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Recent Adoptions

**Samson, Xara & Xanthus,
Pilot & Beluga, Narwhal,
Orca & Blue, Autumn,
Minke, Purrpy, Serenity,
Catogrigio & Selina!**

We're off to a great January!

Cat Depression

Signs, Causes & Treatment

Symptoms include

- * Not eating or overeating
- * Under or over-grooming
- * Hiding or avoiding affection
- * Aggressive behavior
- * Excessive vocalization
- * Inappropriate litter box behavior

Causes may include

- * The death of a human or animal companion
- * Not getting enough interaction
- * Changes in food or litter
- * Other household changes such as divorce, children leaving for college, a new spouse

Treatment

Spending extra time with the cat, providing new toys or beds, interactive playtime, and special treats can help. Holistic approaches such as Reiki, Tellington Touch and Feliway can be beneficial. In extreme cases, your cat's veterinarian may prescribe medication.

Read more at: Catster.com

Yes I am obsessed with the Meeting Room!



I can't help it :-) Check out Maggie's awesome painting of Boop!



Two walls painted, two to go! There's more great changes that are yet to come, stay tuned.

Adopted: Selina & Cato Griogio



More Meeting Room Updates!



Chunky is Loving his new Space!



He chased the butterfly until he killed it :-)



And he's using all the shelves in his cage including the very top one.

Updates w/o Photos

“**Pipi** is doing just fine! She is eating well and plays all the time! She also purrs a lot and loves to be held! She was a really good choice. Thank you!”

“Thanks for checking in! George (**Narwhal**) is super curious, friendly and playful. He's adjusting very well. Shiloh (**Myotis**) is still shy. She's taking her time getting to know her new environment, the noises, the people, and scents. Although she's shy, she's starting to play with George and the kids and is coming around. They are great additions to our family!”

“**Jasper** is truly amazing! Fits in perfectly with the family and great fun to have around! He has about doubled in size and is crazy for his fancy feast. We feel like he has been here the whole time and feel so grateful to have him in our lives!”

“**Samson** is doing great, we love him so much already!”

Tramper Says Hi!

“Today is one year to the day that I adopted Huxley! I wanted to update you on his health. After struggling for a year trying to figure out if what he had was IBD, some issue with his oesophagus or just really severe allergies, it looks like we have finally figured it out.

Huxley is severely allergic to all poultry, egg, soy, all legumes and fish. I only figured out the egg part a few weeks ago. Since removing this from his home-cooked diet (it was in the vitamin supplement I bought to balance his diet), he has stopped constantly licking his lips and gulping real loudly all the time and has not vomited either.

Because he has been wheezing and sneezing, the vet also thinks he has environmental allergies, but these seem to be controlled with an air purifier running during the day. He still chews at his paws, but it could be because of dust allergies. I have wall to wall carpet everywhere, so that may never go away completely, but he is doing great for now.

He’s become playful and chatty, two things I had not seen from him before. He is definitely a mama’s boy and I love him so much! Happy New Year from Huxley and I.”

“**Camille** (right) is doing great settling in just fine. She already runs the household. She’s super sweet, loves to snuggle and is so playful. She’s met both sets of grandparents now and is fine when other people come over. She has moments of skittishness and may always have them or grow out of them with time, either way is no bother to us. We love her very much and are sooo happy we adopted her!”

“**George**, now Vampire (which we stole from the bat kitties) is just awesome! Has no problems with the pups, Harambe (aka **Jack**) and him are besties already and well... Nikita is keeping her distance but thats ok, more snuggle time for me with her. My husbands son adores him. I knew he would be a perfect fit.”

Did You Know? Hearing is the strongest of a cat's senses: They can hear sounds as high as 64 kHz — compared with humans, who can hear only as high as 20 kHz. Cats can move their ears 180 degrees. They can also move their ears separately.



Chardmeoway is right at home!



Goldie Checks In



Pokenoket & Massasoit Doing Great!



“About two years ago, we adopted Goldie from you and I wanted to tell you how much we love him and how great he is doing.

He was a nervous and jumpy boy when he first go here but quickly became king of the castle and even has made friends with our neighbor’s out door cat. They watch each other through the window for hours.”

Peach and Pear Chilling Out



Updates w/o Photos

“Frank is still getting acclimated but doing well. He is co-existing with our other cat but they have not yet become friends. Everything is on track.”

“Murka is doing great! He's right at home and I love him very much! Thanks again for everything!”

“Lizzie (formerly Ximena) is doing well. She is so cute, sits on laps, rubs my legs and sleeps with me. She loves to run back and forth and play with a ball.”

“We would like to give you a report on two wonderful cats we adopted from PAWS several years ago, **Hippity** and **Hoppity**. They’re now called Salty and Pepper. And they’re about the best two things in our lives! They were, as you may remember, extremely shy and scared of humans. They were always huddled together, a mass of black and white fur all joined together, and we never could figure out which paw, tail or body-part was which cat.

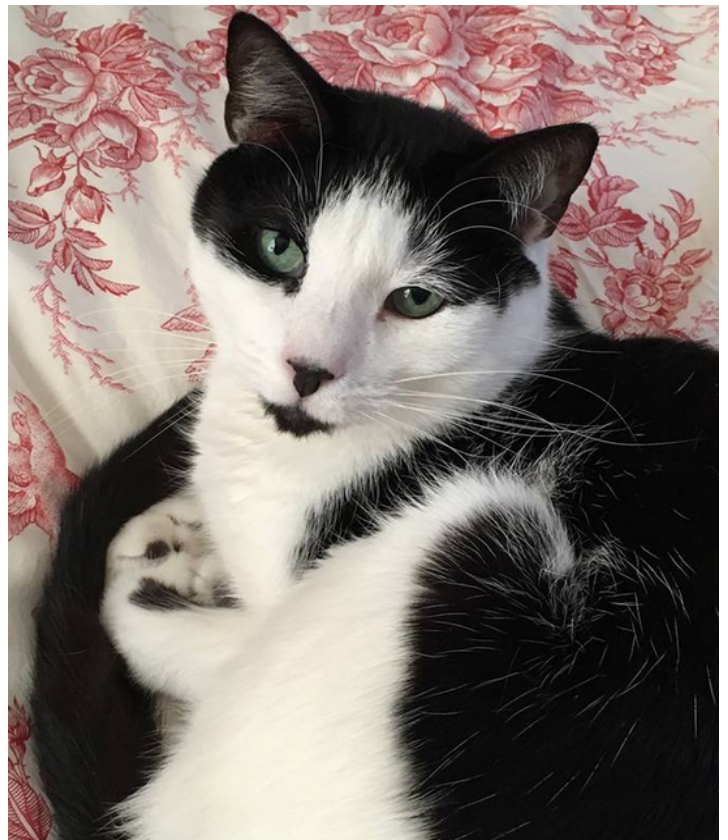


When we decided to re-name them, we named Hoppity, “Pepper” because he had more black spots on his face, while Hippity’s face was more white, so he became “Salty”. It was only much later when we started seeing them individually and un-huddled that we realized that Salty was a more overall black cat, while Pepper was a more overall white cat. So their names can be confusing to people who see them for the first time.

Knowing how scared and shy they were when we first brought them home, we decided to keep them in a limited space, our master bedroom suite, since they constantly tried to hide from us. We tried to spend as much time in that area to get them used to us, our smells and our activities—which we did—we watched TV there, did our reading and discussions there, and stayed with them as much as possible. We did this, patiently, for the better part of an entire year.

During this time, the two cats started coming out of hiding little-by-little, mostly to eat or use their litter box, still not letting either of us get near them physically. And, bit-by-bit, they became slightly less fearful, spending a little less time hiding, a little more perching in places where we could see them, and starting to watch us more while becoming slightly more at ease.

This relative improvement inspired us to think about giving them expanded access to more places in the house... so after careful consideration and planning, we opened the locked cat door from the bedroom leading out to an expanded but limited area of the house. Both Salty and Pepper keenly observed this new open door, although Pepper figured it out almost immediately, and took a walk right out the cat door into a corridor, looking around outside the door. Then he came back into the bedroom; then went in and out a few more times! Salty was staying far away from the cat door and we could see him in another area as he was watching Pepper, but he wasn’t going anywhere.



From the back of the bedroom, we were quietly watching the whole event and could see that Pepper came in and out and obviously wanted to get Salty to join him. They do most everything together! Finally after coming in and out several more times, Pepper really seemed to want to share his discovery with Salty, and with a huge surprise to us watching, he came emphatically once again into the bedroom, bumped very close to Salty and led him—pushed him, really—up to the cat door, staying right up close to Salty in an obvious herding move, going both together right out the door! We were astounded to see this! We didn't know that cats herd!

So that was the big moment at which these cats seemed to get the idea that this was a door and they had access to it. After that, they would come and go up and down stairs, in and out of places, discovering new rooms, new places and things to play with. And run and play they did, clearly LOVING it! Suddenly they became playful, very active, and independent like other normal cats! And they weren't hiding from us anymore.



These boys are sure living a great life these days!

Not long afterwards, Pepper just walked up to me and bumped me, rubbed his face against me, both sides, and I pet him back for the first time! It seemed to be his decision—and it was very sudden. Ever since, he is a hugging, rolling over, affectionate cat, wanting to bump my head over and over, so I have to keep bending down for him to bump it. Salty is not as outgoing as Pepper, and seems to prefer just watching us very closely. They have two very different personalities but are both very responsive and like to stay near us.

They definitely enjoy their expanded lifestyle to no end! They play together, run around, check everything in the house, use the different cat boxes on the different floors, know exactly where their toys are—and everything else, for that matter—and find new ones that weren't really toys. They carry toys and objects from one floor up to the bedroom, through the cat door. They do all kinds of things and are more and more fearless every day. They love the little train under the Christmas tree, knock it over once in awhile, and love to play and run all over the house.

They know their names, and come when you call them, even from another floor. They are very good at communicating with us—especially showing us what they want by going to specific areas and looking at us—such as areas where we keep the cat food treats. They clearly like to be around us, relate to us, and, now and then, they even sleep in bed with us! Hard to believe! Without a doubt they're extremely intelligent and very, very personable! The joy they bring to us—and all of our friends and relatives who love to hear about them—is immeasurable and profound.

We often think back at our adoption of these two guys at PAWS, and realize how we both felt when we came to adopt two cats after our elderly cat, Spunky died. We really didn't want to see all of the “happy-go-lucky” cats who were corrigible and would probably land good adoptions. Neither of us have ever had the psychological ability to “pick” a cat who needed a home. We always found it much less emotional to try to adopt one that most needed a home. And my husband relates that when he learned that Hippy and Hoppity were in the shelter for five years, he said that it was “over” in his mind. He didn't care about their personalities; they simply had to come home with us. Thank you, PAWS for saving these two wonderful creatures for us!”

Purrcy is doing great!

“I’ve changed her name to Abby. She follows me everywhere and is enjoying her new home so far.”



Robbie enjoyed his first holiday!



Nova doing great!



The stats are in! Last year we adopted out 494 cats and kittens. A huge Thank You to all of you who played a part!

“He is really making himself at home! Helping for Christmas is really tiring him out! Happy Holiday to you and everyone at PAWS!”