

MEWSletter



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MARJORIE'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Spring Newsletter,

We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that Santa was good to you. We also hope you have gotten out and enjoyed the wonderful weather that we have had, even though there have been a few short intervals of bad weather.

We want to thank all of our supporters who so generously donated to the Foundation through the holiday season. Your many donations has helped us aid a lot of kitties get into new homes and continue the care for our long term kitties. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

We have been very busy with the kitties. Adoptions have been going well at PetValu in St. Albert. We certainly appreciate everything they do to facilitate these adoptions and finding our kitties wonderful new homes. We have more good news in that we now have kitties at the new West Hendey PetValu in Lewis Estates (1010 Webbergreen Drive) available for adoption. So check out some of our kitties if you are looking for a Furr-ever Cat. We did adoptions for National Adoption Weekend and appreciated seeing and meeting everyone. Keep checking our facebook page for upcoming events.

As you know from our fall newsletter, my long time personal friend, and President of the Edmonton Cat Fanciers, passed away suddenly last July. Since then, there have been many changes to our relationship

with the new executive of the Edmonton Cat Fanciers Club, and the way they will be hosting the Cat Show this spring. Consequently, the Hervey Foundation has decided to have an Easter Pet Pictures and Fun Adoption Day at the PetValu in St Albert on March 21 from 10 until 4, instead of attending the Cat Show.

We hope many of you will stop by, as it is only a hop, skip and a jump from the Italian Cultural Center and we would like the opportunity to still see and visit with many of our supporters. Don't hesitate to drop in for a free coffee and donut and come see some of our Adoptables, even if you aren't looking for a kitty right now. You will be able to pick up your silent auction tickets and/or drop off any silent auction donations. If anyone wants to donate pet food to us, you can purchase your donation right at PetValu. For every donation, PetValu will be taking pictures of you and your pet with an Easter Themed backdrop. We hope you will come have a coffee and donut, and be able to relax and visit with us. We look forward to seeing you.

We are also getting geared up for our 14th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction and we hope that many of you will come. Our new venue is so beautiful at the Italian Cultural Center and the food is going to be

delicious. We will be having chicken, roast beef, vegetables and potatoes and just a lot of other good food. The tickets are \$50 and you can contact myself (Marjorie) at 963-4933 for tickets. With the new venue the chef does need to know two weeks in advance as to how many people are coming, particularly if you would like a vegan or vegetarian meal. We have many nice silent auction items up for bid and we hope that many of you will join us for this lovely evening. Please remember any proceeds from this event all go to help the kitties.

We look forward to seeing as many of you possible at our various events and activities. Like our Facebook page for current updates to all our activites. Call me anytime at 780-963-4933, or email me at info@herveycats.com.

Marjorie Hervey




Welcome Spring

PET CEMETERIES

By Alison Glass

Our love of cats has been recorded as far back in history as in the Egyptian Empire some 9,000 years ago, and pictures of cats have even been found in the pyramids.

Some were so highly revered they were mummified just like kings and other royalty. Because of this long history of togetherness, it comes as no surprise that cats really are part of the family and have a special place in our hearts and lives. No wonder then that saying Good Bye to our forever friend is probably one of the hardest things we have to do in our lives. Therefore it is equally understandable that it is as hard to plan for 'that' day, as it is to plan for the demise our human family members. Frequently we concentrate on human family when we are writing our wills, but we should remember to take that extra minute to mention how our beloved pets should be taken care of when we are gone and should plan ahead for the day we must say, 'Farewell' as well to our beloved companion.

For some people the emotions involved can be quite devastating, so it is good to see that in the past few years there has been an increase in the availability of Pet Cemeteries and support groups to help us deal with our loss. This provides us with many options to choose from. These groups provide all the services you might expect to find provided by funeral homes for humans. They can organize general cremation or cremation with a scatter box or a beautiful urn that your beloved pet can be buried in, some have a cemetery on their property or access to a pet cemetery where you can have a head stone to mark your pet's grave. Some organisations will make a cast of your pet's

paw-print; other places are even able to put some of the ashes into a locket that you can wear as a memento.

Will Rogers is quoted as saying "If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went." I wonder why he only mentioned dogs as for many this sentiment applies equally well to cats.

As a family historian I frequently add people's names to the Find a Grave website and even more frequently look there for information about family members. I took a look to see what if they had anything to say regarding our feline and canine family members and here is what I found in the F A Qs.

'Can I add a memorial for my pet?'

Yes, when we say we want to list the burial locations of everyone, we're not kidding. Pets are an important part of many of our lives and their deaths can be a great loss.

- ① Atim Creek cemetery cremation & burial service, located just west of Edmonton
- ② www.petcrem.net They have a wide variety of options to choose from.
- ③ www.partofthefamily.ca/services.cfm
- ④ www.albertapetcremation.com/contact-us
- ⑤ www.animalmemorial.ca/
- ⑥ www.lovingpetsltd.com/about-us
- ⑦ Pet Loss Support – www.pet-loss.net
- ⑧ Pet Loss Alberta – www.petlossalberta.com
- ⑨ Canadian Centre for Pet Loss Bereavement – www.petlosssupport.ca
- ⑩ Coping with Pet Loss - www.helpguide.org/mental/grieving_pets.htm
- ⑪ Alberta Health Services Grief Support Program – www.albertahealthservices.ca/services.asp?pid=service&rid=1026229
- ⑫ Pet therapy society- www.pettherapysociety.com/
- ⑬ www.treasured-friends.co.uk/pet-cemetery.html

Please note that whilst the writer of this article has no doubt regarding the professional standards of the organisations and internet web sites mentioned above she cannot be deemed to have personally recommended any of the goods or services mentioned in this article or the linked internet web sites.



You may want to use your family's last name as the pet's last name, to make it easier to find the memorial at a later date.

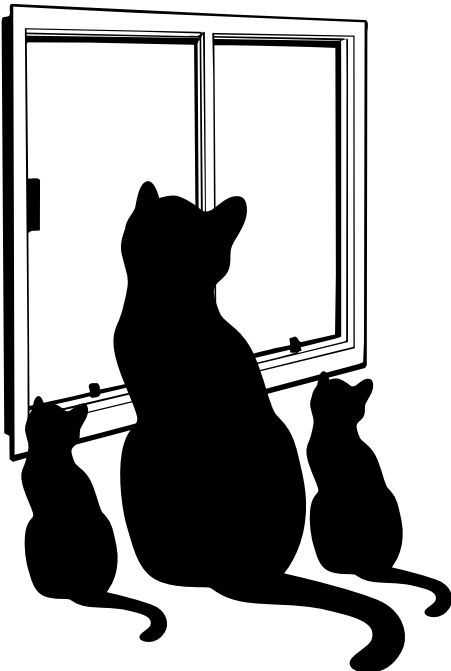
There is vast amount of information available both in print at your Vet's office and on line about how to cope with the loss of a pet. Here is a sample of the variety of services offered that I found on-line. I hope anyone who has suffered the loss of a pet may find information to help them cope with their loss.

THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER ... ON THE INSIDE!

By Patricia Allyn

When you welcome a cat into your life he will very quickly take over a huge piece of prime real estate right in the center of your heart! Cats become beloved family members, and deservedly so! We build special bonds with our cats, earning their love in a multitude of ways, and receiving that love back tenfold! We strive to do our best to care for them and keep them safe so that they will be with us for as long as possible.

One very important consideration you will need to make for your feline friends is whether to keep them as indoor only cats, or to allow them to go outside as well. There are arguments for and against either side, but one thing for certain is that your cats will be a lot safer and live, on average, a lot longer, being indoor only cats. You will sleep well each night, knowing exactly where your beloved feline is, and that he is safe, warm and has a full belly. The average age for an indoor only cat is 12-18 years, with some even living into their twenties! A stray cat living his life on the streets can live 1-5 years. As the



guardian of an inside-outside cat, expect anything in between - you may get lucky and have him around for a good long time. Or you may not be so lucky...

As street-wise as you may think your cat is, there are an unlimited number of dangers out there. Cats don't know to stop and look both ways before crossing the street – when hit by cars, the odds are not in the cat's favour and they seldom survive. In the cold weather, a cat may climb into the engine of a recently run vehicle for warmth. If they don't get out in time before the car is re-started, they can be badly maimed or killed by the engine fan. I once heard of small cat who had climbed into his owner's engine for warmth, and when the owner later restarted the car to go shopping, his cat managed to stay put far enough out of harm's way of the fan blade, and was unknowingly toted off to a store over a half an hour away in a different town. When the owner of the cat came out of the store after shopping, he wondered why people were gathered about his car, only to realize that they had heard a scared mewing and were desperately trying to get his terrified cat out of the engine! This cat's story was one of exception, and he was very lucky not only to have been miraculously unharmed, but also found to bring safely home.

Coyotes and foxes will easily take out a cat. Coyotes have been known to jump 5-6 foot fences to get to a meal, and even a fox is able to jump a fairly high fence. You may think you don't have this problem if you live in the heart of an urban centre, but these predators are present, prowling the streets after dark, sometimes even boldly in the light of day. Owls, also, are able to carry off a cat or small dog without any difficulty. Other than wild predators, there is always the possibility of your cat getting into a fight with another cat. This could result in bites, injuries, infections, disease, and ultimately, vet bills.

Sadly, there are people out there who would not think twice about hurting an animal ... swerving to purposely hit them with their car, shooting at them, batting, hitting or kicking them, setting out poisoned meat, trapping them, and numerous other unthinkable acts of cruelty.

It is a common neighbourly courtesy to keep your animals on your property. A lot of people, cat lovers included, don't like having free-roaming cats coming into their sandboxes, flower gardens, or vegetable plots to use them as litter boxes. This definitely doesn't give anyone the right to hurt an animal, but some will. Even if that someone is merely chasing your cat away, this could cause your cat to run into the path of danger.

A big concern to many people, once again cat lovers included, is the fact that free-roaming cats prey on songbirds. Many people enjoy having birdfeeders, nests, birdbaths, etc, in their yards so that they are able to enjoy a piece of nature right at home. There is no way to fully protect these birds from cats, being the ruthless hunters that they are, other than to prevent cats from wandering at will.

Cats can wander too far, possibly getting lost and unable to find their way home. They are more likely to acquire parasites, disease and sickness. It is much easier to detect health problems early on if a cat is inside all the time.







In spite of all the dangers, cats love to go outside, and many people believe that indoor/outdoor cats lead a better quality of life in which they're able to enjoy the fresh air, laying and digging in the dirt, chasing bugs, eating and walking on grass, bird watching, and so on. Inside only cats can become lazy and overeat, or develop behavioural problems out of boredom or from having issues with other animals in close proximity.



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Life Stage	Age of Cat	Human Equivalent
 <p>Kitten birth to 6 months</p>	0 - 1 month 2 - 3 months 4 months 6 months	0 - 1 year 2 - 4 years 6 - 8 years 10 years
 <p>Junior 7 months to 2 years</p>	7 month 12 months 18 months 2 years	12 years 15 years 21 years 24 years
 <p>Prime 3 years to 6 years</p>	3 4 5 6	28 32 36 40
 <p>Mature 7 years to 10 years</p>	7 8 9 10	44 48 52 56
 <p>Senior 11 years to 14 years</p>	11 12 13 14	60 64 68 72
 <p>Geriatric 15 years+</p>	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	76 80 84 88 92 96 100

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Casey & Cory

(No pic for Cory)
Strays rescued from the Mornville Vet Clinic.



Beatrice

One of several kittens rescued barely alive, in a ditch, in a sealed cardboard box under their dead mother. Someone had left the box after they thought they had killed them all with carbon dioxide.

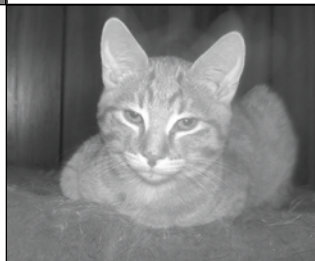
Mazie

1 Year old momma found pregnant after being dumped in the Devil's Lake area.



Marley

Marley is a five month old, red spotted tabby and is neutered and one of Mazie's 4 Kittens.



WHEN YOU ARE GONE

This is a subject that most people don't want to think about, let alone talk about. But having a Will is one of the most important documents you will have in your lifetime and everyone should have one once they become of legal age. Everyone thinks that sudden death is not going to happen to them so people keep putting it off.

Many of us have lost parents, partners or other family members and have found ourselves in the situation where we do not have important banking information, house and car maintenance records, PIN numbers, the location of keys, codes, phone numbers, addresses and more. So what if you were suddenly gone tomorrow, you could get run over by a bus, or diagnosed with a terminal cancer or find yourself facing a debilitating illness such as Alzheimer. How are your loved ones going to manage?

Pets are members of our families too. They are companions in good times and bad, and pets give us unconditional love. So as their guardians, we should see to it that they are also cared for after we are gone. You will want your pet to continue to receive the same love and care that you have always provided.

Pets are a long-term commitment. Dogs can live from 8 to 20 years, cats up to 20 years or longer, if kept indoors, aquarium fish 5 to 10 years, and Parrots up to 50 years. So it is important to also make provisions in your will for your pets.

We have been faced with this situation on numerous occasions. Over the years we have received many cats surrendered when their caregiver finds they are terminally ill, or after they have died. We cannot take it for granted that the friend who said they would take your cat if anything happens to you, still will. Often, it has been our experience it does not happen that way. Also, we shouldn't expect our adult children to take them unless you are sure they will. We often see that most times they don't. So, it is very important you provide for your pet in your will and that the executor knows what you want. You will need to record important information about your pet so that anyone who has to take over for you will be well prepared.

You would need to provide the names and ages of the animals. The breed, breeding history licence, registration, ID tattoo or microchip number, and location of important documents such as vet's name and contact information. List your pet's food, treats and other requirements. Other information, such as their favourite toys, bed, blanket, and other things, such as transportation kennel should all be listed.

You should also be prepared to leave a monetary sum to help with the care of the pet for the rest of its life. When this is done, it can encourage a greater level of commitment from the new caregiver. It is also a very responsible thing to do if the pet must be surrendered to a cat sanctuary such as ours, or other rescue group, as long as it is a no-kill facility. We hope this article has given you some insight to help you ensure your pet is well cared for after you are gone.

Marjorie Hervey



Saturday, April 25, 2015

ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER 14230 - 133 Avenue NW

Tickets **\$50.00** Call 780.963.4933 or Visit herveycats.com

The Hervey Foundation for Cats is a place of refuge for cats that would otherwise perish: the abandoned, the abused, the sick, the old, & the suffering. We are a no-kill, non-profit and tax-exempt private Charitable Foundation.

Be sure to invite all your cat caring friends to come with you to this special evening. Tickets are on sale now. It is a great way to meet up with lots of like-minded acquaintances, while sharing a good time and meal together. Let's all make sure the 100 tickets are sold early this year. By helping to make this event a success, you are also helping our Foundation continue helping all the cats and kitties in our care. Thanks for joining us!

Marjorie

FOR THE LOVE OF CATS

“What greater gift than the love of a cat?” - Charles Dickens By Patricia Allyn

As loving feline guardians it is not only our responsibility to supply the love and caring our cats deserve, but of equal importance is to offer them the most enriching lives possible. Indoor cats can be perfectly content with being indoors only, and even a previously indoor/outdoor cat can convert to become indoors only. With a little extra work and creativity on our part, we can keep them active and excited in life, prevent laziness and overeating, and even cure or prevent behavioural problems.

Create an Interesting Environment

Set your home up with lots of cat trees, perches, beds, scratching posts, and places for the cats to explore at differing heights, in sunny windows, in central well-used areas of your home. Have lots of toys for your cats, which they can play with on their own – little catnip mice and kick-toys, honeysuckle toys, etc. Cats love to play in boxes and tunnels as well. You can even plant little containers of cat grass for your cats to nibble at in a sunny window. Experiment to see what works for your feline family.

Play Time

Set aside time each day to play interactively with your cats – at least one session, but preferably more, per day. Group play works great if you have a multi-cat household where all the cats get along. Ensure each individual cat either gets playtime alone or as part of the group, making sure they are included in the group play. If done properly, group play can encourage disagreeable cats to get along better! This special time has so many advantages for both you and your cats. It will definitely keep your cats active, in shape, in high spirits, and will burn off some excess energy, which may otherwise come out in some type of negative behaviour. Length of play will depend on your cat's age, physical shape, and energy level, but you can gradually increase the time or add additional play sessions each day, depending on your cat's needs. Let your cats be your guides, keeping in mind that you may have to encourage a cat to become more active, gradually of course, after months or years of a sedentary lifestyle. Play will be a great way for bonding between you and your cats, and you will soon all come to look forward to playtime each day! You will begin to notice that it has become a very pleasurable and stress-relieving time of day for yourself!

Some of my cat's favourite interactive toys include the Cat Dancer, Da-Bird, fishing rod types of toys, feather boa wand toys, and of course the laser light. Cats have very individual tastes and what excites one, another may not be interested in. The great thing about cats, though, is that even as older cats they still have a bit of “kitten” inside, and it is your job to help keep that “joie de vivre” alive!

Grooming - A Daily Ritual

Make grooming a daily ritual as well – it is yet another great way to bond with your cat. Not only does it help to keep

their coats knot free and in great shape, but has the added bonus of reducing household hair. I combine grooming time with my evening relaxation time, and all my cats habitually gather around for their turn as I watch TV. Not all cats naturally like being brushed or combed, and if yours is like this you will have to gradually get him used to it. Most cats do enjoy having the top of their head or cheeks gently brushed. Begin doing this, and every so often bring a stroke of the brush all the way down your cat's back, quickly returning to brush on his head only. Do this regularly and before you know it your cat will not only tolerate grooming sessions, but will enjoy them! You can also incorporate a tasty treat during and after grooming for the cat that really does not enjoy being brushed. Leave each cat's hair in the brush in between cats, until the brush gets too full of course. By doing this you are spreading and sharing the scent of each cat so that all their scents mingle together creating a “group scent”. If you have squabbling cats, this may help towards having your cats get along better.

The Hunter

Ancestrally cats were hunters who were always on the lookout for their next meal, and remained mentally sharp and physically lean not only to hunt, but to prevent becoming the hunted. One of the main reasons so many cats are becoming overweight is because of being free-fed dried food. They graze on and off all day, becoming addicted to a food, which is far removed from their ancestral diet.

Set aside time each day to play interactively with your cats

There are a lot of options out there for cat foods these days – in fact, it can be a daunting feat trying to figure out what is best suited for you and your cat. A raw diet, available at quality pet food/supply stores, is gaining in popularity with a lot of animal guardians. A homemade cooked diet is another great option. And there are a huge variety of canned foods to choose from. Do your research for the pros and cons of each – read reliable sights online, talk with your vet and other animal lovers, and I would also recommend checking at various quality pet food/supply stores, asking for advice as to what the best type of food is and how much you should be feeding your cat to keep him at the optimal healthy weight. To a certain extent it is up to your cat as well, as you need to find a healthy option that is also palatable to his tastes. The easiest healthy choice is to feed your cat canned food, and the best quality you can afford. You may want to bring home several different brands and flavours to allow your cat to decide what he likes best. Make 2 set feeding times per day, and if that isn't satisfying your cat, you could give a third smaller feeding, or possibly even subsidize with a small measured amount of very high quality hard food. To make feeding time more interesting, if you subsidize with hard food, place the appropriate amount in some type of cat feeding puzzle to give your cat a bit of a challenge in “hunting” his food out.

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FOR THE LOVE OF CATS, continued

If you have an overweight cat that loves his kibble, he may turn up his nose at even the best of foods. Try a different brand/flavour until you find something he seems to dislike least. You can try mixing in a bit of kibble at first to get him used to canned, or even crushing some dehydrated chicken treats on top, but stay your ground and eventually he will eat something. I have one such cat that is finally, after months of stubborn transition, eating 2 meals of canned food per day, yet she still greatly looks forward to her small amount of hard food at night. Sometimes it may seem easier and kinder to give in, give them their kibble, and make them happy, but compare it to a child being used to eating chips and cookies all the time, then trying to get him used to eating a healthy snack of veggies! Remind yourself that with your cat, as with your child, you're being kind in the long run!

The Litter Box

When you have multiple cats, it is imperative that you have multiple kitty litters. The rule is one kitty litter per cat, plus a spare. Try to have them in various areas throughout your house, and not in places your cat will be discouraged to go to, such as beside a noisy washing machine or furnace, or in the deepest darkest corner of the basement. Cats prefer large and open-topped kitty litters. I buy the biggest Rubbermaid container available and cut out a semi-circle in the side to allow my cats easier access. This provides a large box with lots of room, high sides (in case you have a cat like one of mine who sprays while in the kitty litter) and an open top so the cat can see in all directions while he is doing his business. You may have to try a variety of litter types to find the type your individual cats like best, and with multiple cats they may each choose something different. No matter how many cats you have, it is very important that you keep their litter boxes clean, scooping them out at least once each day, and spraying out and scrubbing every few months. If all your cats seem to use the same litter box, at least the option is there for them to have a choice, and you could possibly try moving one of the others to a new and more favoured location.

The Great Outdoors

You can still give your cat a taste of the great outdoors, with some extra planning on your part. You can purchase or build a cat run, either attached directly to your house or as a stand-alone feature in your yard. As for size, this depends on the amount of room you have available, how much money you can spend, how handy you are for building your own, etc. You want to aim for as big as possible, so that you can put some raised perches, and possibly some cat grass and plants. Ideally it would be big enough for you to take a chair in and sit with your cats or play with them. Make sure the enclosure is sturdy and has a covered top, is escape proof, predator proof, always has shade and water available, and any plants in the cat run should be confirmed as being non-toxic to cats. Always supervise your cat when in the cat run in case he wants back inside or something is happening. You can look online for ideas or places to purchase; I've recently seen a nice one on Costco.ca.

Another way to allow your cat a bit of safe freedom is by getting him used to a harness and leash, and taking him out into the yard or even out on a walk. The only way I would recommend putting any animal out in the yard tied on a lead is if you are always out with them to supervise. When on a lead they can

become tangled, sometimes to the point of strangulation, escape, or become a "sitting duck" if a predator enters your yard. If you take them out on a walk don't go too far from home unless you have a very easy-going confident cat, know their reactions well, and always be alert for dangers which may go after or merely startle your cat, such as dogs, bikes, noisy vehicles, skateboarders, etc. Some people have been known to take their cats out on harness and leash for car rides also!

As a way to prevent cats from bolting out the door when you open it, I recommend having someone stand inside with the cat, and another person stand right outside the door with a box of KD, a tin can with rocks in it, etc. The person inside will open the door a crack, and when the cat starts to stick his nose outside, the person outside will shake the rattle, scaring the cat and preventing him from wanting to go out. You may have to do this several times but the cat will eventually learn not to bolt out the door. Your cat needs to learn that when he is going outside it will be on your terms and your terms only!

One More Thing!

Always have your cat spayed or neutered – there is no excuse to not have this done in this day and age. Think of it as part of the cost of being a responsible pet guardian. Your cat will be much happier, more well-balanced, less in need of wanting to get out to wander and find a mate, and healthier as their chances of getting certain cancers will be greatly reduced.

Your cat should have a microchip inserted, which is a simple procedure any vet can do. In the event that your cat does go missing, if he is found, this microchip increases the chances that he will be reunited with you. Keep the microchip company up-to-date with your current contact information whenever you move. Even if things are looking bleak and you have given up hope of getting your cat back, keep your contact info up to date as miracles do happen. I have heard of cats being reunited with their people after having been missing for months or even years, and reunited just because of their microchip!

The sky really is the limit as to what you can do for your feline friends to provide them a safe, happy and healthy life, and at the same time, creating peace and harmony in your home! Talk to other cat guardians, talk to vets and people working in pet supply stores, read books, search on the internet, but most importantly, keep learning! It will be a continually evolving "work in progress". The more you do to make your cat's life fascinating, the happier and more well balanced they will be, they will get along better with each other, have less behavioural problems, and hopefully live to a ripe old age! No one, whether two legged or four, could ask for anything more!

**I would highly recommend the book "Catification" by Jackson Galaxy. In his new book, Jackson not only explains how cats think and why they interact the way they do, but he gives so many great ideas on how to make your house more harmonious, interesting and satisfying for cats.

**For a complete list of plants and foods which are toxic to animals, visit the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) website.



From Trash to Treasure

By Patricia Boucher

Sometimes life throws a surprise your way. Sometimes that surprise is just what you needed, even though you may not have known it at the time!

On the evening of what was an unusually cold night in late September 2004, my daughter and I pulled into our darkened cul de sac, and as my headlights shone off into the distance I glimpsed what appeared to be the glowing eyes of some creature crouched beneath the truck parked on my driveway. As I got closer, my sighting was confirmed as a small black and white kitten ran out from beneath the truck. From what I could see, it was a small kitten – way too young to be out on its own, especially on such a cold night. My daughter and I began the search, starting in my neighbor's front yard, as that's the general direction the "blur of fur" had headed. Eventually my neighbor poked her head out of her front door, wondering who was snooping about on her front lawn. After explaining what we were doing, I pointed out that her garage door had been left open, so she went and closed it.

We continued our hunt, this time with the help of my husband and son. After searching unsuccessfully for at least 45 minutes, we were about to give up. Cats can be very elusive, especially when they're scared ... it's a big world out there for a scared little kitten to disappear into. To prepare for the likely possibility that we weren't able to locate the kitten, I set out a covered box full of blankets alongside a bowl of food and warm water, and then continued the pursuit.

Just when I was starting to give up hope, my son thought he heard a mewing. Another mew ... or was it just the wind playing tricks on his ears? ...

Again a faint mew ... No, this time we all heard it and it was definitely the cry of a distressed kitten! Our quest continued with a renewed enthusiasm!

An hour after we had first arrived home and seen the kitten running off, we hadn't heard any mewing for a while, and just as we were about to give up for the evening, we heard one last cry – this time louder and coming from inside my neighbor's now closed garage! Instantly the four of us went running up to their front door, and when they opened it up we excitedly explained the situation. After telling them to not open their garage door, we instead went through their house to enter the garage from the inside. As I peeked under the car, that dismal black and white ball of fur scooted out to hide behind some boxes, and we had her cornered at last! She was a sad and sorry sight, very frightened and covered in grease and filth, but I had never been happier to finally lay my eyes on what appeared to be such a pathetic little kitten. As I picked her up I realized just how skinny she was for an estimated 3 months of age. Although she didn't realize it yet, she was safe now! I carried her protectively in a vice-like grip next door to our home - there was no way I was letting her go now that I had her! I brought her upstairs to contain her in the bathroom, rattling off directions to the others to gather food, water, and bedding.

Other than being extremely skinny and covered with oil and dirt, she seemed to be alert and in good health, although I have no doubt in my mind that she wouldn't have lasted the night on her own. She drank and ate voraciously and then settled down for a nap – the poor girl was exhausted from her ordeal.

The next day we placed an ad in the local paper, giving out a minimum of information so that whoever claimed her would have to not only identify her, but give a good reason as to how they could have let this happen to such a helpless creature. We did get a couple of calls, but they were for the wrong kitten.

After having had her for about 5 days, she was really gaining weight and energy fast, but then she started showing signs of sickness. As no one had claimed her yet, it was time to make a decision. We either had to take her to the pound ... or the vet. Well, any animal lover knows what that 2nd option means. That's right – we adopted her! Her name became Gidget (meaning "girl midget" like in the old movies of the 50s and 60s), and we nursed her back to health from what turned out to be a minor ailment. Eventually she came out of her quarantined spot in the bathroom to join our family of (at that time) 3 other cats.

We'll never know exactly what happened to Gidget before she came into our cul de sac late that cold fall evening, but one thing is for certain – she had a bit of help from above in getting to us. All the events and timings were so meticulously synchronized that if any single occurrence had been even slightly off, we'd never have seen or found her. She had a guardian angel watching over her that night for sure!

We've had Gidget for 10 1/2 years now, and although she sometimes still remains aloof, she is never far from me, and she shows her love in so many ways! I just can't imagine life without her!

HERVEY NEWS & INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

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14th Dinner and Silent Auction**
April 25, 2015

Be sure to invite all your cat caring friends to come with you to this special evening. Tickets are on sale now. It is a great way to meet up with lots of like-minded acquaintances, while sharing a good time and meal together. Let's all make sure the 100 tickets are sold early this year. By helping to make this event a success, you are also helping our Foundation continue the care for all the cats and kitties in our care. Thanks for joining us!

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



EASY FUNDRAISING FOR FELINES

The Foundation requires funds on an ongoing basis. Throughout the year we partner with selected groups to raise funds to help us help the kitties. Please assist us in any way you can. If you or someone you know can help us out with fund raising opportunities – contact Marjorie @ 780-963-4933.


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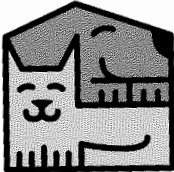
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I shall be a believer of all that is good in man and of all that is deserving in animals.

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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

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.

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

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

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