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The Hervey Foundation for Cats and Furr-Ever Homes 🔍



The Hervey Foundation for Cats

Mar 1 @ 1:30pm

Hi my names is Chantilly and I am 14 weeks old. I have found my Furr-Ever home.



The Hervey Foundation for Cats

Feb 17 @ 1:00pm

Joy, Joy, O'Mally has found his Furr-Ever home thanks to the great people at Morinville Vet Clinic!!



The Hervey Foundation for Cats

Feb 12 @ 1:30pm



Thank you to all our supporters who helped us get the word out about Tabitha. She was recently adopted into her Furr-Ever home. We wish her well!!



The Hervey Foundation for Cats

Feb 12 @ 2:30pm



Hi my name is Endora. I am 14 weeks old and I have found my Furr-Ever Home!!



The Hervey Foundation for Cats

Jan 31 @ 5:30pm

Hi my name is Pumpkin and I have found my Furr-Ever Home!!



The Hervey Foundation for Cats

Jan 6 @ 5:30pm

Great News... Hansel and Gretel have a new Furr-Ever home



together!! We are so happy for them. Thanks for everyone who helped to make this happen.

Carter's Corner



The Hervey Foundation for Cats

Nov 3 @ 7:24 pm

Hi Marjorie. I'm so glad the days are getting a little longer at last. It makes winter more bearable.

We've learned that despite his abundant long fur, Carter is definitely not a winter cat. Snoozing in front of the fireplace is more his idea of a favourite winter activity, and he doesn't like to share the stool with the other cat.

Every morning our Maine Coon, Quincy, asks to go out onto the second floor deck for a few minutes where he can overview the back yard and check out the bird and squirrel activity. Carter is right behind him, but screeches to a halt the moment any cold air hits his face, quickly high-tailing it in the opposite direction. In the winter, he doesn't even like to go for his harness walks outside in the yard with Quincy. Instead, he waits at the door making his trademark little squeals for his winter walk around the yard.... inside my jacket! Regards, Gene & Lydia



Thank you for our Furr-Ever Homes!

MARJORIE'S MESSAGE



Dear Supporters,

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter!

Well, I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and that you have been able to get out and enjoy our mild winter. Our Newsletter will change a bit this year, hopefully giving you more informative articles and stories you can look forward to through out the year. "Carters Corner," is about a cat adopted from the Foundation into a wonderful home two years ago. Most exciting for me, are the stories we will be publishing from Gary, the only cat in our care that is allowed to run free in the yard at the Cat Sanctuary. These articles will be called "The Adventures of Gary." Otherwise, life at the sanctuary has been busy. Just the same old, same old, caring for the kitties, taking in surrenders, helping to educate people with their cat questions, and of course finding homes for the adoptables.

We have begun gearing up and moving into full swing with planning for our 15th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction on May 7, 2016, again being held at the Italian Cultural Center. We are looking forward to returning to this same beautiful venue and the wonderful food they prepare there. A few changes are being made to further enhance the event this year. We have a volunteer coming in with his sound and projection system. This should make a big difference as the sound system at the hall was struggling to keep up with the larger venue and group of supporters we had. Once again we will have a slide presentation, and we have a great Emcee,

Board member Maryanne Maitland.

Once again we will have fancy cakes to auction, this time supplied by Sugar Leaf cupcakes of Stony Plain. I have had some of their stuff and it is good! We are also very excited about many of our silent auction items. There will be a basket with all kinds of maple products, edible eats, Cineplex gift cards, just to touch on a few things. New for this year is that you will be able to by your tickets online, in addition to calling me directly. We are also pleased that PetSecure insurance has sponsored our volunteers' tickets this year. To thank them, they will be giving a short talk about pet health insurance. So circle your calanders and let's get as many cat loving humans as we can to celebrate all we are doing to help those less fortunate critters.

A short time after the silent auction we will be having a kitten themed garage sale. Over the years, many new and gently used items have been donated to us for our silent auction which we have not been able to use at this venue. So, we have decided to help find them a home while fundraising for the Foundation. Many of the items have a cat theme and are new, so you will want to check it out. It will be held at my sister's home in the Capilano area of Edmonton on June 9, 10 & 11. Closer to the date, we will give you the address. For those of you who do not use Facebook call me and I can let you know where it will be. We do not want any additional items donated for this

garage sale. There will also be household items that have been slightly used. Hope you will try and come.

I want to thank all of my board members and volunteers who work tirelessly for the Foundation. Everything they do is so appreciated. We want to thank the Morinville Vet Clinic for helping us to facilitate adoptions and for the loving care they give our cats and kittens. Thanks again to Creative Color for all the help they give us, not just for the mewsletter, but in many other ways their help is invaluable. A huge thank you goes out to all of you that have supported us with your donations over Christmas. These have been very much appreciated, especially in these difficult economic times. Your ongoing support means so much to the Foundation and it enables us to carry out our mission for helping the cats and kittens that come into our care. Thank you so for caring.

Marjorie Hervey



CAT WISH LIST

WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF:

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

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



All donations are appreciated!

RUDOLF- MY BLACK-NOSED KITTEN

By Patricia Allyn

As I watch my dear old boy Rudolph fade towards the end of his life, I can't help but think of how fast the years have gone by. I know Rudolph has had a great life. And at 18 years of age he's led a long life, by many animal standards. In my eyes though, it's not long enough, and as I prepare myself for his ultimate demise, no justification will ease my heartache when the time to say goodbye finally arrives.

Rudolph just so happens to be about the most stubborn and persistent cat ever, and although this often annoying trait has driven me and my family crazy on many occasions over the years, now I'm thankful as it serves him well in overcoming the many age-related obstacles (his, not mine of course!) we now face together.

Rudolph has already outlived any previous cats or dogs I've had the pleasure of belonging to. He has recently overcome cancer. A mere two springs ago, all skin and bones and with over sixty percent of his fur missing, I prayed for him to make it through just one last summer. And yet here he is, and here I am, pleading my case once again that I am not done with Rudolph just yet.

For unexplainable reasons I have a feeling, or perhaps it's a sense of hope, in my heart, that Rudolph will live until the age of 22. With kidney disease steadily advancing, my head is starting to tell me differently. As I type this, I watch my Rudolph sleeping curled up peacefully in his jigsaw puzzle box lid which is strategically placed on the table beside my laptop, and the trip down memory lane begins ...

I can't say that I'd been a hero, rescuing Rudolph from a horrendous past; his life didn't start off with a particularly rough beginning, and in fact he was every bit the confident little kitten who'd probably never known a struggle or hardship in his short existence.

As a stay at home mom with young children, one of the many regular outings I had with my kids was a weekly visit to the local pet shop. Often we'd come home and I'd talk excitedly about the cute little kittens and puppies we'd viewed through the plexi-glass. One particular Saturday afternoon in December 1997 was different though, and for whatever reason, instead of the usual "No, you know we can't", my husband said, "Well why don't you go get him then!" I've never been the type of person to have to be told twice when someone gives me the go ahead to add another furry member to my family. So we all immediately climbed back into the car, returned to the pet shop, and brought Rudolph home with us!

Back in those days I didn't really know the correct way to introduce two cats to insure everything would work out well (**see note below). I just carried little Rudolph into the house,



and thinking that my 6 year old cat Cedric would be as excited as I, set little Rudolph down in front of him on the carpet, only to be met by a cacophony of hisses, swats, and finally, Cedric turning on his heels and running.

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As any confident kitten would have it, Rudolph didn't take this as, "Leave me alone and get out of my life," but rather a challenge, "Let me pounce on his tail, let me have fun with his whiskers, let me cuddle with him!" Poor little kitten – I felt sorry for Rudolph to have to deal with my number one baby, who turned out to be pretty cantankerous, when expected to share his kingdom with an annoying kitten. Luckily Rudolph was always very tenacious even

as a kitten, and didn't give up easily. It did take some time and persistence on the part of Rudolph, but my boys did end up accepting each other – finally playing, grooming and even sleeping together. Cedric and Rudolph certainly became great buddies, and Cedric went on to teach his new little "apprentice" everything he needed to know about being such a wonderful cat, and then some!

Each and every day I have spent with Rudolph since he came into my life has been a wonderful gift, and time is even more precious now that he is in his golden years, and especially since I've come so close to losing him. Fate brought us together all those 18 long yet speedy years ago. Rudolph's life has been filled with fun, adventure, and most importantly love and affection; in fact, he's led about as purrfect of a life that any cat could ever hope to have. I consider myself to be the lucky one though, because my life has been so much richer with my Rudolph in it!

***For more information on introducing a new cat to an existing cat/s, please refer to my article entitled "THE JOY OF A MULTI-CAT HOME!!", available for viewing online in the Fall 2015 issue of the Hervey Foundation for Cats newsletter.

PET HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CATS...

... *Debunking the Myth*

“My cat is an indoor cat and doesn’t need insurance”

With 7 million cats owned in Canadian households, less than 40,000 have pet health insurance. These numbers are staggering considering that felines are the least expensive to insure, yet are the most underinsured companion animals of pet owners. (CAHI -NAPHIA 2014)

Petsecure pet health insurance is a Canadian owned and operated company that can take the worry out of vet bills when it comes to not only unexpected accidents or illnesses, but also preventive or routine veterinary care. Petsecure also believes in preventive dental care and all plans include coverage related to a dental scale and polish as well as extractions due to gum disease or trauma.*

Petsecure, the core brand of Western Financial Insurance Company, has been serving customers for over 25 years and has insured over 1 million pets. In 2015 alone, more than 28 million dollars was paid out in pet health insurance claims. We’re a proud organization that supports the veterinary community, including the Cat Healthy initiative, which encourages veterinary hospitals to participate in the Cat Friendly Practice Program. We also support many community charities across Canada, including Hervey’s Cat Foundation.

Common cat illnesses such as lower urinary tract problems and infections, cancer, diabetes, pancreatitis or hyperthyroidism can affect a cat whether they’re outside chasing mice, or happily inside curled on our laps. A cat living indoors is not exempt from these illnesses and can benefit from the protection that pet health insurance provides.

Wonderful organizations such as Hervey’s Cat Foundation are sometimes left with surrendered cats because they require a lifetime of costly medical treatment. This adds

financial pressure and stress on this organization, as they provide a lifetime of care to abused, abandoned, and overpopulated felines, offering an adoption plan where applicable for certain surrenders. It’s a greater challenge to find a suitable and permanent home for a cat that requires a lifetime of ongoing medications or treatments. Many of these cats stay at the facility so that staff can provide a lifetime of care for these very special felines.

As responsible cat owners, we do our part by spaying, neutering and vaccinating our felines. Every cat owner should also consider pet health insurance, regardless if their cat is indoors or outdoors. We’re willing to find the best veterinarian, toys, food, and cat houses and condos, yet we overlook one of the most important factors – our cat’s health.

Our cats provide us relief from stress, lower our blood pressure, provide constant companionship and love us unconditionally. They listen to our complaints and worries, see us at our best and

worst without ever giving an opinion. Our cats take care of us in so many ways, so let’s not forget to take care of them, whether they live indoors or outside.

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Chantele Cloutier
Petsecure Territory Manager

The Commitment of a Lifetime

By Patricia Allyn

"I, your name, take you, your cat's name, to be my beloved cat, my constant companion, my faithful partner and my love from this day forward. I offer you my solemn vow to be your faithful partner in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad, and in joy as well as in frustration. I promise to love you unconditionally, to honor, pamper and respect you, to laugh with you and play with you, to groom and cuddle with you, take you with me when I move, keep you safe from dangers, give you the necessary medical care, never abandon you, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live." – Meow

To open your heart and home to one or more animals is truly one of life's greatest pleasures! Our pets supply us with loyal companionship and an unconditional love unlike any other. They bring great joy to our homes and hearts, and they even help to relieve stress, give us a purpose, and bring a calming sense of balance into our busy lives. Guardianship of an animal should be a privilege, something that we must be worthy of, and no animal should ever be adopted without full consideration being given to the lifelong commitment required. This includes a commitment of money, time, responsibility and love, for the full life of the animal. The average life expectancy for an indoor only cat is 12-18 years, with some even living into their twenties! They become a family member and deserve to be treated as such.

Be considerate and consider these considerations!

With the rising cost of pet supplies and pet care, expenses are a definite consideration. You must be able to supply your cat with good quality food, vet care (including vaccinations, spaying/neutering, and possibly medical insurance), microchip, treats, toys, beds, brushes, etc. As cats age they may have more health issues which you will need to be prepared to deal with. You want to be able to give your cat the best you can afford, to help him stay healthy and go on to live a long and happy life. Time commitment is another factor when choosing to welcome a furbaby into your world. Some felines require more time than others, so choose according to how much available time you have and are willing to spend with them. A kitten will certainly need more supervision,



guidance and training; same with an adult cat who is overly active and playful. Your home is full of mischief just waiting to unfold for an adventurous cat or kitten! Although all cats should be brushed or combed regularly, a long-haired cat will require more grooming than a short-haired cat. And a senior or special needs cat may require special care or additional vet costs. All cats need an abundance of companionship and love. Even those who may be more aloof and independent like to know you're there for them, and thrive with your company. No matter what age, you need to include training, grooming, playing, and in general, spending time with them in whichever way they most need and desire. It is a big responsibility to be a pet guardian. Your obligation includes meeting all the basic physical needs such as food, water, safety, toys, exercise, clean kitty litter, medical care, and grooming, not to mention all the emotional needs such as love, affection, companionship, and a stable home life. You owe it to your cat to give him the finest life possible! Most cat guardians will tell you that all the work, money, time, and effort that they put into the care of their cat is repaid tenfold by the love and joy they get back in return.

THE COMMITMENT OF A LIFETIME, cont'd

To err is human, to forgive ... feline!

Although in my opinion cats are by nature practically purrfect, they, like humans, may have certain aspects of their characters that may seem less than perfect to us humans. Be prepared to work through any behavioral issues that they have, or that may arise. When you are expecting a new baby, it doesn't mean that you need to get rid of your cat. You should begin preparing him ahead of time to get him used to the new little bundle of joy. Any child will greatly benefit with growing up while having a pet/s in the home, and must be taught respect and gentleness from an early age. We are so lucky in this day and age to have instant access to a world's worth of information, quite literally at our fingertips. The internet is a wonderful resource for researching ideas and suggestions to help in dealing with just about any type of problem, issue or situation. Give "google" a try and you may be able to find the solution you've been looking for. Check out reputable sites, and look at a number of sites for a variety of possible answers, but be sure to use your common sense too.

Stuff happens ...

Sometimes unforeseen events occur, altering our life circumstances beyond our control, to the point where we can find no possible solution to keeping our pet, and ending in heartbreak for all. For example, if you lose your job, have to move, become ill, divorce, or discover someone has an allergy. You owe it to your cat to make every effort to keep him, taking him with you when you move and finding a pet friendly dwelling, and have a plan in place should you become too ill to care for him. Allergies are unfortunate, and you must put the health of the allergic person first, but depending on the severity of the allergy, there are ways you can lessen the impact and possibly keep your cat. Keep the bedroom of the allergy sufferer off limits to the cat by keeping the door closed at all times, and use an air purifier in there, so at least they will have an allergen-free place to sleep each night. Keep the entire home as hygienic and allergen-free as possible with regular cleaning and vacuuming; you can even purchase a special allergen trapping vacuum designed for this purpose.

But it's a lifelong contract!

There are people who adopt a pet on impulse without giving any thought to the pet's long-term care and well-being, and have no problem with giving that pet away when bored, when a new couch is purchased, etc., only to replace him with a new pet later on, and then often repeating this cycle time and again over the years. This behavior is no good for any animal involved, and if children are also involved, does nothing to teach them the responsible care of

animals. Sadly, perhaps some people should not have a pet.

Heartbreaking goodbyes


If all options fail, the most responsible thing you can do is to re-home the cat with someone you know and trust, someone you've first thoroughly checked out and feel very comfortable with, or with a rescue group that will keep him safe and give him the time to settle and the help necessary to deal with the stresses of being uprooted as he awaits his new home. When you give your cat up, you are in fact abandoning him, and turning his world upside down, leaving him scared and confused. You give up any control about his future and what it means for you or especially him. You are taking a leap of faith that wherever your cat will end up he will be getting cared for as you would like. Shelters everywhere are full of cats whose guardians never kept their end of the bargain in a lifelong commitment for one reason or another. Take him to a shelter and he will be stressed and bewildered. Life in a shelter is not easy and a lot of cats do not fare well. Kijiji is absolutely never a good idea as a place to advertise for a new home for your cat. You and your cat may get lucky, but there are also a lot of bad people out there that do unthinkable things to "free to a good home" pets. If your cat is a house soiler, there are not many people who will take a chance on such a cat. Sending him to an outdoor barn home may not always be the best choice for an indoor cat who depends on his humans for emotional and physical support, as well as protection from the elements and predators. House soiling is a hard issue to deal with, but it is possible to resolve. If you can't be accepting of your cat's negative behaviour, how do you think others will accept him if you choose to surrender?

It's all about the cats

I am passionate about cats – I live, love, dream and obsess about cats - in my home, leisure, and volunteer work. I know firsthand how great cats are, and how much love and joy they will bring into your world, if given an opportunity. For a lifetime reward of love and warm fuzzies, the small price we must pay is merely making the commitment to care for them until the end of their natural life. My wish is that every cat could have a chance in a home where they will be loved, pampered and cherished for life, as they deserve. What cat could ask for anything more? I just love a happy ending, especially one of the feline purrsuasion!

"You can always tell about somebody by the way they put their hands on an animal." - Betty White

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FIVE STEPS TO GET YOUR CAT Comfortable in the Carrier

(so you don't have to skip those much-needed vet visits)

Although cats outnumber dogs as pets, they aren't getting seen by veterinarians for routine exams and health problems as often as dogs. This is often because many cat owners feel it's too difficult to transport their cat there.

To ensure your cat gets her much-needed vet visits *(and to prevent bites and scratches)*, follow these steps for a much easier way to get your cat used to the carrier:

- 1 Change the cat's association with the carrier.**
Leave the carrier out with the door open and place a soft towel in there as added incentive for comfy napping in the future.
- 2 Encourage her to want to go near it.**
Place treats or your cat's food near the carrier, working up to placing the treat right in front, and eventually inside.
- 3 Offer a treat after closing the door.**
Once your cat is comfortable going in the carrier, close the door for a few seconds, open it again and offer a treat. Next, with the cat inside and the carrier closed, walk around the room. Reward your cat after you place the carrier back down and open the door.
- 4 Get in the car.**
Bring the cat in the carrier out to the car and place her inside. Sit with her for a few minutes but don't turn the engine on. Do that a few times until she's comfortable with that phase.
- 5 Turn the engine on but don't go anywhere.**
When she's okay with the engine being on you can then go for a short ride around the block.



Always reward your cat after each session and remain calm and casual. Your cat is a little emotional sponge and she picks up on your cues.

With a little carrier training, you should be able to comfortably take your cat to the veterinarian for those much-needed exams.

Source: Pam Johnson-Bennett, owner of Cat Behavior Associates: www.catbehaviorassociates.com



The Adventure's of Gary

Hey there! Allow me to introduce myself! My name is Gary and I am an exceedingly handsome three-year-old, neutered, cream, tabby cat.

Let me tell you a little about my story and how I came to live at the sanctuary. Way back when, when I was a just a precious little kitten, I had a home in Morinville, but my owner was not very responsible and used to frequently let me outside. So one day, when I was out and about goofing off, a bylaw officer came along and found me. He had put me in a cage because I was not supposed to be outside. I was quite frightened and pretty nervous at first, because I had heard numerous stories about what I was now called; a stray-and they were so terrifying! He brought me to the Morinville Vet Clinic to be cared for. This turned out to be very lucky for me, because the people there revealed themselves to actually be quite nice, as they took good care of me. While I was there, I waited and waited for the owner I had trusted to come and bring me back home, but they never did come for me. I felt so betrayed... But, at the clinic I was cared for and loved and they made me into an adoptable kitty by neutering me and giving me the necessary vaccines and microchips as well as all of the other good things that kitties like me should have. I was put into a big room with other kitties so I could run around and play all the time. Of course I have a very outgoing personality, so that made life substantially easier for me. The staff that worked there loved me! One day, the staff brought three ladies into the room. Wow, were they ever nice! I was told one of those wonderful ladies, named Marjorie, was the founder of a cat sanctuary. I soon figured out which one she was. She was the one with the red hair and doing all the talking with the other ladies and she appeared to be the one making all of the decisions, so I figured I had better buddy up with her! It was just my luck,

she had already fallen in love me and decided to take me to a place where I would go up for adoption! So I was out of there and off to this place in Sherwood Park. I was placed in a cage yet again behind glass where everyone could see me, but not touch me. It was a little disconcerting but hey, with my outgoing personality I quickly got used to things. Soon after being there, there was someone that came in to see me often and boy, did I ever like them! Finally, after a short time I was adopted by this person and off I went to my new home. I was ecstatic. I settled in right away, and thought that after my first bad experience with my pet owner this would be my new forever home. But after almost a month I overheard a phone call being made to this lady that I vaguely remember, named Marjorie.

My new owner was in tears, but said she couldn't keep me. Before I knew it, I was put into a carrier and driven back to that place in Sherwood Park where the two ladies that had accompanied Marjorie the first time we met, took me. I was devastated, for I had been betrayed yet again. Soon after, I ended up going for a long car ride and was not sure where I was going. I was afraid this trip might not end well. The ladies seemed very annoyed that I had been returned because they kept saying it was not my fault. Finally, we get to what I now know as ``the sanctuary.`` It was nice there, out in the country as it was quiet and peaceful. Not knowing what to expect next, I thought I had better put my best paw forward and make sure I was going to like it here. I am not even a year old yet and this is my third home. To my surprise, when I get in the house and let out of the carrier, there awaiting my arrival was the red haired lady, Marjorie. She picked me up, immediately hugging me and telling me that I would be safe now and that I can stay with her... but did I dare trust again.

Well, in the ensuing days, I took my time and started to investigate every where that I could. This was truly kitty heaven! The bedrooms are all made into big play rooms for us with floor to ceiling cat trees and kitty condos, food, water, litter and even bunk beds for us to sleep on!

The Adventure's of Gary, cont'd

We could also sleep with Mommy-as I now called her- if I could find room. So I settled in really well and found the run that is attached to the house and ventured outside to see what goes on out there. There is a very strict rule that we have to stay confined to the runs. There was only one cat that could go in and out the back door and that is because he is the resident mouser. He was quite old. I continued to investigate out in the runs and could see all around the place. I wondered if I could ever get out of the run to be the mouser. As the days passed by, we moved on into fall. Winter followed, and the old guy we knew as the mouser was not too fond of going out much in the winter, even though I knew he had a special bed out in the shop. The shop was heated, but Mommy wanted him to stay in. Eventually, spring was creeping its way up on us, and I heard Mommy say to Daddy that we were going to have to get another indoor-outdoor kitty to do the mousing.

Finally, spring broke forth, the snow started to melt and although the old guy did go outside again, he was tired. He was 17 years old now and wanted to pretty much just sleep in his basket. One day Mommy put an ad up on the fridge wanting to take applications for a new CEO of Rodent Control and I thought, 'Wow this is my big day! I have to apply and maybe she will give me the job.' Mommy took a look at my resume. She sat down with me and we did an interview. She explained my duties and that there were some very strict rules. I had a curfew, I could not be out before 7 in the morning and I had to be back in by 9 at night. I had to make many appearances throughout the day. I was also informed that because of my wonderful personality, I could also have other duties like being an ambassador for the Foundation and being a greeter. So, she agreed to let me give it a try. I was told one screw up and I would be back in the house for good.

Well, I cautiously went out and decided to stick close to the house for the first little while. The old guy took me around and showed me some of the ropes. He took me through the heated shop, the garage and around the outside runs. Then, to my amazement, the old guy showed me how to get up on the roof of the garage and the house so I could see everything for miles! It was great! The old guy never did go up there again. Once he was sure I knew my way around, he went back to his basket in the shop and lolled the rest of the summer away leaving everything to me. I was in my glory catching mice and doing the rounds in the buildings receiving so much love and attention from everyone that

came to the sanctuary. The volunteers love me, the delivery people that bring in the food and litter for us love me and I never thought in my wildest dreams I could have such a wonderful life. Of course I drive Mommy nuts because I love to go in and out and in and out to see whatever is going on inside, as well as outside. I abide by my curfew and I don't mind it. When Mommy is outside working I am always by her side! I now have a Mommy that I can trust and who will always take care of me and love me.

So this is how I got here! And now I have my own publication!! Thanks for reading my story! Please stay tuned for some of the mishaps and adventures I call my life at the sanctuary. It will be exciting! You will hear from me again later on in the summer newsletter. We'll talk to you then!

Grooming Your Pet

Here is an example of a feline who is extremely matted! Tangerine was rescued by The Hervey Foundation for Cats and brought to MVC for treatment and a hair cut. She required a sedative so we could clip off her matted fur comfortably. Underneath her matted fur her skin was scaly and very dry. She was rinsed off with warm water and a leave on conditioner was applied.



Points to remember

- 1** Once the fur has become matted, it is impossible to comb out.
- 2** The matted fur will pull on the skin continuously and can be quite uncomfortable. Cats with short or long fur can suffer from matting.
- 3** Regular brushing and grooming will prevent matting.

Morinville Veterinary Clinic's own Grooming by Rhonda has groomed many felines. She offers a feline clip, or brush out. If your feline won't tolerate handling or brushing, a sedative can be used to ensure their comfort and safety. Our veterinarian and registered veterinary technologist will monitor the feline's heart rate, breathing and temperature while Rhonda grooms your feline to purrfection.

HAS YOUR CAT STOPPED USING THE LITTER BOX?



The litter box. For many cat owners it's the most frustrating aspect of living with cats. Why is a plastic box filled with litter causing so much stress?

Here are three steps to figure out the cause:

STEP
1

Visit the Veterinarian

The cat may associate the location of the box with pain or maybe he can't hold his urine or stool long enough to make it to the box. It's crucial to rule out illness and injury before assuming the problem is behavioural.

STEP
2

Litter Box Set-Up

- Ideally, the litter box should be 1 ½ times the length of your cat and should not be covered. Covered boxes are too confining and they actually concentrate more odor.
- Use soft unscented litter
- Locate the box where it's convenient for the cat. If you have a multicat environment you'll need multiple boxes separated throughout the home to avoid territorial spats.
- Scoop the box at least twice a day.

STEP
3

Environment and Conflict

Cats are susceptible to stress, which can show up as a litter box problem. Multipet tension, moving, renovations, marriage, divorce, the appearance of unfamiliar outdoor animals, new baby, kids going to college, these are just a few of the things that can upset the feline status quo.

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If you can't figure out the underlying cause of your cat's litter box problem and he has gotten a clean bill of health, talk to your veterinarian about a referral to a qualified behaviour expert.

Source: Pam Johnson-Bennett, owner of Cat Behavior Associates: www.catbehaviorassociates.com

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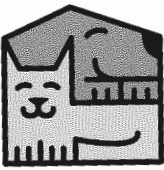


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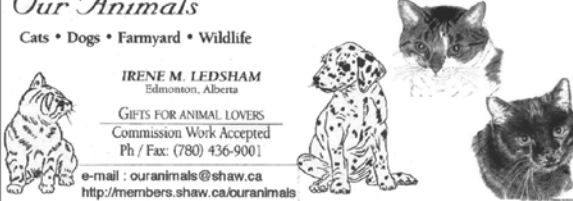
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I shall bear witness to the wonder they bring to our lives and to the beauty they bestow upon our souls.

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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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.

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