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# Caring for your Cat

Chantele Cloutier

Did you know that because cats are both predators and prey by nature, showing signs of illness make them a target for predators? Because of this, many cats who are sick, will hide any signs of illness in order to keep themselves safe, and yes this includes our indoor cats. This means that a cat can be sick for quite some time before an owner may notice.

*Secure 4 includes annual routine wellness covering vaccines, blood panels, urinalysis, fecal, deworming, and more!!!*

Being a Responsible cat owner should include having a complete annual routine visit with your veterinarian to have your cat examined every 12 months in an attempt to catch any illnesses.

Annual blood work, and urinalysis, can provide beneficial information regarding the onset of certain illness or disease that is not always seen by a mere visual, regular examination by your veterinarian. By forgoing this necessary part of preventive cat health, it could lead to increased treatment costs regarding later diagnosis because of advanced stages, or limited treatment options available overall.

***"My cat's teeth are fine, because he's still eating"***

Proper veterinary dental care is essential for our cats, and dental disease is one of the more common occurrences we see with cat health. Resorptive lesions, stomatitis, and fractured teeth are added dental concerns, but untreated periodontal disease regarding the buildup of calculus, tartar and bacteria, can lead to other serious associated systemic health concerns including the kidneys, liver and heart.

*All Petsecure plans include dental coverage including scale and polish, extractions due to gum disease, or trauma*

Most often, we fail to recognize the obvious signs of dental disease in our cats, because many will still eat regularly, and the best preventive is to discuss your cats teeth during the preventive care veterinary visit, and follow the veterinarian recommended procedure.

"I don't need to microchip my cat because he never goes outside" The benefits of micro chipping your indoor cat are endless. As indoor cat owners, we may sometimes feel it is an unnecessary expense or precaution. Take into consideration that it only takes a second for a quick and curious cat to sneak out the door. Consider a natural disaster such as a flood, tornado, or even a fire. Cats have been known to wander many miles from home, and a Good Samaritan could find your cat and bring it to a Veterinary clinic or a shelter and both will have a 100% success rate in owner contact reuniting with a microchip in place. Don't always assume your cat would end up wandering the next street over with your neighbor recognizing Felix and scooping him up to bring him back. Without proper identification such as a microchip, many cats have been left in shelters because the facility is unable to locate the owner.

Petsecure has a plan to fit every budget (including a limitless option) with deductible options, and at Petsecure we allow our clients to choose their own veterinarian, extending coverage even to the cost of exam fees and taxes. We have added benefits which include behavioural, alternative, cremation and burial, lost pet advertising, trip cancellation, and boarding and kennel fees. Contact Petsecure today and let a Client Care Representative discuss the many benefits of Petsecure Pet Health Insurance. 1-800-261-1169 (Petsecure is underwritten by Western Financial)

Chantele Cloutier is the  
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## Carter's Corner



### The Hervey Foundation for Cats

June 26 @ 7:39 pm

Hi Marjorie! Summer's off to a great start, isn't it?

I took this photo of Carter and Quincy enjoying the warm day on our upper deck. They would have stayed out all day if they could; looking down all around the yard, up at the trees and birds, watching people and dogs in the walkway, snoozing and chasing bugs. Carter always likes to be close to Quincy. I think he sees him as a "Mother Cat."

Take care and keep well, Lydia & Gene Emanuel



Jungle Patrol



### The Hervey Foundation for Cats

July 11 @ 2:24 pm

Hi Marjorie,  
Here is a pic of our two newly adopted darlings making themselves at home!

Barbara



## Thank you for my Furr-Ever Home!

### RUDOLPH

October 26, 1997 – May 12, 2016

I am heart-broken to announce that my Rudolph lost his brave battle with kidney disease earlier this year. He passed away peacefully, at home in my arms. Rudolph is now with his big brother and best friend, Cedric, awaiting my arrival at the rainbow bridge, along with all my other cats and dogs who went before them.

I have dearly loved all the cats and dogs whom I have been blessed to have in my life, but every once in a while one comes along who is extra special. Rudolph, you were one such special boy, and in our 18 ½ years together you made me, along with so many other people, so very happy. You will forever hold a huge spot in my heart.



# MARJORIE'S MESSAGE



Dear Supporters,

It is hard to believe we are already into the Fall and only 3 months to Christmas. This has been a wild year weather wise, going from droughts to wildfires, to thunderstorms and rain in some parts, and almost on a daily basis, to tornado sightings, to flash flooding and hail. I would expect we are going to get hit with a lot of snow this winter and winter is only two months away, if that. So, hope everyone enjoyed their summer when they could.

On June 9, 10, and 11 we had our Garage Sale and it was a huge success. There were many familiar faces that came and supported us by purchasing items, as well as many new faces that supported our cause. We came home with very few items left over and that was

## *Welcome to the Fall Newsletter!*

what we wanted as much as anything else. I would like to thank my sister and brother-in-law, Dennis and Louise Larson for letting us have the sale at their home in the city, and to my Board members Alison Glass and Margaret McDaid for their help selling items for us and chatting with the people. This was a onetime fundraiser and we appreciate everyone's support.

We want to congratulate Dr. Nick Barbaza on the grand opening of his new Glenora Family Pet clinic. He is located in Edmonton, 10544 124 Street NW, 780-428-8802. We are wishing you all the best.

I would like to send out a special thank you to PetSecure insurance for a timed cat feeder and lovely basket of cat items they donated to us to be raffled off at the Morinville Vet Clinic. You can buy raffle tickets at the clinic and we want to thank the clinic for their support in helping us raise ongoing funds for the Foundation.

Summer is always busy here doing painting and repair work as needed. This has been a challenge at times with some of the weather we have had, but things are going well. The kitties are doing well and we have done a few adoptions of kittens, however we have not had many brought into us this year.

I want to thank all my supporters for your ongoing support which helps us with our mission of caring for the cats. Your support is greatly appreciated. Big thanks also goes out to Creative Color for all their help with the newsletter and many other things they do to help the Foundation, to my Board members who are wonderful people and very helpful, and to the volunteers that help us also.

I look forward to hearing from any of you, so always feel free to give me a call. I will be back to you again in late November with our Winter/Christmas Mewsletter. Have a great Fall and Thanksgiving.

*Marjorie Hervey*



## CAT WISH LIST

### WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF:

**GIFT CARDS** for:

- G & E Pharmacy
- Canadian Tire
- Walmart
- Superstore

help us buy much needed pet and cleaning supplies.

**CLEANING SUPPLIES**

- Pinesol
- paper towels
- garbage bags
- bleach
- Tide detergent (no lemon scent)

**CAT FOOD**

- Baby food (pref. chicken with broth)
- Friskies canned cat food
- IAMS Dry cat food

**CAT SUPPLIES**

- Cat litter deodorizer
- Jumbo litter pans

**CAT ENJOYMENT**

- Kitty toys
- Scratching posts
- Turbo scratchers
- Cat beds
- Kitty condos

*All donations are appreciated!*

# FELONS AND FELINES – CATS BEHIND BARS

By Patricia Allyn

Love can change, heal, and conquer. Especially if that love comes covered with fur and whiskers!

Cats are incredible creatures. They have the amazing ability to bring out the very best in all of us. Whether it be through cuddle time with a dear feline friend, delighting in cheerful kitten antics, being greeted at the door upon returning home, an affectionate rub against your leg, stopping to pet a cat you meet on the street, kitty kisses and love nibbles, or in any other of a million possible ways, a cat can bring a smile to our faces, make our hearts soar, and light up our lives!

Is it any wonder that cats are also capable of helping a perhaps lesser-known, less cared for, more disliked and even feared, part of our society – criminals? Whether professed hardened criminals, those who “have been framed”, or anyone in between, cats are bringing out the best in the very privileged prisoners who have been selected to work with animals during their prison stay.

In prisons around the continent and in other countries throughout the world, cats are making a difference in ways that are not possible by humans. Their methods are simple, and include the love and camaraderie that only a cat knows how to offer. These cats are not asking for much. They are merely in need of someone to take a chance on them, to care about them, and to provide them with a life worth living. In return, they are giving hope, instilling values, softening hardened hearts, and making miracles possible.

Cats don't care what you look like, where you live, or what mistakes and bad choices you've made along the way. In the cat's eyes, these prisoners get a chance to begin again through a fresh start with a clean slate. Often the cats, too, have not had an ideal past, although in the case of the cats, it's most assuredly not the cats' fault, but rather the fault of uncaring, uneducated, or thoughtless humans.

Most cats come to the prisons a little rough around the edges themselves – neglected, abandoned, sad and depressed, abused, possibly fearful of humans or maybe even angry

and ready to lash out at them. Everyone who works, volunteers, or is in any way involved with cat rescue knows that there are not a lot of options for many of these cats. So it is fitting that these cats begin a new journey, a second chance, behind the bars with prisoners as their saviors!

## PURRFECT FOR CATS AND RESCUE GROUPS

With so many uncared for and unwanted cats in this world, feline rescues and shelters are overflowing, and unfortunately there are just not enough resources and homes to care for, rehabilitate, and love them all. This is a sad and cruel fact of life. Placing cats and kittens in prisons opens up space for many cats who would've otherwise not made it. These cats

get the chance to mellow out and blossom in a safe place, and be loved and cared for, by people who will be responsible for their every need and desire. Often these cats quite literally owe their lives to the inmates who care for them.

Rescue groups have found that the cats placed in these programs are safe and well cared for, due to the fact that the prisoners involved are hand-chosen through strict criteria. Most prisons have a tightly adhered to code when it comes to resident cats – “You do not mess with someone's cat!” The prisoners care for their cats with love and pride. One rescue

group even went so far as to say that there is a higher number of problems involving cats being improperly cared for from regular adoptions to the general public, than from cats living in prison.

## PURRFECT FOR PRISONS AND PRISONERS

Having a feline friend to care for makes a huge difference in the mindset and outlook of prisoners. Having cats around greatly relieves stress, helps prisoners focus on positive things, gives a purpose in life, something to look forward to, and a reason to try to do better. Caring for cats keeps the offenders busy, teaches them responsibility and compassion, increases self-esteem, and encourages improvement in many areas, as they don't want to lose the privilege of feline companionship and responsibility. Often the prisoners develop deep bonds with their feline charges,



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touching and healing them on a profound emotional level.

Prisoners are screened and interviewed before being chosen as a participant of a feline care program, and carefully monitored. There are strict requirements to meet, and equally strict punishments for breaking rules. Once chosen, the prisoners do not want to lose their privileges, so they tend to be on their best behavior. In most prisons with this type of program there is a long waiting list of prisoners wanting to be accepted. It's been proven that there is overall less stress and violence, and in most cases the program brings about positive life changes. It is definitely a triple-win situation – for the prisoners, for the guards, and for the cats!

### **BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN PEOPLE WHEREVER THEY ARE!**

Working together with prisons to save cats has proven to be very successful for the cats and rescue groups, as well as for the prisons and prisoners. More prison animal programs are evolving and being implemented around the world all the time as it is realized how successful they can be for everyone involved. I have looked at merely a few facilities with feline programs currently in place. There are many more, as well as a lot that include dogs, and even horses.

Although the desired end results are the same in regards to prisoners and cats, the actual programs vary depending on which prison you look at, and which rescue group is involved. Some prisons have community cats, some have individually cared for cats, some have foster cats and some even care for feral cats!

### **COMMUNITY CATS**

In some programs the cats become “community” cats, such as in Pendleton Correctional Facility in Indiana, where they have created a program together with Animal Protection League. Rescue cats roam freely in certain areas of the prison, socializing together and with people, and are cared for in turn and on a volunteer basis, by inmates, who have first been selected through an interview process. These cats have walkways, cat trees, and scratch posts which have been made by the inmates. Many of the cats end up being adopted by either the inmates upon release, or their families. If not, they have a home for life in prison where they continue to be loved and cared for.

### **INDIVIDUALLY CARED FOR CATS**

In other types of programs, the cats become the responsibility of individual prisoners dedicated to caring for them on a one-

on-one basis, such as in Indiana State Prison. Inmates apply to have a cat, and after being approved they get a cat who lives with them in their cell for the duration of their stay. The inmates are required to have a job so they can buy food, treats, toys and litter for their cat. Sometimes they even make furniture for them, and “pet sit” each other's cats. The prisoners form a very deep attachment to their cat, and often take them wherever they go on leashes. Of course, these privileges are based on continued good behavior on the part of the prisoner, and unsurprisingly, no one wants to lose the privilege of having their own cat!

### **FOSTER CATS**

Some rescue groups look at prison as a much-needed option for more foster homes. Monroe Correctional Complex – Special Offender Unit works in alliance with Purrfect Pals Rescue group, and together they have created a program providing foster care for semi-feral and extremely shy cats and kittens in need of socialization and human companionship. This program involves selecting prisoners based on strict criteria, such as exemplary behavior, psychiatric stability, and a high level of participation in correctional programs. After prisoners are accepted into the program they undergo training. When the cats and kittens are ready, they are returned to the rescue where they are able to be placed up for adoption into loving homes.

Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre located in Wacol, Australia, works together with the RSPCA in a joint venture which opens up space in prison “foster homes” for several cats in need of extra care before going up for adoption. The cats being fostered may have various needs such as medical, socialization, gaining confidence, behavior issues, losing weight, or even cats which are under legal protection and awaiting lengthy trial dates. All are cats who have been given a second chance because of the program. In turn, the inmates get a second chance, so to speak, as well. They are given a cat to tend to and care for, and the accompanying good feeling of not only saving their cat's life but in making a real difference for their cat.

### **FERAL CATS**

With feral cat populations increasing in many communities, so is the case in various prison communities. In two such prisons – Holman Correctional Facility in Alabama and in Bangkwang Prison, Bangkok, feral cats have been a major

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problem. The cats were creating difficulties and reproducing, well, like cats. The prisons were not set up to deal with this type of situation, and wardens were constantly trying to remove the feral cats and keep them from returning. After numerous unsuccessful attempts, at times with prisoners even trying to intervene to save the cats, the prisons decided to take a different approach and allow the prisoners to adopt the cats. As a result, the prisons have come to realize that the cats reduce anger and aggression, increase gentleness, and do what cats have always instinctually done, and that is to keep rodent populations under control.

### CATS MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

I admit I haven't given a lot of thought to prison life in the past, and other than from glimpses on television and in the movies, haven't really cared to know what it's like. After researching for this article I have obviously delved somewhat deeper into certain aspects of it. Cats have helped me to

think of the prisoners in a new and somewhat softer light. There cats go again, bringing out the best in all of us!

With the majority of prisoners eventually facing release, I believe rehabilitation is extremely important, and feel that, so long as the cats are safe and situations are closely monitored, feline prison programs are wonderful ways to help work towards that rehabilitation, thereby extending the benefits of this type of program far beyond the prison walls. In addition, cats who may have otherwise not made it have gotten a new lease on life, and I'm always happy to hear of anything or anyone that saves cats' lives and allows them to live a quality life where they're respected, loved and cared for.

Having cats in our lives does something that we, as cat lovers, have always known to be true – cats make the world a better place!



On May 11, 2016

Moving house is a stressful experience for everyone involved, but perhaps one family member that often gets overlooked in all of the moving house palaver is your cat.

Cats are creatures that like routine and control, two things which go out of the window during a house move. First of all you will be packing, then there is all of the hustle and bustle on the day of the move and finally you will have to get your cat settled in a new home.

All of this is as worrying for you as it is your cat. Here at FLEXiSPACE

we deal with a lot of people moving house, so we thought we'd put together this guide to help make sure the experience is as painless and safe as possible for your cat.

We give you some ideas to help before, during and even after the move. This includes how best to travel with your pet if they are going long distances, how to make them feel comfortable in their new home, when to let them outside again and how to get your cats used to smaller homes.

We hope this piece makes your, and your cat's move, as stress-free as possible.

*Moving house can be painful for our feline friends so why not follow these steps to make the whole process as stress for your cat as possible?*

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## HOW TO MOVE HOUSE WITH YOUR CAT, CONT'D

### BEFORE THE MOVE

### Make a cat room in your current house

Fill it with the following to cater for your cat's needs

1

Food and water



2

Scratching post



3

Litter tray



Keep them in this room on the leaving day, until your new house is ready for your cat.

### DURING THE MOVE

1

Feed your cat early in the day, but not too close to moving in case they get sick.



2

Put a sign on the cat room door so that everyone knows to keep it closed.

3

Move all of your cat's belongs at once.

4

Put your cat in a carrier in your home and don't let them out until they are in the new home.

5

Put a synthetic feline facial pheromone diffuser in the cat room, to help calm your cat.

6

Put an unwashed item of clothing in the room so that they have a familiar scent.



## HOW TO MOVE HOUSE WITH YOUR CAT, CONT'D



**7** When the new house is ready for them, move your cat last so they aren't waiting in the car.

**8** Don't move your cat in the removal van or in the boot of the car.

**9** Ensure your cat is microchipped and that the contact details are updated with your new address.

**10** Make sure your cat's NEW address is on their collar.

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**11** Create a new 'cat room' in the new house with their stuff prior to moving them in. Keep them in their cat room for a few days until they feel comfortable.

**12** Use treats so your cat can make positive associations in their new home.

**2** Let them explore the house slowly and at their own pace.

**3** Giving small frequent meals will help reassure your cat.

**4** Give your cat some help to establish its territory by chasing away any cats in your garden.



- 1** Transport your cat in a safe and robust container (not cardboard).
- 2** For long journeys, consider placing the cat carrier in a dog crate with a litter tray and water bowl during breaks.
- 3** Make sure the cat carrier is secure and won't move around.
- 4** Make sure the car is ventilated and don't leave the cat in a hot car.
- 5** If you feel the journey may be too much for the cat, talk to a vet about sedation or other options.



## Letting your cat OUTSIDE

- 1** Keep your cat indoors for a minimum of two weeks.
- 2** Don't force your cat outside, just open the door and let them decide.
- 3** When you first let them out, make sure it's before meal time and be ready with their favourite food.

## Preventing cats from returning to their old home

- 1** Warn the new owners of your old house that your cat may come back.
- 2** Ask them to call you if this happens.
- 3** If this keeps happening consider keeping your cat indoors for longer (perhaps even a month).



## Moving into smaller house



Smaller properties can be tough if you have multiple cats, as they may start to fight more over space. Try to avoid this by having enough resources, such as litter trays, scratching posts and feeding stations to go around.

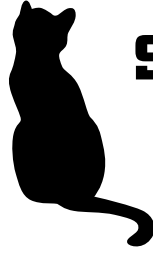
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# 12 Thanksgiving

by Pam Johnson-Bennett



*When we think of the Thanksgiving holiday, we think of food, family, friends and celebration. Did I mention food? This should be a time of feasts and fun, whether you are enjoying your holiday in a big or small way. One thing you don't want to have...*

# Safety Tips for Cats

[www.catbehaviorassociates.com](http://www.catbehaviorassociates.com)

*...to deal with on Thanksgiving is a trip to the pet emergency clinic so here are 12 simple tips for keeping your cat safe so everyone, including kitty, can enjoy the holiday.*

## 1. Protect your cat's tummy

You and your guests should enjoy all the holiday food but don't feed any to your cat. Most holiday foods are too rich and fatty for cats. Stick to your cat's regular diet because rich foods can cause gastrointestinal distress, including vomiting, diarrhea and uncomfortable gas. You probably will have that one guest who can't resist sneaking a little tidbit to your cat so it's best to advise everyone in advance not to feed the cat no matter how cute and irresistible she may look.

## 2. Stuff the turkey and not the cat

Keep the turkey stuffing away from your cat. Stuffing often contains onions, garlic, raisins and spices. These are all toxic to cats. I've even seen some cats jump on the counter and then run off with a few pieces of uncooked stuffing while the cat parent wasn't looking. The aromas from atop the kitchen counter can be too hard for a cat to resist so be very mindful while you prepare and stuff the turkey.

## 3. Keep tabs on the front door

It's easy for a cat to dart out the door when guests come and go. Make sure your cat has a collar with ID or is microchipped. If you have a cat who tends to door-dart, keep her in a separate room, away from the door.

## 4. No raw turkey for cats

Don't feed raw or undercooked turkey to your cat because of the danger of salmonella bacteria. Thoroughly wash all cutting boards, prep areas and utensils that have come in contact with the raw turkey because your cat can easily sneak up on the counter and start licking contaminated areas.

## 5. Hazards of food wrappings

Any wrapping that contains the smell of food, such as aluminum foil, plastic wrap, waxed paper, strings used to tie turkey

legs or plastic cooking bags, can be very enticing for your cat but can also pose a serious choking hazard. Don't leave these items on the counter or exposed in an open trash can. Dispose of wrappings immediately and don't be tempted to toss a crumpled up aluminum foil ball for your cat to play with.

## 6. Don't leave the turkey carcass or other leftovers out

Cooked turkey bones can create an emergency situation if your cat chews or swallows them. Cooked poultry bones easily splinter and can get caught in the throat or esophagus. They can also cause intestinal blockage or perforation which can lead to infection. Turkey gristle can also pose a choking hazard.

## 7. Keep your cat away from the trash

Make sure trashcans are either covered or stored in cabinets to prevent your cat from diving in there and gaining access to bones, gristle or other dangerous trash. If you have quite a few guests over and are celebrating throughout the day, take the time to empty the trash several times.

## 8. Chocolate is toxic to cats

Keep all chocolate away from your cat. All chocolate is highly toxic and can even be fatal. The toxic ingredient is the caffeine-like theobromine and is present in all chocolate. Baker's chocolate, dark chocolate and semi-sweet are the most deadly if ingested by pets. After your guests leave, do a careful check around the area for any pieces of candy that may have dropped on the floor.

## 9. Provide a quiet place for your cat

While you may enjoy lots of company, it can be stressful and confusing to your cat. Keep her away from the chaos by placing

her in a room with some toys, her litter box and a few hiding places. If she gets very stressed by the noise and chaos, play some soft classical music or play "Through a Cat's Ear" in the room to help buffer the noise and provide a soothing environment.

## 10. Stress management for you and your cat

Thanksgiving can be stressful for everyone, including the cat. Take time to do some interactive play sessions. It can be easy to forget to do daily playtime with your cat, especially if you're distracted by visiting family, but playtime is a huge help in relieving stress. It may also be helpful to you to take a few minutes to unwind by playing with your cat.

## 11. Keep your cat's schedule as normal as possible

If you think you may forget, set a timer on your phone so you don't miss a cat's normal mealtime or medication schedule. If your cat is used to receiving lots of attention and you know you won't be able to interact as much during the holiday, offer a puzzle feeder to keep your cat occupied.

## 12. Home alone cat

If you'll be traveling for Thanksgiving and plan on leaving your cat home, be sure to hire a professional pet sitter or have a very reliable friend check on your cat twice a day. Don't leave your cat home alone. The other option is to reserve a spot at a boarding facility for your cat but in most cases, cats are much more comfortable staying in their own familiar environment. If you do arrange for a pet sitter or friend, make sure you also have a back-up plan in case of bad weather. Talk to a trusted neighbor who would be willing to come in and care for your cat if the pet sitter is unable to get to your house.



## The Adventure's of Gary

***Yawn, stretch, purr and snuggle up closer to Mommy in bed. It is a dark, cold, rainy morning and Mommy says we can stay in bed for ten more minutes. Then it's up and off to work!***

10 minutes' pass by quickly and now we are up and Mommy is feeding.

**Gary:** Oh Hi Sally. How are you? I see you still have your kennel here.

**Sally:** Yes, sometimes I still get scared thinking about how abused and bullied I was. So this is my safe place.

**Gary:** You don't need to worry about being bullied here. Mommy has a real thing about that whether it involves cats or humans. She won't put up with it. I know, because one cat here used to bully me and Mommy soon put a stop to it. Who used to bully you?

**Sally:** Buddy.

**Gary:** Buddy? He is so nice to me!  
You don't know his whole story, so I will tell you what I know... Buddy came to the Foundation long ago, long before I arrived. You see, at one time Buddy had an owner that did not take good care of him. Eventually he abandoned Buddy on the street and left him there to survive, if he could, or die. He was not neutered, and so was a Tom Cat. Having to survive on the streets as a Tom Cat is a really rough life. Trying to find enough to eat is also a problem.

**Sally:** How do you know he had an owner before?

**Gary:** Well, Buddy was said to be a very friendly cat back then. He was well known around the neighborhood and loved to be with people, but sadly no one would take him in. He survived through some winters outside with a few people putting food out for him, but things were tough. The other Tom Cats would always be picking fights and beating him up, He had so many cuts and soars trying to heal, but some had become infected. Without proper shelter and food, it was hard, if not almost impossible for his body to heal. Then, one day, another Tom Cat came along and really beat Buddy up. He fought the best he could and managed to get away and into a yard where he could hide until the other cat left. He knew this time he was in bad shape, and if he did not get help from a human he was going to die. Fortunately, the yard he had escaped to was owned by caring people and when they found him he was taken right away to an agency. That agency checked him over and thought his chances for survival were very slim. They called Mommy to see if she could take him and get him the help he would need to make it. Mommy said yes and the cat was brought to her. Mommy started him immediately on antibiotics and pain medication, and then called the Vet Clinic. Buddy went there the next day. I am told the Vet looked pretty grim when he talked to Mommy. But Buddy was so friendly and purring every time Mommy went to pet and talk to him. Buddy was tested to make sure he did not have leukemia or an immune deficiency and was found negative, so the Vets were given the okay to give him the care he required and they went to work on him right away. Buddy's eye had to be removed and the many wounds from fighting were cleaned and the ones that needed to be were sutured. Buddy was also neutered and vaccinated at the time.

Finally, Buddy got better and the day came when Buddy was to come home. He had to be kenneled for a short time to give him time to heal, and to get used to only having one eye. It was a big adjustment for him. Mommy showed him how to get out into the run so he could still go out and get fresh air and sunshine. This also helped him to realize he was safe and that the others here were friendly and just wanted to play. .... *continued on page 11*

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Over time, Buddy adjusted and settled in.

**Gary:** You see Sally, you have been here quite a while and everyone gets along. That is in part because of how Mommy introduces us to each other, but also to do with Mommy being here most of the time to make sure any tiffs are straightened out right away. It is not acceptable for anyone to bully the other. But when I came, things were okay between Buddy and I in the beginning but then the real old guy died. Mommy put up the posting for the CEO for rodent control and of course Buddy applied, and so did I. Mommy wouldn't even consider Buddy after everything he had been through in the past, not to mention he only had one eye. Plus, when Buddy came to the sanctuary he was already four years old. This would make him at least 12 years old at that time. So, when I got the job he was so jealous of me he would attack me every time I went to go out. He would be waiting behind the door every time I came in and jump on me. This would really hurt me and as you know I am no slouch for size, Mommy was so annoyed she would spray Buddy with the spray bottle every time he was near the door. If Mommy was letting me in or out she made sure she knew where Buddy was so, he could not attack me. Buddy had to be given time out a few times. Eventually, he learned to leave me alone and now we live in harmony with all the rest here. I am glad things

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4. <b>Elvis</b> Attack by an Animal	\$ 7,627
5. <b>Pumbæ-Em</b> Intervertebral Disc Disease	\$ 6,126

### Top 10 Claimed Cat Conditions for 2015

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. <b>Gastrointestinal problems</b> | 6. <b>Cancer</b>                  |
| 2. <b>Kidney problems</b>           | 7. <b>Diabetes</b>                |
| 3. <b>Urinary problems</b>          | 8. <b>Thyroid problems</b>        |
| 4. <b>Dental problems</b>           | 9. <b>Cardiovascular problems</b> |
| 5. <b>Dermatology problems</b>      | 10. <b>Eye problems</b>           |

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are okay with Buddy now. We basically ignore each other and go our own ways. I know it is hard for Buddy. His trust had been betrayed by his previous owner and it must have been hard for him to try and survive it all.

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and cares for us all. I also believe that this is in part why everyone gets along, because they know they are safe here with Mommy. Now Sally, you know Buddy's story and you don't have to ever worry about being bullied because cat or human Mommy won't put up with it. Oh, there's Mommy waiting at the door for me to go out and start my morning rounds, so I will see you later!

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# CAT CHAT

*with Petsecure's Chantele & Dr. Berney Pukay*

## Fat Cats

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### Chantele:

Today we are discussing felines that are overweight and how to best address the challenge of healthy weight loss when recommended by your veterinarian. Overweight felines tend to be more susceptible but not limited to:

- osteoarthritis
  - diabetes mellitus
  - liver disease
  - skin problems (from the inability to groom properly)
  - a higher risk associated with surgery and anesthesia.
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### Today's question:

"Our cat is overweight and our veterinarian has been recommending that she lose weight for years. We have tried to get her to lose weight but it has proven to be very difficult (if not impossible). Regardless of which weight control diet we put her on, we cannot seem to get the weight off. I suspect part of the problem is that she is an indoor cat and doesn't get a lot of exercise. Should we be strict and simply reduce her food intake? What can we do short of starving her?"

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### Dr. Pukay:

Weight loss for cats is definitely more challenging than it is for dogs. As you have discovered, part of the reason is that dogs can easily be made to exercise by simply taking them on more walks or runs, or by increasing their play time. Indoor cats do not have that range of options and also tend to sleep for most of the day. Getting them to exercise becomes a real challenge.

It is not a good idea to simply reduce their food intake or "starve them" because cats are prone to a condition called "hepatic lipidosis" or "fatty liver", a disease that can occur when a cat (usually overweight) is starved or fails to eat for a few days. As fat is converted into energy, the liver can become damaged and this condition can be fatal if left untreated. For this reason, a weight reduction programme must be approached with caution in cats.

The aim of any weight reduction programme, whether for a dog, cat or human, is to decrease the number of calories that are consumed (i.e. less food) while at the same time increasing energy expenditure (i.e. more exercise).

The first step, which you have already taken, is to have your pet examined by a veterinarian. This is to make sure that there is no underlying medical reason for the obesity and that your pet can be safely put on a diet. If all is well, your cat should be weighted and a goal set for weight reduction (i.e. how much weight is to be lost?) and in what period of time.

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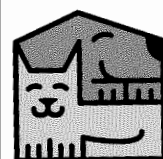


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I shall not forget their place in the hierarchy of life, nor that we walk in each other's paths.

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

I shall renew their spirits when they are waning, bind their wounds when they bleed, cradle them when they whimper, and comfort them when they mourn.

I shall be near them in their hour of greatest need a companion and friend when the time has come.

I shall watch over them and console them and ask that the angels gather them in their arms.

From the creatures of the earth I shall learn the fruits of compassion & undying love, and I shall be called the beloved of God.

In their company I shall indeed be blessed.

- by Susan M. Pearson

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## — Our Mission —

To care for cats in dire need and give our less fortunate feline friends a warm, loving and caring environment that allows them to live out their lives. To attempt to find loving homes for cats and kittens that come into our care. To promote responsible pet ownership through public education, early spaying and neutering programs and promoting other care programs.



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The Foundation's prime objective is to offer either a temporary or long-term place of protection for injured, unwanted, homeless and abused cats.

In line with this philosophy is the concept of HOMING - this means that we provide homes for these animals - either a new loving, caring home or permanent home at our facility for the cat to live a Quality Life for the remainder of it's life.

We provide a means of finding suitable loving and caring homes for these cats. In addition, we promote and educate the public on the proper treatment of cats.

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