

The Purrfect Pals PURRR



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Did you Adopt from Purrfect Pals?



We love hearing updates on Purrfect Pals cats after they have been adopted.

If you would like to share your kitty's story with our staff, volunteers and foster

parents, please email your update (with a photo if you have one!) to us at media@purrfectpals.org.

Donate to Us with Confidence!

Strong financial health and a commitment to accountability and transparency recently earned Purrfect Pals a **4-star rating** from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator!



New Program Will Help Purrfect Pals Save More Homeless Cats and Kittens!

At Purrfect Pals, we believe that every cat matters, including those with special medical or behavioral needs. We also believe that every cat is adoptable. Some just need more time than others to find the right match. Providing behavioral rehabilitation for cats is one of our top priorities.

We are thrilled to share that Purrfect Pals is one of six shelters nationwide selected

to participate in The Jackson Galaxy Project's Autumn Cat Pawsitive Pro training class!

In his hit TV show "My Cat From Hell," Jackson Galaxy, has shown viewers that a mentally stimulated and active cat is a much happier cat. In a shelter environment, behavior enrichment and physical activity can also make that cat

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Jackson Galaxy, cat behaviorist and founder of the Cat Pawsitive Pro Program.

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Because every cat matters

Through placement and prevention programs, Purrfect Pals works to end cat homelessness in the Puget Sound region - Because every cat matters.

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a much more easily adoptable cat. And adoptability saves lives.

Animal Shelter environments can often be overwhelming for cats. The sights, loud sounds and strange smells can make even the most outgoing, active cat become nervous and shut down. For cats who already tend to be shy, the stress of their shelter surroundings can make them hide under blankets and in the corners of cages to avoid contact with anyone who approaches. Stress can also lead to illness such as upper respiratory infection. All of these things can contribute to making a cat seem less "adoptable."

Cat Pawsitive was created to help keep that from happening. Developed by Jackson Galaxy and a team of animal behavior experts, The Cat Pawsitive program is a mojo-enhancing, positive-reinforcement clicker training initiative that enriches day-to-day life for cats in shelters, builds new skills for cats as well as shelter staff and volunteers, promotes the human-cat bond, and helps improve adoptability.

By utilizing this positive, reward-based Cat Pawsitive training, a shelter volunteer or staff member can reduce the stresses that might keep a cat from connecting with an adopter. With clicker training that positively reinforces good behaviors, a shy cat can learn to feel comfortable coming up to the front of her cage to meet a potential pet parent, a feisty cat can learn to play nice, and an outgoing kitty can even learn to give an endearing "high five" to his visitors to seal an adoption deal. Cats gain confidence and get mental and physical stimulation through their clicker training sessions, and soon they are building connections with staff, volunteers and potential adopters.

According to the founder of this exciting program, Jackson Galaxy, "Cat Pawsitive is about awareness, enrichment, innovation, and increased adoption placement on a grassroots level. I know that the work done during this program will have a ripple effect, helping so many cats in need and the humans who care for them."



An inmate in the "Monroe Corrections Kitten Connections" foster program.

In August, Purrfect Pals staff will begin this intensive four-month training program under the guidance of a Cat Pawsitive Pro Trainer-Mentor. The program will first be implemented at our Arlington sanctuary and later expanded to include Purrfect Pals foster parents and volunteers.

We are excited to incorporate Cat Pawsitive training techniques into the behavioral rehabilitation work already being done in our prison foster program. With support from our staff and volunteers, more than a dozen inmates in the Monroe Correctional Complex's Special Offender Unit foster feral and undersocialized Purrfect Pals cats and kittens. Since the "Monroe Corrections Kitten Connections" program was created in 2006, 750+ cats and kittens have participated. These special kitties live one-on-one with inmates full-time, making the prison an ideal environment for Cat Pawsitive training.

We are excited to begin our Cat Pawsitive training later this year and look forward to sharing our progress with you in future newsletters! 🐾

Purrfect Pals Veterinary Clinic Staff Spotlight

Meet three of the talented and passionate employees at our Arlington sanctuary who are providing second chances for cats and kittens!



Dr. Leslie Kasper, Lead Shelter Veterinarian

What attracted you to Purrfect Pals? The spirit of the organization and its cause, plus the people who strive to make the dream a reality every day.

What do you think makes Purrfect Pals different from other shelters? Definitely the people. Everyone from the Board Chair to Cat Care Specialists to the Volunteers have their hearts invested in giving every chance to every cat that crosses our threshold.

What is your vision for the future of Purrfect Pals? I want Purrfect Pals to be a regional leader in cat adoptions. I want people to drive from throughout the state to visit our locations and know they will always find the perfect cat for them, regardless of what they are looking for in a lifetime companion.

What do you wish more people knew about what you do? Unfortunately, the stereotypical vision about a Shelter Veterinarian is either spay/neuter surgery or euthanasia. There is so much more that I do! We have over 150 cats on premises, with

dozens more in adoption locations, that need continual care. If a cat gets sick, needs a procedure, or simply needs the stamp of approval to be cleared for adoption, my team and I are there to do everything that kitty needs to be happy and healthy.

What keeps you invested in your job? Feline medicine is dynamic - always interesting and challenging. Cats don't "read the book." My day to day routine is never boring! And there will always be a kitty who needs me.

MJ Zelinka, Director of Operations

What led you to a career in animal welfare? Truthfully, I fell into animal welfare. I worked in private practice for twenty years, starting as a kennel attendant then assistant followed by earning my LVT and becoming practice manager. I had "retired" from veterinary medicine and started a new career in human surgery. While seeking employment in the human field I took a part time position as an LVT in HVHQS (High volume, high quality spay and neuter) and fell in love with animal welfare (that was 10 years ago).

What attracted you to Purrfect Pals? I have a unique skill set. What I do best is all the things that are a part of my job here at Purrfect Pals. Somedays, I feel like this job was made for me or maybe, I was made for this job.

What do you think makes Purrfect Pals different from other shelters? Purrfect Pals is very unique. We offer what is not typically available at most shelters. We have foster, adoption, and sanctuary placements for cats from healthy young kittens to older cats with chronic conditions or retroviral diseases like FELV/FIV. A lot of these cats would be euthanized in a typical shelter setting.

What keeps you invested in your job at Purrfect Pals? The love and passion everyone has! Not just the staff, but volunteers, donors, and even adopters! Not to mention the company representatives that I work with. They all are passionate about our mission and what we do here at Purrfect Pals.





Leanna Stephenson, Lead Licensed Veterinary Technician

What led you to a career in animal welfare? It all started with high volume spay and neuter and my passion for that. Shelter medicine is so important; I feel like I'm doing good every day I'm at work. I want to help animals that don't have owners and be their advocate.

What do you do here at Purrfect Pals? I am the Lead Licensed Veterinary Technician in the onsite clinic here at Purrfect Pals – I oversee the care our techs and assistants provide for all the kitties and their well-being.

What do you think makes Purrfect Pals different from other shelters? We believe every cat is adoptable. I love that, unlike other shelters, we don't euthanize cats due to medical conditions.

What do you wish more people knew about what you do at Purrfect Pals? We make sure all the kitties, especially our long term residents, have regular routine bloodwork so we don't miss anything. With so many cats under our care that is very important!

What has been the most rewarding or defining part of your involvement with animal welfare? Helping so many kitties get healthy and find homes – it's a very rewarding career!

A Purrfect Ending for Two Special Brothers!



Brothers Rumble and Harley in their new home.

Delta and Bravo were among more than a dozen cats who were abandoned in 2015 in a run-down home and left to fend for themselves. A kind cat lover heard about the kitties from neighbors and stepped in to help. The cats were undersocialized and understandably traumatized by their ordeal. One-by-one, though, she trapped the entire group and contacted Purrfect Pals for help.

Brothers Delta and Bravo, then estimated to be 5-6 years old, came to us terrified and mistrustful of people. They joined our prison foster program in Monroe, where inmates

work one-on-one with feral or undersocialized cats, teaching them to trust humans. After intensive training at the prison, the boys were placed in foster home where their rehabilitation continued for several months. It took over a year to ready the boys for adoption but finally we were able to send to our Denny's Pet World adoption center.

After spending many years together, our friend Susan lost both of her senior kitties, Winston and Sahara. When she felt ready to adopt again, Susan

began visiting older bonded pairs of cats in our adoption centers. She was also open to adopting harder-to-adopt cats who needed time and patience to settle into a home. After meeting several candidates, Susan felt Delta and Bravo were the cats who needed her the most and for whom she could provide a long and happy life.

Now known as Rumble and Harley, the boys have been with Susan for over a year and a half and are thriving. Their story really illustrates what makes Purrfect Pals so special: our belief that every cat is adoptable

and our commitment to giving special cats all the time they need to find forever homes.

We couldn't resist sharing this recent update from Susan with you:

“I can't believe it's been 18 months! Rumble continues to be a big love bug who loves kisses, snuggles and touching. He constantly stands between my feet if I'm standing still and rubs the insides of my knees, purring very loudly. He won't go so far as to be a lap cat, but he is perfectly fine being under my arm and loves when I rub my chin on his head and kisses to his head. Rumble likes a couple baskets to stuff himself into, all 15# of him! He also likes to dive into piles of pillows or blankets. He has learned to like tummy rubs a bit more with time. A few months ago you would enter the tummy zone with raptor gloves, at your own risk. He likes to roll on his back and do the "otter pose". How can you say no to that?? Rumble had 7 teeth pulled in May for his stomatitis, and needs more pulled this spring. But he's doing fine!

“Harley has come SOOOOO far the past several months. He frequently comes up on the bed and snuggles up close, even corking Rumble off for the "inside" position

for better pets and tummy rubs! He is all purrs and loves his shoulder rubs and is fine if I want to hold his paw. He is still always very much aware of escape routes at all times, but he has been far more willing to get random pets around the house. He has been practicing leg rubs at feeding times and even circling between my feet, then looks up and beams with pride when I tell him what a good boy he is. He loves playing with mousies that make noise and a big pink felt mouse. He chases them every day, playing on his own especially in the morning. He's been known to rabbit kick the "fur" off a few mousies. He is up to almost 13# and made it to the vet last month where he had 13 teeth extracted from his stomatitis. He did GREAT and feels so much better now! He came home, groggy and all, and headed right for Rumble's leftovers and upstairs for the dry food. Then onto the bed for tummy rubs. Rumble is a distracted eater and Harley likes to swoop in for anything still in the bowl. Neither cat is territorial on food and appreciate my coming in and scooping their food into piles as needed and wait patiently. They are not so patient if deli turkey is involved. A lot of orders being barked to hurry up and not scrimp on portions!

"I got them a large cat tree with driftwood and extra large platforms. They loved hanging out in front of the open windows during the summer and early Fall, chasing each other up and around the cat tree and waking up from naps and scratching their claws all over it! They have many different places to hang out of choice, although Harley still tends to like his "cat caves" (behind the angled bed, under or behind the chair downstairs). They still have their almost daily 3:00 a.m. tussles, but I've learned to just ignore it and let boys be boys. It ends up in running and chasing, a snack and then back to sleep a couple more hours.

"They are smart boys and continue to come to their respective names only. They also know the words "treats", "food in your tummies", "upstairs", "downstairs", "toys", "snuggles" and "kisses". Having been home the past 5 months, they got in a rhythm of meals and about 11:15 each day they seek me out and Harley meeps or chirps and Rumble barks orders at me that it's time for lunch!!! Same with about 5:00 p.m. for dinner. It all starts the same... a tentative peek around the corner by one, rapidly followed by the other, then the full on verbal announcements of my priorities. The



Once abandoned in a condemned house, Harley and Rumble are now living the good life.

funniest part about the words they know is "kisses". It's a good thing for Rumble. He's all in. When I ask Harley if he would like kisses, he literally backs right up. Doesn't even turn around to run, just backs straight up. He does, however, not run when I do occasionally get the opportunity to snag him, pick up his front half, kiss his head a few times, put him back down and rub his shoulders and neck. He purrs through it, even if it's not his thing.

"They are both very happy, very content. They are in the same room with other people (unless they have a vacuum cleaner and/or are moving fast) and will come up for sniffs, but won't typically allow petting. They aren't really fearful, just not terribly receptive. But I am delighted to report they are very happy watching birds, squirrels and rabbits out the front window. They are still very much a bonded pair but often are in different rooms during the day, where ever their favorite spot that day is. They are confident, healthy, playful, loving kitties. My favorite time is if I am sitting on the bed and they both come up and we are one big puppy pile, noses within inches. I can't say I ever thought I would see that day, but it's here. The trust and love in this household are very evident!

"As grateful as I am for Rumble and Harley, I am equally grateful (still!) to everyone who played a part in their success, directly or indirectly! Please share our success story and pat yourselves on the back for why you continue to do what you do - to bring people and pets together in the best way possible.

We could not be happier! There is always a feeling of warmth when my little greeters are waiting at the door for me when I get home. They are special boys and we have lots of years still ahead (they are roughly 8 and 9). Thanks for being an important part of the journey!

"Purrs, gratitude and all the treats of the holiday season to each and every one of you!

-Susan, Rumble Tumble and Harley 🐾

Share YOUR Cat's Story!



In just a few weeks we will be unveiling a brand new **Purrfect Pals website!**

The new site showcases Purrfect Pals kitties and their adopters and we would love to share your stories and photos!

Please email your updates and photos to us at website@purrfectpals.org

In Honor and In Memory



In Memory of Tara Jill Jones, who recently passed away from cancer. Being a single lady, she did not have anyone to care for her two beloved cats, Melody and Ivy-Jane. Your organization was kind to take them and care for them. All who knew her are eternally grateful.

-L. Garrett, Nita Hill, Joe and Mary Beth Brown, Robert Bussard and Sebastian the cat

In Memory of Norman Larabee. Thank you, Norman, for all of the love you gave to cats. You were truly special and will be missed.

-Carrie Thompson, Bob & Diane Burns, David & Jennifer Shore

In Honor of Nancy and Rob Dillman.

-Nathaniel Carver

In Memory of Sam the Buddha Cat, gone but never forgotten.

-Jolie Wheeling

In Honor of the two-year anniversary of the day I adopted Keelie, one of Foster Dad John's foster kittens from the Clone Trooper family.

-Linda Seal

In Honor of Foster Dad John and In Memory of his foster kitten, Sparky.

-Margaret Blough, Barbara Lamoureux, Susan Smolenski, Anita Hummelshoj, Belinda David, Sarah Jacot, Paula Negley Vicki Waddington, and Ann Pritikin, Yoland Trincere, Kristen Rinaker

In Memory of my Purrfect Pals Nemo and Chewy.

-Jane Brennan

In Memory of our Rosemary Woosa.

-Nettie Tebeau

In Honor of Catherine's sister, Cindy.

-Frank Brisse

In Memory of Kevin Sims.

-Lisa Sims, Danny Bateman, B. Burgoyne, Diann & Rich Root

In Honor of my beloved husband, David's, birthday on August 9th. We recently lost our cat John-John, a male tabby with half a tail who was found surviving on bird seed. He loved bird seed till the day he passed.

-Linda Harrison

In Loving Memory of Tia & Bella, a wonderful bonded pair.

-Susan Fitzpatrick

In Honor of and Special Thanks to the fifth and sixth graders of Somerset Elementary Student Council for holding a donation drive for Purrfect Pals.

-Jon Pelto

In Memory of Lily.

-Martha Garrett

In Memory of Garfield McBride.

-Wendy & Kevin Alex

In Memory of Luckee, aka Fat Boy.

-Jeannette Robbins

In Honor of Debra's cat, Butterscotch (AKA Chesterfield).

-Judy Lobeck

In Memory of Marilyn Meece.

-Wayne & Joanne Long

In Memory of James Kirk's beloved mother.

-Tina Myers

In Memory of Charlie, our companion for a short nine years. His heart gave out and so have ours. He was loved very much and is sorely missed, but we know he's in Kittie Heaven, chasing and playing with old friends and making new ones.

-Jim & Carol Cannon

In Memory of a beloved wife, Cheryl Berry.

-Bryan Newell, Barbara Lamoureux

In Honor of an amazing volunteer, Janet Bircher.

-Marylyn Vincent

In Honor of Carly, Penelope, Sarabella, and all my pets.

-Susan Thornton

In Honor of Robert Gross.

-J B Gilmer Jr.

In Honor of Gail & Steve's cat Carly, for the years of unconditional love.

-Karen Fineide

In Memory of Bernadette and Kira, beloved sisters of Pippin J. Shenanigans. And in Honor of Pippin and his new brother, Woody.

-Lynne Baxter

In Memory of Carline McIntyre.

-Chuck & Penny Robinson

In Memory of Bob. About nine years ago I was graced with the presence of a stray cat who had a chip that traced him back to Purrfect Pals. In his earlier life he had been there and adopted. I was lucky to have found him and he, me! This was a match in heaven that makes me have great sorrow at his passing, but great gratitude at the gift he gave me.

-Cameron Justam

In Honor of Linda Boyd's Birthday.

-Kathie Franklin

In Memory of Ziri, our sweet tuxedo girl.

-Jane & David Haug

In Memory of Wayne & Joanne Long.

-Don Meece

In Honor of Huck Finn, who came to stay.

-Terry & Luana Doulas

In Memory of Leslie.

-Lynne, Carol & Steven Lynch

In Memory of our cat, Princess, adopted from Purrfect Pals on July 17, 1999-September 12th, 2017. Princess was a very gentle and sweet natured cat, and she brought us much joy in the 18 years she spent with us. We are thankful for all the good work you do to find good homes for cats like Princess, and to take care of other cats who have no other home.

-Mr. & Mrs. M R Labosier

In Memory of my wonderful "Faith". She may be gone but never forgotten.

-Diane Mason

In Memory of Kira.

-Art Smith

In Memory of our former client Magi. Thank you so much for helping her and bringing her into my life.

-Colleen Donley

In Honor of Mulan, adopted in 2009!

-Angela Thompson

In Honor and In Memory

In Memory of Paul Richards.

-Kathy Lorenz

In Honor of Gaile Bryant-Cannon.

-Joan Marsh

In Honor of Marcia Brand & Shanon Dom and their love for our furry friends.

-Kathy Colombano

In Honor of Alan Christensen. Happy Birthday!

-Jennifer Christensen, Myrtle R. Christensen, Janet Bruce, Julie Slawson, Al & Minerva Mundanes, Carrie Christensen

In Honor of Max, Thomas, Chester, and Roland.

-Cindi & David Anderson

In Memory of my dad who said he didn't like cats, but I knew better!

-Ann Stetson

In Memory of Miles, best to all the staff cats.

-Michelle Swienty

In Honor of my cat-loving sister, Karen Fineide's birthday.

-Gail Daschel

In Honor of Olive.

-Jan Haven

In Honor of Gail Daschel's birthday.

-Karen Fineide

In Memory of BJ Hunnicutt Brunner and In Honor of her loving parents, Meg and Jim Brunner. She was lost too soon but will be dearly missed.

-Julie & Steve Bayless, Constance Perenyi, Bia Carlini, Maren Piedrahita, Aaron Plotkin



In Honor of my daughter, Ana Lucia.

-Michael Beebe

In Honor of Quark whose mama, Karmin Mauritz, loved dearly.

-Michelle Collyer

In Memory of Rags.

-John Bjodstrup

In Honor of Holyfield.

-John & Pat Stewart

In Honor of Woody and Pippin.

-Jan Waterbury

In Honor of Ferrell and Hyatt.

-Mark Hyatt & Michaelene Ferrell

In Honor of Lucy, who I adopted in October from your Lynnwood adoption center (where she was known as Ginger). I just wanted to share that she is a great cat. She is very affectionate, playful, mischievous, and very smart. It took a while for her and my other two cats to adjust to each other, as Lucy is very dominant. She took to my Golden Retriever immediately. They now have all settled in together. "I Love Lucy" and she loves me back.

-Eve Mifflin

In Memory of Bootsie Harris, Zack Olsen, Mimi Berg, Scooters, Zeitouni, Mammason Heation, and Emmy Christian.

-Dale Matherly

In Memory of my friend Sharon Long, a cat lover, foster cat mom and supporter of Purrfect Pals. Sharon will be dearly missed.

-Patricia Miller

In Memory of my son, Harlan, who passed away at the age of 31. His birthday would have been this holiday season. He loved cats, and rescued several from the streets. His final rescue, Maggie, is now sixteen years young and lives with me and two other felines.

-Debbie Rinehart

In Memory of Miriam.

-Kiddy C. Johnson

In Honor of Mary Ellen and Holyfield.

-Judith Ridner

In Loving Memory of a most beloved orange tabby, Magickal Water Baby. We adopted him in 2001. He would have been sixteen in August. We was our special, beautiful, loving little boy. Thank you.

-Annie & Lily Carnie



In Honor and Memory of my best mom, Alice Bryce. She loved all creatures, especially furry, Purrfect ones.

-Linda Boyce-Harrison & David Harrison

I am so sad to report that Bode, formerly known as Bernie, passed away today at age eleven after a brief battle with cancer. I remember the day I adopted Bode from the Purrfect Pals shelter in Arlington - June 17, 2006. I picked up a rambunctious kitten with the cutest black and orangish pink nose, and he snuggled and purred on my shoulder with no indication that he wanted to leave. An immediate bond was formed. And then when Purrfect Pals staff told me that he was a bit of a troublemaker -- he had previously opened and escaped from his cage -- that sealed the deal. A smart, sweet cat with a devious side. The rest is history. Bode had so many wonderful quirks. He loved to play under a slow dripping faucet, and would dunk his face until sopping wet before finally shaking off like a dog. He would frequently patrol the house, opening floor-level drawers and cabinets, climbing in if there was room, and leaving the kitchen and bathrooms ransacked. He liked to fall into a deep sleep on his back with each of his four limbs sticking up in the air, twitching about as he chased a bird and whatever else cats dream about. The list goes on and on, and I will miss him terribly. Thanks for caring for him and giving him a home until we found each other.

-Stacia Hofmann

In Honor of the marriage of Jenn & Glenn. Two of the most loving pet advocates we know! Congratulations!

-Mary Boland

In Memory of my cat Tommy who also had hyperthyroidism.

-Stephanie Elsy

In Honor and In Memory

In Memory of Bessie (1999-2017).
-Bruce & Patricia Johnson

In Honor of our precious Willie. He crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Valentine's Day. Our hearts remain broken.
-Connie Tosh

In Memory of Lisa Murr's Cats.
-William Stoelt

In Honor of my cat Squeek.
-Steve Marical

In Memory of "Twinkie," a young shelter cat in Milwaukee who finished her 21+ years in Seattle.
-Roxine McQuitty

In Memory of my sweet dear friend Charlie who left us the 9th of October. He helped build memories for thirteen and a half years. He was an orange and white tabby and took part of me when he left.
-Morna Johnson

In Honor of Catherine's sister, Cindy.
-Frank Brisse

In Honor of Jeff.
-Monica Larsen

In Loving Memory and Honor of our wonderful loving boy Theo who passed November 25th.
-Steven Parris & Family

In Memory of Clem.
-Gerald Kuch

To Honor my teammates – Susan Bark and Janet Bircher – with the Kitten Connection Program at the Monroe Correctional Centre.
-Karen Stone

In Memory of sweet Pandora.
-Elaine Johnson

In Honor of WeeCat.
-Gina Parry



In Honor of someone who gave so much to me through his beautiful music. My gift is in memory of fellow animal lovers.

-C Bellamy

In Honor of our cat Stitch.
-Kathy Werling

In Memory of Nuggett.
-Douglas Arnold

In Honor of Hannah.
-David & Karen McDonald

In Honor of my sister Marianne's birthday.
-Elisabeth R. Winchell

In Honor of Kozmo and Dexter.
-Renae & Matt Dekker

In Memory of BJ, our 20-year-old Black Cat that passed in May.
-Kim Germann

In Honor of Jennifer Austin's birthday! Meow!
-Malcolm Higa

In Honor of Orange, who was loved and will be missed.
-Gina Parry

In Honor of our special kitties, the ones here and the ones who have passed on.
-Patty Struck

In Honor of Priscilla.
-Kerry Garrett

In Memory of Pierre and Cleo. Two sweet senior kitties who were so lucky to live in Kathy's room at the shelter. They are missed.
-Lorrie Lippert

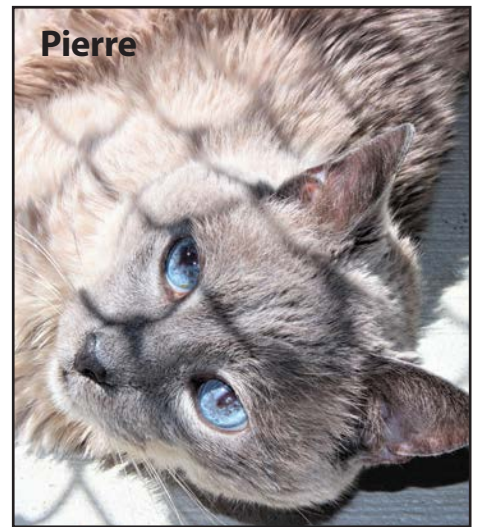
In Memory of my sweet Celeste (Nicole) who was with me for 15 years all because Kathy took in a mom and litter of flea bitten anemic kittens.
-Janiene Fitzpatrick

In Honor of Nutmeg and Cooper, our Purrfect Pals fur babies!
-Heather Cox

In Memory of two beautiful senior kitties, Cleo and Pierre.
-Vicki Chapman

In Memory of a sweet little kitten who was killed by a car last night.
-Laurel Berry

In Honor of my late sister, Julie Cole, who was a past "Santa" for Purrfect Pals photo events.
-Jeanne Miele



In Memory of sweet petite Elsa.
-Gale Schwarz

In Memory of Lester, a frequent guest of Purrfect Place Cat Hotel.
-Kit Warfield

In Honor for the gift of Frank, a commanding, cranky Tuxedo from Purrfect Pals in 2016.
-Gina Baxter

In Memory of Black Jack, my 20 year old rescue kitty who passed in May.
-Kim Germann

In Honor of Whitney Whitworth. Cats are awesome (duh!), and this is an awesome organization! Thanks for all you do in support of the kitteh!

-Becky McQuire

In Memory of Rabbit, our Beloved Cat who was helped by Purrfect Pals.
-Anonymous

In Memory of my Little Angel.
-Claudia Shackelford

In Honor of Tristan, Nudge, Ishtar, Sir Richard and Lady Jane.
-Toni Griffin

In Honor of Chris and Gail Rautmann, an amazing foster family for cats.
-Kara Baylor

In Honor of Gatto.
-Barbara Hadley

In memory of our dear "P for Precious" who made her way from Purrfect Pals to her forever home with us.
-Debiruth Stanford

In Honor and In Memory

In Loving Memory of Mia and Mario – all I can say is that they were Purrfect.

-Barbara Castrataro

In Honor of Precious.

-Cindy Claypool

In Memory of my Lance, who I adopted from you many years ago.

-Jean Jubinville

In Loving Memory of the Girls!

-Toni Keefer

In Honor of Georgia Faillace.

-Zach Robinson

In Honor of David Beach. In Memory of Pip and to honor you for being such a good person to him.

-Mark Miller

In Honor of Bella and Weena.

-Donna Palmer

In Memory of my beloved Chieftain.

-I. S.

In Honor of my adoption of Logan & Luna (shelter names were Smokey & Spooky) 3 years ago this month.

-Jennifer Austin

In Memory of my Lucky Boy.

-Tracy Riley

In Memory of my Cinder.

-Jeanie Browne

In Loving Memory of Zoe and Priscilla.

-Sarah Hamrick

In Memory of our dear Ali who was a kitten with you.

-Cheryl Burnam

In Memory of Felix.

-Sidney Stillwaugh

In Memory of sweet Greenie.

-Elaine Johnson

In Honor of Meilene Tipp. Thanks for being such a generous and caring person in the office!

-Joe Braidwood

In Honor of Barack and Ashley.

-Christy Smead

In Memory of Gracie.

-Marilyn Nelson

In Honor of Dona Bubelis.

-Kathryn Bubelis

In Memory of Queue, the grey cat with a curly tail, who was adopted from Purrfect Pals. He was such an awesome kitty.

-Kathryn S.

In Honor of Max.

-Lois Pierris

In Honor of Deb Ann Plotkin's birthday on January 24th.

-Gael Day

In Honor of Kimberly and her dedication to all animals, especially cats. Thank you, Kimberly!

-Wendy Wands

In Honor of Judith Sorensen: Thank you for your ongoing work to make this world safe for our furry compatriots!

-Judith Hill

In Memory of Bear Block, one of the greatest rescue tales ever.

-Sanford Block

In Memory of COOKIE, who provided me with so much comfort in life. We miss you and will always love you.

-Mark Canfield

In Memory of Gracie.

-Marilyn Nelson

In Honor of Mary Whaley's birthday. Happy birthday, Mary!

-Nicola & Ruskin Whaley

In Honor of Dustin and Mike. Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and all the best for the new year.

-Katherine Baird

In Memory of Osa.

-Jen Jarta

In Honor of Jan and Bob Szczechowiak, our dearest friends. Your kindnesses will never be forgotten.

-Vivian Lieb

In Honor of Kathleen Aikin. The best Christmas gift is giving to others.

-Carrie & Charlie Kahle

In Honor of Robert & Martha Nicoloff. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

-Charles Nicoloff

In Honor of Craig Hull. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! You are purrfect for me.

-Bridget Curran

In Honor of Auntie Joyce – Merry Christmas!

-Gracie Lukaczer

In Honor of Nathan Scott. Merry Christmas, Sweetheart!

-Caity Scott

In Honor of Tara Prem, to help provide care to precious animals in need. Merry Christmas!

-Ceci, Joey, Nala, and Joey

In Honor of Carolyn Jedda and for Oreol!

-Dan Jedda

In Honor of Sonja Gill-More. Merry Christmas (for Noodle)!

-Dorothy Sjaastad

In Honor of Kristina and Tuni Chilcote. We love you! Meowy Christmas!

-Heather Chilcote

In Honor of the Wilbur Onders family. Happy holidays!

-Dana Yaffee

In Memory of Gracie Cove who lived and was loved at the sanctuary.

-Betti Johnson

In Honor of Clarissa Cole. Happy birthday, Clare. Love, Mom and Dad.

-Ethel Ann Greyerbiehl

In Honor of Mary Ann Benack and our shared love of cats and kittens. Merry Christmas!

-Anonymous

In Honor of Nancy W for all she has done for so many years.

-Julian Gladstone

In Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and all the great things he did.

-Rachel Toftdahl



**Gracie
Cove**

In Honor and In Memory

In Memory of my dog Echo who was the best dog ever! He lived to be 17 ½ and he was my constant and ever present. Also, In Honor of my four cats who are all rescues: Abbey Rose (aka. Momma), Greta Ruth (aka. Sissie), Frankie Marie (aka. Girly Girl), and Humphrey Bogart (aka. Bogie & Hobart).

-Diane Telehany

In Memory of my beloved Jack "The Cat," whom I adopted from Purrfect Pals in 2009. Thank you so much for keeping him safe until I could find him.

-Emily Batalan

In Honor of David Barker and Goro. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

-Carla Boyer

In Honor of Cessa, Patch & Bender.

-Linda Hoffman

In Memory of my aunt Sharon Long, who loved cats.

-Natalie Thrower

In Memory of Ernie McGuire.

-Joan Watt

In Memory of our wonderful cat, Bryce. He was truly a perfect pal.

-Annette Mumford

It is with a very heavy heart that I inform you that Mikka, one of the world's greatest lap kitties of all time, has passed away. She lived on this earth for nearly 16.5 years (the last 6.5 with me alone). Mikka was by far the BEST KITTIE I've ever had. I've been the caretaker for several cats and kitties over my life, but Mikka stands out as being the best behaved & trained. I could leave the front door wide open and all she would do is sit patiently in the doorway, wondering when I would return and never taking one step out the door! Mikka saved my life on at least five occasions. I am an insulin-dependent Type 2 diabetic. I began to fall into a coma while I was asleep on three different occasions and she was very persistent in trying to wake me up when that happened. I've never had any animal do that for me before. I truly love and miss her immensely. May Mikka rest in peace forever.

-John Christman

In Honor of Jeanne.

-Jacalyn Robinson

In Memory of Earl & Punkin Gwin.

-Barbara Sherer

In Memory of Sonora.

-Monica Zimmerman



Mikka

In Memory of our two beloved rescue cats.

-Sheryl Rose

In Honor of Charlemagne, Tamar, and Mal.

-Colleen McDonald

Purrfect Endings

We adopted Grayson from purrfect pals in June 2016. He loves living with us and especially likes the 3 cat towers we now have (yes, he's spoiled). He's very healthy other than the vet suggesting he lose a few of his 18lbs. We're working on it.

-Tammy Nerwin



Grayson

Just wanted to send an update on my sweet Bella (aka Bonnie Bella). I adopted her October 2011 at a Petsmart in North Seattle. She took a few months to warm up to me. She is very sweet and loving. Although she's not a lap cat, she sits beside me on the couch while I pet her. I am so grateful to Purrfect Pals for my girl.

-Jenna Weatherson

Just wanted to send y'all some more photos of our beloved Gurgi (formerly Farley). His diabetes is still in remission. He had most of his teeth pulled, but it just gives him derp advantage, with his big tongue hanging out most of the time. We've had to keep trimming his fur due to the skin allergies, but all his bald spots are gone and he's looking very handsome these days. We especially love the little brown stripes on his forehead. His sister, Mab, has kidney disease and probably won't be around much longer, but he has been very forgiving of her grouchy moods and always lets her eat dinner first, the



Gurgi

gentleman! And they have both started carrying their toys up on the bed to sleep with, which I assume was his idea. Anyway, he is the best cat and his head butts and loud purr make any day better. Thank you so much for picking him for us. We spoil him rotten with window beds and all the best stuffed animals and lots and lots of snuggles.

-Emily Ivie

Purrfect Endings

Hello, do you remember me? My name is Daisy and I you took care of me until my foster mom and dad, Kelly and Jeff took me home. I was so confused when I went to live with Kelly's mom Jamie, but I am a very happy kitty now. I had my first Christmas in a long time in my very own home and I got lots of presents! I really like sleeping under the Christmas tree, too! I like having my own bed that I share with my new mom. I snore a lot and cuddle all night. Thank you for taking care of me so that I could find my forever home!

-Daisy and Jamie Brill



Daisy

This is ClaraBelle, who was known as ClaireBella when I adopted her from your Bellevue adoption center in January of 2013. I thought ClaraBelle was more fitting for her goofy, clownish purrrsonality! As you can see, she's very happy in her Fox Island home that she shares with adopted "brother" Ed-GRRRrrr (Martinez!), whom she lovingly torments daily! They both allow my husband Quinn and me to share the house! I'm so grateful to Purrfect Pals for giving sweet kitties like my ClaraBelle a second chance! Bless you all!

-Linda Healy



ClaraBelle

Everything is going extremely well with Mr. Dot! He had his check up and the vet said everything is right on track for him and they were very taken with what a lovely cat he is. We also think the same, he is great, very calm and loving. He is definitely becoming a lap cat, he loves to curl up with you or on you! He also loves to be scratched under the chin and stroked. His weight is good, so even though he still doesn't eat as much as our other kitten, Roman, he is eating enough. Mr. Dot is a great soccer player, and kicks a ball or toy around with his front paws like a

professional! He also still occasionally chases his tail! The two kittens still love to play fight and are great pals who follow each other around. We're so glad they have each other, we can see they definitely get something from each other that they wouldn't have got from just us. When Roman went to the vet clinic to be neutered, Mr. Dot was so pleased to see him come home, and appeared very concerned about him. It was lovely to see! Mr. Dot has a little dotty collar now, too.

-Jo

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