



The [almost] Weekly Meow

JANUARY 29, 2018

Recent Adoptions

**Robbie, Ling, Ding &
Zing, Quzie, Ulysses,
Patrick, Jan & Bob**

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PetValu Adopt-a-thon

Can you spare a couple hours
on **February 10th** at our
adoption event? Norwalk
PetValu is on Westport Ave
across from Stew Leonards.
We need help from 12-4pm to
bring over cats and staff our
information table.

These off-site events are a
great way to reach new
potential adopters, fosters,
donors, and volunteers!

Rasputin goes to Foster!



We are thrilled to report that Rasputin is in foster with Nancy Corbo! We sent them home with plenty of pee pads and good wishes :-). Fingers crossed it goes well. Raz will return for a short time to board with us while Nancy is out of town next month so if you missed saying goodbye you will get a chance! Stay tuned for updates!

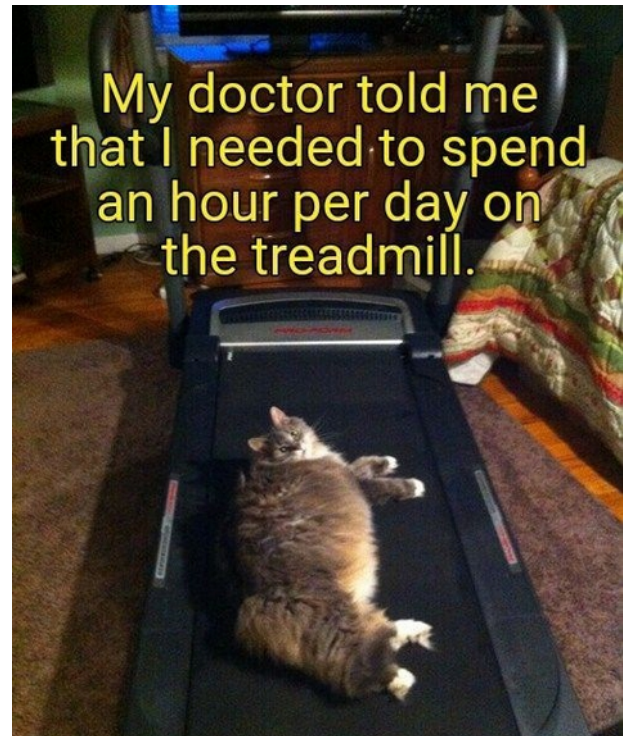
We're up to 50 adoptions for January!

Last year our adoptions for the month was just 24. Great work Team Paws! Thank you SOOO much to everyone who shows cats, processes applications, makes calls, takes references and all the many things that go into a successful adoption. Meows, Purrs, and Head Bonks to all of you!

Adopted: Ulysses!



New Year's Resolutions?



Adopted: Patrick!



Snickers Checks In



It's good to be a crazy cat guy ;-)
Male cat owners tend to be luckier in love,
as they are perceived as more sensitive.

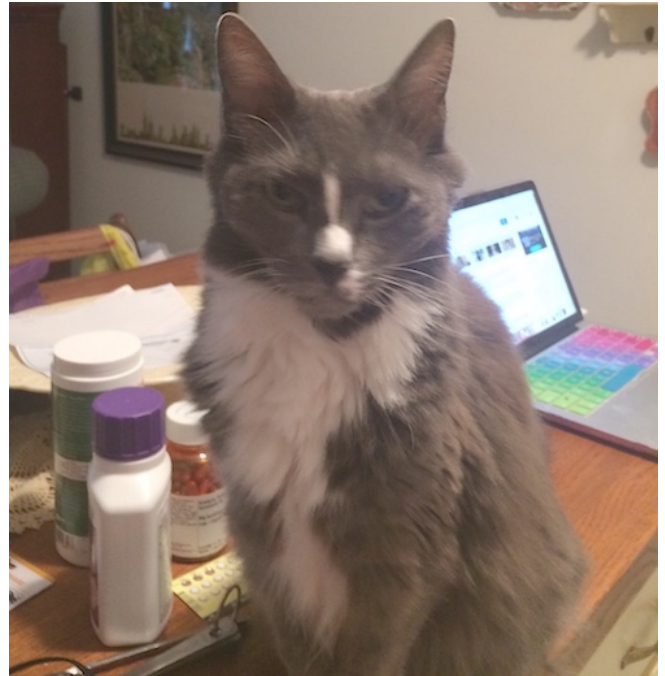
“She has been adapting well to her new home. She is getting used to having 2 dogs in the house as well. At first she was very timid around them. She and Dunkin still fight occasionally; but never anything serious. It tends to be during dinner prep, when they both get a bit anxious for food. Attached a recent picture of a typical lazy weekend morning.”

Buddy is doing great!

“I don't even KNOW where to begin with my Buddy commentary. WE LOVE EACH other! I so remember Buddy being at the shelter for four years, and at home he is an amazing kitty. He is VERY affectionate and allows me to hold him and carry him around my apartment! Although he rarely sleeps with me, he has declared many sleeping spots in the living room.

He runs the apartment with his regal attitude and loves to hold court on the love seat. He and my boyfriend have a very special bond too. In fact, I refer to it as their "bromance". A little known fact about The Bud is that he has a taste for human food even after being in the shelter for so long.

I don't feed him the food because of his pancreatic disorder, but he is present for every meal and sits on the floor using every adorable ploy for me to feed him. Unfortunately, he dislikes ANY cat treat that his diet permits. Buddy is truly happy and has found his happily ever after. I definitely recommend a senior cat! I would like to specially thank the volunteers especially Linda. When Buddy first arrived he was withdrawn, but through the years the volunteers provided Buddy with TLC and renewed his love and trust. For this I thank each and everyone who spent time with Buddy”



Middie is right at home!



“Middie is now named Ru. She is doing well, loves napping in her new bed and getting her belly rubbed! She licks her plate clean every meal, and has been exploring the house for good places to nap in. Her dog brother is very excited to have a friend and cries when he can't see her to make sure she's still there.”

Haven & Harper all grown up



“We re-named them Maple (tortie) and Chloe (tiger). They are happy and healthy and enjoy climbing up the Christmas tree and playing on the deluxe cat tree that my dad built them! They are very spoiled and get lots of cuddles every chance we get!”

One More of Haven & Harper



Momma Maple



So funny they named one girl Maple as that was their mom's name! I picked up mom and babies on (you guessed it) Maple St in Bdpt when the kittens were about 5 weeks old.

Willy doing great!



“Billy (Willy) is the love of our lives. He is such a character. He has adjusted very well and is super happy in his forever home!”

His sister was Lilly and she had to have an eye removed as a baby. These were FIV + kittens from Broad River Animal Hosp.

Meowsling (now Daisy)



“Daisy is adjusting so well to her new home. We are so in love with her.”

A Sad Farewell to Rudy

For all of you who knew and loved Rudy, I want you to know that from the moment Matt put Rudy into the carrier, Rudy never resisted in any way. Thanks to wonderful Gerry who drove us to ACP I was able to softly pet Rudy with the carrier door open until we arrived. We did not have to wait long before Dr. Weaver approached us. Rudy did not seem anxious. Dr. Weaver had such unbelievable people and cat bed-side manner. I truly believe Rudy was not in fear, and he made me feel as if he was ready.

I would like to believe that up to less than a week ago Rudy's quality of life was very good. Within the last 3 days physical signs appeared that it was time, and if it was delayed our shy man would have been very uncomfortable.

Rudy left us very peacefully. So very sad yes, but Rudy was always safe in the only home he knew, and felt loved by so many. Rudy will never be replaced in my heart, but thank God we have so many exceptional felines at PAWS that need us... or do we need them more?! Rudy, rest in peace our shy little man... never ever forgotten. *(Thank you Grace)*



Beautiful senior Phoebe Relaxing



Phoebe looks great for 17 ½ and also very happy. What a life! :-)

Why Cats “Nurse” on Clothing, Blankets and other Fabrics

- * If separated too early from their mothers
- * As a form of relaxation
- * As a demonstration of trust
- * To cope with overwhelming stress

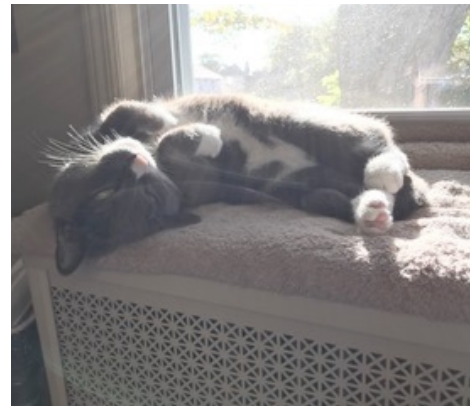
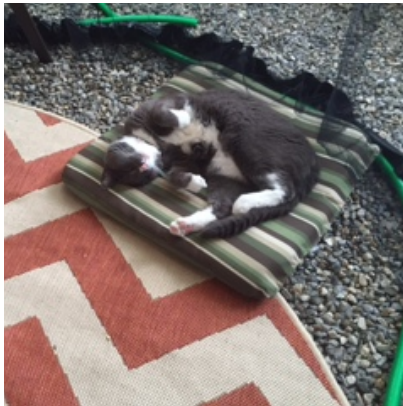
Most of the time nursing is for happy reasons but if you see other signs of stress you should investigate further.

Did You Know?

The Egyptian Mau is the oldest breed of cat. The Egyptian word for cat is "mau."

Only 11.5% of people consider themselves "cat people." Cat people are also 11% more likely to be introverted.

Remember Doodle? (He lived in my office for a month)



“Do you think he's happy? We bought a tent for summer so he could go out with us and still be safe! He's the best, follows us around, meets us at the door, sleeps with us, talks all the time, helps with everything! He's the best!”

Second Update From Fitzferal :-)

“My wife mentioned that you emailed for an update about Fitz. She told me that she provided only a little feedback, so I decided to provide my own. I'll start by saying that we are so glad we chose to bring home Fitz. He is the most loving boy and you can certainly tell he is just so thankful to have a home.

He took a few weeks to get comfortable, but once he decided to leave the bedroom and come downstairs, he had been so loving and sweet. He has the loudest and most profound purr I have ever heard and he loves to use it. He will often come and lay on my chest while I'm on the couch and just fall asleep, which is something we are not used to with our other two. While they are affectionate in their own ways, Fitz really has a way to just make you feel loved.

Our other two boys, Theodore and Hotchkiss (litter mates), that we also got from Paws, are accepting of their new brother. While Fitz is often the third wheel, he doesn't seem to mind too much because there's always pets and chin scratches to be had.

We thank you and the staff and Paws for doing what you do. When we brought Fitz home, we felt that our family was complete. We are so fortunate to have chosen to love such a sweet and loving boy. The laughs and love that all of our cats have provided us go above and beyond what we ever could have imagined. We feel truly blessed to know that they are happy and healthy and that we can continue to provide for them and give them a loving home that they deserve.”



Ely the happy housecat!

“It's going so awesome! He's always been a good cat, but he is becoming so social, loves to meet new people and get them to play with him. He loves to sit on the couch right next to the table when people are over. He runs to the door when the doorbell rings and will follow me around the house while I'm doing chores.

He doesn't like to cuddle much, mostly because he would rather be playing. We all love him so much and he is such a great cat! :) I am so happy to have adopted him!

I always show people the article about how he was a crazy cat before, but no one believes he was like that! He is so sweet and loving. Thanks so much for everything! He is perfect :)” **WOW!**



Emma (now Harley) is so happy!

“I am writing to let you know what a wonderful experience I had at PAWS this past Saturday. I came in seeking a kitten as I had just lost my cat of 18 years. Mary greeted me and guided me through meeting some great kittens sharing her knowledge of each individual cat. In addition her overall knowledge of cats, behavior, care of and much more was very impressive and I learned so much.

Mary was considerate to my wanting a kitten and to other needs I have (my Mom has cancer and is very frail) and showed a variety of cats, but her intuition in suggesting Emma as a perfect fit became 100% true from the moment she arrived home.

We have changed Emma's to Harley. She cried and was very vocal on the ride home and expecting her to not want to get out of her crate, I was shocked and thrilled when she immediately exited the crate and began her tour of her new home 1st floor rooms. Harley has really made herself at home and warms up to family members right away. She love being petted and purrs a lot! She is also a “talker” and has a really cute chirp! And she made herself a place in my bed from the first night home!

I could not be happier with my experience at PAWS from start to finish. And we are beside ourselves with how perfect Harley is for us and how much she loves it here. We will be sure to recommend you all to family and friends!”



Nina and Cleo love their new home!

“Nina and Cleo are doing great. The first day we set them up in the office/computer room. My husband got a big box, cut out a door front and back, we put a cat bed in it. They stayed in the little house (box) awhile. The first night we closed the door to the room so they could look around. The next day I left the door open in the room.

They both came out, ran all over the living room. Jumped on the couch and looked out the window. We bought a six foot cat tree that we have in the living room. Nina and Cleo were all over that. The dog pays no attention, Nina walks by the dog, no problem. Cleo makes me laugh, she walks by the dog, gives a hiss, then sits down and looks at the dog. Ginger (the dog) just lays her head down and pays no attention.



What is so cute, they know the treat bag sound. No matter where they are they come running to get their treats. We also have a little mouse that you put treats in and when they roll it around the treats come out. We give them the mouse to play with. Nina lets me hold her, pet her and then she starts purring. Cleo lets me pet her if she is in a hiding spot. When I pet her she keeps moving her head closer to me and she also starts purring. They have come a long ways in a short time. We love them, so happy we took both so they have each other plus we have both to love. Thank you for all you do for the kitties and thank you for checking up on them.”

Tipsy (now Luke) doing well



“He is the greatest sweetie and we love him dearly already.”

Reina (now Opal) is a happy girl



Cat Not Eating? 8 Reasons Why and Things to Try!

1. Make sure your cat is healthy

A cat not eating can be a sign of sickness or pain, particularly if it continues for more than one meal. If your cat misses meals for no apparent reason, it's time to call the vet. For the Paws cats, please note it in the medical issue book and/or notify a staff member if you notice that two or more meals have been missed!

2. If you're committed to a specific cat food brand, try other flavors

If you have an ethical or medical reason you need to stay with a certain brand of food, see whether it comes in other flavors. Think about trying other brands that might provide the same medical or health benefit. Your cat might find the change refreshing.

3. Heat up the cat food

If you've kept your cat's food in the refrigerator, five to 10 seconds in the microwave will heat it up to about body temperature, and the smell will become attractive to your cat. If you don't have a microwave, try mixing some warm water into the food instead.

4. Add something tasty to your cat's food

Try sprinkling your cat's food with a tempting treat like bonito flakes or cat vitamin powder. We've had good luck with forti-flora which many cats seem to like the taste of.

5. Keep your cat's dishes clean

This is especially important if your cat eats canned or raw food because germs can start growing in scraps of leftover food and cause illness. Also, cats are instinctively driven to avoid consuming putrid-smelling meat. If you use plastic dishes, replace them with metal or ceramic because they're easier to keep clean.

6. Try shallower dishes

Some cats don't like deep or narrow dishes because they constrict the whiskers. Flat-faced cats such as Persians or Himalayans should be eating from plates or shallow bowls anyway.

7. Don't mix medications in your cat's food

Be careful when grinding up a pill and putting it in food. Most are bitter and cats will refuse to eat it. Since smell and memory are strongly tied together, the cat may never eat that particular brand and flavor of food again. Some medications come in flavors that appeal to cats, but they're few and far between. Ask your vet for the best method of giving meds.

8. Choose your battles

Is it really that important to you that your cat eats just one flavor or just one brand? Even if you love pizza, you'd get sick of it if you had to eat it every day for the rest of your life. Cats need and deserve some variety in their diet, just like us.

<http://www.catster.com/lifestyle/cat-health-food-8-things-wont-eat>