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**Upcoming
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APRIL 23, 2022

**21st
Annual Dinner &
Silent Auction**

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Carter's Corner



Sent: Sept. 28, 2021

From: Lydia Emanuel
Subject: Carter gets Dental Work



Hi Marjorie. I found the article in the last newsletter on dental health for cats plus word of Gary's dental procedure to be very informative and timely. Coincidentally, Carter also had to have some teeth removed a couple of weeks ago after the vet identified some problems with 4 of the upper teeth that had to come out. He goes for a post- surgery check up in the next few days. He recovered very well and was back to his happy little self after about 3 days. I can't say his appetite was at all diminished during the ordeal!

He also needed some extra cuddles, and playtime. Remember when he was a kitten and had all that long hair growing out of his ears that they call 'ear furnishings'? Although he lost most of it after the kitten stage as the experts predicted- he still retained some of it- and it seems to be getting more abundant, so I zeroed in on it during one of the cuddle sessions he had. Since he's now considered to be a senior cat, it makes me wonder if the little guy is growing it all back in his ears just like some old men do???

Stay safe and stay well.

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 Winter Newsletter!

Hi Everyone,

Settle back, and savor the season! Presented for your reading paw-leisure -- various entertaining and educational articles written by Nomi as well as a delightful Christmas story featuring Gary and Morris.

As we close the chapter on 2021, we look forward to starting a fresh one in 2022. On the agenda is our 21st Dinner and Silent Auction scheduled for April 23, 2022, and we so look forward to seeing everyone there. For your safety and ours, we'll be following whatever health guidelines are in place at the time, with only doubly vaccinated people allowed to attend. To whet your appetites in advance, we'll have our various cakes again, our popular Maple basket, as well as items too numerous to count that have been stored away and waiting just for YOU.

As always, I look forward with eager anticipation to the festive season, and I'm especially grateful for your many thoughtful

Christmas cards and e-mail wishes. It warms my heart to read about you, your families and your feline friends, and I hope this year will see you celebrating together in good health and good spirits.

Forecasters are predicting an extremely cold winter, so please keep a watchful eye out for any stray kitties living outdoors in your area. It's easy to provide a warm spot for them at a very reasonable cost. Simply go online to learn about the various types of shelters you can buy.

Your generous donations are, as always, greatly appreciated, and it's never too early to purchase gift certificates from G & E Pharmacy, our major supplier.

In the meantime, let me wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and an especially Happy New Year.

Marjorie Hervey



Excessive Tearing in Cats

Article by Nomi Berger

Veterinarians usually divide epiphora, or excessive tearing, into two categories -- excessive tear production or inadequate tear drainage.

Similar to our own eyes, a cat's eyes will tear after being exposed to irritants like chemicals and dust, smoke and smog. When the irritant in question either subsides or disappears, so should the cat's increased tearing. If, however, the irritant persists, her excessive tearing may become chronic. (Infections, allergies and various types of eye injuries can also result in epiphora).

Another common cause of excessive tearing is entropion, a genetic condition in which part of a cat's eyelid (usually the lower lid) is folded in towards her eyeball. This scratches and irritates her cornea rather than protecting it, and because the cornea is rich with pain receptors, it not only causes persistent tearing but extreme discomfort.

Applying artificial tears or a vet-prescribed ointment to the affected cornea may soothe the eye, forming a barrier between the eye and the offending lid, but it's only a temporary solution. The permanent solution is surgical, where a thin V-wedge of skin below the affected eye is removed and the edges sutured together. This allows the eyelid to roll back outward and away from the cornea, giving the cat some much-needed relief from pain.

Corneal ulcers (scratches or abrasions to the corneal surface) are another cause of epiphora. Such ulcers are quite painful and result not only in redness but squinting and tearing, prompting a cat to constantly swipe or rub at

the affected eye. If left untreated, a corneal ulcer will only grow worse, and if it's deep enough, the eye could rupture and the cat could lose her sight in that eye.

The second category in the epiphora equation is inadequate tear drainage. Normally, tears drain from a cat's eyes into her nose and throat through small ducts located at the inner corners of her eyes. Sometimes, though, her tears can't drain sufficiently because the openings of those ducts are blocked.

One possible reason: eye inflammation as the result of a severe respiratory infection that caused scarring at the opening of one or both of her tear ducts. Another possible reason: one or both ducts that didn't properly open during her early development. To correct this condition surgically, the cat will be anesthetized by a vet and a thin tube called a cannula will be inserted into one or both of her tear ducts to unblock them.

In short, if the underlying cause of epiphora can be identified and treated: problem solved. Brachycephalic cats (flat-faced breeds like Himalayans and Persians), on the other hand, with their large eyes, shallow eye sockets and abnormal tear ducts, are predisposed to epiphora. Since their tears simply slide down their faces, they're likely to spend their "exotic" lives with watery eyes and wet faces.

And because tears contain a small amount of pigment, the fur of light-colored cats tends to show some reddish-brown staining beneath their eyes. Although this staining is harmless, many owners find it both undesirable and ugly. For these owners, there are a variety of products available that are specifically formulated to help minimize those stains. But, as with all things cat, concerned owners should always consult their vets first to ensure these products are FDA approved and safe.

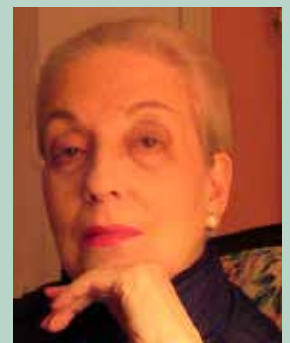
If you cannot promise forever, I am not your cat!



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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Can Cats Lie Down on Cue?

by Nomi Berger

Curious as to whether or not YOUR favorite feline can be taught to lie down on cue?

According to pet trainers, it's, paws down, one of the easiest behaviors a cat can learn. As a matter of fact, the more relaxed YOU are, the more relaxed your kitty will be, thereby affording you the optimum opportunity to positively reinforce this behavior.

Choose a location where your cat's already comfortable curling up or sprawling out, whether it's a couch, your bed or her own preferred perch. To make the spot even more appealing, cover it with an especially soft rug or fleecy blanket. Each training session should be brief – from one to five minutes – and to hold her attention and keep her engaged, always offer her ample rewards throughout.

Begin by marking and rewarding her instinctive tendency to lie down. As soon as she starts moving into a resting position, say "down" and mark it either with a word, such as "good", or with the click of a training clicker, followed promptly by a reward, i.e. a high-value treat. Not only does the marker help your kitty learn what the desired behavior is, the reward teaches her to associate good things with that behavior.

If she seems confused by receiving a reward for a behavior that's natural to her, don't be discouraged. The key is repetition and consistency, building on her ability to learn the connection between the desired behavior and the resulting reward. By coupling the word "down" with the action of lying down, you're teaching her to associate one with the other, followed, of

course, by that all-important treat. The more you repeat this sequence, the sooner your kitty will learn that lying down in response to the word "down" is more than worth her while!

Up for a greater challenge? Use a "lure" as a way of teaching your kitty to lie down. Whether it's a treat held in your closed hand, a tiny ball or a small crinkle toy, hold it in front of and slightly below her when she's perched higher up on a chair or a cat tree, for example. As she moves to investigate, say "down" and mark it either with a word, such as "good" or with the click of a training clicker, and reward her with a treat whether she only bends slightly or actually lowers her chest to the surface of the cat tree or chair. Repeat the process until she's fully resting in the desired down position.

Once she's mastered this, switch from holding the "lure" where she can see it to holding it in your closed palm. This will teach her to follow your hand and not the "lure." Continue rewarding her with a treat each time she successfully lies down, but remember to give her the treat with your other hand!

Your ultimate goal is to use only the hand signal preceded a second or two earlier by the word "down." Remember the old axiom: practice makes perfect or, in this case, purr-fect? With ongoing practice – and paw-lenty of patience on your part -- your kitty should soon start anticipating the verbal cue "down" and move into the down position as soon as she hears it.

Whichever training strategy you choose, increase the time your cat remains in the down position by intermittently rewarding her with a treat. Then, at the end of each session, use a release word such as "free" as a signal to her that she is literally being freed from lying down.



The Adventures of Gary



Hi Everyone Gary here

With winter approaching, my bed has been taken inside, washed and put away until next spring. Since most of my woodland friends have already gone into hibernation, I've had to amuse myself by chasing the leaves blown around by the wind – a brisk wind, I might add.

Mommy says it's supposed to be a very cold winter, so I guess I'll be spending most of it inside after doing my rounds as quickly as paws-ible. Fortunately for us felines, Mommy bought us some new cat trees with shelves of various sizes and heights, so we'll be

kept meow-re than happily occupied! We'll also be able to watch nature's own TV -- the birds and the squirrels -- sleep in the sun, and dream of all things warm and spring-y.

As usual, Mommy has been baking for Christmas and filling up the freezer. And although she's been decorating delightfully here, there and everywhere, we're waiting for the tree to go up. Christmas morning and Christmas day are truly the cat's meow around here with so many delicious treats and so many new toys for us all.

On that note, I wish you a happy holiday season and thank you for the generous donations that keep us healthy, well fed and safe. Until spring then ...

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Undesired Behaviours – Vocalization

By Gayle McDonald | Housecalls for Housecats
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In the wild, adult cats rarely vocalize with other cats. Vocalizations are limited to “distance creating” sounds such as growling, hissing and screeching. Meowing is limited to interactions between mother and kittens, and with our domesticated felines, with humans. Cats learn very quickly when an action results in a reward: if they jump on the counter and find food, they immediately associate the counter with food. Similarly, if a cat meows and receives the attention, food, toy, playtime, lap, outside or anything else they desire, they quickly associate the meowing with the result. In short, accidentally or intentionally, the humans create the meowing behaviour. Retraining meowing behavior is difficult because a) humans is much more difficult to train than cats, and b) it is extremely easy to accidentally reward the meow which reinforces the behavior.

Where to start?

The first step is to identify why the cat is meowing which is easier said than done. In a study where participants were asked to identify with reason for the meow in their own cat and a non-familiar cat, participants were no more likely to correctly identify the cat's request. So why does a cat meow? In almost all cases, cats meow for the thing(s) that have resulted in reward in the past. Food, going outside, and play are the top reasons for vocalization. An incorrect response can result in temporary satisfaction or can result in frustration.

When to intervene?

At what point does meowing become a behaviour that needs correcting? This is very individual (to the humans) as everyone has their own patience level. If you are still reading this article, it is likely you have found your patience tested.

Is it detrimental to the cat? Meowing is a demand for something; a demand that has previously been answered. If the cat feels it must continue to meow for long periods, there is a level of stress and frustration for the cat. The key to intervention is to find a way to balance achieving satisfaction for the cat while redirecting the energy to another behaviour.

Counter conditioning

Punishing, or negative reinforcement, is an ineffective

training tool. Its gains are short-lived and result in stress and anxiety. We do NOT advocate punishment for unwanted behaviours. Instead we want to teach the cat that a different behaviour will result in reward. As previously mentioned, meowing is complex because you must never give a cat something when it is meowing.

Clicker training: Adventure cats <https://www.adventurecats.org/backcountry-basics/how-to-clicker-train-a-cat/> has a fantastic article on clicker training cats and there are many wonderful videos demonstrating the process so we will not detail it here. Our goal is going to be to train the cat to sit quietly for a treat, then slowly replace the treat with the click. As an alternative, you can train a different behaviour instead of sitting, but make sure it is something you can live with. For example, do not train your cat to paw your leg when it wants something or your leg may regret it down the road!

For a reward to work the cat must receive the reward within 1-2 seconds of the desired behaviour. Think about that for a moment: you are going to be giving a reward within 2 seconds of the behaviour. In the beginning, time yourself on this, you will be surprised how quick 2 seconds is. Having a handful of treats in your hand is best so that you are not digging or reaching for the treat.

Starting with a quiet sit is usually something most cats of any age can manage and understand. The first one or two sessions you may need to ignore the cat for a few moments until they sit. Then give one treat every 2 seconds that they continue to sit without meowing. If the cat starts to meow or circle, wait until they stop for at least 5 seconds then start giving treats again. You can add a verbal “command” if desired by saying “sit” one second before each treat.

Once the cat will sit for 2 seconds, begin increasing to 3 seconds then 4 seconds and longer over several weeks. Many cats will patiently wait for long periods once they understand that sitting gets them what they want.

Sessions should be repeated 1-2 times daily until the cat has begun to grasp the desired behaviours, then can be slowly reduced to 1-2 times weekly. Remember to decrease their regular food portion by the number of calories they are receiving in treats to prevent weight gain. This can be a great bonding experience with your cat. If you wish to work on games and tricks with your cat, start by teaching them to touch a “target” with their nose or paw. More information on target training is available online.

Check our blog out at www.herveycats.com or on facebook. Choice Marketing has created awesome graphics and you can also see Gary and his friend Morris's antics.



A Herveycats Christmas with Gary and Morris

It was Christmas Eve and Gary and Morris were milling around the shelter, sniffing decorations and rubbing their faces on them.

"It's that time of year," said Morris.

"You are right," said Gary. "My favourite time of year!"

"It's Christmas!" they both exclaimed.

The two cats began jumping around and one of them knocked over a box of Christmas bows. There were bows scattered all over the floor, and never missing a chance to have fun, they jumped into the bows to roll around and play.

"What are you two doing?" said Marjorie, the founder of Hervey Cats.

Gary and Morris both looked up, buried under a sea of giant red bows.

"You are too funny," she said. "We can't leave these bows here though!"

Marjorie grabbed a handful of bows and put them back in their box. Both cats then jumped into the box when they heard the phone ring.

"You two enjoy those bows. I have to answer the phone!" said Marjorie, as she ran to the office.

Morris jumped out of the box and felt something on his fur. It was a bow! The static electricity had stuck it to his back.

"It's stuck on me!" he yelled.

"RUN!" shouted Gary.

Morris took off running, as fast as possible, until the bow slid off his back. He then began licking the spot where the bow was.

"That was close," said Morris.

"Let's get some fresh air," said Gary.

The cats went outside and sniffed the beautiful country air. It was cool and crisp, and while standing there, they heard some commotion out in the woodlands.

Without saying a word, they looked at each other and took off in the direction of the trees.

When they got there, they saw some of their woodland friends hauling a Christmas tree to a clearing, and an audience of their peers standing around shouting directions at them.

"Hey everybody!" said Gary.

The creatures turned around and waved at the two cats.

"You guys are just in time! We need your help," said Joey the squirrel.

The cats sauntered over to the group of animals pulling the tree.

"Lovely tree, Joey!" said Morris.

"It is, but we are struggling to stand it up. The geese flew South for the Winter and the deer haven't been around for a week since they left to find supplies."

"So, what's the problem? You need some muscle?" said Gary.

"That would certainly help, but you two are clever and we figured you might be able to help us figure something out," said Joey.

The cats took a walk around the tree, and all the squirrels, mice, rabbits and groundhogs sat around the tree.

"I think the problem is their height," said Morris.

"Hey! I heard that!" said one of the mice.

"We have the same problem too. The tree is too big for us to pull properly," said Morris.

"What are you thinking?" said Gary.

"If we can get some rope from the shelter, we can tie one end to the tree, throw the rope over a branch of another tree, then pull on it to lift it into place!" said Morris.

Joey and the other animals were excited by the idea. As soon as they got everyone's approval, the two cats headed back up to the shelter to grab some rope from the shed.

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"I hope this works," said Morris.

"We just need to make sure we have enough of us pulling on the rope at the same time and everything will work out," said Gary.

At the shelter, the cats quickly went into action hunting down some rope. Once they found what they needed, they ran it back to the woodlands.

Upon arrival, a pair of racoons helped tie the rope to the top of the Christmas tree using their opposable thumbs, then ran it up another tree and threw it over one of the branches.

"Alright, here is the plan," said Morris. "We are going to grab one end of that rope and pull as hard as we can!"

All the creatures lined up, with the smallest ones in the back and the biggest in the front. From mice to rabbits to racoons, they pulled with all their might...

...but nothing happened.

"The tree won't budge," said Joey.

The other woodland animals let out a big sigh.

"We aren't strong enough," said one of the rabbits.

Gary and Morris sat down next to the tree and looked at each other.

"What can we do?" said Morris.

"I honestly don't know," said Gary.

The animals were sad. It was looking like they wouldn't be able to get their tree up.

"How will Santa find us?" said one of the baby racoons.

Gary and Morris went over to him and said, "Don't worry little buddy. Santa is coming. You wait and see."

All of a sudden they heard a big crack, like branches snapping in the distance. Suddenly they saw a tall birch tree fall about 50 feet away. They also heard a low-sounding long whimper.

"What is that?" said Joey.

The woodland animals sought shelter as quickly as possible while Gary and Morris stood their ground next to Joey.

"That might just be our miracle. Follow me," said Gary.

The two cats and the squirrel ran into the forest towards the noise, with the cats leaping over fallen logs and jumping through bushes while Joey climbed a tree and jumped from branch to branch. Suddenly they came upon the origin of the great noise.

It was a moose. A very sad moose. He was sitting there sniffing.

"What's wrong?" said Joey to the Moose.

"I don't have anyone to spend Christmas with. I got lost and all my friends are gone."

"Oh no. We are sorry to hear that," said Morris

"I am so lonely," said the Moose.

"What's your name?" said Joey.

"I'm Bullwinkle," he said.

The two cats and Joey walked over to Bullwinkle and sat next to him.

"You seem like a nice guy, Bullwinkle," said Gary. "Would you like to join us and our friends for Christmas?"

"You mean it?" said Bullwinkle.

"Of course!" said Gary. "Christmas is all about being with people. It's about kindness and showing others you care about them, even if they are new friends or old."

"I would love that," said Bullwinkle.

"We do need your help with one thing though...", said Morris.

"Hop on my back," said Bullwinkle. "I'll give you guys a ride."

Joey and the cats hopped on Bullwinkle's back and the four animals made their way back to the site where the tree was laying on the ground.

Gary and Morris quickly explained the situation to Bullwinkle and he knew immediately what he needed to do.

The racoons tied a rope around his big moose belly and, after a quick safety check, he jumped into action.

"Wow Bullwinkle, you are so strong," yelled all the creatures.

Bullwinkle was filled with pride as he pulled the tree into position.

Being the project manager he was born to be, Joey was chattering orders to the other animals scrambling all over the base of the tree. Together with the strength of Bullwinkle and the other small animals guiding it into place, the tree was secured in the ground.

"Look solid!" he shouted.

The racoons undid the rope on Bullwinkle as well as the tree, and all the creatures began crawling around it to decorate.

The rabbits were hopping up and down around the base, filling the ground with leaves and pine needles. The squirrels, rats, mice and voles were running up and down

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the tree with nuts and other little handmade pieces to dress it up.

One of the racoons had been saving a bunch of old Christmas lights, and a battery pack, they had found in an open garage last summer and strung them around the tree.

"These thumbs come in useful," said the racoon.

"They certainly do," said Gary.

Out of the corner of his eye, Morris noticed some deer coming through the trees.

"We are back!" said the biggest one of the group. "And we have food for everyone!"

The deer placed a bunch of different foods down on the ground for all the animals.

"We are so happy to see you again! You were gone for so long!" said Joey.

"We had to go extra far," said the deer. "Supplies are running low nearby and this won't be enough for the Winter. Granted, we can always lean on Morris and Gary's food stand, but this gives us some variety."

By the time the tree decorating was finished, night was starting to fall. The animals grouped up to keep warm on the bed of leaves and pine needles made by the rabbits. Bullwinkle and the deer wrapped all the smaller animals into their embrace and they all started sharing their favourite stories from the last year.

Suddenly, the tree started to glow.

"What's going on?" said Bullwinkle.

"I'm not sure," said Joey.

Then a tiny little mouse yelled, "It's Santa!"

They looked up in the sky, mouths dropped open in awe, as they heard the jingling of sleigh bells.

"It really is Santa," said Morris.

"I can't believe it!" said Gary.

The sleigh flew past an opening in the trees then gently touched down about 10 metres from the group of animals.

The reindeer were sleek and beautiful creatures, like the professionals of the animal world. They had ornate harnesses and were very strong. And one of them had a nose giving off a bright red glow.

The deer stood up. "Is that Rudolph? I've only heard stories. That can't actually be him."

They couldn't stop talking.

"It is me! I am Rudolph!" said Rudolph. "It's nice to meet all of you!"

The deer went over to Rudolph and his coworkers, and they all began to chat.

Then the big man, Saint Nick, Babbo Natale, Santa Claus himself, hopped off the sleigh.

"Hello, all you wonderful little creatures!"

All the animals stopped what they were doing to listen.

"You are all good animals, with good hearts. You deserve to have a wonderful Christmas like everyone else. I haven't forgotten about any of you, and I brought some gifts!" said Santa.

"First off, I have treats for everyone. And enough food to get you all through the Winter. I know things can be hard when it gets cold and there is a bunch of different delights for every creature here."

The animals cheered.

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Is Cat Snoring a Sign of Poor Health?

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



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

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



What Do Cats Do Outside at Night?

Cats are often labelled as nocturnal creatures but are actually crepuscular (most active at dawn and dusk). They sleep during the day for long periods

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"Secondly, I brought some gifts from the human world. I have heating pads, toys, flashlights and more!"

Gary and Morris were so happy for their friends. Not only did they receive the gift of not having to worry about food through the Winter, but they could also improve their lives and stay safe with some of the other gifts.

"This couldn't have been a better Christmas," said Gary.

"You are right about that," said Morris.

"But what about you two boys?" said Santa. "What about Gary and Morris? The two shelter cats who help out their friends and community?"

He reached into his bag and pulled out some treats for the cats.

"I have one more thing for each of you though," said Santa. "For Morris, the cat from 9 Lives, the city boy, the actor. I have something to remind you to slow down and enjoy the things you have. A snowglobe with the Herveycats shelter inside it."

"Thank you, Santa," said Morris.

"And for Gary. The boy with a big heart, an inquisitive nature, and a busy mind. For you, I have a beautiful comfy new bed. After a long day of work, you deserve an extra comfortable place to retire to."

"Thanks, Santa!" said Gary.

"And for all of you creatures, I am also going to leave some walkie-talkie radios for you to be able to communicate with the shelter, or each other, at any time you like. They are solar-powered so all you need to do is leave them in the sun and they will work forever."

The animals rejoiced and were smitten with Santa and his reindeer.

"Thank you for everything Santa," said Joey. "This has been the best Christmas ever."

"Yeah, thanks Santa!" yelled all the woodland animals.

Bullwinkle was holding back tears of joy as he snacked on one of the treats Santa brought but managed to get a few words out.

"Best... Christmas... Ever."

Santa walked back to his sleigh, wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, then called on his reindeer. In a matter of seconds, they were back in the sky and off to their next destination.

"Ho! Ho! Ho!" they all heard as Santa flew off into the distance.

The spirits around the Christmas tree were at an all-time high. Everyone was happy, their bellies were full, and they were excited to try out their new gifts.

Gary and Morris lay down next to Bullwinkle and the other animals, while the deer sandwiched everyone in to keep warm.

"I am so happy to have found you all," said Bullwinkle.

"We are happy to have found you," said Joey.

"Christmas is all about friends," said one of the baby mice.

The animals all fell asleep.

The next morning, Gary and Morris bid their adieu to the other animals and made their way back to the shelter.

"That was one awesome Christmas," said Gary.

"I'd call it amazing. We got to meet Santa! And Rudolph! Wow!" said Morris.

"What are we going to do for New Year's Eve?" said Gary.

"I'm not sure yet, but if we want to top Christmas, we have some serious planning to do," said Morris.

"Haha. Yes. That is putting it lightly," said Gary.

You'll find this on our blog too



When Did Cats Become Popular Pets?

Domesticated cats were not always domestic animals, but they have been for a very long time. Thousands of years, in fact! According to the Smithsonian

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PRESIDENT/FOUNDER
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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.

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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.

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Our 2nd Mission is **REHOMING**

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

Our 3rd Mission is **EDUCATION**

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Marjorie Hervey

Merry Christmas

