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



Fellow cat lovers, Drs Kris and Jennie Stepney of LiveWell Family Chiropractic, recently made their second annual donation to the Hervey Foundation for cats. The money is raised every year at their anniversary party, where they donate all of their earnings from that day to the foundation. It is always the busiest day of the year in their clinic! Their patients also joined in on the fun by donating lots of food, litter, toys, and kitty beds!

MARJORIE'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Winter/Christmas Mewsletter,

Hi everyone. Hope you enjoyed our beautiful fall weather and found time to get out and enjoy nature especially now that we start looking at cold temperatures, snow and the long winter months ahead.

We have been busy this fall doing adoptions, attending shows, accepting telephone calls/e-mail and answering your many inquiries about cats. We are always glad to try and help.

Well Margaret was off to the Calgary Cat Show in September with some of our adoptables and there is a picture in this mewsletter of the kitty that was adopted with her new owner. We did the Edmonton Cat Fanciers Show on the 25 & 26 of October and what a huge success that was. It was great to see so many of our supporters come to visit us and say hi, bringing us donations and kitties they had previously adopted. There was a wonderful turn out of people at the show and everything went very well. You can see more about the shows with pictures further on in the mewsletter. Thank you everyone who came. It was nice to see and talk with you. I would also like to thank The Edmonton Cat Fanciers for having us there and to all the sponsors that sponsored our cats for adoption. It was greatly appreciated and thank you for having the food drive for us again and to everyone that brought a food donation. Hope to see you next spring.

We also did an adoption day in October at PetValu St. Albert and we were please to adopt out an adult cat this time from

this event. These people do a wonderful job in caring for our kitties and finding them good homes. You might want to think about dropping by for your kitties Christmas treat or present. Thank you PetValu St. Albert.

As always we are busy with the ongoing care of the kitties and want to thank our foster homes for their help, to all the volunteers who do our pick ups and deliveries and to Margaret and her family who have stepped up to the plate to help on short notice for things that have come up suddenly.

A Super special thank you to Drs. Kris & Jennie Stepney for their fundraising efforts. It was so much fun when they showed up unexpectedly and such a surprise. Please see the pictures further on in the mewsletter. We also want to thank the staff of the Rosslyn Vet Clinic for the care they give our adoptables and we want to thank Dr. Kelli Kinsman Veterinary Services for all her help caring for the cats at the sanctuary.

At this time of year I always like to express my most sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone that helps us. It is not just our volunteers that help make it work but it is also our supporters. No matter how you help, everything is beneficial and we are glad for the ongoing support, as this is what makes it possible for us to help the cats and kittens that come to us. Your donations no matter how big or small are what enable the Foundation to carry out its mission. To everyone Thank You for your ongoing support and here at the Foundation we want to wish you, and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year and we look forward to hearing from all of you in the New Year.

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Marjorie Hervey



Season's Greetings

NICKY'S CHRISTMAS WISH

A Story About a Boy, an Impossible Wish, and a Little Cat By Franny Syufy

Ian attached the last twinkling light to the tree that was framed in the window of their house. "Jingle Bells" filled the air with jaunty cheer.

"Would you like to put the angel on the top of the tree?" he asked Nicky, who sat on a footstool watching. "I guess," Nicky shrugged glumly. Ian hoisted Nicky into the air, and said, "You have to make a wish first." Nicky closed his eyes tightly and whispered, "I wish--" "No - don't tell me. This is your own secret wish and it won't come true if you tell anyone." Nicky's lips sealed tightly, and with his eyes still closed and a frown of concentration, he nodded, and said, "I'm finished."

An hour later, with the few shards of broken ornaments swept up, the empty boxes stowed away in the closet, and the overhead lights dimmed, Ian sat in front of the tree with a glass of wine and stared at the angel. She had auburn red hair, much like Nicky's, which he had inherited from his mother. Ian rolled his aching shoulders and thought of Nicole, as he had every night since she was gone. She had died when Nicky was a year old, and Nicky's name, his russet hair, and the punctuation of freckles across the bridge of his nose, were the only live remainders of the glory that had been Nicole. He sighed - something he did too much every year at this time. He had a good idea what Nicky had wished for: the one thing he couldn't give him.

In the child's bedroom, he lay awake, gazing at the stars that glistened faintly on the ceiling. His Dad had put them there for him, and had said, "See that big one? That's your Mom, and she will always be with you, watching over you. She loves you very much." Nicky closed his eyes and thought about his Mom, the beautiful young woman whose photo was displayed on the lamp table next to his bed.

He wondered if his Mom would help him get his wish this year. He wanted so much to be like the other boys. When he was younger, he had several friends, and had run and played with them. Then his life changed when he had to start wearing the detested brace.

When he struggled to learn to walk in it at the doctor's office, and had seen his father avert his face, he had thought it was because of his disappointment at having a crippled son. He was too young to know that his dad was hiding his tears of pride at the courage of his son. Since last year, though, he had started keeping to himself, tired of all the jokes and taunts, until even his loyal friends had stopped coming around.

The glow of the moon filtered through the tree outside, and its rays illuminate the cumbersome metal brace and the heavily built-up shoe lying on the floor next to the bed, as Nicky slept. In the living room, Ian watched the news on television with little interest, until their nightly "human interest" slot, which tonight featured the local animal shelter. They showed cage after cage of cats and dogs that were homeless this holiday season, and then brought out a few special animals and gave capsulized versions of their stories. Ian clicked the "off" button of the remote. He didn't need any depressing news tonight.

Later, as he lay in the king-sized bed, both arms and one leg wrapped around the large pillow next to him, a nanospark of an idea bore into his subconscious thoughts just as he drifted off to sleep.

Day broke, crystal clear and brisk, but sun-kissed with the promise of warming. Since

Christmas fell on a Wednesday this year, Ian had arranged between vacation days and trades, to take the whole week off to spend with Nicky. They ate their oatmeal and toast, and Ian poured a second cup of coffee, and then thought better of it. The thought that had been teasing the back of his mind since waking had suddenly jelled, and needed some study. As he watched Nicky dawdling over the last of his hot chocolate, he pushed his chair back and stood up. "Get dressed, Nickster. We need to do a little shopping."

Half an hour later, they were driving down the road from their house, heading toward the outskirts of town. "Where are we going, Dad?" asked Nicky, for the third time. "You'll see," answered Ian. "Just keep your eyes peeled for yellow cars. I'll give you a quarter for each one you see." Nicky settled back in his seat, his braced leg planted firmly against the floorboard. He liked this driving game best of all. They climbed a short hill, and Ian slowed as they approached a gravel driveway with a sign hanging over the entrance. As he turned up the driveway, they approached a group of shabby buildings with a ragged Christmas wreath adorning the door of what appeared to be the main ones. Ian almost had second thoughts, but his lips narrowed with resolve. As he parked the wagon, an uproar of barking rendered the air, from a group of large dogs behind a chain length fence. "What are we doing here, Dad? Why are those dogs here?" Nicky scrunched down in his seat and peered out the window fearfully.

"It's okay, Nickster. They can't get out, and they can't hurt you." Inside, Ian rang the bell on the desk, and they both looked around as they waited. There were colourful posters on the walls, a few Christmas decorations,

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a Menorah Candle, and flyers with photos of cats and dogs displayed on every vertical surface. More subdued barking came from a corridor to their right, and Nicky scrunched closer to Ian. A few minutes later, a large woman wearing a green smock, a greying ponytail, and a large smile, came to the desk. When Ian described what they were looking for, she pointed to the corridor at the left. "Go down there, and turn right." There is a room with cages and a couple of open rooms with more cats. Be sure to clean your hands with the gel before and after handling each cat, or before entering the community rooms."

They followed her directions, and soon saw a small room with several cats inside, in various positions of repose. They lay on padded shelves against the walls, in the "limbs" of cat trees, and a few huddled inside fabric "igloos" on the floor, or dozed curled up in soft fabric beds. The walls were covered with cats too; cleverly painted cats peeked out from behind trompe l'oeil bushes, and others dozed on painted shelves. Nicky's eyes widened when he saw them. His Dad had always considered cats "too independent," and Nicky had despaired of ever being allowed to have one. They rubbed the antiseptic gel into their hands, and Ian slipped the latch to the room. Once inside, Nicky lowered himself to his "good" knee, and with some difficulty, turned and flopped so that he was sitting on the floor with both legs spread wide. A little orange and white cat came from nowhere and jumped on his leg. He scratched it behind the ears, and then picked it up and rubbed his face against its fuzzy whiskers, giggling when they tickled his nose. The cat, really just an adolescent, raised one paw and patted Nicky gently on the cheek. He looked down at it and only then saw that the kitten was deformed. He had

only one hind leg. Before Nicky could say anything, the kitten lunged out of his arms and ran across the floor, his three legs flying, then tackled a grey tabby about the same size. They rolled around for a few minutes in mock fighting, then zipped across the floor, the three-legged kitten in the lead, and the tabby in hot pursuit.

Ian silently watched Nicky watching the kittens, and then finally cleared his throat. "That grey kitten looks pretty playful, doesn't he? What would you name him if you took him?" Nicky watched the kittens cavort for a few more minutes, then as they dashed across his knees, he grabbed the orange and white boy, and said, "I want this one, Dad. I'll call him Sparky."

They both watched the kittens play for a few minutes, then Ian pulled Sparky's flyer off the wall. "It says here that the orange one has to be adopted along with his brother. Looks like you're going to have two kittens." Ian's innate distrust of cats melted when he saw the beatific smile light up his son's eyes, as Nicky said, "Then I'll name the other one Bubba."

Christmas morning broke clear and glorious, with just a hint of frost in the air. Ian and Nicky polished off the last of the Christmas stolen, while Nicky unwrapped his presents. He had received a bounty of gifts, including a new video game with two different games. Nicky was more interested in watching the kittens pounce and play among the wrapping paper, and he and Ian both laughed as Sparky and Bubba played hide-and-seek, then raced around the room, bouncing off the furniture and springing off the walls. Ian was amazed that the disabled cat didn't seem to even know or care that he was lacking a leg, but

gave his brother tit for tat as they played. They had taken a detour to their local pet food store on their way home the day before, and the kittens had every amenity they needed: colourful ceramic dishes, a scratching post, litter boxes, and a soft cushioned bed, big enough for both of them. Not surprising, however, they had both slept curled up with Nicky, and the three of them had awakened Ian this morning at the inhumane hour of six. After awhile of watching the kittens at play, Nicky pushed himself up off the floor and went to the phone on the wall of the kitchen. Ian watched him dial, and when he heard Nicky ask, "Can Floyd come over?" he blinked away the mist that had suddenly covered his eyes. Ten minutes later, a tall, dark-haired boy came flying into the house.

"Wow! A Game Box," Floyd exclaimed. Then his eyes lighted on Sparky and Bubba. "And kittens! Wow, you sure were lucky this year!" The boys played with the kittens for a while, then Floyd asked Nicky if he wanted to go outside and throw a ball around.

Ian watched the two boys through the window, tossing a football back and forth. He cringed when he saw Nicky clumsily running to catch a long pass, then crash to the ground, then watched as Floyd helped him up and brushed the dirt off his jacket. Finally satisfied that things were going okay outside, he sat in his recliner and gazed at the tree, both kittens curled up in his lap. As his gaze drifted to the top of the tree, he remembered Nicky making his wish two nights before. As he wondered again what the wish had been, he thought, just for an instant, that he saw the angel wink.

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Hervey Foundation

On The Road Again



In early September we headed out to Whiterock BC for the TICA Northwest Regional Cat Show & Banquet. This is our annual celebration of how our cats did in competition. Their points are calculated and the top twenty cats in each category are awarded rosettes and plaques.

Three former Hervey cats were first, third and twelfth in the household pet class.

The region also awarded the member of the year and humanitarian of the year to Kathy Byram the president of the Edmonton Cat Fanciers and board member and director of the Hervey Foundation for Cats who passed away earlier this year.

The following weekend saw us in Calgary to attend the Calgary Cat Club Fall Show. The Hervey cats and kittens were sponsored by people who made a donation for rescue cats to compete in the show.

Our cats did quite well and we even found a Furr-ever Home.

The Hervey Foundation for Cats would like to thank Maureen Davies and the Calgary Cat Club for their generosity.



Isabell adopted at the Calgary Cat Show in September

The Hervey Foundation for Cats attended the Edmonton Cat Fanciers how at the Ramada Convention Centre the last weekend of October. The theme was Halloween and attendance was very good. Spectators were offered a catnip toy to take home to their cats. We again offered a discount if cat food was donated to the Hervey Foundation and the response was good. There were lots of vendors selling cat and people products. We were very busy showing our kittens and cats that were in competition; all were sponsored by very generous cat lovers. We had visits from friends of the foundation, some who had adopted cats from us with stories and pictures on cell phones. We are always happy to see how well our felines have settled into their new homes and the joy they have brought to their human companions. There was interest in the kittens and cats that we had at the show and some went to their Furr-ever Homes. The Foundation would like to thank The Edmonton Cat Fanciers Club, all the spectators who donated food, everyone who made a donation and the sponsors who made it possible for the kittens and cats to be in competition and the judges who liked our cats. Hope to see you in March 2015.



Carter adopted from the Foundation at the September cat show in 2013.

Carter is doing very well. He is a small but sturdy/ burly little boy, who loves to eat and is very playful and super-affectionate. He's been going out for walks in our back yard in his red harness along with Quincy. He has to copy everything the big cat does, and you simply can't take Quincy for his walk without taking Carter. The ruckus he raises is unbelievable—such a small body emitting such noisy squeals of indignation. Perhaps that noise is what saved his life when he was found under the trailer in Mayerthorpe.



Tasha adopted at the Edmonton Cat Show



Martin adopted at the Edmonton Cat Show with his new owners

CAT HOLIDAY SAFETY

Unknown Author

As we prepare for the holidays, we should keep in mind securing the safety of some very special family members - our cats. Their environments change dramatically with new sights and scents as we decorate and prepare for Christmas festivities. We should be aware that some of these tempting delights and decorations could pose health risks for our curious cats.

Live Plants

Many of our holiday's decorations are live plants that cats may be tempted to explore with their mouths. Cats should be kept away from dangerous plants such as poinsettias, holly, and mistletoe. Mistletoe, if eaten can cause decreased heartbeat and a drop in blood pressure. Ivy is another common decoration that can pose health dangers. If eaten, it can cause diarrhea, convulsions, and if in large quantities, even death.



The Christmas Tree

One of the biggest cat holiday temptations is the Christmas tree with its fresh smell and bright, colourful decorations. Dropped needles from the tree can become lodged in a cat's esophagus if ingested making it painful when swallowing. Tinsel from the tree may cause stomach problems or choking. Obviously any broken glass ornaments should be carefully removed so that there are no remnants to become stuck in paws. Ribbon from packages makes tempting cat toys, but be sure not to leave kitty unsupervised as again, there is a choking danger. One final Christmas tree concern is the water in the Christmas tree stand. Cover the tree base tightly with your tree skirting to keep your pet from drinking the water, which can cause diarrhea, vomiting, and loss of appetite or mouth sores.

Appropriate Treats

Provide your cat with appropriate cat treats rather than samples of our "people" goodies if you feel you need to include him in the celebration. Many of our rich foods will cause an upset stomach.

Winter Temperatures

Winter temperatures are also a concern for those who have cats that spend time outdoors. Pets can suffer stress, hypothermia and frostbite if their body temperature drops just a few degrees below normal. The extremities, such as the tips of the ears, the tail, and the feet, are often the first areas affected by the cold. Ice balls may form on the feet leading to frostbite. If you suspect your pet is suffering from cold related injuries contact your veterinarian immediately.

Antifreeze

One of the biggest pet dangers that comes with cold weather is antifreeze. If even a very small amount of antifreeze is ingested by your cat rapid and permanent kidney damage results. Be sure there are no open containers of antifreeze accessible to your cat or any puddles of it in your garage, yard, or on your driveway. If a cat walks through an antifreeze puddle there could be enough on his paws that may be ingested while cleaning them to cause severe damage. Please protect your cat from this serious potential danger.

Following these guidelines will help insure that your cat will have a safe time during the holidays. With all of the hustle and bustle that comes with holiday activities remember to save a little time to spend with your cat. Give him the gift of your attention. He will think that is the best present of all.

TIPS TO HELP A SCARED KITTEN SETTLE INTO HIS NEW HOME

By Patricia Allyn

Room/Setup

Keep kitten in a small, safe room with few hiding spots for the first several days (a spare bathroom works great); set this room up with kitty litter, bedding, food, water and toys and make sure it's kitty-safe and a comfortable temperature (you may have to close the furnace hot air vent if it's a small room so it doesn't get too hot and stuffy, and you should monitor this).

Spend as much time in this room with the kitten as possible so that he can get used to his new family first, and then gradually get him used to the rest of the house and animals.

Go in and out of this room a lot, giving a treat each time you enter or approach the kitty so that he comes to associate you with good treats and gets desensitized to having someone come in.

Have as many different people visiting with kitty as possible.

Enter room at times without even trying to touch kitty – just be in with him for a bit before touching him.

Talk a lot, in a low soothing voice, read aloud, or just be in the room with the kitty.

If you can, sleep with the kitty – they all enjoy cuddling up to a warm body and can't resist for long! Tire him out with play before bedtime so he sleeps through the night!

Pheromone sprays or plug-ins (such as Feliway, available at most petstores) can be used to help calm the kitten. You can spray this on his bedding or even on your shirt before holding kitty.

The kitten may hide in his kitty litter, which is something cats do when stressed. Gently take him out. If you use an uncovered litter box it will be less tempting to hide in.

Touch

Touch as much as possible – pet, rub, scratch, lay your hand on, etc - during playtime, dinnertime, sleeptime, anytime!

Cats and kittens are all the cuddliest when they are sleeping and first waking up from sleep, so this is a great time to get them used to your touch!

If he runs from you, gently get him out of hiding and hold him, even if just for 20 seconds or so, stroking and scratching gently. When putting kitty down, don't ever

let him jump away in fear - put him down and continue to hold for a few seconds on the ground so that he calms down before walking away from you. This way his last memory won't be "escaping" from you in fear.

Wear fuzzy soft clothing when possible.

You can even try tucking kitty inside your housecoat/sweater while holding him, or hold him wrapped loosely in a blanket.

Get low to ground to appear smaller and less intimidating.

Get him used to being brushed as this is a good bonding experience and will also be good so that when kitty is older he is used to being brushed.

Food

Give a tasty treat each time you enter his space or go up to him (try to find a healthy tasty treat which kitty can't resist) - so that he comes to associate you with something positive.

Hand feed at first so he comes to associate you with good food – a good quality tasty canned food. I leave dry food out all day, and hand-feed 3 times per day at first. If the kitten is very young you will probably need to feed more often.

Try wiping his cheeks and face from nose towards the back with either a damp cloth, dry cloth or even your thumb after he eats to remind him of his mom.

Smell

Don't turn kitty off with strong smells which may be unpleasant to cats, such as perfumes, aftershaves, creams, strong soaps, etc.

Don't visit with kitty immediately after brushing your teeth, eating bananas, oranges, mints, etc, as most cats find these smells unpleasant.

Taking this thought one step further, you will be quite interesting to kitty if you eat something yummy before visiting, such as meat, cheese, vanilla ice cream or yogurt, etc!

Glasses/Eyes

Take off glasses at first as these can appear scary until kitty gets to know you a bit better.

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TIPS TO HELP A SCARED KITTEN SETTLE INTO HIS NEW HOME, *continued*

Glasses/Eyes, continued from pg 8

Kitty may get poked by your glasses if you get close enough to cuddle so for this reason also you may want to remove them at first.

When approaching a scared and hiding kitty, do a series of long, slow blinks and try squinting, especially if they are squinting.

Playtime

Playtime is a wonderful way to bond as well as reduce stress, and even scared kittens cannot resist for long. Most kittens will play with just about anything, but some of their preferences seem to be boa wand toys, laser lights, feather teasers, little balls, shoe laces, and the toys which have a ball that goes around a track with a cardboard scratching pad in the center. This toy in particular will keep your kitties amused for hours of fun even when you are not around! They also love an empty box (you can even cut openings and turn it upside down). Another all-time favorite is if you place a towel or blanket on the ground and move the stick of the boa wand toy back and forth underneath the towel or blanket.

Don't use fingers or toes as toys as this will encourage the development of the bad habit of playing too roughly with people.

Don't leave any feathers, strings, elastics, ribbons, etc around when not supervised as these can be deadly.

Kitty may want to play in kitty litter ... gently take him out.

Children

Slightly older, calm, and gentle children can be a wonderful asset when dealing with scared kittens that need more socialization - they tend to have much more spare time to spend in with the kittens than adults do!

Other Animals

It is great for scared kittens to go into a home with other cats as they can learn and take comfort from them. Go very slow when first introducing them. While kitty is in his small safe room for the first few days this is the perfect time to let all animals get used to the smell of each other by bringing bedding, etc with the scent of your existing animal into the kitten's room, and vice versa. In addition, they will all smell each other from on you. They can also smell and play through the bottom of the door, and eventually through the door opening while it is being held slightly ajar. Proceed slowly before letting them see each other face to face, but you will be the best judge of how things are going and can speed up or slow down the introduction accordingly.

Once the kitten is allowed the freedom of your home, don't always go to pet him first - let him see your other cat enjoying your pets, cuddles and love-talk. It may make the kitten more curious, or perhaps even jealous and therefore wanting, of your attention. This will also help your other cat feel less jealous, and therefore be more accepting, of the kitten!

If you have a dog, make sure the dog is well-behaved with the kitten. Kittens can't resist pouncing on a wagging tail, and even a well-behaved dog may not appreciate this.

Don't leave them together unsupervised until you are certain they are fine together.

Letting Out Into Rest Of House

When bringing any new animal into your home, there is always the possibility of him bringing along germs. This is one very good reason to keep your new kitten segregated for the first ten days minimum, to prevent the spread of sicknesses such as URI (which is like a kitty cold), or other such sicknesses, to your existing feline friends.

Even after doing everything according to these tips, you may find your kitten is still quite scared in new situations - this can be normal for all kittens, but more so for scared kittens. During these times it will seem like you are taking steps backwards. It will take some kittens longer to feel comfortable in new situations, and your kitty may be hard to catch or even pet when in a new room. Try to lure him out with food or a toy. When you do catch him, hold and stroke him firmly to calm him down, and quietly walk back to the "safe room" with him. Your kitten will get more confident the more he gets to know you and his new home. Just don't allow kitty too much freedom to hide, or it will take longer for him to feel comfortable.

All cats are definitely safer being kept as "indoor only" cats. Never let a scared kitten outside or you will never be able to catch him.

Remember, the more time and effort you put into helping your kitty adjust in the beginning, the quicker and more richly you'll be rewarded later on! Keep in mind, however, that they all have their own little personalities and some will progress quicker than others.

Good luck and thank-you so much for having room in your heart to care for and love a scared kitten!

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The Special One

By Patricia Allyn

It was the afternoon of May 26, 2003. I walked down the long aisle, eagerly glancing inside each cage and hoping for a glimpse of my new kitten. I had been visiting the local animal shelter back home in Ontario for a few weeks now. I didn't know for sure what I was looking for, only that I wasn't in a rush. When I saw the right one, "the special one", without any doubt I would know it.

When I first approached one particular cage, it appeared to be empty. Upon closer scrutiny I noticed a tiny, scared kitten, hiding behind her water bowl and trying to make herself melt into her surroundings, so as to appear invisible to a big scary person like me. She was about two months old, and I couldn't imagine what had happened to this darling little creature in such a short lifetime, to make her so afraid. The one thing I was certain of, however, was that inside this cage, big-eyed and trembling, and hiding behind the water bowl, was "the special one" - my very special kitten! It was love at first sight for me, and

I wanted to hold her securely in my arms, surround her with all my love and warmth, and protect her from ever being afraid again!

I named her Libby and she came home with me as quickly as I could get through the adoption process. Once in her new home, she took to our other cats right away – she saw right through all of their hissing and growling to the wonderful kitties that they are! With the persistence of only a kitten, she soon had them tolerating, and then accepting, her also! It took Libby a little longer to trust her new human family, but with time, love and patience we have worked our way into her heart as well!

One cute quirk of Libby's during her first years with us is that she used to like to go into my craft closet during the night and come out with pompoms, talking to and playing with them, and scattering them about. Every morning I would wander through the house picking up her

strewn pompoms and putting them away, never quite having the heart to close my craft closet door as she enjoyed this middle-of-the-night excitement so much! As time passed, I began to notice that more often than not, she seemed to be bringing her pompoms into my bedroom and leaving them on the floor beside my bed as I slept. I started to wonder if maybe she was bringing them to me as presents rather than merely to play with. The very next morning I had my answer – I awoke to find a pompom right on top of me, clearly left there as a present from Libby! It was in this moment that I truly knew I had completely won Libby's heart!

It has been a joy and honor watching Libby blossom into the confident, fun-loving, spider-chasing, little Princess of today! Libby is now over 11 years old, my most well-balanced cat, and she definitely lives the good life! She is still my special little girl, and although she loves all her two and four legged friends, I have always been her "special one" also!



HERVEY NEWS & INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch for Upcoming Adoption Days



The Edmonton Cat Fanciers Club

EDMONTON CAT FANCIERS CAT SHOW
 March 28th & 29th, 2015
 9:30am - 4:30pm
 Italian Cultural Center
 14230-133 Avenue NW

PetValu St. Albert
 Watch our Facebook Page for upcoming adoptions dates!

Hervey Foundation's 14th Dinner and Silent Auction

April 25, 2015 Tickets: \$50
 Italian Cultural Center
 14230-133 Avenue NW
 Cocktails 5:30; Dinner 7:30
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As always thanks to Rosslyn Veterinary Clinic for their wonderful care of the Hervey Kitties and to Creative Color for all the wonderful work they do for the Foundation. And especially to YOU, our wonderful, generous supporters. Without you, the Hervey Foundation could not continue on with our lifesaving work for the kitties!!!

A special thank you to St. Albert PetValu for helping us find Furr-ever homes for our kitties.



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Want to adopt?

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Your new cat requires food, care and attention throughout it's life. The estimated annual costs of your new cat are:

- Food.....\$250
- Litter.....\$150
- Vet Checkups/Vaccines\$70
- Toys/Scratching Posts.....\$100
- Total annual costs.....\$570

You will also need:

- Water/food dishes\$20
- Scratching post.....\$35
- Litter Pan & Scoop.....\$30
- Brush & Comb\$25
- Toys.....\$25
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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^{lbs} of dry cat food, 75 cases of canned food and 800^{lbs} 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.

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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.

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Our Lifeline

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My name is Frankie. I was thrown out in a snowbank and my head was all that was sticking out. A farmer driving by found me and got me out of the snowbank and brought me to the Hervey Foundation. I am a mascot cat for the Foundation now.

My name is Issac. A Hervey volunteer found me and brought me to the sanctuary. I was very emaciated and so cold. The vet was not sure if I was going to make it but the Foundation took good care of me and even though I had to have part of my tail amputated I have grown into a beautiful cat. I am a mascot for the Foundation.



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