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Carter's Corner

Sent: May 06, 2022

From: Lydia Emanuel
Subject: Carter Under the Grow Lamp

Hi Marjorie. We started a few seeds in the house (new Covid hobby) and a few of the flats were ready to get hardened off outside during the day, so we moved a couple of them outdoors temporarily. No time was lost before Carter moved in and settled down under the warm Grow Lamp on the fuzzy terry towel and made himself at home. Alas, I was hoping to capture a photo of him still curled up and asleep, but you know what they say about cats 'sleeping with one eye open', and he woke up a little disgruntled.

Hope all is well out there with you and the kitties.

Regards,
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,

Draw in a deep breath of this wonderfully warm air and raise your faces towards the radiant sun. How glorious is that? After such a cool, damp spring, these brief months of summer will be appreciated all the more. Let's make the most of them together.

Here at the Foundation, the scene has already been set. I've laid out the Welcome mat and ushered in the season by filling our outdoor pots with feline-friendly plants and our flowerbeds with fabulous flowers. The kitties and I can't wait for them to blossom and bloom!

While some of our kittens are now ready to find their fur-ever homes, some older cats, through no fault of their own, have found their fur-ever home with us, and are flourishing. What a joy it is, knowing that we've given them a second chance at living and loving. What an even greater joy it is to watch them sunning

themselves, chasing bugs, and making meow-velous mischief with their many new friends.

On a sadder note, we were, once again, forced to postpone our annual Dinner and Silent Auction. Understandably, people are still being cautious because of COVID and the current state of the economy, which has made daily life so much harder for so many. I do want to thank everyone who made a donation instead, and would encourage you to do so, if paws-ible, since the kitties, present and future, are counting on YOU.

Now, I encourage you to settle back, sip a cooling summer beverage and savour the many satisfying articles written by Nomi especially for us.

As always, I'm "all ears" when it comes to any kitty questions or purr-blems you might have.

Marjorie Hervey

Tips to Help Teething Kittens

Article by Nomi Berger

To ease the discomfort of teething, kittens are notorious for nibbling and chewing, chomping and biting on anything within reach of their tiny paws – including your fingers and toes.

Kittens invariably begin to lose their baby teeth at around the age of nine weeks, while their adult teeth won't have grown in fully until they're between five and six months old. What more purr-fect time then, for every pet parent to teach their kitten some early "table" manners, i.e., what is and what isn't appropriate when it comes to chewing and biting.

Consider the five following suggestions to make your new life together ever so much easier.

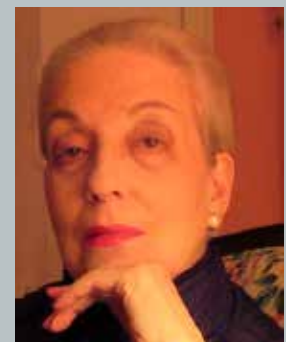
1. Once solely a doggy's domain, chew toys are now fabulously feline friendly. Manufacturers, near and far, produce toys specifically designed to provide appropriate "targets" for those budding kitten teeth. Choose from a vast array of these treasures ranging from cloth toys that can be chilled to ease your kitten's tender gums and firmer chews that will exercise her jaw muscles to nylon-based toys made expressly for teething.
2. Discover the wonders of interactive playtime and integrate it into your own daily routine. Why, you may ask? Every teething – and growing -- kitten requires vigorous, interactive play because it not only helps her work off excess energy, it also helps develop her balance and build up her strength. Using one or more of a variety of specially designed teaser toys at least twice a day for 10 to 15 minutes each time will both give your kitten a suitable object for her chewing and reinforce the growing pet-parent bond between you.
3. Of utmost importance: whenever you're petting your kitten, make certain to keep your hands away from her

mouth. Follow this same rule when playing with her. Never use your fingers as objects she can all too easily and confusedly consider fair game for her teeth. No mixed signals, paw-lease!

4. Be prepared to use the word "Ow!" if your teething kitten happens to bite you. Why? Because whenever the play between two cats becomes too rowdy or rough, the victim will emit a high-pitched cry, causing the aggressor to back away, and, ultimately flee. Say "Ow!" in a high-pitched but not overly loud voice, then promptly put your biting kitten on the floor. Referred to as the "Ow" and Down" technique, using it consistently will teach your wayward kitten that biting on her part means no playing or petting on your part.
5. Always ensure that, wherever you are, you have several chew toys close by. This way, if you're sitting with your teething kitten and notice her expression suddenly signal, "I'm in the mood to bite something," you can swiftly hand her a teething-appropriate toy, thereby taking your fingers safely off the proverbial menu.

In short, by lovingly, patiently and consistently reinforcing the message that only certain items are reserved for your teething kitten's nibbles and chews, chomps and bites, you're paving the way for the most purr-fect of futures together.

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The Adventures of Gary



Hi Everyone Gary here

You might be wondering why I'm purr, purr, purring. Well, wonder no more. It's SUMMER! M-E-OW! And I'm so, so happy to be outdoors in the sunshine, doing my rounds and checking the grounds. Despite some earlier rainy spells, many of my old friends are back and soaking up the welcome warmth just like me. And as I do every summer, I helped Mommy by keeping her company while she planted the flowerpots and filled in the flowerbeds.

It's a well-kept secret that I especially enjoy riding in vehicles, and because of this, Mommy has to keep an eagle eye on me, so to speak, to prevent me from hopping into someone else's car, van or truck and hitching a ride. And so, despite the fact that I'm the Foundation's official greeter, Mommy has started putting me inside – for my safety -- before people drive off.

The other day, while I was in the shop, a huge box arrived. Colour me surprised – and paw-leased – when Mommy said it was for me! Minutes felt like hours before the box was finally opened. And there it was -- a stroller for Mommy to run me up and down the driveway and around the yard in style. The fact that it's PINK hasn't dampened my enthusiasm in any way, shape or form. What luxury! What fun! (Please check out the photo).

And speaking of strollers ... Mommy's appeared and is ready to take me for another turn or two around the grounds. Picture me waving my paw as I wish all of you the sweetest and safest of summers.

PUrr



Bringing the outdoors (safely) to your indoor cat

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Cats that roam face substantial dangers – cars, dogs, wildlife, and unsavory people to name a few. Being indoors allows them to live longer, healthier lives. But being indoors only can be a little dull; how can we bring our cats outside or bring the outside to them?

On leash

Being on leash allows you to limit your cat's roaming to a safe area under your control. They can still roll on the concrete, eat grass, feel the sun on their face and feel the wind in their fur. A harness is safer than a collar: collars are easier to slip out of or become choked by if the leash becomes caught. A harness distributes pressure more evenly thereby reducing (but not eliminating) choking hazards and is harder to escape from if fitted properly. Wide band harnesses or vest style harnesses are usually harder to wiggle out of. Most cats need to be "trained" to become comfortable in a harness. Refusing to move or flopping on their side when the harness is first applied is common. Distract the cat by offering them food or treats, or taking them outside while the harness is on. It does not take long for cats to realize good things happen with the harness on.



Enclosures or "catios"

A good enclosure should be sturdy, escape-proof, and well ventilated with shelter from the sun or other elements. Cats are vertical creatures so multiple levels and height are preferred. Think about how the cat will move through the space and provide perches and hiding places. Consideration should also be concentrated on how the cat will get into and out of the catio: will it be attached to the house so the cat can come and go through a window or door? Will you have to carry the cat to the enclosure and if so how

will that be done safely? Enclosures can be made economically with an old bedding shelf and chicken wire or very elaborately by commercial companies. One does not have to spend thousands of dollars as long as they devote thought to safety and thinking like a cat.



Bringing the outside, inside

Not everyone has a home that has access to a yard or balcony but you can still bring a little bit of the outside to your indoor cat. You may have seen small containers of "cat grass" that you can use to grow a little bit of grass for your cat to nibble on. You can make your own with grass seed, oats or barley. You can go a step further and make a large patch with an "under the bed" type storage tote. This would allow the cat to lay in the grass right in your own apartment while still being quite inexpensive. Create window space for your cat by placing furniture, cat trees or window mounted cat beds in the window. Your cat will love the sun and the view of the world outside. Placing bird feeders outside the window (there are some you can mount right to your window!) will bring the entertainment to them.

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

I am a
**FOREVER
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.

Why Cats' Coats Change Color

by Nomi Berger

Have you ever wondered why cats' coats in general and yours in purr-ticular change color?

If so, consider some of the paws-ible reasons for this feline phenomenon.

- 1) Changes in temperature: Some cats, like Oriental Himalayans and Siamese, known as pointed breeds, are genetically predisposed to changes in their fur color depending on the temperature of their skin. Their skin is naturally cooler at their bodies' extremities – faces, paws and tails – which partly accounts for their white or light cream bodies and darker-hued faces, paws and tails. The temperature of the environment in which any cat lives can also play a role in her coloring. Owners may notice that their cats are darker during the cold months of winter and lighter during the warm months of spring and summer.
- 2) The sun's rays: If your cat -- as most do -- LOVES the sun, her fur will change color and fade because of her prolonged exposure to its rays. Most noticeable in black cats whose coats lighten and turn "rusty," it results from the sun's UV rays destroying the dark pigment, melanin, in their bodies that protects their delicate skin from being burned. Thankfully, however, cats are constantly replacing melanin, meaning their fur will eventually return to its normal shade, but they'll have to go through an entire shedding cycle before this happens. Nor does this type of fading apply only to outdoor cats. The coats of indoor cats who spend too much time stretched out on sunny window perchs will also fade.
- 3) Lack of important nutrients: Dark-haired cats may appear lighter or redder than usual due to an insufficient amount of the amino acid tyrosine in their diet. Considered a non-essential amino acid since it's created within their own bodies, cats require twice as much tyrosine as their bodies can produce (the average cat needs over 5g of tyrosine daily). Tyrosine is needed to make melanin, and if cats don't have enough of it in their diet, their fur can begin turning a reddish hue. Similarly, a diet high in such elements as copper or zinc may also cause their coats to change color.
- 4) The natural aging process: If your cat is 10 years or older, her body will automatically begin producing less melanin. But unless her coat is pure black as opposed to either a paler coat or one with stripes, you may not notice the change until her coat starts turning from its normal color to a browner and then, finally, to a grayer tone. Gray hairs customarily appear first around a cat's muzzle and fan out from there.
- 5) Stress and physical pain: While still controversial, some experts believe that stress or pain may be responsible for turning a cat's fur gray. Such premature graying is linked to heightened levels of noradrenaline, a hormone constantly released by a cat's body in small doses. Noradrenaline is connected to the nervous system, and during times of intense stress or pain, it will, literally and figuratively, flood her body.

If, on the other hand, your cat's fur has changed color seemingly overnight, there could be a medical reason for it, and you should arrange to have her seen by your vet.

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Where Did All This Cat Hair Come From? A Guide to Keeping Cat Hair Off Your Clothes and Objects!

Cat hair is a nuisance. There is no denying that. Somehow our furry friends seem to shed more hair than we could ever imagine being



What is Resource Guarding, Why is Your Cat Defensive, and What Do You Do?

If you spend a lot of time fostering or working with cats, you may have come across it more frequently than others. We are, of



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

Kitten Finders, Kitten Keepers?

by Nomi Berger

Have you ever been in the position of finding a litter of kittens and wondering what to do next? To keep or not to keep, that is the question.

Here, then, are some answers -- together with more questions.

1. If you find a litter of kittens on or near your property, quickly assess their health. If they appear healthy, watch them, but don't move them. Their mother is likely nearby. Stay far enough away – several car lengths – that you're not considered a threat by their mother if she's feral. If, however, the kittens seem distressed or are very vocal, and if their mother hasn't returned by the end of the day, she may NOT be returning.
2. Unless they're in danger, however, it's best to give their missing mother another chance to return and tend to them. Place them in a carrier or cardboard carton to keep them warm, safe and secure.
3. Try to determine the age of the kittens. Are they newborns with their eyes closed and weighing less than 8 ounces? Or are they 8 weeks old, weighing 2 pounds, and resembling miniature cats? Not to mention every age and weight in between. Each age brings with it a different set of criteria as to their proper maintenance and care. If they're newborns, contact local rescue groups or no-kill shelters ONLY that may be willing to take them in immediately.
4. Are they feral (part of a colony of cats born to live and survive outdoors) or domestic kittens born to a family's lost companion cat? Once again, this will determine the steps you take next.
5. If it's either too hot or too cold outside, raining or snowing, bring the kittens indoors and confine them to a clean, quiet and small room -- whether a spare bedroom, bathroom or laundry room. Leave them in their carton or carrier with the door open, and provide them with a high-quality kibble, fresh water and cat litter. If the kittens are too young to feed themselves, you'll need to bottle feed them every couple of hours. Should you choose this course, either contact a local vet or rescue group for advice and guidance.
6. Within a few days, decide whether you want to temporarily foster them, bearing in mind that socializing them as quickly as possible will improve their chances of ultimately being adopted.
7. Although adorable and impossible to resist, kittens do have little claws and sharp teeth. To protect yourself from unnecessary "battle scars", wear gloves until the kittens grow comfortable with being handled.
8. If you have other pets, keep them separated from the kittens to minimize the risk of their transmitting either parasites or infections to them.
9. To make fostering the kittens easier, speak with the volunteers at the rescue group you've already contacted and ask for their advice – on all matters from A to Z.
10. When it's time for the kittens to "leave the nest", either contact your vet, one who operates a re-homing center that will welcome yours if there's room, or the rescue group. Relinquish the kittens into their care where they'll be spay/neutered, then set on the right path towards finding their fur-ever homes.

By your actions, compassionate and caring, you'll have not only saved several small lives, but you'll have shared in an extraordinary experience, one you're unlikely to ever forget.

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What is Cat Grass? Should You Grow Some at Home?

Do you have a cat that likes to nibble on your houseplants? Does your cat rub their face all over them? There is a solution

Why Do Sleeping Cats Cover Their Faces?

By Nomi Berger

Whatever their purr-ferred position, cats typically sleep with their paws over their faces.

While obviously comfortable and undeniably cute, why DO our feline friends cover their faces when they sleep? Here are some of the most plausible explanations for this behavior.

One reason is warmth. When they're asleep, they lose more of their customary body heat due to the fact that they're lying still. And since most of that heat comes from their paws, ears and the tips of their noses, covering their faces with their paws or curling themselves into a ball helps keep that essential heat inside while they sleep. They also instinctively curl themselves up more tightly in winter because the cold can be dangerous for them. Should their body temperature drop below a certain level, they can get hypothermia, which, in worst case scenarios, can lead to coma and even death.

A second reason is it blocks out the light. Since cats are crepuscular -- most active during the twilight hours -- by nature, they spend most of their days sleeping. This means they must sleep when it's light outside, often in direct sunlight thanks to its soothing warmth, and they use their paws to cover their eyes the way we humans use sleep masks.

A third reason is it blocks out noise. For most cats, even the slightest noise can wake them from their slumber. An instinct born as a survival mechanism for cats living in the wild, they

would snap awake at the slightest noise, and if that noise meant danger, they could swiftly flee. How likely your own cat is to be wakened by a loud noise depends on how deeply she sleeps and how well her ears are covered.

A fourth reason is a sense of security. While cats, primarily outdoors and feral cats, are predators, hunting birds, mice and other small rodents, cats in the wild are the prey of many larger animals. Most vulnerable when asleep, their faces are vulnerable too, and should their faces be attacked, these cats' chances of survival would be slim. And although your inside cat isn't in danger of being attacked by a predator when she's asleep, this behavior is, once again, instinctual.

A fifth reason is exhaustion. Cats don't only use their paws to cover their faces when they sleep, they also use their paws to self-groom. Obsessively devoting nearly one third of the day to grooming themselves -- a tiring feat in and of itself -- if they fall asleep in the middle of washing their faces, their paws will land directly over their eyes. The very act of moving their paws down in order to sleep may, quite simply, be too much of an effort for them.

Last, but not least, your cat may be covering her face while she's sleeping as a hint to the rest of her loving household that she needs her space and purr-fers to be left alone. Think of it as an unwritten "Do Not Disturb" sign and respect your favorite feline's wishes. Rest assured: she'll amply reward your thoughtfulness when she wakes up.

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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



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The Big Melt – A Gary and Morris Adventure

Springtime is here and the snow is near the valley beside the Hervey Cats property. In fact, the snow is melting so quickly there has been some concern from the other woodland creatures who live in the valley.

Gary and Morris were talking to Kyle, a local prairie dog.

"So that's the gist of it," said Kyle. "Our homes are becoming harder to live in as the water starts to build up. I live underground and things are starting to get very wet!"

"Let's have a look," said Gary.

"Show us!" said Morris.

The two cats followed Kyle back down to the valley and saw a large crowd of woodland creatures gathered together.

There were animals of all shapes and sizes in the group; deer, mice, rats, squirrels, moose, foxes, a family of wolves, a family of black bears and even some geese! They were all talking and trying to make sense of their situation.

"The floor of our den is soaked!" said the mama black bear.

"And so is mine!" said one of the foxes.

"Our lair is starting to see water flowing in from the front entrance!" said one of the wolves.

"People! Listen!" said Kyle, as he walked back down to the group. "I went to the shelter to talk to Gary and Morris. We know they have access to more resources than we do, human resources, and they are also very smart. Let's listen to what they have to say."

Gary and Morris jumped into the middle of the rest of the animals.

"Hey everyone!" said Morris. "We are hearing a lot of talk about the ongoing risk of a flood in your valley, and we understand why you are concerned."

"We need to take a realistic look at where the water is coming from, and how to protect your habitats," said Gary.

"Take the day off from worrying and let your families rest assured in knowing we are working on a solution," said Morris.

Kyle walked back over to the cats and thanked them. He also asked them what their plan was. Both cats looked at Kyle and said, "We don't know yet!"

Kyle looked concerned, but Gary reassured them they would find a solution. The prairie dog then took both cats on a tour of the problem areas.

The valley had already seen a lot of melting by this point in time. Snow had turned into water, which filtered into the soil, making the ground swell with moisture. This moisture can only go so far until the ground itself becomes saturated and can no longer accept any more. This is why Kyle's walls had been so wet lately inside his burrow.

"The water that's going to be coming in the next few days has nowhere to go now," said Kyle. "My walls are full, my floors are full. My entire burrow is one muddy mess."

"Well, if the ground can't soak in any more water, we need a plan to divert as much as we can," said Gary.

"Brilliant!" said Morris.

Kyle interjected, "How are we going to divert water around a valley? The humans don't even do that!"

"This isn't a big valley," said Gary. "If we do our best to move snow and ice to the top of the valley, and we find a way to shore up some areas for it to run down, we can divert it around your homes and into the wetlands."

"I think I get what you are saying," said Morris.

"How are we going to accomplish that?" said Kyle.

"Well, we have one of the most diverse groups of animals all together right now down in that valley talking to one another," said Morris.

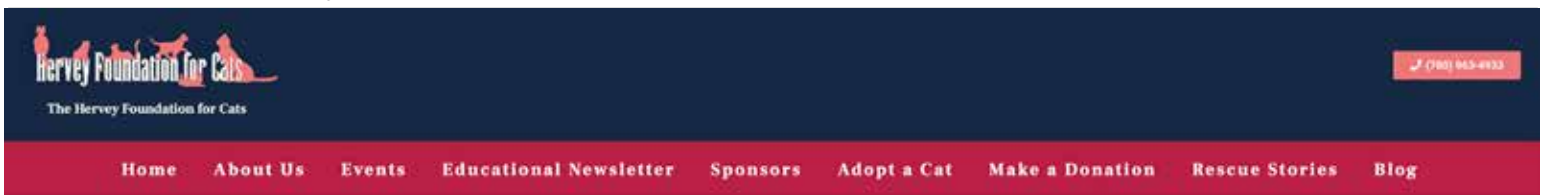
"Let's go tell the group our plan and see if they will help," said Gary.

"I am sure they will," said Kyle. "Their homes are on the line."

Kyle jumped on Gary's back and the three animals ran back down to the valley where the group of other creatures was still commiserating.

"I don't want to lose all my food stores!" said one of the bears.

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"Me neither!" said a squirrel.

As the cats approached with Kyle, the animals silenced themselves and moved out of the way.

"We have a plan!" said Morris.

The animals silently looked on as he continued to speak.

"We are going to move as much snow and ice back to the top of the valley, then, with your help, create a way to divert it from running back down into the valley, the earth, and your homes."

The animals seemed excited, but still unsure of the feasibility of this plan.

"Again, with your help, we can do this," said Gary. "So, first things first, we will need help moving the snow and ice back up the hill."

"We have the perfect thing for that!" said a voice in the back. Two raccoons were standing in the group.

"What's that?" said Morris.

"We found something recently!"

The two racoons came forward with their latest prize from late-night rummaging. A big, long, wooden sled.

"That's absolutely perfect!" said Gary. "Everyone! Start piling snow and ice on the sled! Raccoons, you tie the sled reigns to one of the larger animals and we can start hauling this sled up the side of the valley!"

The animals gave a collective cheer and got to work with the sled. Gary, Morris, and Kyle then turned their thoughts to their diversion plan. And to get the water to move around the valley, they needed a structure.

Luckily for them, most of the snow on one side of the valley had already melted, so they only had to contend with the other. The only problem was that the other side was packed full of tall mountains of snow and ice from the city dumping it there.

We are going to need something strong enough to hold strong in its spot while the water rushes down.

"We need logs," said Gary. "Big ones."

"But where will we find them?" said Morris.

"We're draining this water into the local wetlands," said Kyle. "Maybe there is a beaver who would be willing to help us."

The three went down to the water's edge and looked for a beaver dam. They aren't hard to find as they are usually quite obvious – a big pile of sticks going from the water into the air. Beavers like to enter their homes exclusively through the water as it keeps most predators away from them.

The cats and prairie dog walked on top of the dam and called out for the beaver. Lucky for them, he was home!

The beaver came outside and asked, "What do you want?"

"My name is Gary, this is Morris, and this is our friend Kyle!"

"That's great. Congratulations on your friendship. My name is Terrance. Goodbye."

The beaver disappeared into the water.

"Wait!" shouted Gary.

Terrance resurfaced, "What is that you want?"

"We need help! Our homes are at risk and only you can help us!" said Kyle.

"What?" said Terrance. "How on earth does any of that make sense?"

"We are trying to avoid a large flood in the valley where we live," said Kyle. "We need your help to acquire the logs required for a diversion," said Kyle.

"Right," said Terrance. "You need a strong solution. Drainage? Are you going for drainage? Because right now the ground is soaked, and drainage is likely your best bet. You aren't going to dissipate no matter how hard you try. Water doesn't just disappear unless it is evaporating and in this case..."

Terrance continued to talk for about another five minutes.

"Yes... more or less," said Gary.

"You boys run along and grab a larger creature and some rope. I'll get your logs ready by the time you return. I will require payment for my services. If you have any extra food items, I will accept them with no complaints. Right now, times aren't exactly bad but it's always good to be careful. You know me, I don't leave things to chance. One time I left something to chance..."

Terrance continued to talk for about five minutes.

The cats looked at each other and then at the beaver. "No problem!" they both said.

Kyle, once more, hopped on Gary's back and the three rode off to their destination.

Once back at the valley, Kyle approached the family of bears. "We have a plan! We are going to diver the water using giant logs! All of you are so big and strong, we need your help to pull the logs back from Terrance the beaver's place to this here valley. Are you in?"

The bear family wanted nothing more than a dry place to call home, so they were more than eager to help. Kyle hopped on the back of one of the bears and directed all four of them to Terrance's dam.

Meanwhile, Gary and Morris went back to the shelter to grab food for Terrance. They had a surplus of cat food leftover

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from the winter and dragged a medium-sized bag down to the wetlands.

As they approached, they saw the bears leaving with large tree logs in tow, with Kyle barking orders from his tiny little mouth, standing atop the papa bear. They noticed Terrance had even stripped the branches off each log, leaving a nice clean surface.

"Thank you so much, Terrance. You are a lifesaver," said Morris.

They presented the food bag to him.

"It was a pleasure doing business with the both of you. You are welcome to come visit anytime."

The cats took off, shocked that Terrance didn't keep talking. They were headed back to the valley to ensure the logs got where they needed to go to yield the best possible diversion.

Once back at the valley's edge, Gary and Morris got to work showing the bears where the logs needed to go when they ran into a problem. The logs were rolling out of place!

"We need something to shore up the logs so they don't move," said Kyle.

"Agreed, but what can we use?" said Morris.

"What about all of those big rocks down at the bottom of the valley?" said Kyle. "We have lots of boulders down there, we just need to get them up here!"

Kyle and the cats ran down the side of the valley once more to talk to the animals moving snow and ice.

"Can we borrow your help, and your sled for a moment?" said Gary.

Gary ran over and talked to the animals about what needed to happen. Essentially, the bigger animals would need to move rocks onto the sled, then the biggest and strongest of the bunch would have to haul the sled uphill.

All the animals got excited and piled as many rocks as they could onto the sled. Once they were all gathered, they put the reigns on their moose friend Bullwinkle. He had grown a decent amount over the winter and his muscles were quite big now!

"I am ready!" said Bullwinkle. "Let's do this!"

He started pulling the sled with no issue. It was slow-going, but he was doing it! That is... until he got to the steeper side of the valley.

"This is starting to get difficult!" said Bullwinkle. "I might need some help!"

"We overloaded the sled!" said Kyle.

The bears wanted to help but they had logs tied to them

that would otherwise roll down the hill.

The raccoons grabbed the rope, but they weren't strong enough to make much of a difference.

The foxes grabbed the rope and started pulling but they, too, were not strong enough to make much of a difference. All the wolves ran over and grabbed the rope, which started to make things a bit easier, and suddenly the group realized their collective efforts might be able to get the rocks up the hill.

"Come on everyone! Let's do this!" shouted Kyle.

Suddenly the rest of the animals in the valley rushed in to either grab the rope and pull or to push from behind. One really strong buck deer placed his big antlers on the back of the sled and started to push.

They were doing it! It was working!

Once at the summit, the animals all cheered. The bears started to move the logs into place and the other woodland creatures, big and small, moved rocks into place to ensure the logs wouldn't slide down the valley wall. They also stuffed plants and mud into the cracks between the logs and ground.

With everything in place, the water stopped trickling past their feet and started to collect on the sides of the logs and flow as one down towards the wetlands.

"It's working! It's working!" they all shouted together!

The group of animals sat down on the logs and sighed a collective breath of relief. Suddenly, Terrance could be seen approaching in the distance.

Once the beaver arrived, he started to inspect the logs, slapping them with his tail and tapping them with his hands.

"Great project everyone. I approve greatly."

"Thanks, Terrance."

"I've compiled a list of areas where improvements could be made. As this is an amateur build, I understand it's not perfect, but here we go. Number one..."

He then spoke for about five minutes.

Terrance was a detail guy.

"Beavers are pretty meticulous creatures, eh?" said Morris.

"I guess so," said Gary. "Nature's engineers."

The animals all listened to Terrance yammer on with his notes while basking in the sun and enjoying a moment of peace. Spring had come, and so had the water, but they were all safe.

"I'm looking forward to the summer!" said Gary.

"Me too," said Morris. "Bring it on!"

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A RESCUER'S CREED

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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

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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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