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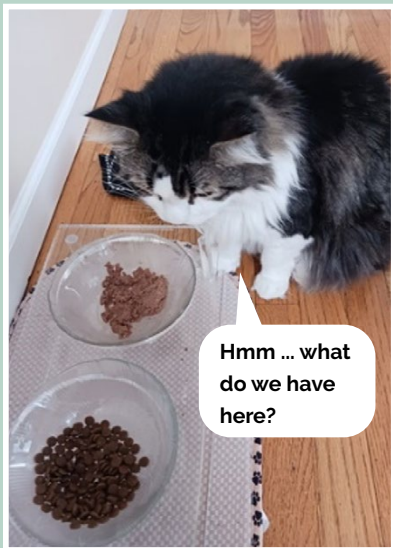


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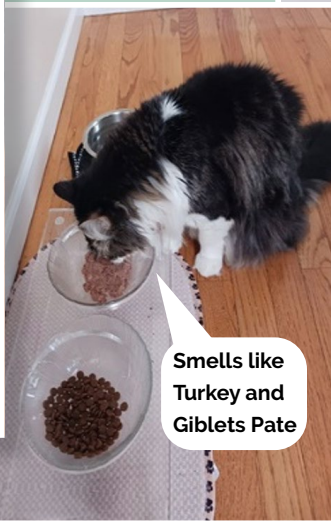
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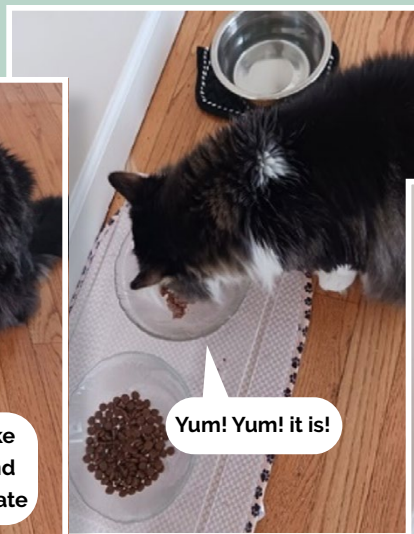
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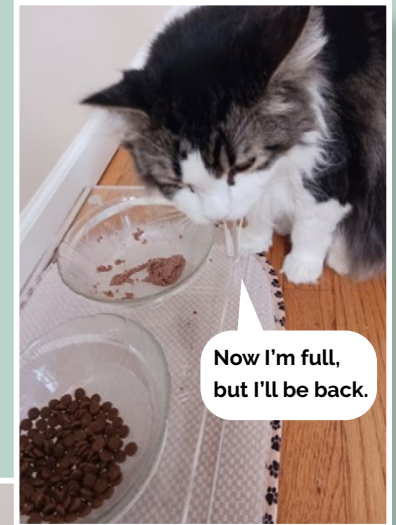
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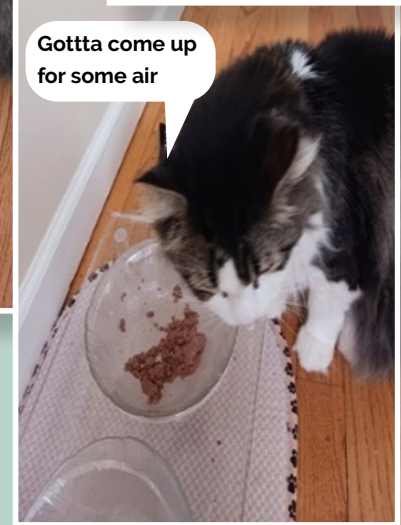
Smells like Turkey and Giblets Pate



Yum! Yum! it is!



Now I'm full, but I'll be back.



Gotta come up for some air

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CAT WISH LIST

We are always in need of

CLEANING SUPPLIES

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

CAT FOOD

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

CAT SUPPLIES

- Cat litter (clay or tidy cats light weight)
- Training pads
- Swiffer pads

CAT ENJOYMENT

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

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Welcome to the Spring Newsletter!

Hello and welcome to the Spring 2023 Mewsletter! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season!

The sure weather is lovely, isn't it? At least on the heels of that last cold snap, it certainly feels that way, and that means spring is here!

We love springtime at the Foundation. The snow is melting, the sun is coming out, and our cats can start using their outdoor cat runs again. The cold weather was hard for them, so they mostly stayed inside to keep warm, but they are eager to get back out there, stretch their legs and sniff the grass.

We're also excited about our new writer, Dan Huen! Dan currently writes the blogs on our website, including the ever-popular Gary and Morris stories, and has provided some great material for this mewsletter. So, we invite you to get comfortable and settle in for some good reading! With the world still in upheaval, it's nice to be able to take a break from it all and think about our furry friends for a while!

This is an especially exciting mewsletter for us as it's the first one for 2023, which marks 25 years of the Foundation caring for cats from all over Canada! It's been an absolutely wonderful journey and we wouldn't change it for anything!

Over the years we've not only helped provide a safe place for vulnerable cats, but we've also been able to place many of them into loving forever homes! We also take a lot of pride in our ability to provide sanctuary to cats who have aged significantly, have health problems,

or have any other reasons that might make them unadoptable.

We're quite proud of the work we do, and all we have accomplished over the last 25 years. None of that would have been possible without the help of our wonderful supporters, whose donations have made it possible for us to provide a safe place for the cats; our incredible volunteers, who donated their time and their loving care to the Foundation; and our amazing suppliers who provided us with the resources needed to care for cats with many different needs.

We are so humbled and appreciative of everyone who has helped us build the Hervey Foundation for Cats into what it is today. We want to express our personal and special thanks to you all! We wish we could thank each of you in person, though COVID-19 has made that difficult.

Since many people have moved away, changed jobs, or otherwise, and in addition to the many COVID-19-related changes in society, we have decided not to host our in-person dinner and silent auction this year. With that said, we do have some ideas for upcoming events to try to get everyone together, and we do have plans to have another in-person event when the time is right!

Please enjoy the warming weather and I will see you again in the summer newsletter! As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call me!

Marjorie Hervey

Why Friendship Makes Cats So Different from Other Pets

By Dan Huen

In the animal kingdom, some creatures get along well with humans because they are naturally inquisitive and trusting, while others have been tamed, or live in human-controlled environments like terrariums or aquariums. Cats, on the other hand, are a little different.

It goes without saying that cats have been domesticated over many thousands of years, but despite those thousands of years, they've still managed to maintain their independence. It's harder to make the claim that cats have been tamed, as they are not obedient animals. They don't always come when called and instead decide whether they are interested in what you are doing or offering. So, while they have grown accustomed to co-existing with humans, it has been on their terms.

It's About Earning Trust

Cats know humans are an excellent source of food and water, but further than that, they can see us as both potential threats and protectors. Cats assess every situation for its potential dangers, and when they are around a person they trust, it is quite obvious! There is no greater compliment from a cat than having it fall asleep on or around you. This is their way of showing you have earned their trust.

While a dog shows unconditional love and trust to their owners – sometimes from the minute they meet (a beautiful thing), cats are more like we are than dogs. Many cats need to meet a person first, smell them, judge their demeanour, and determine if they think this person is a threat or trustworthy.

As a human, we must earn the trust of a cat before we can expect them to be affectionate or seek affection. Trust is not a default with many cats, though there are some outliers.

The sad truth about many adult cats is they have usually experienced some form of adversity. In some cases, they've experienced things more difficult and stressful than anything we could imagine.

For some cats, often if they've been saved from an abusive situation, it can take years for them to trust a human again. Other cats, who are lucky enough to only know love all their lives, will often approach humans and extend their trust immediately!

Nature VS Nurture

This brings us to the ancient nature vs nurture debate. What defines a cat's behaviour? Much like a person, the answer is complicated, though we can make some assumptions based on experience.

Cats are intelligent predators in the wild, but they are also prey to other animals. This makes them highly adaptive to their situations. If they are in a bad situation, they will learn to be defensive and not to extend trust easily, and vice versa (nurture).

However, when rehabilitated or rehomed, cats from abusive situations can recover and be quite loving! When you add that to the kindness shown by cats who never experienced abuse,

you can see they are generally kind-hearted creatures who want to show love and be loved (nature)!

The famous psychologist, Carl Rogers, worked tirelessly on his philosophy that humans are basically good, and in this case, I think we can say that cats are basically good, too!

Cats want to be affectionate and to spend time with their owners and other humans, but like humans themselves, they are often cautious. This is not to say they are bad pets, they're just careful.

Some cats might be the type to fall into the lap of a guest at your home while others might want to sniff their shoes, then their feet, then their hands, then make a judgment call. We also can't forget the cats who are too afraid to make contact with new people, and our hearts go out to them. We hope they can one day release their anxious feelings!

It's a Special Kind of Friendship

At the end of the day, a friendship with a cat is a special and unique human-animal bond. They show trust in people when they feel they are safe. While this rule isn't for every cat, we can safely say it applies to many. If you're reading this article and you have a cat who trusts you, maybe pat yourself on the back. You've earned the trust of a creature who cannot speak, who is at your mercy, and who believes in you as their protector and a beloved family member. Congratulations!

Dan Huen is a writer, comedian, and online personality located in Winnipeg, MB. When he is not crafting tails about cats, he is spending time restoring old computers or hanging out with his girlfriend Kristyn, and his cat, June "Little Tuna" Huen. June is a rescue who got left behind when a family sold their house to a friend of Dan's. You can see Dan noodle with his collection of old computers on his YouTube channel: Canadian Computer Collector.

If you cannot promise forever, I am not your cat!



I am NOT an until you...

... "get bored" cat

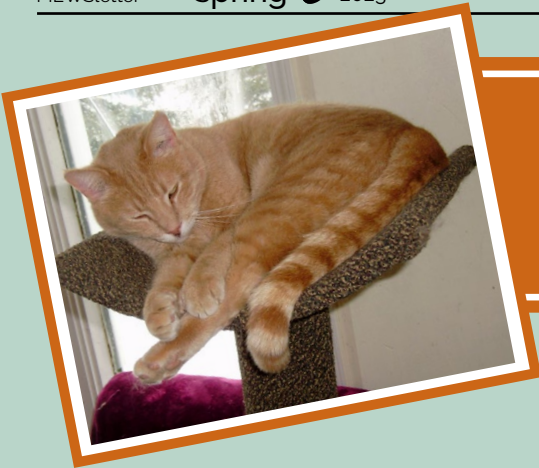
... "find a boy/girlfriend" cat

... "think I'm too old" cat

... "have to move" cat

... "have a baby" cat

... "get a new kitten" cat.



The Adventures of Gary

By Dan Huen



Hi Everyone Gary here!

I am so excited for spring, I can't tail you! Feels like it has been forever meow since I was outside for a good period of time! If you know me, you know I love to explore and I love a good adventure, so the warm months of the spring are purrfect for me!

I have been here at the Foundation for over ten years now and as it has certainly been an adventure! When I first got here, I was only nine months old.

Originally, I was adopted out to a family, but then returned when they said I didn't get along with the other cat. The way I see it, it was the other way around! He was pickin' on me! I love other cats and I love spending time with people, especially Marjorie!

When I first got here, there was an older cat who chased all the mice away, and as it turned out, he was very close to retirement! When the time came, I sent in my application to take on the role of CEO of Rodent Control, and after a brief interview, I got the job – pending a reference check (which went smoothly).

Being a CEO is no easy feat. Unlike the rest of the staff, I have a lot of work to do! I wake up early, groom myself, and meet with my friend Morris to grab breakfast. He worked in TV for a long time, so he understands a good power breakfast.

After I eat, it's time to go through my calendar for the day. Some of the big projects we are working on right now include finding new ways to track mice, a how-to guide on identifying rodent smells, and a training program for young cats at the shelter.

As a CEO I also sit on a number of boards within the Foundation. I sit on the Herveycats Feline board of directors and the woodland creatures board of directors. I am also the chair of the sanitation board, as well as the wellness committee! I am a cat with a lot on the go, but that's the way I like it!

Being such a popular figure within the Foundation, I get to know a lot of the residents, and I've made some really great friends with our long-term residents. They always have the best stories!

One cat told me about the time he swallowed a needle and thread! Can you believe that? I can't even imagine! Another

one told me chewed the end off of a baby soother and swallowed that too. That sounds scary!

Many of the cats who come here usually need a hand, and we are happy to provide that. Part of what makes the Foundation so great is that we can provide for so many cats with health issues or special needs. It sure is an interesting life here.

All in all, I am doing well, but I miss some of my woodland friends who are hibernating or have migrated south for the winter! Hopefully, the snow melts quickly and the days get warm faster so we can see each other again! I am looking forward to having my bed back on the deck so I can enjoy the lazy days of summer and stare at the stars! I have to run, but I'll see you in the summer newsletter!

Purrs,

-Gary

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The Pre-Attack Butt Wiggle: What is the Reason?

Fierce hunters as they are, domesticated cats sure have some odd routines that strike them when the mood is right. Have you ever jiggled a

Human Foods Safe for Cats. Some Might Surprise You!

By Dan Huen

On our blog, we've covered a number of foods that cats cannot eat due to their toxicity. Just like dogs or other animals, cats are sensitive to certain foods you might not expect, but there are plenty of places online to find out what foods cats cannot have. As a result, we've compiled a list of human foods cats can have – and some of them might surprise you!

Peanut Butter

This one seems strange, but peanut butter is actually one of the best foods you can safely give a cat! It's loaded with nutrients and they seem to really like the taste. It's a great food to use when tricking a cat into taking its medication! It should be natural and free of preservatives if possible!

Cheese

Being the passionate dairy lovers they are, cats can safely eat cheese in moderation. One thing to be careful of is lactose intolerance. While it affects a decent amount of humans, it's actually quite common in the world of cats. If attempting to feed cheese to your cat, do so in small amounts and monitor them afterward. Most cats love dairy, but many cannot process it!

Yogurt

Another one that might be unexpected is yogurt! Full of healthy probiotics and nutrients, yogurt is actually quite good for both cat and human digestive systems. Just like with cheese, small quantities are best as lactose intolerance can make things difficult.

Watermelon

Watermelon is 90 percent water, making it largely healthy for your cat. It is said watermelon is the healthiest fruit for cats to eat, with any other sort of melon coming in at a close second. Avoid mixing other fruits with watermelon/melons as they can be harmful to your cat.

Salmon

Oddly enough, salmon is not a typical meal consumed by cats, but being the pesca-passionate animals they are, they aren't about to turn down a nice piece of fatty fish. Salmon is filled with healthy omega-3 fatty acids that help keep the immune system, skin, and fur strong!

*Special note – fish does not contain taurine, an important nutrient in a regular feline diet. Be sure not to switch your cat over solely to fish without it being specially formulated for cats.

Rice

Cats aren't usually known for their taste for grains, but the rice grain seems to be one that does it for them! Cats don't easily break down carbohydrates, but if they have an upset stomach, it might just be what the doctor ordered. Of all the different rice types, keep in mind that white rice is the easiest for a cat to digest.

Carrots

These vegetables are vastly different from the average food your cat eats, but there is a good chance they will enjoy them! Being meat lovers who typically eat mushy meats and crunchy crackers – a hard carrot seems like quite the departure. Being rich in vitamins and minerals including vitamin C, vitamin B6, iron and potassium, it's not such a bad thing if your kitty has a taste! Breaking the carrot down a bit will help your cat eat it – think about using a peeler to remove small edible layers. You can also grind it up!

Meat

This one is commonly known by cat owners, but pretty well any cooked meat, without bones, is safe for your cat to eat. Cats are primarily meat-eaters in the wild and most meats will satisfy their hunger. Some cats are fussy and will not like certain foods, but on the whole, most cats like most of the same cooked meats that we humans would eat!

Raw Chicken

If you've ever had an outdoor cat (which we do not condone at Hervey Cats), you might know how good they are at hunting and killing wild birds. Cats are designed to track, kill, and eat raw bird meat. As morbid as it sounds, this is natural! Chicken is a great food for cats as they have eaten birds for thousands of years. Be sure to remove the bones. Chicken bones are very dangerous for cats as they can splinter and become lodged in the throat. Remember: cats have very small mouths and therefore their food must be small enough for them to safely consume.

Final Thoughts

Cats are carnivores. There is no way around that, but that isn't to say they cannot handle small amounts of other foods. No cat should be on a diet consisting solely of human foods, but they can safely consume some. Be sure to do your research before feeding your cat any human foods as some can be very dangerous. If you are curious as to which ones are toxic, check out our previous blogs on the Hervey Cats website.



Top 10 Things to Do When It's Hot Out

By Dan Huen

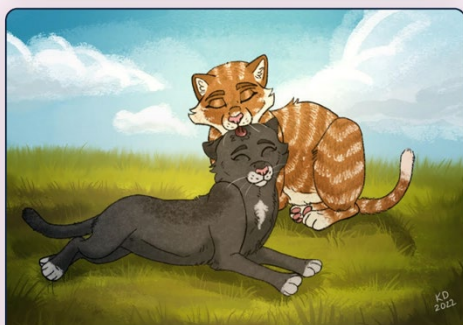
Spring is here, and summer is on the way! That means warm days are upon us! Here are the top 10 things to do when it's hot out (from the perspective of a cat):

- 1 Stand in front of a fan. These wind machines seem to do a pretty good job at keeping things cool, though they are loud. If only we had smaller ears...
- 2 Lick your chest and arms then stand in front of a fan. See number one.
- 3 Find a puddle to dip your toe beans (toe pads) in. Keeping the feet cool is the key to keeping the body cool when it's permanently wrapped in a blanket of fur.
- 4 Stand near the refrigerator in case the human opens it. If possible, climb inside, but only while the human is still watching. DO NOT GET STUCK!
- 5 Lay on top of a book while the human is trying to read it. There is a strange satisfaction to hearing the cool paper pages crunching against your body.
- 6 Go sleep in the basement on the cold cement floor. That dark place is always colder than the rest of the house. It's a perfect place to rest.
- 7 Lay on the kitchen or bathroom floor. This one isn't quite as good
- 8 Go outside and meow at people walking down the street. While this won't keep you cool, it does make you cool. You'll know everyone in the neighbourhood after a while.
- 9 Eat some garbage. There are plenty of exciting garbage bags to tear into down each of the local back lanes. Hot days make it easier to identify which ones have the juiciest goods!
- 10 Meow at your owner – two feet from their workspace. We know them, we love them, they are our owners, and they WILL hear what we have to say. Whether you want to be outside, inside, if you're hungry, or if the stairs are too steep. Let them know!



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What's the Deal with Cats Grooming Each Other?

If you've owned more than one cat, there is a strong possibility you've encountered this scene. Two or more of your cats are lying down



Cats and Arthritis

Much as humans do, when cats age, they become more prone to arthritis and joint inflammation. Arthritis for cats is similar to arthritis for humans



Do Cats Get Lonely? Do Cats Need Other Cats?

There are a lot of misconceptions about whether cats like to live among their kind – one of the biggest being they prefer to live

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Gary and Morris Join the Easter Egg Hunt!



By Dan Huen

It was a warm spring day. The air smelled like the wet ground, winter was slowly retreating, and Gary and Morris were enjoying a nice sunbath on the back deck of the Hervey Foundation for Cats.

"This is my favourite time of year," said Gary. "The sun is out, my bed is back on the deck, and summer is around the corner."

"I know what you mean," said Morris. "There are many good months of warm outdoor fun ahead! That's the part I love thinking about the most!"

A cool breeze blew over the backyard.

"This is absolute paradise," said Morris. "I could stay in this moment forever!"

Gary was already asleep, so Morris decided to nod off as well.

The cats slept in the sunlight for about half an hour until they were awoken by someone coming out the back door.

"Hey, boys! I have some lunch for you!"

It was Marjorie! And she brought food!

Gary and Morris leapt to their feet right away. Being cats, they didn't sleep on a meal. Food always comes first!

"Happy Easter you two! I've also got some treats for you for later," said Marjorie.

She knelt and placed two bowls of stinky wet cat food on the ground. Both cats were so excited they could hardly contain themselves. They stuck their heads right into the bowls and started to slurp them down.

Marjorie had since gone down into the backyard and was behaving strangely – at least to Gary and Morris. She seemed to be ducking down and reaching underneath things, into hidden spots, and at the base of trees or plants. Almost as if she was looking for something.

"What is she doing?" said Gary.

"I have no idea," said Morris.

Suddenly a volunteer appeared in the backyard and started doing the same thing as Marjorie; bending down to reach into spots and looking all over the place.

"Now there are two," said Gary.

"This is interesting," said Morris.

"I wonder if it has anything to do with what Marjorie said when she came outside," said Gary.

"The bit about having treats for us?" said Morris.

"No, the part about Easter," said Gary.

Morris looked puzzled.

"I think it's a holiday for the humans," said Gary. "I can vaguely remember them doing these sorts of things before."

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"Oh! Like Valentine's Day!" said Morris.

"A bit like that... I think," said Gary.

The two cats watched Marjorie and the volunteer dip and duck around the yard for a bit longer until the two humans came back up to the house.

"That's all of them!" said Marjorie.

"Come get me when it's time!" said the volunteer.

Marjorie came over to Gary and Morris and gave them both some pats on the head.

"Hello boys!" she said. "We just hid all the treats for the Easter egg hunt! This year we have some both for humans and cats! It's going to be a blast!"

With that, she scratched them both on the cheek and took off back into the shelter.

"We're going on a hunt?" said Morris.

"Sounds like it!" said Gary. "Let's get some water and then go have a look around the yard."

The cats went inside and ran over to one of the cat water fountains.

Just as they were drinking out of the fountain, they saw one of the most terrifying confusing sights of all time. There was a rabbit, the size of a human, walking down the hallway.

Morris instantly puffed up and let out a hiss. Gary drew his ears back and slowly started moving backwards.

The rabbit walked by, then said with a familiar voice, "Hey Gary! Hey Morris!" and continued out the back door.

It was one of the volunteers' voices, but what was with the rabbit exterior? The two cats took a few deep breaths and looked at each other.

"What was that all about?" said Morris.

"I thought it was a giant rabbit, but it sounded like one of the volunteers here," said Gary. "What is going on?"

The two cats went over to one of the windows facing the backyard and saw a bunch of people gathering. Young, old, families, couples, volunteers, Marjorie – there were a lot of people there. And that giant rabbit, he was there too!

"Looks like something is going on!" said Gary. "We should go see-"

Suddenly one of the volunteers opened the back door and some of the young shelter cats ran out into the yard.

"Come on little ones! Let's go!" said the volunteer.

Gary and Morris ran outside with the young cats and into the yard with all the people.

The people outside were wonderful! They were petting the cats and all the kids looked excited!

Marjorie then stood up in front of the group.

"Hello and welcome everyone! Thank you for joining us on this beautiful spring day for our Easter treat hunt!"

Gary and Morris exchanged glances.

"Treats?" said Morris, under his breath.

Marjorie continued.

"This year we have hidden a number of treats throughout the yard, for both felines and friends! There are candies for the kids, and cat treats for the kitties! So, without further adieu, thank you so much for joining us today, and ready... set... go!"

Suddenly all the young kids took off into the yard, and so too did the young cats! Everything from kittens to younger full-sized cats were running around and pouncing on all the hidden treats!

Gary and Morris were caught up in all the hysteria! They were bolting from one spot of the yard to the next. There were so many treats! Everyone, both human and cat alike, was either running around or chowing down on their favourite snacks.

"What is going on?!" said Gary. "This is too much fun!"

"I hear ya!" said Morris. "This must be why Marjorie and that other human were acting so strangely in the yard. They were hiding treats for us!"

The two cats kept darting around the yard, grabbing treats, downing them, then moving on to the next one!

Suddenly, a young child came up to the two cats.

"I'm Peter!" he said. "What's your name?!"

Gary and Morris brushed up against his legs as he reached down to pet them. Peter held out a human treat and let the two cats smell it.

"Smells like chocolate," said Gary.

"Yuck," said Morris.

Peter then took off running as fast as he could, so Gary

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and Morris gave chase until the boy fell down. All of them laughed.

"These young ones are so unpredictable," said Gary.

The two cats kept at it for a little while longer until they ultimately got tired and made their way back up to the house. They sat on the porch with some of the older cats watching all the fun.

"Running around like that all afternoon? Not for me!" said Winslow, one of the older cats.

"I'd rather sit here and drink in the sunlight – can never get enough!" said Willie.

Just then, Marjorie came up on the back porch.

"Don't think I forgot about you kitties!" she said. "I have treats for everyone!"

All the cats on the deck, regardless of age, jumped down to where Marjorie was kneeling. They all grabbed some treats and went back to their spots.

"Happy Easter everyone!" said Marjorie.

The giant rabbit walked onto the back deck and put their arm on Marjorie's shoulder. Gary and Morris once again felt defensive, and the older cats were not impressed either.

Sensing the tension, Marjorie quickly removed the head of the giant rabbit.

For an instant, all the cats thought she had done something terrible! But just as quickly as they felt the shock, they were overwhelmed with relief. It was one of the volunteers underneath! They were wearing a costume!

The volunteer also knelt and started petting some of the cats.

"It's just me you guys!"

The cats all started rubbing their cheeks against his arms and legs.

The group, both humans and cats, sat on the back deck watching all the other humans and cats run around and play. Young kids and young cats just seem to get along! They have the right amount of energy for each other.

Just as the sun was starting to slowly set in the sky, Marjorie rallied everyone together one last time. She thanked them all for coming down, told the kids to give the cats one last pet, then they all parted company.

The cats headed back inside to stay warm for the night, and the humans made their way back to their cars.

After making sure all the cats had been fed, watered, and taken their meds, Marjorie came back outside onto the back deck. She sat with Gary and Morris on her lap, watching the sunset, and giving them lots of pets. Both cats were loving it.

"I think I'm a big fan of Easter now," said Morris.

"I think I am too," said Gary. "Though I could do without the giant rabbit costume."

They both chuckled and readjusted on Marjorie's lap, and watched the sun disappear behind the terrain.

Happy Easter!

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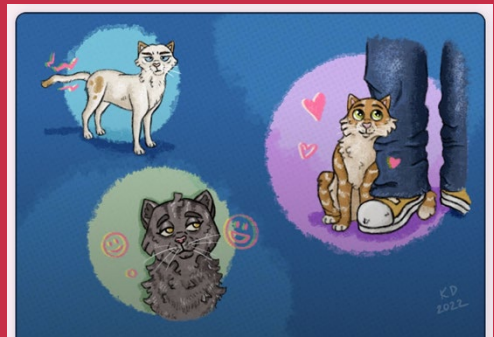
Cat Love Bites – What Do They Mean?

Most cat owners are intimately familiar with love bites. Love bites can take shape in a number of ways, but most often they appear as



Should You Worry About Your Cat's Zoomies?

What are the Zoomies? They are a nickname to describe a cat's behaviour when they are darting around the home for seemingly no reason, and



Do Cats Speak with Their Tails? What are They Saying?

Cat communication is fascinating. The way they stare, meow, chirp, and move their tails are all different ways to get our attention and speak to

6 Reasons Why a Cat Might Growl

By Dan Huen

Growling is a behaviour more commonly associated with dogs, but cats can growl too! There are a number of reasons why a cat might growl, ranging from territorial instinct, all the way to expressing pain. Although growling is a natural behaviour for cats, it isn't usually a common one, leaving us looking for answers when it happens.

Knowing why cats growl can help us better understand our furry friends and their behaviours. While not all cats are the same, there are some common motivations we can look at to explain why our cat is making that strange noise! As a result, we've put together a list of six reasons why a cat might growl:

1. **Aggression:** Cats are natural, territorial predators, and they're not shy about fighting. When two cats meet at night, if one has trespassed on the other's territory, it can expect a fight, but before any swipes are made, a big display of hissing, loud meows, puffed-up fur, and growling is usually made!
2. **Territorial Behaviour:** Cats will often growl when they feel like their territory is being invaded, either by another cat or a person. A growl signals to the intruder that they're entering an area that has already been claimed, or they're attempting to remove something that the cat wants – typically a piece of food or a toy.
3. **Fear or Anxiety:** Growling can also indicate fear or anxiety in cats. If your cat growls when it sees a stranger, or in the presence of another cat or dog, that might be something you need to work on with them. Some cats have difficulty dealing with their emotions and in some cases, a conversation with your vet can be the best course of action.
4. **Unfamiliarity:** Cats will sometimes growl when they encounter the unfamiliar or unexpected. A new toy or object in the home might set them off. Perhaps a new smell – a guest's shoes or a piece of used furniture – has entered the home and it has triggered your poor cat. This growling is often accompanied by hissing and other signs that would indicate your cat is feeling uncertain. Once they get used to the item, they're usually fine.
5. **Affection:** Surprisingly, growling can sometimes be a sign of affection in cats. It's not uncommon for some to growl when they are being petted or brushed. Cats are all built differently, just as we are, and some just like to growl when they are happy.
6. **Pain:** Growling can also indicate that your cat is in pain or discomfort. If you notice growling when your cat is touched, it could be a sign of serious injury or illness and should be checked out by a vet as soon as possible. Unless feral, cats are not naturally cagey animals. If yours growls or becomes unusually upset when touched, they might be in pain.

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How to Find the Perfect Cat for Your Family

As a cat shelter, the staff at Hervey Cats are familiar with all the different reasons people adopt a pet and all the different approaches



What is the Deal with Cats Loving Smelly Things?

Cats are much cleaner animals than dogs, but much like their canine companions, they aren't above rolling around in something that smells absolutely terrible –



How to Get Your Indoor Cat Exercising

Indoor cats benefit from the added safety of being shielded from predators, but in that safe space, a new enemy can rear its head, and

Cat Dentistry 101 – Taking Care of Tiny Teeth

By Dan Huen

Teeth are a predator's first line of offence, and they are crucial to their survival – even in the home! Just like we do, sometimes our cats run into dental issues. However, when left unchecked, cats can develop serious issues such as gingivitis, tooth loss, periodontal disease and heart disease. As their owners, we owe it to them to at least try to help them keep a healthy mouth!

Keeping your cat's teeth clean is no easy task. For many adult cats, it becomes a game of prevention vs maintenance, regular checkups, and hoping for the best! That might sound a bit strange, but there is a very good reason for it.

Hygiene Routines and Cats

Being the independent animals that cats are, unless they learn certain behaviours from a very young age, it can be hard to get them into a routine that they inevitably find intrusive or scary. Some of the more difficult routines to get an adult cat into are nail clipping and tooth cleaning.

Young cats are like young children! Their eyes and minds are wide open! If you adopt a kitten or a young cat, it's worth investing the time in teaching them that nail clipping and tooth cleaning are just regular parts of the household routine. Once you've done it a few times, and provided them with lots of treats and reassurance, it can become something they tolerate for the rest of their lives.

When a cat goes through their youth and some of their adulthood without any exposure to these hygienic routines, they will most often resist. Cats generally do not like having their feet touched or held by humans for any length of time, let alone while they use a tool to clip away part of their body. The same goes for sticking an object in their mouth to rub against their teeth and gums. These behaviours are seen as intrusions and they immediately resist, which if they feel necessary, results in scratches and bites.

What Can You Do If They Won't Let You Brush Their Teeth?

So, what do you do if you can't get your cat to let you brush its teeth? You do your best to create the best possible conditions to prevent them from serious tooth or gum disease. This includes:

- Provide the best nutrition. If you think you're saving

money by buying cheap cat food, wait until the bill comes for feline dental work!

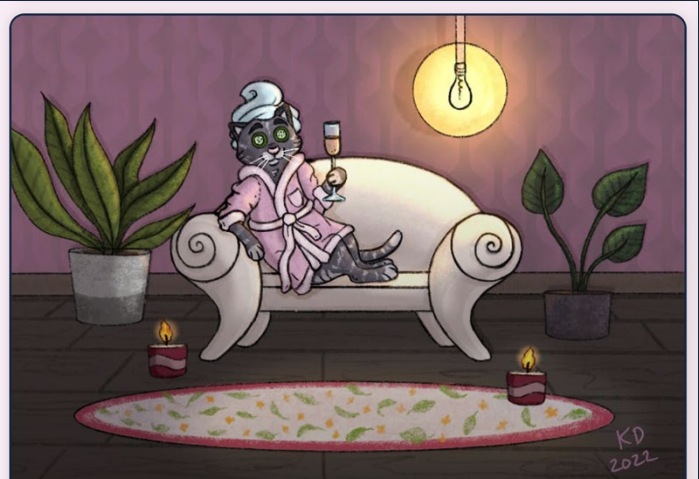
- Schedule bi-annual exams for your cat. This is just good practice anyway, but make sure when you go for a checkup that they look closely at your cat's teeth.
- Watch for the signs of bad teeth. Things like bad breath, avoiding hard food, avoiding eating any food, or defensiveness when touched around the mouth are all signs.
- Make sure your cat is drinking lots of water. Just as it does for humans, water can at least help wash food particles out of the mouth.

Talk to Your Vet

If your cat is having issues with their teeth, they've stopped eating, or they're showing any other signs there might be an issue in their mouth, talk to your veterinarian. They're the experts and are best equipped to judge whether your cat's teeth need help or not. Sometimes pulling a tooth is all that's required, and in other cases, there might be more serious issues. That's why when in doubt, it's important to get them checked!

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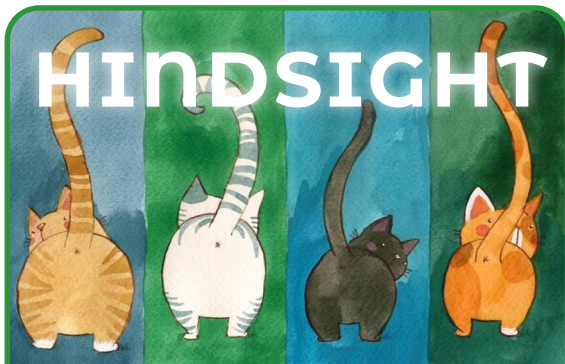
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A RESCUER'S CREED

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.

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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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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 2nd Mission is **REHOMING**

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Our 3rd Mission is **EDUCATION**

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