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Carter's Corner

Sent: April 11, 2021

From: Lydia Emanuel
Subject: Hi from Carter

Hello Marjorie! Carter got a new tent, and has been camping indoors until the weather is nicer outside. I don't know how he knew it had his name on it, because he went right inside and settled in. Yikes on that blizzard we just had.

Lydia



Sent: May 08, 2021

From: Lydia Emanuel
Subject: Carter in the bag

Hi Marjorie. I'm happy the photo of Carter breaking in his new green tent was timely. Today when I went grocery shopping, the cashier informed me they were going back to letting you bring your own bags. Since I had left all mine in the car, I told her to go ahead and charge me for their paper bags. It was a real treat for Carter to play in a paper bag again when I brought the groceries home, so it was well worth it.

Lydia



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

GIFT CARDS for G & E Pharmacy, Canadian Tire, Walmart & Superstore help us buy much needed pet and cleaning supplies.





Welcome to the Summer Newsletter!

Hi Everyone

Here, at last, are the brilliant, blue days of summer, filled with the radiant warmth of healing sunshine and the delicious scent of blooming flowers. May each sweet summer day be ripe with promise and rich with possibilities for all of us.

To usher in these long, lovely days, I've already filled my various cat planters with cat-safe plants and placed them on the deck. And if any of you are avid gardeners, hopefully your gardens are now awash in glorious bursts of colour: whether patterns or plain or a vivid combination of the two ...from soothing pastels to breathtaking brights. Enjoy them all in the best of health!

As always, summer brings with it our annual maintenance work around the grounds, but that doesn't keep our feline residents from frisking and frolicking about. They're delighted to be dividing their days between playing in their tents and scampering through their cat tunnels, chasing bugs in the outdoor run and basking in the sun. It's especially gratifying

to see some of the older kitties joining their younger counterparts in many of their games.

And as always, I send a heartfelt THANKS to everyone who donated towards the ongoing care of the Foundation's cats. Your funds saw us safely through several serious medical emergencies, and all of the kitties involved are either recovering or have already recovered.

Paws crossed, paw-lease! Think only the happiest thoughts as we attempt to hold our twice-postponed Dinner and Silent Auction on the last Saturday of April 2022. That said, please pencil the date April 30th into your 2022 social calendar, when I look forward, finally, to seeing each and every one of you again – dressed to the nines and ready to paw-ty!

Now, I invite you to pour yourself a refreshing glass of lemonade, iced coffee or tea, lean back in your most comfortable outdoor chair and sample our newsletter's summer offerings – both entertaining and educational.

And remember that I'm "all ears" when it comes to any kitty questions or purr-blems you might have.

Marjorie Hervey

7 Backyard Threats to Kitty's Safety

Article by Nomi Berger

Notoriously inquisitive, known for nosing around indoors and out, cats continuously court disaster, and it's incumbent upon their conscientious owners to keep them safe from harm.

That said, consider these seven backyard threats to your own kitty's health and wellbeing.

Toxic Plants: Famously fond of chewing on plants, curious cats should never find these toxic plants in YOUR garden – azaleas, chrysanthemums, daffodils, foxgloves, gladioli, hydrangeas, irises, lilies, marigolds, tomato plants and tulips. For a more complete list of potentially lethal plants, please consult your vet.

Unlocked garages and sheds: Both are paw-tential "breeding grounds" for disaster -- from sharp tools when stepped on to toxic chemicals when ingested. If your house has a garage, a shed or both, ensure that they're always closed and locked when not in use to keep your cat from wandering around them unsupervised. Make certain beforehand, though, that all of your tools have been safely stored away and that your cat isn't hiding some place inside to keep her from being trapped there.

Uncovered swimming pools: Attempting to drink from an outdoor swimming pool can prove fatal to any curious cats should they fall into the water. To spare them this fate, either use a pool cover when the pool's not in use or ensure that there's a low edge to it. This way, cats can easily climb out if they happen to lose their balance and take a tumble.

Chemical herbicides: Far too many dedicated gardeners use chemicals -- herbicides and/or insecticides -- to keep their gardens free from unsightly weeds and plant-eating bugs. But these chemicals can make cats violently ill if licked, chewed and swallowed. The solution: if you do use such chemicals, restrict your cat's access to the garden until they're fully dried or, better still, switch to natural alternatives that are deemed safe for pets.

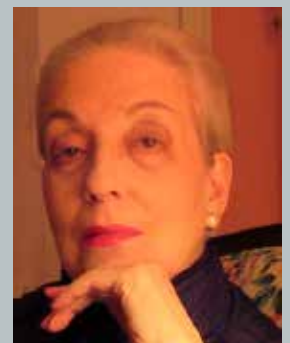
Rat poison and slug pellets: Not only is rodent poison fatal to rats and mice, it can also be fatal to cats -- if they ingest the poison itself or if they eat a poisoned rat. To keep your cat safe, avoid using rat poison in your own garden and speak with your neighbors about their own, possible use of this toxic substance. Slug pellets, shaped like small cylindrical bullets, can also be appealing to cats and should be replaced with harmless alternatives – from copper tape and egg shells to sea shells and recycled wool waste pellets.

Fruit stones from trees or plants: The downside of having fruit trees or fruit-bearing plants in your garden is how quickly they litter the ground with fruit stones, berries and seeds. If cats swallow a fruit stone, it can often cause an intestinal obstruction that, if not resolved promptly, can be fatal. In some cases, these stones, along with the berries and seeds, can also be toxic and should be removed from the ground on a regular basis.



Compost heaps: While cats may enjoy digging about in compost heaps, dangers lurk deep within them -- from sharp sticks, moldy food and coffee grounds to cat-toxic fruits and vegetables such as raisins, onions and avocados. If there's a compost heap in your garden, enclose it with a pet-proof fence or use a specially designed bin to keep the compost safely out of reach of your cats' paws and mouths.

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The Purr-fect Way to Greet Your New Kitty

by **Nomi Berger**

Since cats are both predators and prey, they are programmed to perpetually assess their environment. As creatures of habit, territorial and tenacious, they must feel safe rather than sorry before relaxing their guard and revealing their sociable side.

That said, giving your new kitty companion some space before greeting her is key to earning her trust and winning her heart. Why? Because this affords her the opportunity to decide if she feels comfortable enough to interact with you or if it's best, temporarily at least, for her to keep her distance.

Always allow HER to approach YOU. If she senses that she has a choice, she's far less likely to run off.

Avoid looking her in the eye. Since a direct stare is considered a challenge in the animal world, use brief, soft glances – much like repeated slow blinks -- to reassure her that you're not a threat.

To seem less imposing, never stand (read "tower") over her. Instead either kneel down or sit on the floor. Meant to put her at ease, this should also encourage her to come closer, paw step by paw step, and begin her scent investigation of you.

Because cats rely so heavily on their highly developed sense of smell, you can use this to your mutual advantage. Slowly extend your index finger to see if she'll venture even closer for that all-important first sniff. This is akin to two cats meeting one another for the first time and "going nose to nose" as each sniffs the other's unique scent.

If she does, indeed, sniff your finger, pay close attention to what she does next. If she rubs against your finger, this is a friendly sign. If she moves in closer to rub against your arm, it's an even friendlier sign, showing that she obviously feels comfortable enough to share this almost immediate, more intimate contact with you. But if she sniffs your finger and either stands still or backs away, it means that she's still not quite sure of you. Resist the impulse to make any further moves in her direction. She may return for a second sniff or she may simply choose – for the moment -- to retreat altogether. If she does, don't think of this first experience as a failure. By being patient, giving her the choice and not pressuring her, you've established that all-important initial bond of trust. Hopefully, she'll feel more comfortable the second time – or the third -- and engage with you sooner and go farther.

If, on the other hand, you're actually able to pet your new kitty, don't push her tolerance level, particularly when she's just learning to trust you. The same rule applies if she settles down beside you or curls up in your lap. If she decides, at any time, to move away, don't grab her or try to lure her back. As long as she knows that she's free to leave, she'll feel that much more comfortable getting closer to you the next time.

Cats as Alarm Clocks

by Nomi Berger

Few cat guardians need alarm clocks when their own favorite felines are fixated on the time. Especially early in the morning, when they crave everything from caresses to cat food.

Consider, then, the wonderfully wacky ways in which kitties capture and hold their human sleepyheads' attention.

The Head Nuzzle

Marvelously manipulative, and often masquerading as affection, cunning cuties employ this "wake-up" strategy by gently pushing their heads against their humans' faces and purring loudly. More creative ones will purr while pushing their heads against their humans' noses and necks as well.

The Chest Meow

Oh-so-direct and ever-so-daring, these persistent pussies will stand on their humans' chests and "make themselves as heavy as possible." Precisely how remains a well kept kitty secret. To quite literally increase the pressure, they will meow incessantly until their humans awake.

The Stare

Subtler than the Chest Meow, more patient and laid back lovelies will stretch out languidly along their humans' chests and stare intently at them while they sleep. Imagine opening your eyes to find another pair of eyes fixed hypnotically on yours! Is that an "Uh-oh" or an "A-w-w-w"?

The Face Tickle

This supremely effective strategy has "doggedly" determined darlings pressing their furry faces against their sleeping humans' faces, ears or necks, breathing warmly and brushing their whiskers back and forth across their humans' skin. Some clever cats even add a wet nose tap or snuffle to speed up the process.

The Paw Bop

The simplest and most direct approach demands little more than a single pussycat paw and a slumbering person's face. As productive as it is pleasurable (at least for the cats), bopping their humans' noses may be especially satisfying if it elicits a smile from their suddenly awakened owners.

If, however, you're someone who prefers to sleep -- undisturbed -- until your actual alarm sounds to wake you, the solution is simple. Gently, but firmly, close your bedroom door.

Sweet dreams then ...meow-free.

Diarrhea

– Hey, Poop Happens.

By Gayle McDonald

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Diarrhea is unpleasant for a cat and it often distressing to their human. The cat might not make it to the litterbox on time or they might step in the soft poop and leave poopy footprints all over. Nobody wants that scratch and sniff on their couch.

What "qualifies" as diarrhea? Normal poop is a soft formed tube (like fresh play doh). Diarrhea will be poop with too much water ... it will be the consistency of DQ soft serve, pudding, or water.

Not sure if your cat poop is diarrhea? Google the Purina Fecal Scoring Chart. It has pictures that should help you pick your cats poop out of the lineup.

Why do cats get diarrhea? There are many, many, many reasons

Infectious reasons ... Kittens and outdoor cats are more likely to have parasitic diarrhea than indoor only cats. Parasitic causes of diarrhea are roundworms, tapeworms, giardia, coccidia, etc. Kittens can get roundworms from their mom. Cats who hunt can get worms from birds, mice, etc. Fleas can carry tapeworms.

Panleukopenia is a virus that causes diarrhea. It is usually fatal in the young and can be fatal in adults that are not vaccinated.

Some bacteria can cause diarrhea. Salmonella is a contagious cause. Overgrowth of the cat's normal bacteria (clostridium, etc.) can also be a factor.

Non-Infectious reasons ... Cats can have diarrhea due to IBD (inflammatory bowel disease), food intolerance /

allergy, some plants if ingested (poinsettia, etc.), metabolic disease (hyperthyroidism, diabetes, etc.), cancer, renal disease, and liver disease.

If your cat has diarrhea for more than 1-2 days, OR if there is also vomiting / loss of appetite / lethargy, contact your vet ASAP.

It is sometimes difficult to diagnose the cause of the diarrhea. Tests and Treatment trials may be needed.

Infectious causes (parasites, bacteria, and viruses) can be tested for via fecal flotation or fecal PCR.

Blood and urine tests will detect liver, kidney, and thyroid disease.

IBD, pancreatitis, cancer and food allergy do not show on blood tests. An ultrasound can show if the pancreas and intestines are abnormal but biopsies are need to be certain of the cause of them not looking normal (infection vs. cancer vs. other reasons). Not all pathologists (the specialists your vet will send the biopsies to for evaluation) are great with the feline intestine. They can have trouble distinguishing between inflammatory, cancer, and infection.

Treatment for diarrhea can include deworming medication, antibiotics, probiotic, highly digestible diet, high fibre diet, novel protein diet, Vitamin B injections, and immune system modifiers (these are for IBD or cancer ... most commonly used is Prednisolone but others are Budesonide and Atopica - aka cyclosporine).

IBD is not cured but controlled with treatment. Relapses are likely to happen. Pancreatitis can also reoccur. If your cat goes outside parasites can happen over and over again.

So, if soft poop happens, talk to your vet.

7 Simple Ways to Celebrate Kitty's Birthday

by **Nomi Berger**

There's no better time to show your favorite feline how important she is than by putting on the proverbial "Ritz" for her birthday. Why not consider "wrapping" these suggestions in festive ribbons of love and making her big day one to remember?

1. Purchase a cat-safe cake. What's a birthday without a birthday cake? As close as your nearest pet store, these cakes are certain to please the palette of even the most finicky feline. And they're all created from imaginative combinations of such lip smacking, cat-compatible ingredients as chicken, salmon, tuna and shrimp, peanut butter, bananas, pumpkin puree and applesauce, eggs, milk, cheese and plain yogurt – to name but a few.
2. Buy new cat treats. Famously fond of treats, your cat will never turn down her paws at having more. Select the most tempting ones you can find – including her favourites – at your local pet store, "hide" them throughout your home and then encourage her to "seek" them out.
3. Get her a new toy. While some cats have one particular toy that they treasure above all others, some are more easily bored and tend to lose interest in a toy – any toy -- almost immediately. Whether your kitty falls into the former category or the latter, a new toy is always welcome, especially if it's unexpected. But before you buy that new toy, always remember to make it an age-inappropriate one.
4. Celebrate in style. If your kitty is an outgoing and easygoing

social butterfly, undaunted by the challenge of dressing to the nines, ensure, nonetheless, that the costume you choose is "feline friendly" – loose enough to be comfortable. For the less adventurous but still game kitty, forego the costume altogether and opt for a festive bow tie or bandana instead. It may be a whisper of an outfit, but a whiskered face never looked cuter than when highlighted by a bow tie or bandana

5. Have a professional photo taken. Locate a pet photographer near you and book an appointment well ahead of her birthday for a special portrait session. Choose the most feline-flattering photo and let your imagination run wild. Have it embossed on anything from note cards and note pads to ceramic mugs and cotton T-shirts, then "gift" yourself and those you love as a permanent reminder of this special day.
6. Please and pamper her. What warmer, more obvious way to observe kitty's birthday than by paying more attention to her than usual? If your kitty adores affection, indulge her by extending her regular petting sessions. If her preference is playing, play with her for much longer than you normally would. If she's addicted to adventure and isn't allowed access to certain rooms or areas of your home, let her accompany you into one of them for awhile and sweeten the experience with a high-value treat.
7. Donate to the Hervey Foundation for Cats in kitty's name. Since birthdays are best when shared, why not share her "lucky" day with an animal not quite as lucky? Consider making a tax-deductible contribution to us in your kitty's name to help us rescue and care for more kittens and cats in need.

CAUTION: Cats and Essential Oils

by **Nomi Berger**

For years, certain essential oils were considered safe for cats and were often recommended for use in treating everything from stress and ear mite infestations to upper respiratory problems.

But recently, some studies have shown that essential oils can be toxic to cats, whether taken internally, applied to their skin or simply inhaled. The liver is the organ most negatively affected, and unlike ours, cats' livers lack the ability to properly metabolize the various compounds found in essential oils.

Toxicity in cats can either occur very quickly, following a single internal or external application or over a longer period of time -- through repeated or continuous inhalation of the essential oils. Either way, it can cause serious damage to the liver and, in some instances, even lead to death.

Although using essential oils on cats is now generally discouraged, they may, however, still be used – if diluted -- to treat certain ailments under the close supervision of a veterinarian.

A partial list of the essential oils to be avoided include peppermint oil, lemon oil, lavender oil, melaleuca oil, tea tree oil, cinnamon bark oil, wintergreen oil, thyme oil, birch oil, and any oil containing phenol. If ingested or applied directly to the skin, these essential

oils can damage your cat's skin and even induce seizures. Should yours accidentally ingest ANY oil, rush her to the vet immediately.

Aside from their toxic effects, the concentrated scent of essential oils can be very irritating, even overwhelming, to cats because of their extremely sensitive noses. If you're a cat owner who diffuses essential oils throughout your home, ensure there's good ventilation – for your sake and the sake of your cat -- that you only diffuse small amounts for limited periods of time, and that kitty can retreat to a "scent-free" zone if the smell becomes overpowering.

Hydrosols, also known as "flower waters", are often promoted as a more natural and safer alternative to essential oils. Less saturated or concentrated than essential oils, hydrosols are basically what remain after steam-distilling fresh leaves, fruits, flowers or herbs in water. With properties similar to essential oils, their aromas are often softer and subtler.

While hydrosols may be safer for use on human skin, they are still dangerous for cats as the water can retain residual plant matter that can prove toxic if ingested or even inhaled. While some cats can tolerate hydrosols, others are more sensitive to them. To be on the safe side, limit your cat's access or exposure to them to minimize the risk of any health issues arising.



The Adventures of Gary

Hi Everyone, Gary here.



It's clearly summer again because that pesky woodpecker is back!

Now, on nice days, after doing my rounds, I'm also back -- to sleeping in my bed on the deck or in the house on Mommy's bed. M-e-o-w! So I was certainly surprised when she roused me from her bed one day, hugged and kissed me, and said she would see me tomorrow. Tomorrow? What did that mean?

Before I knew it, I was placed in a kennel and whisked off to the Morinville Vet Clinic. Thinking it looked familiar, I recalled having been brought there as a scared and tiny stray kitten. Remembering how well I was treated relaxed me a bit but I still didn't know why I was there this time.

Suffice it to say, someone began petting me and talking to me and I found myself growing ever so drowsy. Then, suddenly, I was awake, and drooling for some reason, while Mommy gently stroked my fur and told me that I had had several bad teeth removed and that I was purrfectly fine now.

But no sooner had we arrived home than I began worrying all over again. Not only was I to receive special medications for two weeks, but I wasn't allowed to leave the house for two weeks either. I certainly hoped my contract as CEO of rodent control had a "sick leave" clause in it!

After several days of feasting on special food (I knew the meds were hidden there but it still tasted good), I convinced Mommy that what I really needed was fresh

air. She sat with me on the deck awhile before taking me into the shop where I checked to ensure that every item was precisely where I'd left it. Then she walked me through the yard for a quick look around before we returned to the house, where I promptly fell asleep on her bed.

I'm paw-leased to report that my mouth healed quickly and in the blink of a kitty's eye, I was back outside on rodent patrol and taking full advantage of my regained freedom in the wonderful weather.

So, until we touch base in the fall, take care, stay safe and have the sunniest of summers.

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P.S. To follow the fun antics of Gary and his friend Morris and to read other articles of interest, please visit <https://herveycats.com/blog>. You can also find them at <https://www.facebook.com/herveycats>.

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- ... "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.

Cat Owners and Rental Properties

by **Nomi Berger**

Do you own a cat but want to rent an apartment or condo, town home or house?

If so, it's vital that you're fully informed before initiating this all-important process.

Why? Because too many cats are either abandoned or surrendered to animal shelters as a result of housing problems encountered by their owners.

It's understandable that many landlords may be leery of renting their premises to cat owners. Some tenants are thoughtless and irresponsible, allowing their pets to damage property through destructive scratching or odoriferous spraying and/or disturb their neighbors because of such issues as poor litter box hygiene and neglectful maintenance, inappropriate disposal of soiled litter and hissing or mewling especially at night.

It's therefore incumbent upon YOU to prove to prospective landlords that your cat is well mannered, fastidious and kept constructively occupied, and that renters like you will not only be respectful of their rental property but will illustrate, by your example, that most pet owners are both conscientious and trustworthy.

Since finding a rental property that welcomes pets may prove difficult, increase your chances of success by considering the following:

Allow as much time as possible for as thorough a search as possible.

Research all "animal-friendly" listings and all "animal-savvy" realtors by placing classified ads online.

Reach out to your neighbors and co-workers, friends and family, through networking sites and social media for an even broader range of potential rentals.

Stop by the supermarkets and drug stores in your area to pick up free publications of rental opportunities and visit such web sites as <https://www.rentcanada.com> for even more listings.

Create a "feline resume" detailing your cat's positive personality traits. Include several photos guaranteed to win hearts, list your cat's favorite activities, food and treats, and a brief adoption story. You should also include a letter from the vet showing that your cat is spayed or neutered and up-to-date on vaccines and a letter of reference from your current or most recent landlord (if applicable).

While some landlords may advertise "no pets", others may also be willing to make an exception -- particularly if they own pets or are pet lovers themselves. It's worth making an inquiry over the phone and even inviting the more amenable ones to meet with you and your cat.

NEVER sign a lease that states, "no pets allowed" even if you happen to observe other pets on the premises.



But most importantly, never accept the word of a realtor, manager or landlord that having one is "okay." The only words that count are those WRITTEN in the lease. If the lease clearly states "no pets allowed", ensure that it's either crossed out or replaced with language approving your pet, and that all changes are initiated by both you and the landlord.

Any pet deposit or monthly fees should be specified in the lease, but before signing it, first discuss the matter with the landlord and/or renegotiate the amount.

Keep a signed copy of the lease with all of your other important documents where it can be readily retrieved if needed.

Then, once you and your purr-ecious kitty companion are happily ensconced in your new home, it remains your responsibility to reassure the landlord that he made the right choice in renting to you.

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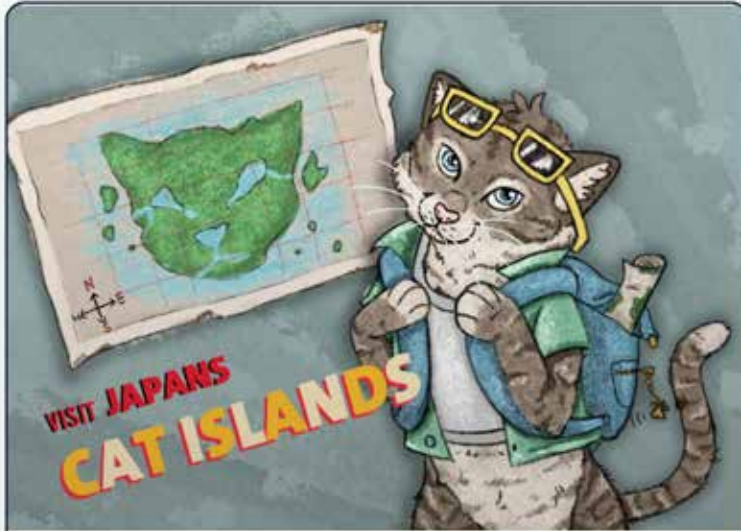
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Blog



The Cat Islands of Japan

Japan is a fascinating place for more reasons than we could include in one blog, however there is one unique element about the country that



The Vacuum

The sun rises on a quiet morning. Most of the humans are asleep but it sounds like one is walking around. It's early - like



The Truth on 11 Myths About Cats

Cats are a curious and mysterious breed. Some of their behaviours are hard to explain while others can be quite predictable. Over the hundreds of



The Heist - Gary & Morris

The snow is melting. That means the rodents are going outside again. As the CEO of Rodent Control at Hervey Cats, my job both gets

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Outdoor Cat Shelters to Keep Local Cats Safe and Warm in the Winter

Winter has been very up and down in the last few years, though one constant remains – it gets cold in Canada, and when it



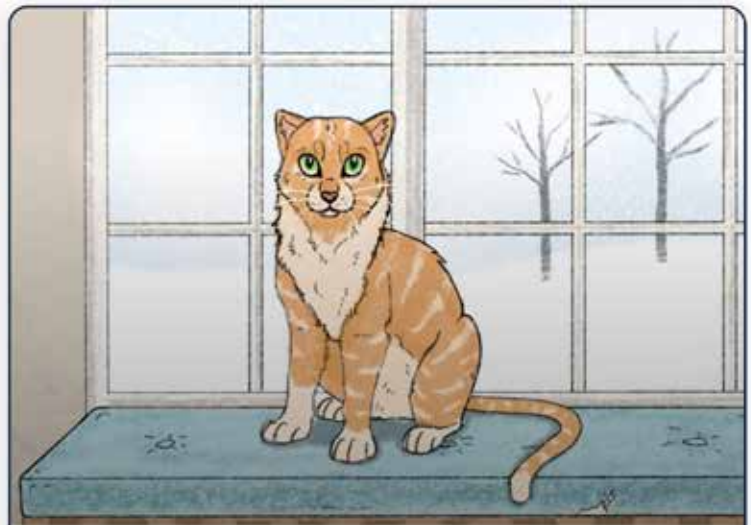
Mission Impawsible – The Big Score

It's dark out. The moon hangs high in the sky and the humans are sleeping. After lulling them into a false sense of security, they've



Is Cat Snoring a Sign of Poor Health?

Have you ever found yourself working on your computer, reading, or lying in bed and suddenly there's a low buzzing sound in the room? You



Indoor Cat or Outdoor Cat? Which Should it be?

The answer is simple. Indoor. Do not let your cats outside. With that said, let's get into some of the reasons for why your cat

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NEWSLETTER

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I am an Animal Rescuer

A RESCUER'S CREED

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

I shall plead for their lives, campaign for their safety and uphold their right to a natural death.

I shall seek out the injured and the maimed, the unloved, and the abandoned and tend to them in their last days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In their company I shall indeed be blessed.

- by Susan M. Pearson

The Foundation operates a no-kill facility - euthanasia as an option only when the animal cannot enjoy a reasonable quality of life.



— Our Mission —

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



It takes 450^{lbs} of dry cat food, 75 cases of canned food and 800^{lbs} of litter EVERY MONTH to take care of the hundreds of stray, abandoned and unwanted cats and kittens that The Hervey Foundation for Cats takes in at their facility each year. Many of these animals find new homes – but many fall into permanent care at our facility.

With costs in excess of \$5000 every month the Foundation needs the continued support of the caring public to carry out our mission.

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The Foundation was founded by Marjorie Hervey in 1998 to provide care and loving homes for the unwanted, un-cared for and abandoned cats that fall into our society. She used her family inheritance and more to start and establish The Foundation. Since that time over 3,000 cats and kittens have come into our care and most have found good, loving homes. The balance stay with us to live a quality life.

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

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

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

Our primary concern is the cats under our care. Great precautions are taken to avoid introducing illness. For example, in the situation involving a typical member of the family our procedures would be as follows: Cats that come into our care are taken to an Accredited Veterinary Clinic where, at the cost of The Foundation, the animal would be examined and Feluk tested, spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, dewormed, vaccinated with the 4 way combination vaccine and Feline Leukemia and Rabies (if old enough). Its ears would be checked for ear mites and treated. The cat is then transported to our facility. It is placed in isolation for observation for 4 to 5 days. If any symptoms develop that needs attention, then the cat is treated. Assuming all is well, the cat is placed up for adoption to find it a good home. The cats in our care are not caged but are free to enjoy an home atmosphere. If it clear that a new acquisition could not be adopted for some reason or another, it is made to feel at home, is given a name, and it becomes assimilated into our family.

The Foundation is unique throughout all of Western Canada. The reason is quite simple. No person has the patience and the devotion that Marjorie has for the cats.

Our Supporters Are Our Lifeline

Monthly donations are the lifeline of the Foundation. They are essential to help with the ongoing care of the cats and kitties. It goes towards food, litter and vet care. The Foundation is powered by volunteers - there are no paid employees of the foundation, nor do the owners/directors receive remuneration - all funds are used for the care of the animals and the operation of the Sanctuary.

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Our 2nd Mission is **REHOMING**

finding good, loving and caring homes for those cats that are adoptable. Being a private Foundation our screening procedures are strict to ensure that our cats will receive the best care possible.

Our 3rd Mission is **EDUCATION**

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