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# Carter's Corner

## The Hervey Foundation for Cats

November 21 @ 8:05 PM

Hi Marjorie. Since winter came right after Hallowe'en, we decided to start our decorating now, in case it got even colder. Carter has always been intrigued by Christmas decorations—maybe it's the different smells they take on when they're stored away for a while? Anyhow, he was quite keen to examine this little tree, and was probably hoping those little balls on it were cat treats when he made a tentative chomp...

When the days are colder, The Boys like to stick together, and a favourite past-time is snuggling in a pile of bed sheets, fresh and hot from the dryer. Quincy also decided Carter needed a bath, and you can see his tongue slurping away on the back of Carter's head before they settled down for a nap in the sheets. They pretty much stayed there all day, so no bed got made for a long time.

Stay warm!  
Lydia & Gene





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# 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 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Newsletter!

Welcome supporters to 2018 and our 20th anniversary special edition of the Mewsletter.

Yes it is hard to believe that 20 years has gone by since I started the Foundation. What a wonderful journey it has been and it has all been made possible by my supporters and the people that donate to us. Over the past 20 years countless numbers of cats and kittens have gone through the Foundation and have found wonderful homes and the ones that were not adoptable stayed with us at the sanctuary to finish their lives out.. You and many others made it possible for us to fulfill our mission of rescue, rehoming and education. We were able over the years to introduce many programs as they became available into the Foundation to improve the care of the cats. In 1999 we introduced the early spay/neuter program, and then micro chipping for identification purposes and then feline leukemia/FIV testing for everyone. We always had good vaccination and deworming programs. This was all made possible by the many vets that helped with the Foundation over the years providing help and education to myself so that the cats in our care had the best and most up to date care as possible. We thank all of them very much. We also want to thank the many volunteers that we had along the way and of course to my great board of directors who always provide much needed support and help. So a very heartfelt thank you everyone for making this all possible.

We have some very interesting articles in this Mewsletter and there is one article in particular that I would like to draw your attention to. It is the article on Hellas Pet Enclosures (on Page 4). These are enclosures for your cats to get fresh air and sunshine and exercise are great and they look so nice. They can be designed to your specific needs whether it is an apartment or condo or your home. At the Foundation

we have huge runs for the kitties to go out and play in but they are not as nice as what these are and it is just another alternative to give your cats more exercise. We also have an article that was provided to us on helping to sell your home when you have pets. Great articles on declawing and so much more. So, lots to read in this edition.

We have so many wonderful donors to the Foundation and no donation is too small. The monetary donations of course are the most important but donations such as gift certificates from G&E Pharmacy are of a great help as we get all of our canned and dry food from them and of course Wal-Mart gift cards are nice to because we can buy some cat supplies there but it helps us purchase a lot of the cleaning supplies that we need. So with the gift cards we can take the money that we would have to spend on those items and put it towards vet care. However over the last year some of our monthly donors have passed away or have moved away. Our monthly donations are essential to the running of the Foundations ongoing expenses to help the cats. So if anyone can see their way clear to help monthly it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember that here no one gets paid we are all volunteers helping the cats. To those of you who already donate monthly or through the year. THANK YOU.

Please join us on April 28, and celebrate with us our 20th anniversary and our 17th Dinner and Silent Auction. Let's make it a great night to remember after all it is for our feline friends. Hope to see you there.

*Marjorie Hervey*

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Hellas Pet Enclosures is committed to promoting responsible Pet ownership through providing safe, fun outdoor enclosures for the enrichment and longevity of your cats life. Part of our mission is to be active in the rescue community through donations, promotions and even fostering during the winter months. We have over 25 years of building construction experience that we use to ensure the quality, strength and safety of our products and installations. Our enclosures are custom built to suite your space, and the needs of your cat(s). Even if you live in a condo, apartment or are renting, we have worked with condo boards and landlords to make an aesthetically pleasing, removable enclosure. Anything is possible with a custom design!

There are many reasons to invest in a safe and healthy outdoor environment for your cat, they face many risks when able to roam freely;

- being hit by a motor vehicle.
- disease or poisoning/pesticides.
- being attacked by dogs, stray or free roaming cats, coyotes or overhead predators.
- unhappy neighbours threatening them.
- encountering people that dislike our furry felines and inflicting harm.
- being locked in someone's shed, garage or just outright stolen.
- shorter life span.
- danger to our wild bird population.



What do our clients say about their cats behaviour after we've built them an enclosure/cat run?



- cats have more energy and enthusiasm.
- They don't hang around the doors waiting for a chance to slip out.
- They sleep better at night with all the fresh air and bird watching.
- Cats gain confidence, especially when they have independent access to their enclosure.
- They get their exercise running and jumping around in their enclosure.
- The feeling of safety, strays or predators can't get them, even the family dog can't bother them.
- Cats that have been allowed to roam freely, like rescue cats, have adapted to, and enjoy their new safe environment.

They are our beloved feline family members, we are their voice, it's up to us to ensure that they are safe in the great outdoors.

The peace of mind we gain is priceless."

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# Declaw – An Outdated and often Painful Practice

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Declawing (technically called onychectomy) is a surgical procedure where the end of the toe is removed from the knuckle down. This involves cutting through the joint to remove the nail bed in order to prevent the claw from re-growing.

Reasons given for doing this procedure vary from preventing of scratching of furniture to preventing harm to people.

These reasons are for the person, not the cat. The behavior that leads to these reasons can often be prevented or reduced with time and training.

Complications for the declaw procedure are common.

What follows is my opinion and personal experience.

Sterling was a grey domestic long hair I adopted at 4 weeks of age as a rescue. He came to the clinic where I worked. The previous owners were unable or unwilling to treat his broken leg so he was removed from the home.

After assisting in the surgery to pin his femur, I fell in love with the fluffy ball of grey fur and adopted him. Like many cats removed from their mother's care too young, Sterling had some behavioural issues. He suckled on people, blankets and plastic. He would randomly attack people, biting and scratching them.

I was pregnant and concerned he would be a danger to the baby. I chose to have a declaw performed. I trusted the veterinarian I worked for as a skilled surgeon. They performed a local block, performed the surgery with skill, and prescribed comprehensive post op pain control. Sterling's surgery was routine and his recovery was normal.

A few months after surgery, I noticed Sterling limping. Sometimes the left front leg, sometimes the right front. He would jump off his foot suddenly like something had poked him. He would also shift his weight from one front foot to the other.

We did radiographs to make sure no part of the bone had been missed and left behind. There was no bone visible but there was something abnormal. Surgery was done on each toe and remnants

of the surgical glue used during the declaw was removed. It seemed Sterling's body had reacted abnormally to the glue.

Sterling recovered well. He was normal for several months. Then he began to limp again. This time the radiographs did not show any abnormalities. Consultations with a surgical specialist did not find a cause but they suspected nerve damage. Chronic nerve pain is possible any time a nerve is damaged or cut. Options were severing the nerves to stop the pain (but leaving him susceptible to injury and difficulty walking) or a lifetime of pain control medication. We opted for the pain medication.

As Sterling aged more and more pain medication was needed (NSAIDs, then opioids). We eventually had to make a choice: keep him on high dose opioids so he was comfortable but sleeping 99% of the time, watch him be in pain, or euthanasia.

In 2014 we euthanized our fuzzy boy Sterling at the age of 14 years.

As an adult he was never aggressive to anyone including my daughter (who dressed him in doll clothes).

I will forever know that my decision to have Sterling declawed caused him lifelong pain. And it was not necessary. If we had given him time we would have seen his behaviour change.

Complication rates for declaws varies from surgeon to surgeon, and technique to technique, ranging from 10 % - 50 %.

Complications include chronic pain and lameness, and behavioural problems (biting and litter box avoidance) that lead to surrender and euthanasia.

WHY is a surgery with significant risk of complications, NO benefit to the cat, and may still end up in surrender / euthanasia still being performed?

Declaw surgery is being outlawed in jurisdictions around the world. In Canada and the USA the surgery is still routinely performed. Housecalls for Housecats does not do declaws.

For cats everywhere please see [www.pawproject.org](http://www.pawproject.org) for ways to help support the ban of declawing.

## Footnote

The following is a list of countries in which declawing cats is either illegal or considered extremely inhumane and only performed under extreme circumstances

England, Scotland, Wales, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Ireland, Denmark, Finland, Slovenia, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Slovenia, France Germany, Bosnia, Malta, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Portugal, Belgium, Israel and in 2009 seven California cities banned declawing Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills Berkeley, Culver City, Burbank, Denver, Colorado and in March 2018 Nova Scotia, Canada (**Article on Page 10**).

# Feline

## Obesity -

## Fat or Fluffy?

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### Over 50% of cats are overweight.

#### Is your cat overweight?

\*Don't judge them just by what a scale says. A very fit large cat (ie: Maine Coone) could be 8 kg or more. An overweight small cat may be only 4 kg.

\*Don't judge them based on their belly flap (what some people call an udder).

The fat pad between the hind legs is a primordial fat pad that many cats have even if they are of normal weight / size.

\*Don't judge them based on how they look. Long hair cats often look wider / fatter than they are.

Body condition score (BCS) is the better way to judge if a cat is thin, normal, or overweight. Your vet should check your cat's BCS during their examination. This is done by feeling over the ribs, spine, and hips.

IF you have trouble feeling your cat's ribs, your cat is probably overweight.

The BCS is often given as a number. A 5/9 is normal, a 3/9 is thin, and a 7/9 is overweight.

Please see the BCS chart online: <http://www.wsava.org/sites/default/files/Body%20condition%20score%20chart%20cats.pdf>

The WSAVA is the World Small Animal Veterinary Association which has made pet obesity one of its priorities.

#### Why are so many cats overweight?

The modern cat is mostly indoors (which helps them live longer), doesn't get much exercise, and is fed calorie dense kibble free choice.

Eating more calories than the body needs to function = fat production and weight gain.

We often give cats too many calories to eat each day.

Dry food varies from 300 – 550 calories per cup.

The average 10 lb cat needs 200 – 250 calories per day.

The exact calories per day a cat needs varies with age, activity (Bengals are usually more active than a Persian), and BCS. Your vet should be able to do a BCS on your cat and then give you a calories per day recommendation. DO NOT just feed what the



bag recommends. The feeding guidelines on a bag of food are too high for most indoor neutered pets.

All dry food has a lot of carbohydrates. "Grain Free" does not mean low carb.

Canned food is lower in carbohydrates and is almost always lower calorie per mouthful.

A 3 oz can of food varies from 50 – 100 calories per can.

A 5.5 oz can of food is usually 100 – 240 calories per can.

Giving your cat canned food will NOT affect the level of dental disease in your cat. The average dry food does nothing to improve feline dental health. The VOHC diets (T/D or RC Dental) do not always help the teeth either. It is more important to feed a diet that helps your cat be a healthy weight and find another way to help the teeth (brushing, etc).

#### Why should I care if my cat is overweight?

Overweight cats have more medical problems and often do not live as long. Medical conditions that obesity is linked to include: Diabetes, FUS (Feline Urologic Syndrome), Constipation, Asthma, Arthritis, and unhealthy Skin / Coat – mats, etc).

#### How can we help our cats be a healthier weight??

We need to count / limit their calories and get them to exercise / play more.

Cats rarely do the walking on a leash thing. Exercise is best given via play ... use catnip or honeysuckle, use a ribbon or string on a wand, use a battery operated mouse, etc.

Instead of putting all of your cat's food in a pile in front of them, put the food in multiple locations around the house so they have to hunt for it.

Feed canned food every day. Whether it is 50% of your cat's diet or 100% should be decided by you and your vet based on your cat's health (do they have other issues like diarrhea, etc).

Please talk to your vet about your cat's weight. If your vet does not do a BCS, see a different vet.



# When the Wag Isn't a Friendly Welcome: How to Sell a House with Pets

## BY CHELS KNORR

Chance the dog and Sassy the cat are your four-legged children. They're well-behaved and those smooshed "I-woke-up-like-this" faces are pretty darn cute. However, no one loves your pets like you do.

Pets become a problem when you're trying to sell your home. First, you're liable if say, your dog bites a visitor. Second, home viewers may have any number of reservations: Maybe they just don't like animals that much. Maybe they're scared of dogs or are allergic to cats. Maybe your house stinks and you've become immune to the smell.

No matter the situation, you must be sensitive and accommodating if you want your home to sell swiftly. Here's what to do.

### **Sell house with pets action plan.**

Develop a Plan of Action

Steam Clean the Carpets

Rent a Rug Doctor and do it yourself or use one of those mailer coupons you have stashed away. Whatever you decide, clear out the room. You can leave the big furniture in place if needed. Shampooing the carpet will not only draw out odors from the occasional pet accident, but also deal with those random sticky spots that have attracted dirt over the years.

### **Keep the Clutter Picked Up**

The dog has more toys than your human children ever did. If you don't already have a designated box or cupboard, assign one now. Store everything from leashes and food to meds and toys inside. For the toys you want out, place them in a basket out of site. This way Chance can access but they don't dominate the room or create a minefield in your living area.

### **Invest in Some Air Fresheners**

Glade is your best friend when it comes to selling your house. "Vanilla Lavender" and "Cinnamon Holidays" beat "Kitty Litter" every day. Not into artificial scents? Invest in a reed diffuser.

Even if you don't have pets, air fresheners will hide the scent of stale laundry, anything funny in the fridge and the bathroom trash you forgot to take out last night. It's the ultimate form of forgiveness when showing your home. In addition to plug-ins or countertop units, Febreze the couches and any sports equipment you have stored.

### **Sell house with pets home showings game plan.**

Create a Game Plan for Showings

Say your Realtor calls you on Sunday morning and says she wants to show your house at 9. If you already have a game plan, then barely awake, un-caffeinated you can handle the situation without a lot of thought. Here are a few ideas to set one up:

Ask the neighbors: If you have neighbors who are willing to take your pet for a half-hour or so, bring them over there just before a showing.

Walk to the nearby coffee shop: Take a walk with the dog, or stop at your local coffee shop if you need to kill some time. Read the newspaper or do the crossword and then head home.

Bring-your-dog-to-work day: If your workplace is pet-friendly, why not bring your four-legged friend with you?

Sit in the car: You can always stick Sassy in the car with you. Sit across the street in the church parking lot with the A/C on and listen to your audiobook while the showing is going on. It's not the most ideal but it works in a pinch.

Crate them or use the laundry room: If your pet is crate trained, putting them in their crate for an hour or two will be no big deal. Though the laundry room should be accessible to viewers, it's the best temperature-controlled room to block off if you need to keep pets contained somewhere inside.

### **Sell house with pets, dog owner edition**

#### **If You're a Dog Owner...**

As a dog owner, you have unique needs. Try these to accommodate:

Vacuum, Vacuum, Vacuum

Dog hair is on your couch, bedspread and on every black sweater and coat in your closet. It's time to locate all those wacky-shaped vacuum attachments you thought you'd never use. The stair attachment can really get into the nooks and crannies of the spindles and banister. The upholstery attachment can go over your couches and chairs. Suction off the baseboards full of settled dust and dander. The dog itself may be endearing but the dog hair isn't. Eliminate all evidence one lives there, if possible.

Use the Pooper Scooper

If you've been to a park on a Saturday morning and stepped in a steaming pile of fresh poop, you understand. It probably ruined your walk.

If someone who's viewing your home steps in a pile of poo on your front lawn or when they go out to check out your backyard, it's

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likely to ruin their experience too. Buy a pooper scooper or rake to keep the area clean. Better yet, just go outside with your dog and pick up after them with a plastic bag.

## Arrange Care

Yappy barking isn't the most welcoming to home viewers, and unfortunately even crating or putting your pets in the laundry room doesn't address the noise. Call your local doggie daycare when you put your home up for sale to see if they can take him on the days you have showings. Unless you live in a competitive area, your sitter can probably accommodate your pop-in's. You may love that wagging tail by the front door when you get home from work, but your guests won't be as thrilled (or forgiving about getting scratched and jumped on).

Sell house fast with pets, cat owner edition.

## If You're a Cat Owner...



## Be Allergy-Conscious

Hair is bad with dogs that shed, but it's even worse with cats. Go over the room carefully — vacuum the floors and the drapes, lint brush the furniture you can't reach with the vacuum, and dust every surface. Get into all the corners and baseboards.

Fifteen percent of people are allergic to animals, according to Canidae, and allergies to cats are the most common. Nothing says "this house isn't for me" like a skin rash, itchy eyes and an asthma attack.

## Hide the Litter Box

If when you walk in, you can smell the litter box, you're at a disadvantage. First impressions are a big — B.I.G. — deal. Tuck the litter box into an area where you can close the door. The laundry area works, or better yet, a separate closet with a subtle pet entrance. If anything, buy the slightly more expensive odor shield stuff.

## Consider Safety

Your cat is like most cats — she doesn't like people and would rather just do her own thing. But don't place any bets on her demeanor. Say viewers waltz in your front door and leave the door open for a bit. If Sassy isn't an outside cat, you don't want her getting out accidentally.

You also don't want her to go bazerko because someone is intruding on her space. You certainly don't want to be liable for a giant cat scratch. Crate her in the laundry room or ask a friend if you can bring her over for a bit.

## If You Have Other Animals...

Cats and dogs aren't unusual, but if you have other pets, evaluate them according to noise, containability, social acceptability and stinkiness. Ask yourself these questions:

Does it make noise?

Fish — Nope, makes bubbles instead!

X Parrot — Yep, repeats heated arguments and curses.

Is it contained?

Horse — Yes, in a designated horse corral!

X Ostrich — No, just running loose in the front yard.

Is it mainstream?

Rabbit — Yes, a completely socially acceptable pet.

X Snake — NO! Unless you're selling property in the reptile wing at the zoo?

Does it stink?

Ant Farm — Nope, busy but odorless.

X Rat — Yep! Gross.

If you live on horse property, no one will think twice if you have horses. If you have a more obscure pet, see if an animal lover friend is willing to take it while your house is up for sale. Though it'll be hard to be away from your pet, you won't have to worry every time someone comes to see your place.

If you don't have that option, put your pet in a room where they are not front and center, and let the real estate agent know in the notes of your listing. There are very few people who will appreciate opening a front door to see a giant tarantula staring back at them, and those who are afraid of spiders will surely appreciate the warning.

Tons of people have pets, so dealing with them as you sell your house is not a new problem. A top-selling agent in your area can give you more tips about how to deal with pets during the sales process.

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**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.





# The Adventure's of Gary

**GARY:** Mommy can I ask you a question?

**Mommy:** Of course you can ask me a question. What is it?

**GARY:** Why did you start the Foundation?

**Mommy:** Well you see Gary I saw a real need in society to help the cats. There was so much needless euthansia and I felt that there had to be something that I could do in some small way to help. So I took my family inheritance ( I could have been sitting on the beach in Hawaii drinking a a Mya tyia) and decided to try and do something. So I created the Foundation and in 1999 we introduced the early spay/neuter program so that all kittens and of course cats could be altered before they were adopted out. We hoped that it would help prevent a lot of unwanted litters of kittens and help start to educate the public on spaying /neutereing.

**Gary: Did it help Mommy?**

**Mommy:** Well yes and no. Today shelters and rescues as well as the Foundation usually alter their cats and kittens before adoption and there are a lot of responsible pet owners that see to it that they get their kitty altered if they do not take from a rescue or shelter but there is still a large group of irresposible pet owners that can't be bothered to fix their cats and let them roam thus producing many unwanted litters and there are not enough homes for all the kitties that come into the world. You see a lot of people still think oh its just a cat and it is disposable and it can take care of its self. This is not true. This is such Neanderthal thinking. It frustrates me that people have no respect for life . They don't care if the cat gets run over or has a litter of kittens under someone elses deck so it becomes someone else's problem. Over the years there has been a ton of education done on spaying/neutereing and people have so many excues,well there arn't any as far as I am concerned. We have low cost spay/neuter clinics and if people adopted from a shelter or rescue the work is already done. Things have gotten a bit better but when you hear how many kitties are in at different rescues and shelters it does make us wonder if anyone is listening out there. At the sanctary everyone is done and it will stay that way

**GARY:** Thanks for caring about us Mommy. PUrr



# Nova Scotia becomes first province to ban declawing domestic cats

THE GLOBE AND MAIL  
HALIFAX  
THE CANADIAN PRESS, PUBLISHED DECEMBER 13, 2017

Nova Scotia has become the first province to ban medically unnecessary cat declawing, part of a worldwide movement against the practice.

The Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association decided Tuesday to amend its code of ethics to make the practice of elective and non-therapeutic declawing ethically unacceptable.

It will come into effect on March 15, 2018, following a three-month education period.

Dr. Frank Richardson, registrar of the association, said the decision follows years of discussion by veterinarians, surveys, public input, and a recent statement from the national association.



The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association strengthened its stand against declawing domestic cats in March, saying the practice causes unnecessary and avoidable pain.

Vets' groups in many other provinces are having active discussions on the issue, Richardson said. "It's on everybody's radar."

Richardson said while declawing was popular 20 years ago, fewer and fewer veterinarians have been willing to perform the procedure.

"The number is getting smaller and smaller each year. I think if we did nothing it would die off on its own," he said.

Dr. Hugh Chisholm, a retired veterinarian who has been pushing for the change, said while some municipalities have enacted regulations against declawing, Nova Scotia becomes the first province or state in North America to declare the practice unethical.



"It's a great day. I'm so proud of the Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association," said Chisholm, Atlantic Canada director for the Paw Project.

"You are amputating 10 bones from 10 digits on the paws of a cat, and if that doesn't constitute mutilation, I don't know what does," he said.

The practice has already been banned in the U.K., Europe, Australia and several California cities. New Jersey is considering a law that would ban the practice unless a vet decides the operation is medically necessary.

"Now that we have this success in Nova Scotia, I will be contacting the other provincial veterinary associations to encourage them to do the same thing. I think it's just a matter of time," Chisholm said.

For years some pet owners have had their cats declawed to prevent scratches to furniture, people and other pets. But the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association says scratching is normal behaviour that cats use to mark territory, help with balance, climb and defend themselves.

Chisholm said there will still be cases where declawing will be medically necessary.

"Those would be very rare cases, but yes if it is in the cat's best interest to have a claw removed or a few claws removed because of trauma or infection, then yes it is the right thing to do. To do it because you're worried your sofa is going to get picked or scratched is just wrong," Chisholm said.

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## NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT/FOUNDER  
MARJORIE HERVEY  
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### I am an Animal Rescuer 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

The Foundation operates a no-kill facility - euthanasia as an option only when the animal cannot enjoy a reasonable quality of life.



## — 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.



It takes 450<sup>lbs</sup> of dry cat food, 75 cases of canned food and 800<sup>lbs</sup> of litter EVERY MONTH to take care of the hundreds of stray, abandoned and unwanted cats and kittens that The Hervey Foundation for Cats takes in at their facility each year. Many of these animals find new homes – but many fall into permanent care at our facility.

**With costs in excess of \$5000 every month the Foundation needs the continued support of the caring public to carry out our mission.**

The Foundation is a registered non-profit Charitable Organization in Canada and Alberta:  
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## ALL DONATIONS MADE TO THE FOUNDATION ARE TAX-DEDUCTABLE!

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**ALL DONATIONS WELCOME  
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The Foundation was founded by Marjorie Hervey in 1998 to provide care and loving homes for the unwanted, un-cared for and abandoned cats that fall into our society. She used her family inheritance and more to start and establish The Foundation. Since that time over 3,000 cats and kittens have come into our care and most have found good, loving homes. The balance stay with us to live a quality life.

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.

## Our Supporters Are Our Lifeline

Monthly donations are the lifeline of the Foundation. They are essential to help with the ongoing care of the cats and kitties. It goes towards food, litter and vet care. The Foundation is powered by volunteers - there are no paid employees of the foundation, nor do the owners/directors receive remuneration - all funds are used for the care of the animals and the operation of the Sanctuary.

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## Our Mission is three-fold

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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**

We educate people to have compassion and respect for all animals We promote that an animal is a lifetime commitment – we advocate early spaying & neutering as a solution to the overpopulation of animals and recommend Micro-chipping of all animals for identification should they stray.



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