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Carter's Corner



The Hervey Foundation for Cats

March 06 @ 7:01pm

Hi Marjorie. I sure don't like this latest blast of winter, and neither does Carter who likes to nestle in the house far away from windows and other sources of cold. Between



Carter hanging out

him and Quincy, they have 5 lovely, fluffy cat beds, but what does Carter love the best?--- a box from some groceries from Costco! We've had it a week now, and the two are inseparable.

We hope you're keeping well.

Regards,
Lydia & Gene



The Hervey Foundation for Cats

April 07 @ 11:43am

Hi Marjorie. We're looking forward to the Hervey Foundation's 16th Annual Silent Auction and Dinner in May. By then hopefully we'll have some flowers since we're now getting the April showers. Here's Carter in his little ground-level window hammock where he'd rather watch the goings-on in the yard than walk in the wet grass



Carter in his Hammock

and soil. He prefers the upstairs balcony where it's drier on his feet, but the number one favourite way of viewing his little kingdom this time of year is to be carried around.

Regards,
Lydia & Gene



We gratefully send our sincere thanks to the Cunningham Animal Care Fund at the Edmonton

Community Foundation for their ongoing support to the Hervey Foundation for Cats.



The Hervey Foundation for Cats

May 06 @ 10:19 pm

Hi Marjorie. We had a great time at the 16th Annual Hervey Foundation Fund-Raiser Dinner/Silent Auction . It was wonderful to reconnect with people we met at the previous dinners, and we were pleased to be the winning bids on a couple of the silent auction items. Here are Quincy and Ozzie-Carter waiting patiently (on the mat and the heat vent!) by the patio door to be allowed out on the enclosed deck in the morning the other day. It's another one of their little rituals they've trained us to perform.

Thanks again for putting on the very worthy event.

Gene & Lydia



Carter and Quincy Emanuel

Thank you for my Furr-Ever Home!



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Welcome to the Spring Newsletter!

Dear Supporters

Welcome to the summer Mewsletter!

I think summer has FINALLY arrived! The kitties are out in the run, enjoying the sunshine, chasing bugs and just snoozing out there. However, I did read the long range forecast in the Journal about the next three months. It is expected to be an up and down roller coaster, with hot days and then cold days, over and over. This could make for some interesting storms. I guess we have to take the good with the bad.

May 6, 2017 marked the date of our 16th annual dinner and silent auction, and it was a lovely event. The attendance was a bit smaller this year due to the economy, however the evening was successful. Everyone had a good time, and enjoyed the good food and the friendships that they have developed over the years. We had some really

nice auction items and I think everyone got what they wanted. I didn't do the cakes this year, but have had requests placed for next year.

We are always open to your ideas and requests, so please don't be shy! Let us know your thoughts and wishes and we will try our best to have it there.

A tremendous thank you to everyone who joined us for the evening to make this a memorable event, as well as a very special thank you to the many people who made this a very special event by donating auction items, volunteering to help with pick ups, organizing, and assisting the evening of the event. All of your help, time, hard work and talent are what made this event successful, and we could not have done it without you.

Please save the date of April 28, 2018 on your calendars to join us for our 17th annual dinner and auction next year.

Although not much ever changes here, and we do not have big plans for the summer, we are still looking forward to the

summer months. The cats love the summer so much.

We have been able to help many cats this year and also many people, with their inquiries about problems they are having with their cat and it is always a good feeling to try and help, especially if it means that the cat can stay in his/her home. Phone calls and e-mails keep us busy, along with caring for the cats.

So with that, I am going to say good bye until our fall edition. As always, you are more than welcome to phone and keep in touch, which I do with many of you throughout the year.

Thank you once again to everyone who supported us for our dinner and silent auction and also a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donates to us and gives us ongoing support. Our supporters are our lifeline and without your help, we would not be able to carry on our mission of helping our feline friends.

Have a happy and safe summer. Talk again in the fall.

Marjorie Hervey

Is your cat not eating?

No big deal, right?

WRONG!

By Gayle McDonald

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IF a cat goes too long without eating they can develop a liver disease called Hepatic Lipidosis. How long is too long? It varies from cat to cat ... if a cat is obese it happens sooner, etc. Liver damage can be seen as soon as 3 days of not eating but might not develop until 7 days or more.

Why would a cat stop eating? It can be due to physical disease or psychological issues (stress of owners being away, food aversion, etc.).

Fever (temperature of > 39.5 degrees Celsius), nausea, and pain are common physical cause of loss of appetite.

Pain might be due to pancreatitis, trauma, GI blockage, IBD, bladder disease, dental disease, etc.

Causes of fever include bite wounds/infections, liver or kidney infections, viruses (FeLv, FIV, FIP, etc.).

Another reason cats eat less or stop eating is if they cannot smell the food. As cats age, they can lose some of their sense of smell. Cats of any age can lose their sense of smell (and therefore their appetite) if they have nasal disease. Upper respiratory tract infection and allergic rhinitis are common nasal problems in cats).

There is no need to panic if a cat snubs one meal. Cats can be fussy. IF your cat eats nothing for 24 hours (even their favorite canned food or treats) you should be concerned.

You can try heating their canned food in the microwave or mixing with warm water (warm food has a stronger odor which might entice the cat to eat). You can try a new flavor of canned food or a fresh bag of dry food (in case the current bag is stale). If none of these work, and your cat is not eating at least 100 calories in 24 hours, your cat should see a veterinarian. They should assess your cat for fever, pain, and dehydration. IF your cat is depressed, painful, and/or vomiting, then tests

(bloodwork, x-ray, ultrasound, etc.) will often need to be done.

If your cat develops hepatic lipidosis they might experience vomiting and/or be jaundiced (yellow tinge to the skin and the whites of the eyes). They will be experiencing nausea even if they are not vomiting (some cat drool when nauseous).

When cats don't eat, they become deficient in Vitamin B12 quickly (within a day or so). The Vitamin B deficiency then worsens the intestinal dysfunction and inflammation.

Diagnosing hepatic lipidosis starts with blood tests. If the liver enzymes are abnormal an ultrasound +/- biopsy might be needed.

Treatment usually includes IV fluids, anti-nausea medication injections, antacid injections, Vitamin B12 injection, antibiotics, and sometimes a feeding tube.

Without treatment, hepatic lipidosis is almost always fatal. Treatment does not guarantee survival. Some cats have a condition that cannot be reversed (some cancers). Sometimes cost becomes a factor. Some cats are in hospital (on IV fluids and other meds) for many days. They then require a lot of care once back at home (owners feeding and given medications to the cat via the tube every few hours). How long the feeding tube is needed varies from case to case. Sometimes a week. Sometimes 1-2 months.

It is MUCH better (for the cat and owner) if the poor appetite is noticed and treated before liver damage occurs. Treatment at this time with an appetite stimulant (like mirtazapine), anti-nausea meds, and special extra smelly / tasty diet might prevent the lipidosis.

If you are worried your cat is not eating or not eating enough see your vet!

THE PURRFECT KITTY LITTER BOX

By Patricia Allyn

"With their qualities of cleanliness, discretion, affection, patience, dignity and courage, how many of us, I ask you, would be capable of being cats?" ~ Fernand Mery

Whether welcoming a new feline friend to your home or revamping for an existing cat, some of the most important choices you will make involve the kitty litter box. You want your cat to love his kitty litter box. Very much. You want him to love it so much that he uses it faithfully ... each and every time!

It's not just a matter of going out and buying a box and some litter, and then sticking it in a corner in your home. When shopping for a kitty litter box it can be overwhelming with the vast assortment available. If you shop online it increases your selection even further.

As I walk down the aisle of kitty litter boxes in many pet supply stores, two things strike me most – first, that there is every size and shape you could possibly think of, and second, too many are designed to cater to our ease and benefit instead of giving a lot of thought to your cat's tastes and preferences. They're designed so we don't have to look at, smell, or in some cases, even scoop the waste out. Many are even styled in a way that your cat could actually be set up for failure with its use (or lack of use).

Many wonderful, loving house cats are surrendered to shelters yearly for soiling - it's the number one behavioral reason why people give up on them. Not many adopters will take a chance on a cat surrendered for soiling, and the majority of these cats will either be euthanized or condemned to live the life of an outdoors only mouser. While some barn cats live a great life and are well loved and cared for, not all situations are created equal, and many of these cats do not get the physical and emotional care they deserve, and live lonely, short lives with a dramatic end.

The great news is that most litterbox issues are easy to avoid, with informed decisions and a bit of preventative work. The most important things you need to consider are the type and number of boxes, type of kitty litter used, maintenance of these boxes, and their locations. When looking for the perfect kitty litter box, what you have to do before purchasing a new style of kitty litter box, is imagine yourself in the cat's situation and think like a cat ...

What's Out There

There are big boxes, little boxes, covered boxes, open boxes, triangular boxes, igloo shaped boxes, automatic boxes, and boxes that you roll over to self-scoop; some have doors, some have ramps, and a lot have filters. Some boxes are built into furniture, benches, plant pots, or tables. One style even hooks up to your toilet system to flush away the waste!

There are many beautiful, unique, decorator boxes. However, a lot of stylish or gimmicky boxes are very expensive and not

necessarily the best option. There are several factors to keep in mind when choosing. Never compromise on what's best for your cat!

The best box by far is the simplest box. However, decorator boxes may allow you to place more boxes around your home in key locations, which is a must, especially if you have multiple cats, and even more so if they don't all get along. Just be sure the boxes meet certain criteria. After all, if you purchase a fancy kitty litter box but your cat doesn't fit inside or doesn't like using it for some other reason, it's just a waste of money. Always make sure you have alternate appropriate boxes for your cat/s to use, in addition to the fancier ones.

Size Does Matter!

The box should be as big as you can possibly make room for. With various locations around your home you can choose various sized boxes to match, always going as big as possible. Your cat should have room to turn around comfortably when inside. If you compare covered boxes with uncovered boxes, the uncovered box of the same size is really much bigger for the cat since it doesn't have the confinement of walls and a roof.

Covers

The cover is one very common feature that was designed more for humans than for your cat. Their purpose is to keep the sights hidden and smells contained, which is great for us, but how about Mr. Kitty? Stick your head inside and see how it smells and then imagine how strong it must smell to your cat whose sense of smell is much greater than yours. Lids force your cat to breathe in more dust as he digs and then buries his business. People may tend to not scoop as often with a lid, since you can't see directly into the box to know what's there, and it can be inconvenient to lift the lid off each time. Cats can feel trapped when inside a box with a lid, especially if they worry about being bombarded by another dominant cat. They like to be able to see out clearly and have an alternate escape route. If you have a cat that sprays or one with "elevator butt", urine can leak out the seam if it's too low. And living in our part of the world, with cold and dry winters, static can build in a covered box, especially for long-haired cats. When inside the box, the feeling of all that electrically charged air or actually getting a static shock could be enough to turn your cat off of ever stepping foot inside that box again!

On the plus side, the good thing about a lid is that if it allows you the ability to have more boxes placed around your home, thereby giving your cat more options and keeping all two-leggeds happy as well, it can be a good thing. Opt for as large a box as will fit in the intended space, with a large doorway which allows for the cat to get in and out with ease, as well as enables us to see in and scoop easily, even without taking the lid off. The cat must

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be able to do his business while being able to easily turn around, and without having to duck down when inside. Some lids have a flap that opens, folding back to extend the door up into the roof. A couple of my boxes have such a lid, and I keep the flap opened at all times.

Doors

Kitty litter boxes with door flaps are never a good idea. Some cats may use this style of box, but a lot will "show" their disapproval very quickly. Luckily the doors can be removed easily and permanently. Never leave the door flap on!

Height

The box walls must be high enough to prevent the overflow of kitty litter. I once thought I'd found a great kitty litter box only to get home, fill it with litter, and right away I could see it would be a constant battle trying to keep the litter inside the box – the entrance was way too low, so back to the store it went. Some cats like to "dig to China" and in so doing, toss around a lot of litter. Higher sides will keep more litter contained for such cats, and if you have a cat who sprays or one with elevator butt, such as my old boy Rudolph, high sides will keep the urine from being sprayed over the edge.

Number

The general rule of thumb is to have one kitty litter box per cat plus a spare, to give them all ample choices. For example, this means that if you have three cats, you should have four boxes. If your cats do not get along, having several boxes spread around the house gives the less dominant cat options if a more dominant cat is blocking his way or waiting to bombard him.

Location Location Location

Ideally you want to choose a location where the cat has a good view outside of the box to see approaching cats, dogs, and people. It should be in an easily accessible, cat friendly place. You don't want to place it in the deepest, darkest corner of the basement, by a noisy washing machine or furnace, or near their

food and water. Choose a place which will be safe from dogs waiting to bombard them, or desiring to poke around inside, looking for "snacks".

As your home situation evolves, your kitty litter situation will also have to evolve. Adding new animals, cats not getting along, aging pets, a new family member, redecorating, moving, or any other big changes for your cat, are all potential reasons to have to rethink or tweak your kitty litter set up. For example, as your cat gets older you may have to add new locations to make it easier on your old cat.

If one of your kitty litters is not being used, try moving it to another more cat friendly location. Make sure it holds a preferred kitty litter, and meets all the criteria.

Kitty Litter

Your best bet for kitty litter is a good quality, low dust, fragrance free, clumping clay litter (except for with very young kittens who shouldn't use clumping litter until they're a bit older and not quite so clumsy or playful in the litterbox). If given a choice of all the varieties available, this type is sure to please your cat. The level of kitty litter should be kept at about 3-4 inches, refilling regularly to maintain this level. The idea is to have a large enough box and enough kitty litter in it to prevent any clumps from reaching and sticking to the bottom and sides of the box, as the urine can leach into the plastic and make for a nasty smell for the cat as well as us, not to mention harboring bacteria as it is hard to clean completely. You do not need a plastic liner, and in fact many cats (and their people) find liners frustrating.

Never get scented litter. Keep the box clean - don't expect scented litter to eliminate this chore. It's akin to spraying perfume to cover the smell of poop, resulting in the scent of perfume mingling with that of poop. With their keen sense of smell, perfumes can turn cats off. In addition, they get unnecessary chemicals on their feet and coats, and ingest them while grooming.

High quality, low dust, clumping clay litters are a bit more expensive, but really do make a difference and therefore are worth it in my opinion. With a dusty type you can see clouds of dust rising up when your cat digs, or when you pour more litter in. Your cats are not only breathing this in and getting it into their eyes and on their coat, but it goes into the air we breath as well, and settles on horizontal surfaces in a very apparent layer of kitty litter dust.

If for some reason, you insist on using a non-clumping kitty litter, you will have to scoop out the liquid waste as much as possible and in this case your box will have to be emptied and thoroughly scrubbed out much more often. Perhaps a liner should be used in this case, although the cat's claws usually rip the liner to shreds, making them



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quite ineffective. You're really better off to use the clumping type.

The tracking of kitty litter outside of the box is impossible to avoid completely, but it can be managed by placing a mat in front of the entrance to the kitty litter box to trap kitty litter that falls off your cat's feet as he exits the box. Make sure it's comfortable for the cat to walk on so it doesn't make him avoid entering the box. Shake excess clay out of the mat regularly. Keep a whisk broom and dust pan by the box for sweeping up stray kitty litter daily.

I have heard of good results from people using other types of litters. For example, there is a walnut shell based litter, of which I know several people who really like. I have a child with walnut allergies so have never been able to try this type. There are grass based litters, and while I like the fact that they're so light to carry compared to clay, they are so light that my cats sink knee deep when walking in it, and every single one of them avoided using that particular box. My cats liked the wheat based litter more than the grass based, but I found it to be really smelly. I have never tried corn based. I have read that feline asthma is more prevalent with the use of corn and wheat litters. A lot of cats will not use pellets, beads, crystals, or other unusual litter types.

My favorite kitty litter types:

Dr Elsey's Precious Cat (the best litter by far, but also the most expensive)

Hagen's Cat Love Odor Defense (better cost and less dust than several others) Litter Purrrfect (available from Costco – very dusty but best price if you can't afford a better brand)

Dr Elsie's Cat Attract (a litter additive to encourage cats and kittens to use their litterbox)

Cleanliness Is Next To "Catliness"

Cats have a keen sense of smell and are instinctively very clean. If you don't keep your cat's litter boxes clean enough, why wouldn't he look for a better spot to do his business? A dirty box is one of the more common reasons for a cat to be eliminating outside of the box.

All boxes in your home should be scooped at least two times per day, preferably more if it's a popular location. I like to use paper lunch bags for scooping the waste into as I feel I'm helping to save the environment by doing so, instead of putting more plastic into the landfills.

Your kitty litter box should be completely emptied and cleaned out regularly. How often will depend on the popularity of the box and your cleaning routine. I usually do mine in spring and fall so that I can take them out and give them a good spray and scrub before wiping them down with a disinfecting, cat friendly spray. If you maintain and clean your boxes regularly you shouldn't have a big cleaning job at these times. Keep enough litter in the box so that the urine clumps before it reaches the

plastic of the box and it will also help with an easier clean up.

Scrub with hot water and a mild detergent such as unscented dish soap, which won't leave harsh chemical smells or residue, and then rinse well. After washing, spray it out with a very diluted bleach solution (1-part bleach to 30-parts water) to kill germs, once again rinsing very well afterwards. If you use harsh and strong smelling chemicals such as Pine Sol, or Fantastic to name a couple, it could jeopardize your cat's health, or cause your cat to start looking for someplace else to eliminate.

Make sure you clean the scoop regularly also.

Your box may get extra dirty over time, and at that point you will want to consider replacing it with a new one.

I never use a dust mask or rubber gloves. I wash well afterwards, and have never had a problem. However, I didn't ever clean out the litter box when pregnant, to avoid toxoplasmosis – that became my husband's job. If I had no other option that would have been the time I would've considered using a mask and gloves. This would also apply to someone with a weakened immune system, just to be on the safe side.

My favorite boxes:

"Cat It" – comes in large and jumbo sizes, high-sided, hooded and non-hooded styles (take off the door and open the flap on the hooded style)

"Nature's Miracle" – comes in a variety of styles –oversized, high-sided, hooded and non-hooded

Homemade out of a Plastic tote – you can purchase a plastic tote in a variety of sizes to fit practically any space. Shop at Wal-Mart for a huge selection - they come very reasonably priced. Look for a big one with opaque coloring (the clear ones are too brittle and break when cutting an opening), as few as possible grooves, and either low or high sides. Get rid of the lid – toss or recycle it. If getting the high-sided type you'll have to cut a doorway in the long side to ease entry. I trace a dinner plate where I want the opening to be, about eight inches from the floor, and outline the sides of the door to go straight up to the top. You can cut this out carefully with a jigsaw or sturdy utility knife. Fill it with 4 inches of kitty litter, place a mat in front, and you have a kitty litter box guaranteed to please!

A Word About Gimmicks

Many boxes on the market feature a lot of gimmicks to make less work for the humans, but in doing so, lessen efficiency and ease of use by your cat. Most of these styles have such a small area for the cat to actually use for doing his business in that they are really just too small for the majority of cats.

If you ever have an auto-scooping box malfunction when your cat is in or near it, forget about your cat ever using it again.

I know of someone who bought a kit to try to toilet train their cat to use the human's toilet. This is just not natural for cats. While

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The Adventure's of Gary

Gary: "Mommy, Mommy where are you?"

"In the living room".

Gary: "Mommy, Mommy, I was out in the run, doing a mouse inspection, and the guys told me that Buddy had died and.... that just can't be!

Oh Mommy, I see that it must be true, you are crying. Mommy, how can this happen?! have you talked to Dr. Kelli?"

"Yes, Gary, I have talked to our vet, and she has explained that sometimes cats throw a clot, and it can kill them right away, or it can paralyze them. It is sort of like what happens to humans that have a stroke or a heart attack. A clot moves, and it causes a heart attack or stroke, but for humans, they have some very good drugs that, if they get used in good time, can help reverse or minimize the damage that has been caused."

Gary: "Mommy, I know Buddy didn't like me when I came, and he used to be mean to me, but we became good friends, and I didn't know he was not feeling well."

"Remember when I told you Buddy's story (Gary's adventures Fall 2016). He had had a very hard life, so after he came here and recovered, he enjoyed many good years with us. Buddy was old, and it was his time. We had no way of knowing this would happen."

Gary: "What do we do now, Mommy?"

"Dr. Kelli will take him to the crematorium, and he will be cremated and put in a nice urn, and then he will be returned to us, so he will still be a part of us, just in spirit instead. You must remember, Gary, what you were told when you came to us. That here, everyone is loved, and cared for, and that we will give you as much as we can, for as long as we can. That is why I created the Foundation, so cats and kittens that can't find a home, or kitties who can't stay in their current home, have a safe place to stay and finish out their lives. If we can find forever homes for the ones that we can, then that is great, but for the ones that don't get a home, the Foundation becomes their home, and they are going to be with us for as long as they can be."

Gary: "I love you Mommy Purr, purr."

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this cat was successful to a point, he never did totally master the act, and eventually his people gave him a regular kitty litter box, after which time the cat never had another accident.

I've heard mixed reviews about the 3 layered sifting box, but it would never be big or high enough to me. And the box that hooks up to your toilet and dissolves then flushes the waste away – all I can say is "Wow – really?"

Online Shopping

Pictures can be deceiving and while what you see pictured online may appear to be large, it can in fact be quite small once you receive it. Before ordering, get out your measuring tape and size it out. Read any comments from people who've previously purchased the box. I always like to shop where I can make a problem free return.

Health

Keep a mental note of what is normal for your cat – early detection is always best when dealing with medical issues. Monitor the amount, color and texture, and watch for signs of blood, as changes could indicate a medical issue.

Inside/Outside Cats

In my ideal world, every cat would be inside only. It's much safer for cats in general if they are not allowed out loose, and with an enriching indoor environment and possible supervised time outdoors, any cat will adjust to this lifestyle. However, if your cats are allowed to go out, they still need to have a litter box inside for when it's too cold out, in the middle of the night, or when you're busy or out for the day.

An Ounce Of Prevention Is Worth A Pound Of Cure

With some thought given to initial set up, the selection, upkeep and maintenance of litter boxes is a small price to pay to have happy, healthy, and clean cats, and prevention is much easier than dealing with a bad habit once it's started!

TAO'S STORY

June 6, 1995 – January 11, 2017

Written by Mom & Dad

We moved into our condo on Blackburne Drive located two blocks north of Ellerslie Road on 111 Street in October 1995. It was on the outskirts of South Edmonton where irresponsible people who's circumstances did not allow them to keep their pets, literally dumped them off and left them to fend for themselves.

TAO came to us as a stray on June 6th, 1996. Neighbors, knowing we liked cats, called to say there was a cat looking in their kitchen window and meowing. I went up and when he saw me he scuttled under the fence that separates our homes from a public walkway. I knew the moment I saw him I had to go back later that evening. He was different than most cats, his coat was shades of cream and browns, blue eyes and brown ears with precision markings on his face and body; his tail ringed grey and cream. When he saw me he scuttled back through a small opening in the fence only a small, half starved cat could get through. I spent at least half an hour trying to convince him to come back into the yard. I learned right away when I picked him up, he didn't particularly like being picked up so I put him down and said, okay, if you want something to eat and a safe place to sleep, you had better follow me home, and he did. The uncanny thing was that when I opened the door, he rushed by me into the house and somehow must have known just exactly where Dan was because he just headed for the bedroom and jumped up on the bed where Dan was. His devotion to Dan continued for the next 21 years.

Because he was so beautiful we thought perhaps he had wandered away from his home and became lost so Dan spent at least a week combing the area to see if he could find his rightful owner. No one appeared to have lost a cat that matched his description. We were going on a campout with our Good Sam RV club so we took him down to Westbrook Veterinary on the premise that they would

keep him until our return and then we would decide if we wanted to keep him. While we were away, Dr. Koola identified him as a Lynx Sealpoint breed, gave him shots and neutered him. Dan was fighting the battle of not having an animal because it was very difficult dealing with our Mitzi's passing. Dr. Koola advised us he was about 1 ½ years old (probably the reason he strayed away from home to find a lady friend). One of the girls at the clinic said she'd take him if we'd decided not to. I knew Dan was already hooked but he didn't or couldn't stop thinking how attached we were to our former two cats and knew the pain we went through when it came to saying goodbye. Dan weakened and we took our beautiful baby home.

We called him TAO after a cat in the movie 'Incredible Journey' where two dogs (one old, one young) and a Siamese cat, when left by their owners in the care of a friend, escaped their enclosure, and following the old dogs' suggestion, headed west over hundreds of miles in search of their home in California. The rest is history. Tao's first trip in our RV was to Yellowknife, NWT only weeks after he came. Tao found his safety while we were mobile on my lap but as soon as the motor was turned off he wanted to explore this new place. He accepted a leash and adjusted to our condos rules that pets were to be leashed when outdoors. We often took him for walks around the

complex, tail in the air, talking all the way; if he tired Dan would put him on his shoulder the rest of the way. He's been as far as the Mexican border south, Yellowknife to the north; Manitoba, and down



TAO'S STORY cont.



into the northern United States; to Vancouver Island and the interior; and to many places in Alberta as we travelled for years with our travel group. One time when a "big cat" (cougar), left his footprints in new landscaping alongside the rig at our timeshare in Radium. Tao wouldn't go outside for two days; his sense of smell told him there was danger out there. There were wild turkeys and sheep that came into the campground and he made sure they were not welcome in "his" yard. Likewise, when a dog ventured onto the site Tao made sure it knew he was the boss.

As the years passed we all got older and began to have health problems and Tao was no exception. He developed kidney and urinal problems and was on medication mostly administered by Dan. Tao learned when the cat taxi came out he hid because it meant he was going to the vet. So's not to spook him, we hid the taxi on the dryer and Dan would pick him up quickly and put him in, still with a lot of objections. However, when it came to going home he couldn't wait to get in and have the door closed. He was quiet going home. Tao would ask to go out and never complained when the leash was attached to his collar. He met dogs and deer at the fence and sat under the bushes in the front of the house for hours. Only three times did he crawl under the fence and have total freedom in the gully below; each time when he was discovered gone Dad found him on a log, sitting in the path or at the fence asking to be let back in where he would be safe. He had his favorite places in the house; sitting on a stool looking out of a sunroom window onto the park or from our bedroom; downstairs stretched out on the couch or curled up in one of our chairs. When hungry or his water dish was empty Tao would sit beside Dan's chair or at the table and look up at him and when recognized we'd hear a small "b-r-u-m". His actions were louder than words. At bedtime he'd come and make himself comfortable right between us and if he thought we were getting too close, he'd softly

meow his presence. Most of the time he had more bed and covers than us. Whenever we were out and came into the house, we'd call his name and up the stairs he'd come to greet us.

Following our trip to Radium in September 2016, Tao started to decline; he lost weight due to lack of appetite; his fur started to mat; he slept continually; he became weak and the stairs were difficult to climb and we knew we had to prepare ourselves. On January 11, 2017 we couldn't stand to see him so weak so we put him in his taxi (still with just a couple of crys)

we took him back to Dr. Koola and had him put to sleep. It was the hardest thing we have ever had to do and we still cry when he comes into our thoughts. He was our child and we loved him so much. His ashes, collar, bowl are in the living room curio cabinet waiting for our ashes to be added and placed in our final resting place together.

Tao was 23 years old and with us for 21 years. We miss him terribly but we know we are luckier than most because we had him for so many more years, simply because he lived so long. Now the house is quiet and we would give anything to have this scene repeated but we know he is in a better place where he plays with other kitties and waits for us to join him to cross that Rainbow Bridge where we will be together again forever. His memory lives in our hearts.

Tao's parents, Dan & Mavis Mazeppa



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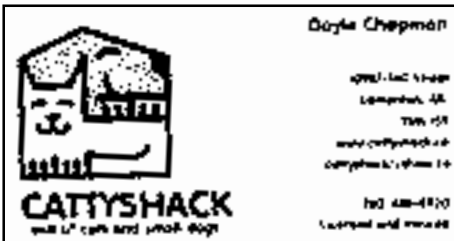
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I shall bear witness to the wonder they bring to our lives and to the beauty they bestow upon our souls.

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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.

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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.

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