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Carter's Corner



Sent: October 04, 2022

From: Lydia Emanuel
Subject: Carter and Toy Mouse

Hi Marjorie. Some little people take a teddy bear to bed; Carter takes his toy mouse and both were enjoying the warm autumn sun in the window hammock.

Stay safe and stay well.

Lydia



Sent: October 09, 2022

From: Lydia Emanuel
Subject: Happy Thanksgiving

Hi Marjorie. I started doing a little bit of Fall decorating for the table, and a little helper showed up. Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

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! Welcome to the Winter Newsletter.

Settle yourself somewhere comfortable and maybe pour yourself an eggnog or warm beverage while you enjoy our Christmastime update. We've kept it light and cheerful and hope you enjoy the articles.

This year has been a busy one for the Foundation. We've had many new kittens arrive as well as the return of older cats whose guardians have moved into extended care or passed away. Everyone has settled in well and it's thanks to our supporters who have made it possible for us to care for these beautiful felines.

Most rescues are currently full, struggling to accommodate cats who are being returned after the COVID-19 pandemic. It's heartbreaking for a cat to move to a new home, get acquainted and settle in with a new family, only to find themselves back in a shelter. It is our hope that we can educate future owners to become more responsible and committed to the care of their new pets.

We look forward to gathering in person again soon! On that note, we've included a short survey about the possibility of hosting an upcoming dinner and silent auction. It takes considerable financial and human resources to prepare for an event like this. Last year, we were forced to cancel as many people continued to feel nervous about gathering with the ongoing pandemic.

We would appreciate hearing if you would be interested in attending an in-person event so that we can accommodate our plans accordingly. We understand that COVID-19 has changed our lives a great deal and we wish to be sensitive to everyone's level of comfort. It promises to be a fun evening for those who can attend!

As always, my heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who has financially donated to us over this past year or supported us in other ways, including donations of food and cat supplies. Thank you for enabling us to continue to carry on our mission of helping cats.

In addition to individual donors, there are many companies who have helped us behind the scenes. G&E Pharmacy supplies our canned and dry cat food and litter. FMH Trucking handles our deliveries. Choice Online Marketing Group manages our website, blog, and social media accounts. Our board of directors, veterinarian, and animal health technicians all contribute significantly to our success. The list goes on, and we have been fortunate to have been supported by so many wonderful groups.

One way you may wish to support us is by purchasing gift certificates through our main supplier, G&E Pharmacy. They'll benefit from your purchase and we can use the certificates to continue our efforts at the Foundation.

Over the next year, we'll be changing the format of our letter, so stay tuned for some exciting new content! In the meantime, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season. All the best in the new year! I look forward to continuing our good work here at the Hervey Cats Foundation.

Marjorie Hervey

We are trying to see how many people would like to have the dinner and silent auction next April 29/23. Please let us know if you are thinking of coming. It costs us a lot in time and money to do this event so please only serious replies. You can contact us by e-mail info@herveycats.com or by phone 780-963-4933.

Should You Worry About Your Cat's Zoomies



What are the Zoomies? They are a nickname to describe a cat's behaviour when they are darting around the home for seemingly no reason, and in many cases, giving you the crazy eyes.

Zoomies can take the shape of flying around rooms, running up to a scratching post and furiously scratching it, darting up and down stairs, running to the carpet and trying to pull it up, or running off and on your lap and around the house.

The good news is this is completely normal behaviour. There is actually a scientific name for the zoomies and it is Frenetic Random Activity Periods (FRAPS). FRAPS can be startling, but sometimes they can be funny too. Cats are mysterious creatures and watching them bolt around your home can be quite funny and entertaining.

Causes of Zoomies

There are all sorts of things that cause cats to experience the zoomies. Sometimes loud sounds will trigger them, or perhaps the act of hunting an insect, seeing their owner after a long day, being near water for any length of time,

or any number of other things that would spook or excite them.

One seemingly odd cause of the zoomies is using the litter box. To a human, we don't understand why using the bathroom would cause anyone to run full speed immediately after, but the reason for this makes a lot of sense to a wild animal. In the wild, leaving behind your scent can be a matter of life and death if a nearby predator is looking for a meal.

When to Speak to a Professional

Most cats with the zoomies will often show signs of being excited or freaked out, but it only lasts for a few moments. If your cat is experiencing the zoomies paired up with what seems to be a lot of stress or fear that doesn't dissipate quickly, you should take a trip to the vet.

Another instance where you may want to speak to a vet or behaviourist is when your cat seems to only experience the zoomies at night and it's now affecting the family.

Cats aren't nocturnal, they are known as crepuscular. They are most active at dawn and dusk, so they shouldn't technically be up all night playing.

In this case, they may need an adjustment to their feeding schedule, or perhaps there is another reason they are feeling such a burst of energy at night, in which case speaking to a vet would be the next logical move to make.

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

I am a
**FOREVER
CAT**

I am NOT an until you...

- ... "get bored" cat
- ... "find a boy/girlfriend" cat
- ... "think I'm too old" cat
- ... "have to move" cat
- ... "have a baby" cat
- ... "get a new kitten" cat.

New Years Resolutions

Well, it's a new year and like my human counterpart, I've made some resolutions. (May I be forced to roll around in catnip all day long if I stray one iota!)

- ① I will remember that some of my human's possessions are NOT toys. (Oops! Caught me!)
- ② I will pay attention to my owner at all times, not just before a meal. I will eat whenever I am hungry, heartily and without guilt, until I am full. When finished, I will lick my chops grandly to indicate that indeed that was the finest meal I have ever tasted.
- ③ I will play with passion. I will rip my toys into shreds whenever possible. I will lose many of them under the sofa. I will also spend many hours and gain much enjoyment from the boxes they come in.
- ④ I will (almost) always use the litter box and not the houseplants.
- ⑤ I will only scratch designated scratching posts.

- ⑥ I will avoid territorial disputes with other cats. (whenever possible)
- ⑦ I will not play Herd of Thundering Wildebeests Stomping Across the Plains of the Serengeti over any humans' bed while they're trying to sleep.
- ⑧ I will not play "dead cat on the stairs" while people are trying to bring in groceries or laundry, or else one of these days, it will really come true.
- ⑨ I will remember computer and TV screens do not exist to backlight my lovely tail.
- ⑩ I will only regurgitate food and fur balls on a tiled surface. I will sleep as much as possible each and every day. The importance of this cannot be overestimated. I will not wake before dawn to play games that require my human's participation, and then incessantly request their presence. I will forget all the above and just BE MYSELF! Lastly, I vow never again to waste precious naptime making New Years resolutions. This delusional practice is better left to humans. We cats have 9 lives to live, thank you very much!



The Adventures of Gary



Hi Everyone Gary here

It's cold and snowing outside so that can mean just one thing: that winter is once again upon us. All my outdoor friends have gone into hibernation and I won't see them again until spring. It gets quite lonely sometimes but I have lots of new cat friends, and of course, I enjoy the extra time to snuggle with Mommy in the cold winter months.

I'll still be out making my rounds as CEO of Rodent Control and working hard as the official greeter for the Foundation. Mommy decides when I can go out and for how long. If it's really cold outside, I'm able to warm up in our cozy, heated shop. My little bed on the deck outside is already washed and packed away until next year.

Mommy is hurrying around preparing the Christmas baking. The tree is up and we all love taking turns sleeping underneath it. Sometimes, we like to climb to the top but it seems Mommy isn't too fond of us doing that.

We are hoping for toys again this year and maybe a new tunnel because the one from last year is getting pretty worn out. I know there will be all kinds of Temptations on Christmas morning and lots



of paper to run through and boxes to sleep in. It's just the best time for us!

I hear Mommy calling me so I better go before she catches me on her computer. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Stay warm this winter and we will talk again in the spring.

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Gary and Morris, and Friends, Help Santa Fix His Sleigh

It was Christmas Eve at the Hervey Cats shelter and Marjorie had already closed things up for the night. Gary and Morris were rolling around on their backs near their favourite window while pawing at the glass. The warmth from the shelter was fogging up the windows.

"I could lay here all night!" said Gary.

"I hear that," said Morris. "The best part is, we are cats, we can actually do that!"

Both cats laughed and continued to paw at the glass, making prints all over the fog.

"Hello, you two!" sounded a familiar voice.

Marjorie had snuck up behind Gary and Morris with a bag of treats.

"Hope you two are having a wonderful Christmas Eve," said Marjorie. "I brought you some snacks to enjoy before bed!"

Gary and Morris immediately leapt to their feet and began rubbing against her legs. Marjorie was their favourite human.

"I love you two as well, but I have to go. I am giving snacks to all the cats in the house tonight! A Christmas Eve treat to make sure your sleep is sweet!"

Marjorie put down a plate and then sprinkled some treats onto it. Gary and Morris darted over to the dish and started wolfing down the offerings.

"That Marjorie sure knows how to entertain!" said Morris.

"Amen to that," said Gary.

When the treats were finished, they went back to the window and stretched out on their backs, paws once more reaching toward the foggy glass.

"I'm... sleepy," said Gary.

"And I'm Morris," said Morris.

Gary gave Morris a slow cat wink then both of them slowly dozed off for the night.

Snow was falling just outside the window and the night was dark. The lights along the Hervey Cats property each lit a yellow circle in the snow, like lemon drops on the yard of a gingerbread house. Suddenly there was a big vibration. Gary and Morris felt it immediately and woke up.

"What was that?" said Gary.

"Did you feel what I felt?" said Morris.

"It felt like something big happened outside," said Gary.

"I agree," said Morris. "Let's go see what the humans are doing."

The two cats made their way to Marjorie's room and saw she was still sound asleep. Not to mention that all the other cats along the way to Marjorie's room were also still sleeping. This confused Gary and Morris because the vibration that woke them up was not a subtle one.

The cats left Marjorie's room and went back to their favourite window. They figured they would try to get a better look outside their foggy window, but it was now covered in paw prints and cat hair.

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"To the main floor!" said Gary.

They darted down the stairs and up to the biggest window they could find – then froze.

Gary and Morris were sitting, staring out the window, with their jaws dropped. They could not believe their eyes at all. Outside the shelter, on the ground, was a giant sled, covered in a lustrous red paint job with swirling engraved gold trim, and in front of it, a team of reindeer, all harnessed together. Then they heard it.

"Ho ho ho!"

It was Santa!

"He's back!" said Gary.

"I can't believe it!" said Morris. "What are the odds?"

Santa had visited Gary, Morris, and their woodland friends last year when they had put up a tree in the forest.

Gary and Morris ran to their cat door and slid outside into the darkness, around the shelter and over to where the sleigh was.

The reindeer were giant creatures. They stood two abreast, and 4 rows deep, clearing their throats and grunting, each noise accompanied by a big cloud of cold foggy air and jingling bells.

The cats re-introduced themselves to the reindeer as they walked past, then jumped onto the sleigh and meowed at the big man himself. Santa Claus!

"Hello boys!" said Santa Claus. "How are you sweet fellas doing on this brisk, Christmas eve?"

The cats rubbed against his legs and then jumped onto his lap.

"We're doing great, Santa!" they said together.

"I'm here because I need help from you and your forest friends," said Santa. "My sleigh caught a crosswind on the way back from Peru, and I clipped a rock wall on the Siula Grande!"

The cats looked at him with concern.

"Long story short, one of my runners is broken and I didn't

notice until I flew over Calgary and a piece fell off. Boy, whoever finds that is going to have something worth putting on eBay."

The cats looked at each other and then hopped down on the floor of the sleigh.

"You boys think you and your friends can give me some help?"

The cats nodded at Santa and went to look at the damage to his sleigh. It looked like Santa had really whacked the side of the mountain pretty hard. One side of the sled was missing almost all of its runner, and the mounts had ripped right out of the floor.

"If you can bring me the materials, I can put this thing back together. I have a toolset in there that was originally intended for someone's dad, but I am sure we can borrow it and re-wrap it." Santa said with a smile.

"We would be happy to help!" said Gary.

"We'll go get our friends!" said Morris.

"The more the merrier," said Santa.

Gary and Morris ran off into the forest to go see who they could muster to help them out!

Their first stop was Bullwinkle the moose. They needed someone strong enough to move heavy material.

Bullwinkle had been staying in the cottage they all found as a group earlier this summer. The weather now was cold and he liked to stay warm, so they built a special door for him to use.

Gary and Morris ran up to the window and knocked on it until Bullwinkle came to the door. He was very tired.

"Gary, Morris. While it is usually an absolute treat, I was asleep."

"We know, Bullwinkle," said Morris. "And we're sorry, but it's a Christmas emergency!"

Bullwinkle perked up, "What's going on?"

"Santa's sleigh has crash-landed beside the shelter and he needs our help to bring him supplies to repair it!" said Gary.

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"That's quite the situation... I'm in," said Bullwinkle.

The cats and the moose then ran over to the river to find their beaver friend, Terrance."

With the cold, Terrance was doing most of his business under the ice these days, but he often kept an opening here and there.

The cats and Bullwinkle sat and waited a while for Terrance to surface. Eventually, they grew impatient, and Bullwinkle let out a loud grunt and stomped the ground right by the wall of Terrance's shelter.

Out of the ice crawled a very tired-looking Terrance.

"Good morning, or evening, or whatever is going on right now," said Terrance.

"Terrance!" shouted Gary. "Santa needs your help!"

"Santa?!" said Terrance.

"Santa!" said Morris.

"Santa?" said Terrance.

"Yes, Santa," said Gary.

"Why does Santa need my help?" said Terrance.

"His sleigh is broken and we need to make a new runner for it. Can you get us a nice long and skinny tree trunk?" said Gary.

"I suppose if the world is waiting, I could help a Santa Claus

in a bind," said Terrance.

"THE Santa Claus," said Morris.

"To the forest!" said Terrance.

Terrance, Gary and Morris climbed onto Bullwinkle's back and they made their way to the edge of the birch forest. It was there that the two cats were able to point out a tree that would match the right size of the sleigh.

"This one right here will do!" said Gary.

Terrance saddled up next to the base of the tree and started gnawing away. He quickly cut the trunk down and right into Bullwinkle's waiting antlers. Bullwinkle lifted the small tree trunk high in the air and the three small animals hopped on his back once more.

"We're comin' Santa!" yelled Bullwinkle.

The snow was deep around the forest but luckily Bullwinkle's legs were very tall. He sailed over the drifts as if they weren't even there.

After what felt like forever, the animals could see the reflective gold and silver on the harnesses of the reindeer.

"It really is Santa!" said Bullwinkle. "He came back!"

The big moose walked right up to Santa's sled and dropped the birch log onto the snow.

"Santa! It's me, Bullwinkle! Do you remember me?"

"Of course, I do," said Santa. "I remember all the good

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creatures of this world. It is nice to see you!"

"We brought you this log to replace your runner," said Terrance. "Let me just get it into the right shape first."

Terrance started gnawing the log, quickly working it over and over again. He worked fast, and accurately. It was amazing to watch as he turned what was once a long and skinny birch log into what looked like an unpainted replacement for the original sleigh runner.

"Well done little Terrance!" said Santa.

"Thank you, Santa," said Terrance. "I am actually quite big for my species."

"Well now we can attach this to my sleigh using the tools I have here," said Santa. "Bullwinkle, if you don't mind holding this in place?"

Bullwinkle moved the old runner out of the way, and then put the new runner in its place. He then held it there while Santa sunk about 20 3-inch deck screws into the thing using a brushless 20-volt cordless drill.

"That ought to hold it!" shouted Santa.

The animals let out a cheer, including the reindeer, and Santa re-wrapped the drill in beautiful Christmas wrapping paper.

"I haven't forgotten about you creatures," said Santa. "I've got something for all of you!"

Santa finished wrapping the drill and then started to dig into the back of the sled. When he turned around he was holding a bunch of treats and wrapped presents for the animals.

"For Gary and Morris, some tins of the finest wet food available, as well as a bag of a new dry food flavour special from the North Pole," said Santa. "I also have two warm cat beds for you to bring inside and sleep on."

The cats were overjoyed with their presents.

"For Bullwinkle, I have twigs and leaves from willow, aspen, and birch trees, as well as a warm blanket for your cabin."

"Thank you, Santa! I love twigs and leaves!" said Bullwinkle.

"And finally, for Terrance, the beaver who saved the day, I have bark and cambium from willow, aspen and birch trees. I also brought you some nice fluffy towels to dry off with!" "Thank you very much!" said Terrance. "I used to have to

just wait to dry off. Now I can get warm up quickly after a hard day's work in the river.

The animals all went up for a nice warm hug from Santa then he returned to his seat and took the reigns in his hands.

"Merry Christmas you four! You are very helpful, very wonderful creatures," said Santa.

With that, Santa and his reindeer took off into the night sky, their silver and gold harnesses sparkling in the moonlight, the red sleigh gleaming under its trim, and the new, unpainted, birch log runner securely fastened in its position, made by Terrance.

The animals stood in the snow, watching as Santa's sleigh disappeared into the night sky.

"Merry Christmas!" said Gary.

"Merry Christmas!" the other animals cheered.

"Thanks for all your help tonight, Bullwinkle and Terrance. You two saved Christmas!"

"I guess we kind of did," said Bullwinkle. "You're right!"

"Of course we did you giant mammal," said Terrance. "Not just anyone in the forest can haul a log on top of their head, then pass it off to another animal who uses its head to trim it to shape."

"You two certainly are special," said Morris.

The animals all bid each other adieu. Gary and Morris went back to the Hervey Cats shelter while Terrance hopped onto Bullwinkle's back and the two strode off to their homes through the deep snow.

Back at the shelter, Gary and Morris were enjoying the cat beds they had dragged back through the cat door and into the house. They were nice and warm – just what they needed after a night in the snow!

"What a Christmas!" said Gary.

"And we still have presents to open in the morning?" said Morris. "I don't know if I can handle it!"

"I'll never forget this Christmas," said Gary. "I hope Santa continues to visit us in the future."

"So do I," said Morris.

Both cats started to purr as they fell asleep. In the morning, it would be Christmas!

Time-sharing and How Cats Get Along Under One Roof



Cats are very different from dogs. They don't live in packs under an alpha, instead carving out their own schedules based on resource-sharing and how many other cats are in their space.

Within the house, these schedules are referred to as time-sharing, as the cats naturally work out a program where each one has a chance to take advantage of areas where they can access the things they need, such as food, water, and the litter box.

Time-sharing

In a multi-cat household, timesharing usually comes about when certain resources are limited, or if there are a lot of cats. For example, if food can only be found in the kitchen, one cat may lay claim to the space in the early morning, another may lay claim to the afternoon, and so on. In that time, whichever cat 'owns' that time oversees the space and may chase others out. The same goes for the other cats throughout the day.

While our cats are domesticated, their instincts still run strong. Memorizing where important resources are, and when they can access them, is important to them. Cats like stability and do not like confrontation. If there is too much confrontation, your cats might 'unfriend' each other.

This is different from how we unfriend a person online. In the cat world, this means there will be fights or avoidance. Neither of these outcomes are good. Fighting is bad for obvious reasons, but avoidance can take the shape of

hiding, sometimes for days and days at a time. This is bad for your cat's mental health – imagine living in total fear every hour of the day.

How to Fix a Bad Situation

Sometimes all it takes for cats to mend fences is the feeling of independence. As solitary beings, cats don't like being forced to share space with other cats. They love their owners, but other cats will stress them out in ways we wouldn't anticipate.

If your cats have unfriended each other, and are having trouble figuring out time-sharing, you need to take action. The best solution is to feed them in different areas. If you live with another partner, get them involved at mealtime for the cats. Have them prepare food for one cat, and while you prepare for the other, then go to either side of your home to feed each cat.

The same goes for bowls of water. As a species, cats like to explore and find it rewarding to discover new sources of water. If you have multiple cats, try placing water bowls around your home at a rate of 1.5 per cat, rounding up. 1 cat = 2 bowls of water, 2 cats = 3 bowls of water, 3 cats = 5 bowls of water, etc.

When it comes to litter, it can be hard to place it around your home if you are tight on space. It is okay for litter boxes to exist relatively close to each other but do your best to separate them. Litter boxes also are best kept with the 1.5 per cat rule but in this case, you can round down. 1 cat = 1 litter box, 2 cats = 3 litter boxes, etc.

Final Thoughts

While all cats are different, they do have a lot of common behaviours – wanting space and to feel independent is one of the most common ones. As a result, they've worked out a natural system to handle things like food, water, and the litter box. Sometimes though, we humans are unaware of how we can make life easier for them and reduce their stress. If you live in a multi-cat household, be mindful of how your cats are time-sharing at home and try your best to spread around important resources for them. This keeps stress down, and happiness up – resulting in more snuggles from your cats!



Do Cats Speak with Their Tails? What are They Saying?

Cat communication is fascinating. The way they stare, meow, chirp, and move their tails are all different ways to get our attention and speak to us, but what are they saying?

According to the experts, the way cats move their tails may be their way to signal to us and other cats about how they are feeling. As cat owners, it's important for us to try to understand these tail movements so we might be able to respond to them in a way that better meets their needs – whether they're happy, angry, or somewhere in between.

So, what does it mean when your cat moves their tail? Let's take a look at some of the most common tail movements and what they might signify.

A Slow Blink or Wink

While not a tail behaviour, we figured this was worth mentioning in an article about cat behaviour. Knowing about cat's winks and blinks is useful when also interpreting tail language as well, as they often will do this at the start of your interaction.

This is a cat's way of saying 'hello', 'I like you', or 'you seem to have good energy'. If a cat does this to you, it probably means they feel comfortable around you. Be sure to always do your best to read their body language as well. Some cats just don't respond well to being touched by strangers or people they have only met a few times before.

A Twitch or Flick

This behaviour is a common one in a cat that is frustrated

or overwhelmed. If you see your cat's tail twitching, it's best to leave them alone and let them calm down, and most will be able to do so within a couple of minutes. If you have small children playing with your cat and you see the cat's tail twitching or flicking, it might be time to get the kids to leave them alone for a while.

A Swish from Side to Side

This is a sign that your cat is feeling confident and in control. If you see your cat's tail swishing back and forth, they may be less receptive to gentle play and want to play more aggressively. Cats are independent creatures by nature and when feeling large and in charge, they may want to play rough in a way that lets them still feel they are in control.

A Low, Slow Wag

A sign of relaxation and contentment, if you see your cat wagging their tail slowly from side to side, it means they're happy and comfortable. This is usually a good time to pet them and give them some love.

A Rapid Wag

This is a sign of excitement or happiness. If you see your cat's tail rapidly moving back and forth, it means they're excited to see you or are enjoying something (like playing with a toy). This is a great time to engage with them and give them some attention. In this mindset, playing with the laser pointer, or any other toy that simulates the hunt would be a great idea. Not only does it give you a chance to further bond with your pet, but it gives them a bit of exercise as well!

A Stiff, Upright Tail

This is a sign of aggression or fear. If you see your cat's tail standing straight up in the air, it means they might be feeling threatened or ready to fight. This may not be a good time to pet them, and you likely should give them some space. This isn't an exact science, so be sure to read your cat's body language and facial expression for more information as to their state of mind.

Tail Wrapped Around You or Another Object

This is a sign of affection. If you see your cat's tail wrapped around you or another object, it means they love and care for you or the other object. This is a great time to give them some love and attention. Many cats will park themselves next to their owner and wrap their tail around their wrist. This is almost like holding hands with them! When a cat does this to you, you should feel honoured!

Final Thoughts

As you can see, cat tail language can be complex. But, by taking the time to understand what your cat's tail is telling you, you can develop a deeper bond with them and potentially respond in a way that better meets their needs. So, the next time you see your cat's tail moving, take a moment to think about what it might mean. They just might be trying to tell you something important.

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NEWSLETTER

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.

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

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

Our Supporters Are Our Lifeline

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

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Our 2nd Mission is **REHOMING**

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

Our 3rd Mission is **EDUCATION**

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.



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