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Carter's Corner

Sent: October 31, 2020 11:17 PM

Subject: Carter at Halloween

Hi Marjorie. How have things been going? I hope you are all doing fine and we've been thinking about you and all the kitties. Covid-19 Hallowe'en was very quiet at our house and instead of the 40 or so children we usually get, this year we only had 10. I set up a table outside the front door with pre-packaged treats laid out on it to make it safe for everyone. Carter sat in the front window with me, next to the illuminated pumpkins with their orange glow, and watched the street for Trick or Treaters. Quincy guarded the stash of goodies.

Stay healthy, Stay safe,
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,
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much needed pet and
cleaning supplies.





Welcome to the Winter Newsletter!

Hi Everyone

As we reach the end of another year, we can't help but remember how very different and difficult it was. There was, however, one source of brightness in the darkness cast by this pandemic's shadow: despite the need for social distancing, we, as individuals, strangers and neighbors somehow grew closer and pulled together for the common good.

Thankfully, the sanctuary is tucked safely away in the countryside and, as always, any interaction we have had with the public was done by pre-arranged appointment. The only visible differences: visitors wore masks, maintained a safe distance and made use of our available hand sanitizers.

Paws crossed: We have tentatively booked The Italian Centre for our annual dinner and silent auction to be held Saturday, April 24, 2021. Stay tuned for further information in our spring newsletter or feel free to contact me personally as the date draws nearer.

With so many kittens and cats in our care, the one certainty in these uncertain times is the rising cost of their canned and dry food and kitty litter. Won't YOU consider purchasing a gift certificate from G & E Pharmacy, the main source of their supplies?

My heartfelt thanks to everyone for your financial support despite your own hardships this past year. A very special "thank you" to the people behind the scenes who help further our mission: our Board of Directors, our volunteers, Nomi, who provides much of the content for the newsletter, Heath, who designs it and Choice Marketing for handling our web site and Face Book page.

In closing, let me wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year. While the celebrations may be smaller and quieter, let us gain strength from knowing that in our hearts we'll be sharing them together.

Marjorie Hervey



Safety First When Visiting the Vet



Article by Nomi Berger

A cautionary tale: Never put your cat's carrier on the front seat of your vehicle where it can be crushed and your pet killed by deploying air bags in the case of abrupt braking or an actual collision.

That said, have you ever wondered why, despite there being more cats than dogs in American households, they visit the vet far less frequently than their canine counterparts.

Studies have shown that our prescient pussies can SENSE what's coming and that they both dread and detest the entire process of GETTING to the vet. Some kitties become so stressed that they vomit or defecate out of fear while others morph into hissing, spitting balls of fury.

Since annual (twice a year for seniors) wellness exams are essential for monitoring and maintaining your cherished companion's health, consider the following tips for making the experience of visiting the vet as fear free for your feline as paws-ible.

1. Bring out your kitty's carrier several days before your scheduled vet appointment so that she can get used to the sight of it. Leave the door open, thereby allowing her to enter it, explore it and exit it at her leisure.
2. Place some of her favorite treats and/or some catnip inside the carrier to encourage her to associate the carrier with a pleasant and positive experience.
3. Make the carrier appear less threatening and more inviting by lining it with one of her blankets topped by several of her favorite toys.
4. Spray the interior of the carrier with a synthetic feline pheromone product reputed to decrease and even

eliminate stress 30 minutes before using it, then gently put your kitty inside and softly close the door.

5. Place the carrier in a secure place on the back seat of your car. This way, should you have to stop suddenly, your cat will remain safe. To be doubly certain, choose a carrier that's easily and securely fastened in place with a seatbelt.

6. Practice making mock trips to the vet by driving around the block. Once ... twice three times ... increasing your driving time as long as kitty seems comfortable, and stopping if she shows any signs of distress. For most cats, the only time they're crated and inside a car is when they're going to the vet, setting the stage for a stressful encounter once they arrive. This exercise will hopefully de-sensitize your cat, preparing her for "the real thing", and rewarding her with especially high-value treats should assist in her associating the drive with something pleasurable.

7. If none of this helps and your kitty remains stressed both by the drive to the vet and by the visit itself, ask your vet to prescribe a sedative to calm her down for any and all future visits.

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Cats' Eye Colours Explained

Article by Nomi Berger

Did you know?

The colour of a cat's eyes originates with the iris -- the coloured area encircling the pupil. Comprised of two layers, the stroma and the epithelium, both layers contain pigment-producing cells called melanocytes. Whereas in the stroma, these melanocytes are loosely arranged, in the epithelium, they're more tightly packed.

The pigment produced by melanocytes is called melanin. The more melanocytes found in your purr-ticular cat's irises, the darker their colour. Unlike people, however, who have either brown or black eyes, the darkest colour for a cat's eyes is infinitely more interesting -- a deep, rich copper.

When the melanin-producing cells are highly active, they make a cat's eye colour much more intense. A cat, then, with a medium amount of these highly active melanocytes will have bright, golden-yellow eyes, while a cat with a medium amount of LESS active melanocytes will, in all likelihood, have pale, lemon-yellow eyes.

Because purebred cats must meet a specific breed standard (this often includes eye colour), breeders will mate cats with either more intense colors or particular colours. Two examples: the breed standard for Bombay cats requires them to have copper-coloured eyes and the breed standard for Tonkinese cats requires them to have aqua-coloured eyes.

Blue-eyed cats have no melanin (pigment cells) in their irises, but because their eyes are naturally rounded, light refracts through those domed surfaces, thereby producing that distinctive blue hue. It's similar to your gazing through a pane of glass that appears tinged with blue or green around

the edges -- an illusion caused by the refraction of light through the glass's clear surface.

Kittens are born with blue eyes simply because their melanocytes haven't yet begun to function. As the kittens grow and mature, their melanocytes start working -- at between four and six weeks of age -- and by the time they're four months old, their true "adult" eye colours are clearly apparent.

Since different genes control a cat's eye and fur colours, the melanocytes in her fur may be either more or less active than the melanocytes in her eyes. Example: a black cat may have pale hazel eyes while a purebred orange Persian may have dark, copper-coloured eyes. The sole exception to this: white cats. Because the epistatic white gene is dominant, thereby masking every other colour, white cats are statistically more likely to have blue eyes than random-bred cats with other coat colours.

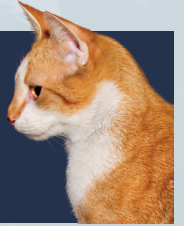
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- ... "have a baby" cat
- ... "get a new kitten" cat.

Cat Senses



By Gayle McDonald

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The Cat's Eye

We are all familiar with the changing size of cat pupils (narrow and sleepy Or wide and in attack mode). Their eyes can see better in dim light than people due to the dilated pupil collecting all possible light and the shiny part of the back of their eye (the tapetum lucidum = latin for shiny layer).

Cats are near sighted (compared to people). They can see some colors but do not have the range of color people can see.

When should you worry about your cat's eyes? Call a vet if you see:

- Squinted eye(s) for more than a few minutes ... squinting = painful eye
- Discharge that is not clear / brown (normal tears) ... yellow and green are not normal
- Redness ... can be of the eyelids or the white of the eye
- Pupils are different sizes or do not respond to light (should get smaller)
- Eye appears to be bulging forward
- Cloudiness in the cornea, lens or fluid of the eye

Eye problems can get worse quickly. Some problems (ie: Glaucoma, Retinal Detachment) can quickly lead to blindness. Problems like Conjunctivitis, Uveitis and Corneal Ulcers can be very painful.

Hearing

Cats can hear higher pitched sounds better than people can (like the squeak of a mouse). The ability to swivel their ears helps them locate their prey.

Not all white cats with blue eyes are born deaf. Cats with one blue eye might only be deaf in one ear.

Chronic / severe ear infections (mites, bacteria, or yeast) can lead to damage to the ear drum which can cause deafness. Signs of ear infection are if the cat is scratching at the ear, holding the ear differently than normal (down / flat), if there is visible redness or discharge in the ear, or if the cat suddenly resents having you touch their head near the affected ear).

There is no way for most veterinarians to test cat hearing.

The BAER (Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response) Test requires special equipment and training. Owners may be able to assess their cat's hearing by the lack of response to something they used to always respond to (opening a treat bag, etc). This can be harder to do than it seems because many "noises" we use to test hearing also have vibrations (when you walk in a room) or odors (opening can of cat food). Calling a cat's name or clapping your hands is not always useful to assess hearing because many cats ignore humans if there is nothing in it for them (food or attention).

Smell

Cats' sense of smell is ~ 10 x stronger than that of people. Some breeds of dogs have a more powerful sense of smell than cats (Bloodhounds, etc) but not all.

Cats have a scent organ on the roof of their mouth (vomeronasal or Jacobson's organ) that helps them take in odors and process them. Cats often open their mouth a little when taking scent in this way.

Cats communicate via scent more than people often realize. When cats rub their face on objects, they leave behind pheromones that mark it as "home" or "mine" to them. The scent of urine, anal glands, and feces also communicate and mark their territory.

Taste-ful ...

Cats do not taste things the way we do. They have a few hundred taste buds. We people have ~ 9000 taste buds. Cats do not seem to taste sweet. They have the ability to taste bitter. This seems to be a way to protect themselves against poisonous items (which are often bitter).

Smell is thought to be what draws cats to food rather than the taste.

Touch

Cats have ~ 24 movable whiskers (technically called vibrissae) on their face. They also have some over the eyes, the inner side of their legs, and on their chin. These all help the cat know when objects are near or if something is moving near them (creates air movement).

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Why Do Cats Follow You EVERYWHERE?

Article by Nomi Berger

If you think you have a shadow that looks remarkably like your cat, you're not the only one. Our cherished kitty companions seem to follow us wherever we go. Have you ever wondered why?

One reason is safety. It's common for nursing kittens to follow their mothers everywhere, not only learning from them but also feeling safer with them nearby. Attentive owners of adult cats assume the "mothering" role by virtue of feeding them, caring for them, playing with them, cleaning their litter boxes and showering them with affection. For their part, these purr-fectly pampered pets feel protected, provided for and loved. Is it any wonder then that they trail after you – fondly and faithfully – as you move from room to room? And don't be surprised if they follow you into your bedroom at night. You're literally and figuratively their security blanket (cats in the wild are especially vulnerable when asleep), and sleeping near you in their cat bed or next to you in your bed assures them that they're safe.

Another is boredom: Indoor cats are easily bored. Deprived of such instinctual activities as exploring and hunting, they require a highly enriched environment to keep them both mentally stimulated and physically satisfied. Without that, they'll expect you to fill that void. And what happier substitute could there be than "hunting" you? To remedy the situation, provide your stimulation-starved kitty with food puzzles and toys to challenge her, a tunnel to crawl through, a cat tree to climb and paw-lenty of petting, pampering and playing.

Cats are territorial: Inordinately fond of routine and

territorial by nature, one of a cat's daily activities involves pacing around any area they consider theirs. Why? Pacing releases their scent and spreads it around to both warn and ward off possible "intruders." If your kitty continually rubs against the furniture or rubs against you, this means she's on patrol and marking her territory. And so, as you move, footstep by footstep, through the rooms of your house or apartment, she's likely to follow you, paw step by paw step because she assumes you're marking your territory as well.

Cats crave playtime: Quality playtime is paramount for cats, particularly when it's focused on chasing and catching prey. Unlike outdoor cats, free to hunt all day, every day to their hearts' content, indoor cats must experience their hunting lives vicariously. To release this pent-up energy and drive – while amusing themselves at the same time -- some will spend hours perched on a window ledge or atop a cat tree, swatting at the birds and squirrels outside, viewing feline-friendly videos on TV, or gazing, hypnotized, at the fish in a small aquarium. But when presented with the sight of their owners' moving legs, it's game on as they "stalk" those tempting objects, even waiting stealthily around corners to launch a surprise "attack."

Cats love you: Contrary to the belief that cats are aloof and independent, they have, over the years, evolved into more social creatures, growing increasingly dependent on their humans for companionship and care taking, attention and affection. Meow about mutual admiration societies! What more wondrous way for them to show their appreciation, friendship and love than by following us just to be near us?



The Adventures of Gary

Hi Everyone, Gary here.



Well, we're at the start of another long winter. It's cold and snowy, and according to the Farmers Almanac, there are several frigid months with heavy snowfalls ahead of us. But, whatever the weather, I'm still doing my rounds as CEO of rodent control, and although I attempt a friendly "meow" during some of Mommy's appointments, all of the humans are masked and spaced carefully apart, making it difficult for me.

While the sanctuary is usually quiet, we recently acquired several kittens who believe that everything's a toy -- especially my tail -- and that they can jump on us whenever they want in an effort to play. Much to my dismay, some of the seniors have started acting like kittens and doing all sorts of silly things, but I'm determined to stay dignified. While I don't mind their snuggling with me or cleaning them provided they take a nap afterwards, being a kitten sitter is NOT in my job description, and I'll have to bring that to Mommy's attention when she renews my contract next year.

That said, with Christmas around the corner -- our favourite time of year -- we've made out our wish list for Santa and it's no surprise that it's topped by Temptations and toys! We'll certainly need both to keep our tummies filled and our paws occupied on those days when it's too cold and the snow's too deep for us to safely venture outside.

As always, Mommy's cooking and baking cookies, cakes and pies for the freezer, and brightening every nook and cranny with cheerful decorations. She considered buying a new tree this year, but I think she changed her mind due to the kitten "troublemakers." We all love sleeping under the tree, so we take turns, and it's cozier than cozy for us.

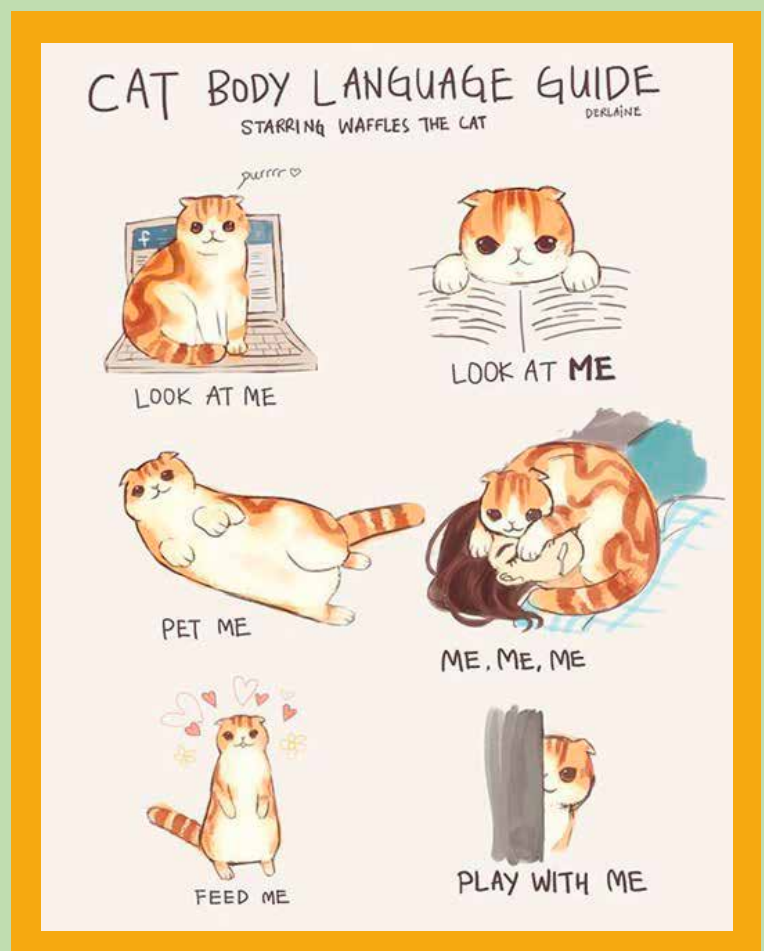
Come Christmas morning, once the gifts have been



unwrapped, we'll have so many sheets of pretty paper to run through and so many different sized boxes to jump in and out of. Then, in the blink of an eye, it'll be New Year's Eve and New Year's Day: could that mean more toys and more treats? Meow!

On that note, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that you enjoy both holidays in health and happiness and that your cherished kitty companions have as much fun and receive as many goodies as us.

PUrr



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!

Tantalizing Tidbits about Cat Tongues



Article by Nomi Berger

Meow about the marvels of engineering!

Presenting the miraculous and multi-faceted cat tongue.

Every element of a cat – including her tongue – has, through evolution, been designed for utmost efficiency.

One of the main reasons for this enviable efficiency derives from the fact that a feline tongue feels like sandpaper. Unlike the papillae (tiny surface bumps) on a human tongue, hers are barb shaped, made from keratin and face backwards. These minute spine-like structures assist her in grooming as well as in drinking water and eating food.

Think of your cat's tongue as the world's smallest de-tangling hairbrush. Studies have shown that her tongue moves in several directions during her fastidious grooming process as she removes parasites from her skin, spreads her body oils around, and increases her blood circulation. Whenever her tongue "hits a snag", it pulls on the "hooks", causing them to rotate, enabling her to penetrate that snag even further.

Then there's the drama behind her drinking! Whereas dogs utilize their tongues like ladles to drink, cats don't. A cat uses the tip of her tongue to bring the water from her bowl to her mouth (her scoop-shaped papillae act as petite cups to hold it) creating a continuous column upwards with both accuracy

and speed. More remarkable still is her ability to know precisely when to close her mouth before that gravity-defying motion stops.

Curious as to why your cat likes licking you? Pussycats lick their people partly because they consider them members of their feline family and partly because they see them as their own purr-sonal property. A ritual learned at birth from their kitty mothers, licking both keeps the family clean and bonds them more closely together. Maturing kittens and grown cats use licking to establish their territory by leaving their scent on it, and like their mothers before them, they also use licking as part of a social, bonding protocol – from licking each other in a multi-cat household to licking their pet parents.

Because cats are notorious for using their tongues to explore their environment, always ensure that your home is feline friendly and scrupulously safe. Too many vets have seen what seems like the most innocuous of items wrapped around the tongues of too many curious kitties – including elastics, yarn and all things stringy, human hair, shredding blankets and unraveling rugs. And since their passion for play triggers their instinctual prey drive, they will gleefully proceed, tongue first, to pounce on whatever thin and tempting "toy" beckons them close, closer, closest.

Cleaning products pose the same problem for your purr-ecious puss as inappropriate playthings. Not only are they toxic if she drinks them but should some of the liquid get on her fur and she tries to lick off, it can cause burns and ulcers on her tongue once inside her mouth.

The Downside of “Scruffing”



Article by Nomi Berger

Are you familiar with the term “scruffing” as it relates to our feline friends?

Long considered the most effective way of restraining cats, it involves taking the looser skin on the back of their necks (the scruff) in one hand and holding it – like a handle. This effectively immobilizes most kitties allowing their owners to perform such tasks as nail trimming or administering medications without dealing with struggling, squirming pets.

Some owners still believe that scruffing is a “natural” way in which cats reprimand each other. Nothing could be farther from the truth. While mother cats carry their newborn and young kittens by the scruff to move them from one location to another – usually for reasons of safety – it’s never used as a form of inter-feline discipline.

According to the experts, scruffing as an accepted practice is not only outdated, it’s hurtful, harmful and potentially traumatic. The result? Rather than pacifying some cats, it can panic others, causing them to swat, scratch or bite in a frantic effort to free themselves. Continued scruffing only heightens their negative association with the experience and serves to make their reactions to it progressively worse. While often used by pet parents as a shortcut, scruffing, in the long run, may have serious health implications for their terrified kitties, making essential future visits to the vet all but impossible.

The solution? Other, more humane ways to safely restrain a cat when the situation calls for it. In fact, a great deal of work has been done in the area of “low-

stress” and “fear-free” handling of cats. Permitting them the use of at least one leg and providing distractions such as high value treats or especially tasty foods coupled with a more measured approach to restraining them is key to earning their trust and winning their compliance.

Enter the towel. Always close at hand, a towel (or a small blanket) is one of the most popular choices for subduing without scaring your own purr-ecious puss. One suggested option for its use is having your kitty hide her head under it like a petite, protective tent, and the second is gently wrapping her entire body inside of it. Akin to swaddling an infant, containing her on all sides and providing her with a feeling of safety, ensure that the towel provides a steady, even pressure but isn’t so tight that it impairs her ability to breathe.

Consider the wildly popular social media meme featuring a “burrito cat” – one who’s not only being humanely restrained but is obviously enjoying it! There are products on the market that accomplish the task just as easily and effectively such as ThunderShirts for cats, available in various models and styles.

And so, if you MUST restrain your cat, patience and gentleness are essential. Forcing her to do something she doesn’t want to do produces only negative results. Even if you’re using the “burrito” method and you notice her resistance beginning to escalate, unwrap her immediately, allow her to relax, and try again once she’s completely calm and settled. For routine procedures such as nail trims and doses of medicine, waiting for an hour or more can mean the difference between failure and success.

So, paw-lease, for your kitty’s sake, put all thoughts of scruffing behind you.

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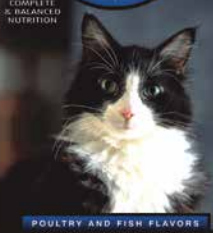
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- Food (Dry, Canned & Treats)... \$400
- Litter \$200
- Vet Checkups/Vaccines \$200
- Total annual costs \$800**

You will also need:

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- Scratching Post..... \$150
- Litter Pan & Scoop..... \$ 50
- Brush & Comb \$ 45
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+ Other Items \$545

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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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CALL MARJORIE 780.963.4933**

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.

your donations make a difference!

Our main source of funds is YOU...
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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.**

Would you like to receive email updates/and or newsletters?

☐ email updates ☐ newsletters



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Thank You



Hervey Foundation for Cats

In a year like no other, when Covid-19 turned our world upside down, the needs of the Foundation's kitties remained the same.

In a year like no other, when questions had no answers and few were spared grief's touch, the loyalty of our faithful followers remained the same.

In a year like no other, when jobs were lost and incomes were depleted, the generosity of our committed donors remained the same.

In a year like no other, when the term "new normal" was anything but normal, the encouragement of our extended feline family remained the same.

Now, as we turn the page on a year like no other, "thank you" seems so insubstantial when compared with the vast outpouring of support we received from YOU and YOU and YOU.

And so, as we turn the page on a year like no other, every person and animal comprising the Foundation wishes every one of you a happy, but above all, healthy, holiday season.

