



The [almost] Weekly Meow

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Recent Adoptions

Ginger, **Winnipauk** & **Cirrus** (barn home), **Emily**, **Rocky**, **Cora**, **Coruscant**, **Mona Lisa**, **Black Jack** & **Miss Kitty**, **Van Zant**, **Pukka**, **Pepper** and **Theta**
- now official!

Angel & **Hammer** are in foster-to-adopt home!

PetValu Adopt-a-thon

Thank you so much to our volunteer ambassadors who brought cats and dogs!

New & Adorable!

Bentley found his way inside a classic car garage through the exhaust fan. He was a dirty mess, and pretty sick too. He's been in foster for several weeks and doing great. He will be back in soon and already has an application to adopt!



Adopted Together: Zena & Isabelle!



Isabelle didn't want to cooperate with a cute photo but we know both these girls will be very happy in their new home, together!

Are You on Social Media? So is Paws!

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www.twitter.com/PAWSCT/

www.instagram.com/petanimalwelfaresociety/

www.linkedin.com/company/1642247/

SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 pm in the large dog playroom

Larry Feldstein from *Merck Animal Health* will be presenting: **Feline Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex** 1-hour seminar will provide a review of feline infectious disease organisms, clinical signs of upper respiratory disease, risk factors, transmission and prevalence in shelters.

Rasputin Enjoys Having a Bed!

“Thought you would get a kick out of Mr. Wonderful. Went looking for him at bedtime to put him into his room and let the Cellar Dwellers loose. Found him on my bed! Figuring it was a fluke, this morning he was trying to climb the comforter cover, aka hair catcher. He slipped off. Too bad, I thought. I walked out of the room then back in to catch him using the doggie steps! Here he is.”



Garfield - Large & In Charge!



Former Feral Serenity Doing Great!



Updates w/o photos:

“Sugar & Spice are doing great. We renamed them Branch and Poppy. Poopy the gray girl is shy but warming up nicely. Thank you for checking! They have come wonderful memebbers of our family.”

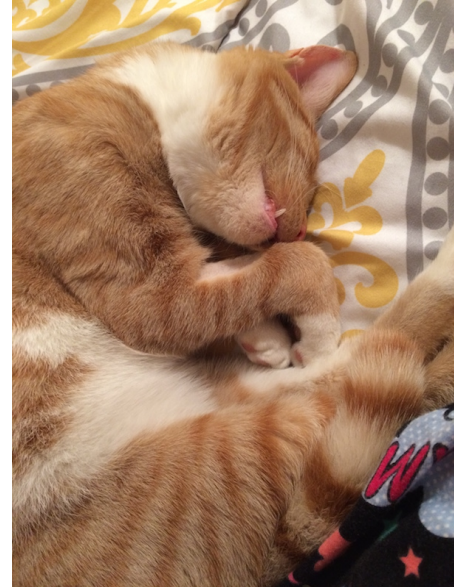
“Eva is great, having a lot of fun. She does not ever want to sleep in her kitty bed. She only wants the couch or our bed! We love her.”

“Things are going fine. The boys (formerly Ding & Zing), are now named Gino and Ollie after the two UConn basketball coaches. They're still a little skittish around humans, but are getting a little more used to us every day - especially around feeding time.”

Snaggle-tooth Patrick is doing great!



“We have learned so much about him in the past few days like his love for music and playing hide & seek. As a family member, he fits in perfectly and we all just love him. Everyone is excited to learn more about him and watch his grow. Thanks for everything!”



Emily Checks In!

“Everything is going very well with Emily and I think she's happy in her new home. I kept her in my room for the first few weeks, and she then continued to stay mostly in that room for the next 2-3 months.

In the last few months though she has become much more comfortable around the whole house and naps all over the place.




She is quite affectionate with me and is very well behaved. I have not had any issues with her at all. She is still very shy around other people and hides as soon as she hears any sign of another person.

She has been a very nice addition to my life and home and I am very happy having adopted her. I will keep you updated.”

Tramper (Huxley) Has Left Us

"I am witting to let you know that yesterday I had to let Huxley go. Last Sunday I took him to the ER for a urinary blockage, after not going to the bathroom for almost 24 hours. He eventually managed to pass the blockage and we returned home. I took him to the vet again the next day and there was no sign of any stones or crystal. So given Huxley's over-anxious nature, the vet assumed this was the cause and prescribed Prozac.

Blood and urine test however showed the beginning of elevated liver and kidney levels that did not look good for his future. Throughout the week, I had to call the vet everyday as he was either not eating or not peeing. I had to pill him and do things that made him afraid of me, and he spent his last couple of days either hiding under the bed or hiding from me. Yesterday he did not touch any of his food and did not use the box. I took him to the vet for the 3rd time this week and the vet said he needed to be hospitalized.

Given his current state after over a year of fighting to get him healthy, a list of medical issues that kept getting longer and longer, the fact that he had lost over 3 lbs in the last year most likely due to IBD, his regular pancreatitis flare up increasingly difficult to manage, and his less than ideal looking future, the vet and I made the decision that it was time to let him go. It was the hardest thing I ever had to do and it broke my heart but he passed away peacefully in my arms. Loved. I thought you should know." **RIP Huxley, we'll all miss you.** 

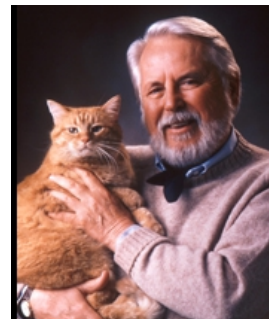
5 Important Reasons Why You Should Pet Your Cat More

Most of us don't need any more reasons but iheartcats.com does make a good case with these.

- **Communicate love.** Petting is one of the best ways that you can show kitty you love them. There's no mistaking what your caresses and scratches mean.
- **Reduce stress.** Cats make such great therapy animals. Studies have shown that petting a cat can reduce stress, anxiety, and even help lower your blood pressure.
- **Detect fleas and ticks.** When you pet your cat often you'll be more familiar with their body and coat. You'll notice if any creepy crawlers are making a meal out of your kitty.
- **Detect cuts or bumps.** You'll also notice changes in her body that may not be visible, like scratches, bumps, or patches of dry skin.
- **Detect tenderness.** Cats are masters at hiding pain, you may not even notice that your cat's left leg is feeling tender until you pet her and your touch elicits a flinch or whimper. Being clued into an injury can help you take the steps necessary (likely through a visit with your veterinarian) to manage her pain and get her on the road to healing.

We Use Ed's Invention Every Day!

Meet Edward 'Ed' Lowe (1920-1995) an American businessman and entrepreneur, noted for the invention of cat litter in 1947. Before this, people left their cats outside, using ashes, dirt, or sand as litter when it was necessary to keep them in. One day in January 1947, Mrs. Draper, Ed's neighbor in Cassopolis, Michigan, asked to borrow some sand as her sand pile was frozen. Instead of sand, Ed gave her Fuller's Earth, a mix of clay minerals capable of absorbing their weight in water. She found it worked far better than sand or ashes. An industry was born and changed the way people cared for their cats!



Theta (now Ava) Doing Great!



“Ava (formerly known as Theta) was first adopted from Paws as a kitten. Sadly, the family who adopted her had a dog, of whom Ava was terrified. From what we know, she hid in the attic for 9 months, and then the people caught her and brought her back to the shelter. Even with her sweet and gentle nature intact, Ava was (understandably) pretty skittish and shy when she came back.

Of course, that meant she wasn't exactly "showing well" to potential adopters. But as we got to know Ava again, we started thinking that maybe, just maybe, she would fit into *our* family, and be a great little sister for Gracie.

And after one month with her here as a foster kitty, we knew in our hearts that this is where she belongs. As you can see from the photos, she's gaining in confidence with each passing day. She loves lap time, playing, looking out the windows, laying in sunpuddles and running all over the house. She and sister Gracie aren't curling up together (yet), but they have touched noses, played and been super respectful of each other.”

* If you don't already follow Kevin's blog Sunday Selfies, visit: animalsheltervolunteer.blogspot.com

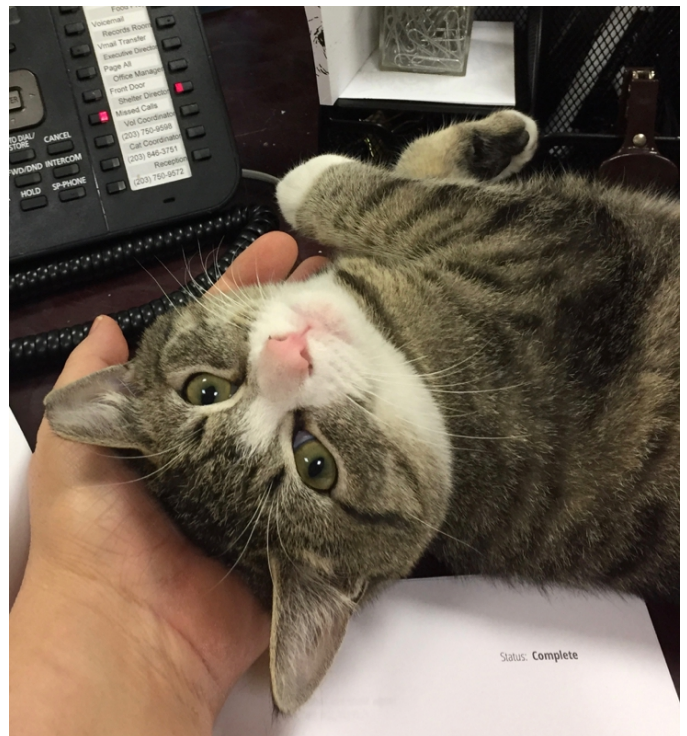
* For even more photos & stories, follow Maggie's blog Sunday at the Shelter, visit: shelter-cats.com

Blue is a Happy (Momma's) Boy!



“He is awesome! I also have 2 parakeets and I'm trying to get him used to them. He's very gentle, extremely affectionate and well behaved. We snuggle every night. He's a total lover!”

Former Feral Rocky - Adopted!



Black Jack and Miss Kitty - Adopted!



OMG There's a Hole in the Wall! And it's very popular :-)



Little Sharp is almost all grown up!



**Hi Everyone at Paws,
HAPPY VALENTINES
DAY from your friend
Swizzle. I am doing very
well and could not ask
for a better home.
XOXO!**