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Carter's Corner

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Hi from Carter and Lydia

Hi Marjorie. How are you on this frosty morning? I was very surprised that Carter wanted to go out on the kitchen patio before noon. He doesn't like the cold, and usually waits until later, sniffing the air in the open doorway every time Quincy goes out without him. He jumped into the fall decoration I made, and snooped around like a proper Puss in a Pumpkin Patch

Lydia



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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

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





Welcome to the Winter Newsletter!

Indulge yourself in some seasonal eggnog and settle in comfortably for awhile.

During this past year, we helped numerous cats, including one named Pheobe, who arrived pregnant and gave birth to five kittens, and assorted strays in desperate shape with nowhere else to go. Despite our ongoing advocacy for spay/neuter and for owners to keep their cats indoors, our pleas all too often fall on deaf ears. Thankfully, however, Good Samaritans often step in and entrust these precious lives to us.

Then there is the issue of age: in both our human and feline populations. We live in an aging society, where many seniors are either downsizing or entering seniors' facilities and are unable to bring their cherished cats with them. When no one is willing to take over their care, some are faced with the heartbreaking decision to put their beloved cats – most of them seniors as well -- down.

We, at the Foundation, believe these cats deserve better. Simply put -- a future. When they arrive here, they're gradually introduced into our household, and while some will go on to fur-ever homes, most will remain with us. This is why we are called a sanctuary, a place of safety and of refuge, nurturing and nourishing in every sense of the word. This is why our everyday expenses are so high -- because WE are these precious pets' fur-ever home.

This is why I remain so humbled and so grateful for YOUR ongoing generosity and support. YOU have made, are making, and hopefully, will continue to make it possible for the Foundation to remain a sanctuary. If you haven't already done so, won't you please make a donation towards these cats' futures today? If you haven't already done so, won't you please consider becoming a monthly donor to keep these cats in "room and board", content and comfortable, always?

At this time, I want to thank our "behind the scenes" support system – those companies and contributors the public doesn't see. G&E Pharmacy for meeting our monthly needs of dry and canned food and kitty litter. Triple Hitch Trucking for delivering those supplies to us. Heath at Staples for designing our newsletter and getting it to Bindery Overload for mailing. Nomi Berger for writing so many of our educational articles. Our Board members for so often volunteering to help out. Bill for picking up donations and bringing the cats to and from the vet. Morinville Vet Clinic for taking such superb care of our cats.

And to you, our donors, our very lifeline -- I extend the greatest thanks of all. I also wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and a joyous New Year while reminding you that I'm all ears when it comes to any kitty questions, issues or purr-blems.

Marjorie Hervey



Feral Cats Deserve Warmth This Winter



Article by Nomi Berger

As the thermometer plunges and the days grow darker earlier and stay colder longer, there are entire colonies of cats that could not survive without the compassion and warmth of humans.

With North American winters becoming increasingly more severe, feral cats are faced daily with the terrible reality of either starving or freezing to death. But there are solutions, if members of the human community act humanely to provide the homeless cats in their neighborhoods with the shelter, food and water they lack and need.

In regions where snow falls and accumulates, blocking their usual safe places to live during the warmer months, these homeless cats' "homes" virtually disappear. Offering them alternative places to live is both affordable and easy.

New or used doghouses provide the best protection as long as the opening is narrowed (6 to 8 inches is best) or covered with a flap to both keep out the elements and other roaming animals. Rubbermaid and Tupperware storage bins are two excellent alternatives, as are heavily insulated meat packing cartons – all with small openings carved into one side

For added warmth, insulation and comfort, place fresh straw (no clothing, which can stick to the cat's body and freeze) on the floor. Straw helps to retain heat and repel moisture. Because cats will huddle together for warmth, provide a colony of cats with several shelters that can accommodate from three to five cats each. If caring for fewer cats, use a smaller shelter that requires less body heat to keep it warm.

Make certain to raise the shelters off the ground and situate them far from foot or street traffic in as quiet an area as possible. And after a snowfall, ensure that you shovel out the entrances to these shelters to prevent them from clogging up with snow and trapping the cats inside.

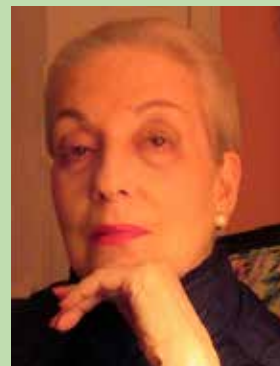
Food and water are the next in this trio of necessities. And because most feral cats are terrified of people, leaving some food near the entrances to the shelters will, by their scent alone, entice them close, closer, closest. Then, only a few paw prints away are their new winter homes.

Establish a "feeding station" NEAR each shelter to provide easy access for both you and the cats, then try to establish a regular schedule for feeding and water changing. The cats will quickly become accustomed to this routine while also growing accustomed to and less fearful of your approach.

Feed them larger than usual portions of easily digestible wet food, and on the coldest days, provide them with dry food as well, since the wet food can quickly freeze. But spraying insulation foam onto the underside of plastic dishes will help to keep the wet food from freezing at all. For water, use deep rather than shallow bowls and warm or hot rather than cold water. If possible, change the water twice a day, adding a pinch of sugar each time, to both keep it from freezing as quickly and to provide the cats with an extra energy boost.

And so, simply by acting humanely, we as caring communities can help those most helpless and vulnerable in our neighborhoods stay safe and stay alive this winter.

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Why Do Cats Put Toys in Their Bowls?

Article by Nomi Berger

The short answer, despite several theories: no one really knows.

And yet, consider the following:

Safekeeping: The theory given the most credence by animal behaviorists involves a cat's territorial instinct. They believe cats consider their food and water bowls to be safe places, known only to them. Depositing a prized possession – in this instance, a favorite toy -- in one or other of their bowls is their way of keeping it safe. The rationale behind this paw-ticular theory? A domesticated cat's wild relatives such as leopards, bobcats and wildcats have been known to store their food in a safe location known as a cache. Because indoor cats don't have caches, their food and/or water bowls are the purr-fect substitutes in which to hide their own "bounty."

Hunting: There are two theories, both based on the assumption that your cat associates her toys with food or prey. One theory posits that when a toy (everything from rubber mice and muppy balls to catnip squirrels and fuzzy turtles) is dropped into her water bowl, she's equating this with hunting and may be attempting to drown her prey before devouring it. The second theory suggests that she's trying to teach YOU to hunt, the way a mother cat teaches her kittens when she brings the prey she's caught back to them. And because you're a regular "visitor" to her water bowl, she's left that toy there for you to find.

Playing: Many wild cats feel extremely comfortable in and around water and will often play in it. Similarly, some domesticated cats may drop their toys into their water bowls in order to fish them out -- as their own form of playing.

Reliving that happy feeling: For your cat, her food bowl is a happy place, the source of everything good. And since she loves to eat, she undoubtedly associates her food bowl with those happy feelings. It's theorized, then, that she's merely bringing objects she likes (one or more toys) to a place she loves (her food bowl).

Expediency: Some cats are seldom seen without a toy in their mouths, and they simply drop it into their food or water bowls because they can't hold onto the toy and eat or drink at the same time.

Can you – or should you -- stop your own cat from dropping her toys into her food or water bowl? Some behaviorists say "no". Why? As peculiar as this particular habit may seem to you, it may, in fact, be instinctive in nature. If so, it may be impossible to try and stop her from doing what nature intended her to do.

Even if you did manage to stop her, any resourceful cat would quickly find an alternate safe place for her prized possessions -- such as your sink, bathtub or toilet bowl. Or if she's the "gifting" kind of kitty, she may generously and lovingly deposit one of her water-logged toys on top of your head in the middle of the night!

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

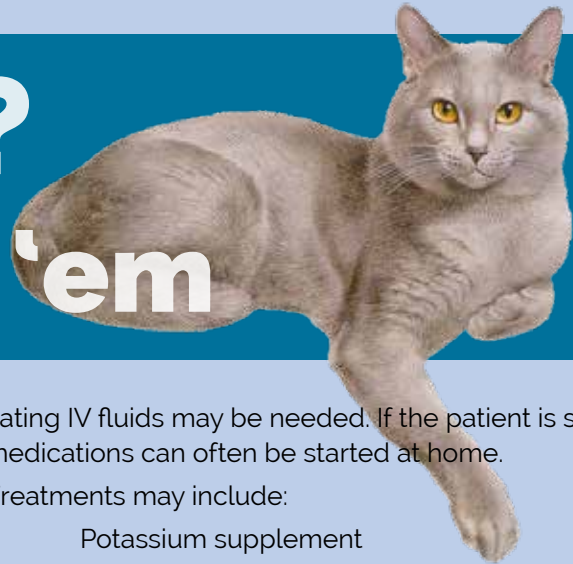


I am NOT an until you...

- ... "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.

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Kidneys? ... we all need 'em



By Gayle McDonald

Housecalls for Housecats

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Kidneys are essential for maintaining fluid balance in the body, regulating electrolytes (sodium, potassium, etc), producing hormones, maintaining blood pressure, and excreting waste via urine.

Kidney disease can be acute (sudden onset) or chronic (gradual onset). The word Renal can be interchanged with Kidney when discussing Kidney / Renal Disease.

Acute kidney disease (ARD) is usually due to toxins (such as antifreeze, Advil, and Lilies) but can also due to severe kidney infection, urinary blockage, and shock (heat stroke, severe dehydration, etc).

Chronic kidney disease (CRD) is common in senior (> 8 years old) cats. The exact cause of damage to the kidney is not usually known. Possible causes include kidney infections (often repeatedly over many years and often with little/no symptoms), toxins (as listed above but in a low dose so ARD did not happen), congenital disease (ie: cystic kidneys), and cancer.

Diagnosis usually involves blood tests, urinalysis, and sometimes ultrasound. These are usually done as part of routine senior screening or if the cat's owner notices symptoms.

Symptoms can include decreased appetite, weight loss, increased drinking and urination (and sometimes urination outside of the litter box), increased vomiting, and high blood pressure (which can cause sudden blindness). Many of these symptoms match other diseases (hyperthyroid, diabetes, some cancers, pain, etc) so testing is needed to figure out the diagnosis.

There are usually no symptoms or changes to blood tests until the kidneys are > 50 % damaged.

Once diagnosed, treatment is aimed at slowing the progression of the disease and to reduce symptoms like vomiting. Treatment also varies with severity of the disease. If the cat is very depressed, vomiting and/or not

eating IV fluids may be needed. If the patient is still eating, medications can often be started at home.

Treatments may include:

- Potassium supplement
- Antacids
- Amlodipine (to lower blood pressure)
- Appetite stimulants
- Bone marrow stimulants to treat anemia
- Subcutaneous fluids
- Diet

Diet can be a tricky topic. Food with reduced protein levels have been proven to help cats with CRD live longer. But no diet helps if the cat won't eat it. And new research shows that most senior cats do NOT do better with low protein diets. The benefit is once cats have elevated kidney enzymes.

There are several prescription diet options. Hills and Royal Canin have multiple flavor options for dry and wet food. These foods due seem to appeal to cats more than the diets of 20 years ago.

If the patient will not eat a "kidney" diet you can make whatever wet or dry food they are eating lower in protein by using a phosphate binder.

It is important that we DO NOT force the cat to eat a new food. Thinking that they will eat it eventually so I'm not going to give them anything else to eat can be deadly. Cats HAVE TO eat every day. If they don't eat enough (the exact calorie amount varies cat to cat) they can suffer liver damage.

Monitoring cats with kidney disease involves periodic weight checks, blood pressure rechecks and blood tests (to see if values are going up or down, do medications need to be adjusted).

If your cat has any of the symptoms of CRD see your vet and have blood tests done.

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**Article by Nomi Berger**

Most cats don't drink enough water. Does YOURS? If the answer is no, consider the following suggestions.

1. Change to a mostly wet-food diet: Since canned food has more moisture than dry food, it's one of the simplest ways to "fool" your feline into drinking more water and to avoid the threat of dehydration. If yours isn't fond of wet food, however, try adding water or broth to her dry food and serving her that instead. But if yours LOVES canned food, make it even wetter and soupier with added water or broth.

2. Put an ice cube in her food: Not only does it add moisture, it's like a treat – albeit a cold one. But because the cube takes on the food's flavor, while she's licking it, she's getting more of the water she needs. Place several cubes in her water bowl as well if she, like many people, purr-fers her water icy cold.

3. Serve her smaller, more frequent meals: Since the very act of eating prompts thirst, if your cat's not drinking water, eating more often should make her not only need to but actually want water.

4. Place water bowls throughout your home: It's not easy for curious kitties to pass so many appealing sights without stopping to investigate them and – hopefully – sample what they're offering.

5. Location is everything: If your cat's not drinking water, she may not like her water bowl's location or it may not be as easily accessible to her as it should be. Take care, as well, to keep her water bowl far away from her litter box. Remember: her litter box is where she potties.

6. Refill her water bowl regularly: Cats like FRESH water! Please change her water at least once during the day and to keep it scrupulously clean, wash the bowl thoroughly with soap and water, dry it, refill it, and put it down again at the end of the day.

7. Think sink: If your cat's attracted to running water, take advantage of her fascination and make drinking it a game. Turn on the cold water faucet and let it run for a few minutes several times a day. Incorporate it into your morning and/or evening playtime routine and reward her with effusive praise and some extra playing when she accepts drinking water as one of her regular activities.

8. Flavor the water: A cat turning her paws down at drinking "ordinary" water might drink flavored water. Try flavoring your kitty's water with some chicken broth, the liquid from a tin of tuna or sardines or some clam juice (sold in bottles at supermarkets). Make certain, though, to have at least one bowl of plain, fresh water close by at all times.

9. Use cat fountains: Many fussy felines, once they're accustomed to it, LOVE drinking from fountains. Not only are they intriguing to a cat because of the continuous movement of the water but the water always stays fresh.

10. Use feline-friendly bowls: Cats have highly sensitive whiskers and may find the sensation of their whiskers touching the sides of their water bowls extremely unpleasant. They'll often drink more water when it's in large, shallow bowls rather than in small, deep ones.



The Adventures of Gary

Hi Everyone, Gary here.



Our seesawing weather this year has been one for the history books! Thankfully, though, I was provided with clusters of cat-friendly weeks here and there, making it much easier for me to carry out my rounds.

But now, with the winter's early hints – in other words cold and snow – my work has grown more difficult. And while I soldier on like the good sport I am, I come into the house more often, leading Mommy to comment that she feels like a doorman! Me-OW!

And yet, I LOVE this time of year because it means that Mommy's already preparing for the best season of all: Christmas. I love watching – not to mention smelling -- as she bakes her cookies and cakes for the freezer and begins putting up the holiday decorations. The tree will go

up soon and that's great news because we kitties can snuggle under there and simply relax or drift off to sleep.

Of course, we'll dream about the presents hopefully waiting for us. But then, generous Mommy always ensures we receive paw-lenty of new toys and paw-lenty of Temptations both on Christmas Day and on New Year's Eve.

Although my summer friends have long since gone into hibernation, leaving me alone to do my outside rounds, I know they'll be back come spring. My lightweight bed has been brought in, washed and put away, while my warm one's waiting. But with the mouse population down, and my winter curfew ready to go into effect, I'll soon be indoors more anyway.

Well, I hear Mommy calling me, and since I don't want her to know that I've been using her computer, I'd better scamper. But first, let me wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday until we meet again in the New Year.

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Cats and Cold and Flu Meds

by Nomi Berger

According to the ASPCA, cold and flu medications for people could prove fatal to our kitty companions. And according to the Pet Poison Hotline web site, almost 50% of the calls they receive involve a pet's accidental ingestion of a human's medication.

Both physicians' prescriptions and over-the-counter products used to reduce our symptoms and lessen our discomfort contain ingredients that, when swallowed by our cats may require urgent medical attention.

Aspirin, acetaminophen (found in Tylenol), ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil), naproxen (Aleve) and vitamin D derivatives are a few of the active ingredients to pay attention to. Cats ingesting any of these toxic

substances can display a variety of symptoms, including discolored gums, a swollen face or swollen paws, ulcers of the stomach and intestines, and kidney failure. Some telltale signs are immediate, while others can take more than 24 hours to appear.

But the above-mentioned medications aren't the only culprits.

Many cold medicines contain pseudoephedrine, a decongestant compound with stimulant qualities. It can cause a dramatic rise in a cat's body temperature, heart rate and blood pressure, causing her to become hyper or nervous and, in some cases, suffer seizures. Only 30 mg of pseudoephedrine can be a deadly dose.

To err on the side of caution, ensure that your kitty remains "paws off" and far removed from any of your anti-sniffing, sneezing, coughing and aching, cold and flu medications.

A good laugh!



Wrapping presents With a Cat!



1. Clear large space on table for wrapping present.
2. Go to closet and collect bag in which present is contained, and shut door.
3. Open door and remove cat from closet.
4. Go to cupboard and retrieve rolls of wrapping paper.
5. Go back and remove cat from cupboard.
6. Go to drawer, and collect transparent sticky tape, ribbons, scissors, labels, etc.
7. Lay out presents and wrapping materials on table, form wrapping strategy.
8. Go back to drawer to get string, remove cat that has been in the drawer since last visit and collect string.
9. Remove present from bag.
10. Remove cat from bag.
11. Open box to check present, remove cat from box, replace present.
12. Lay out paper to enable cutting to size.
13. Try and smooth out paper, realize cat is underneath and remove cat.
14. Cut the paper to size, keeping the cutting line straight.
15. Throw away first sheet as cat chased the scissors, and tore the paper.
16. Cut second sheet of paper to size - by putting cat in the bag the present came in.
17. Place present on paper.
18. Lift up edges of paper to seal in present. Wonder why edges don't reach. Realize cat is between present and paper. Remove cat.
19. Place object on paper, to hold in place while tearing transparent sticky tape.
20. Spend 20 minutes carefully trying to remove transparent sticky tape from cat with pair of nail scissors.
21. Seal paper with sticky tape, making corners as neat as possible.
22. Look for roll of ribbon. Chase cat down hall in order to retrieve ribbon.
23. Try to wrap present with ribbon in a two-directional turn.
24. Re-roll ribbon and remove paper, now torn due to cat's enthusiastic ribbon chase.
25. Repeat steps 13-20 until you reach last sheet of paper.
26. Decide to skip steps 13-17 in order to save time and reduce risk of losing last sheet of paper. Retrieve old cardboard box that is the right size for sheet of paper.
27. Put present in box, and tie down with string.
28. Remove string, open box and remove cat.
29. Put all packing materials in bag with present and head for locked room.
30. Once inside lockable room, lock door and start to relay out paper and materials.
31. Remove cat from box, unlock door, put cat outside door, close and relock.
32. Repeat previous step as often as is necessary (until you can hear cat from outside door)
33. Lay out last sheet of paper. (Difficult in the small area of the toilet, but do your best)
34. Discover cat has already torn paper. Unlock door go out and hunt through various cupboards, looking for sheet of last year's paper. Remember that you haven't got any left because cat helped with this last year as well.
35. Return to lockable room, lock door, and sit on toilet and try to make torn sheet of paper look presentable.
36. Seal box, wrap with paper and repair by very carefully sealing with sticky tape. Tie up with ribbon and decorate with bows to hide worst areas.
37. Label. Sit back and admire your handiwork, congratulate yourself on completing a difficult job.
38. Unlock door, and go to kitchen to make drink and feed cat.
39. Spend 15 minutes looking for cat until coming to obvious conclusion.
40. Unwrap present, untie box and remove cat.
41. Go to store and buy a gift bag

Marjorie Hervey of the Hervey Foundation can relate to this very well, as this is what she experiences every holiday season!



Upcoming Events

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Keeping Cats Off Counters

Article by Nomi Berger

Do curiosity and counter cruising go paw in paw in your household?

Whether your cat climber's intent is to forage for forgotten food or find the finest view of the kitchen, this may be one habit you'd be happy to break.

If so, begin by determining the reason or reasons behind her fondness for prowling your counter tops in the first place. Is it because desirable items, like food, are readily accessible to her? The counter provides a pathway to a particularly enticing spot such as a window ledge? There's fresh running or dripping water in the sink? She's bored and eager for adventure? Or she simply enjoys gazing down on her kitty cat world from "on high."

Whatever the reason, in order to curb your kitty's curiosity and combat her climbing, keep your counters cleared of all temptation. This means returning china and glasses to cabinets and foodstuffs to their proper places, cleaning the counters of crumbs, and removing all toys and anything remotely resembling a toy – from elastics and strings to paper clips and paper bags.

Add a tall cat condo or cat tree to satisfy her craving for height and place it close to her favorite window for easy access and enjoyable viewing. Or create an entirely new favorite place for her to perch by placing a bird feeder outside an easily accessible window.

Repair any leaky sink faucets, thereby eliminating the allure of dripping water that's all too available by way of the counter top. Or provide your kitty with a specially designed fountain – on the floor – that offers her a continuous stream of clean, refreshing water instead.

If a nearby chair is aiding and abetting your kitty's acrobatic leaps, remove it.

Counter cruising is often a "meow" for attention from a kitty who's bored and in need of stimulation. If this sounds familiar, play more often and more interactively with your kitty to satisfy this need, burn off that extra energy, and happily tire her out.

Since cats dislike sticky surfaces, put double-sided tape on one side of several inexpensive plastic place mats and line the counter with them. Then, should your cat jump onto the counter, the discomfort will, in all likelihood, cause her to jump off again.

Most importantly, reward your kitty for any positive behavior on her part. If, e.g., she jumps onto the cat tree instead of onto the counter, praise her verbally, with extra pets, and the occasional high value treat. It's a well-known fact that animals repeat what benefits them most.

Conversely, never punish your cat. She can't make the connection between the punishment and the behavior that prompted it. Verbal and/or physical punishment will only make her fear you and may even cause her to act out. Nor do such deterrents as the use of spray bottles work. Not only do YOU become associated with a highly unpleasant sensation but she may continue her unwanted behavior when you're not around.

Remember, as with any behavioral modification plan, consistency – and patience -- is key to a successful outcome.

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WHO WE ARE



NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT/FOUNDER
MARJORIE HERVEY
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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.

The Foundation is a registered non-profit Charitable Organization in Canada and Alberta:
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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 Mission is three-fold

Our 1st Mission is **RESCUE**

We give each cat immediate medical care. Each is spayed or neutered, fully vaccinated, dewormed, microchipped, tested for Feline Leukemia & FIV, and rehabilitated physically and psychologically. We find loving homes for those who can be adopted. The rest live out their lives in peace and dignity in our family.

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**

We educate people to have compassion and respect for all animals. We promote that an animal is a lifetime commitment - we advocate early spaying & neutering as a solution to the overpopulation of animals and recommend Micro-chipping of all animals for identification should they stray.



YES! I would like to join the **"SHARE THE CARE" monthly donor program**. Through this program you can help to feed, care and house these cats, that for health or other issues are un-adoptable. **These animals live in a home like environment at our facility.**

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☐ email updates ☐ newsletters



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Thank You



Hervey Foundation for Cats

As we celebrate the holiday season, we at the Foundation celebrate YOU!

We celebrate your ongoing empathy and compassion, generosity and support.

We celebrate twenty-one years of a mutual paw-tnership that has allowed us to remain a cat sanctuary tending to the needs of the abandoned and the abused, the ill and the elderly.

We celebrate twenty-one years of a mutual paw-tership that has seen over 3,000 kittens and cats enter our care and either find permanent, loving homes or spend the rest of their lives being loved by us.

Now, as you celebrate the season with YOUR families, know that we, the Foundation's humans and felines, wish you, our extended family, the healthiest and happiest of holidays.

