we have for adoption and we met many wonderful people that day.

Upcoming Events

April 28, 2018 is our 17th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction at the Italian Cultural Center - 14230 -133 Ave.

Tickets \$50 and donations of silent auction items welcome.

Contact Marjorie at 780 -963-4933



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for having us....*

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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.

Our primary concern is the cats under our care. Great precautions are taken to avoid introducing illness. For example, in the situation involving a typical member of the family our procedures would be as follows: Cats that come into our care are taken to an Accredited Veterinary Clinic where, at the cost of The Foundation, the animal would be examined and Feluk tested, spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, dewormed, vaccinated with the 4 way combination vaccine and Feline Leukemia and Rabies (if old enough). Its ears would be checked for ear mites and treated. The cat is then transported to our facility. It is placed in isolation for observation for 4 to 5 days. If any symptoms develop that needs attention, then the cat is treated. Assuming all is well, the cat is placed up for adoption to find it a good home. The cats in our care are not caged but are free to enjoy an home atmosphere. If it clear that a new acquisition could not be adopted for some reason or another, it is made to feel at home, is given a name, and it becomes assimilated into our family.

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 2nd Mission is **REHOMING**

finding good, loving and caring homes for those cats that are adoptable. Being a private Foundation our screening procedures are strict to ensure that our cats will receive the best care possible.

Our 3rd Mission is **EDUCATION**

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