



The (almost) Weekly Meow

Recent Adoptions!

**Faith, Charlie, Pippa,
Buttercup, Cuppa,
Maggie, Peppermint
Patty & Twix, and Kit Kat!**

Did you have a chance to meet either of these great cats? They were at Paws only 6 days!

FAITH



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Theodore (now Coby) Doing Great!



We were sad to learn that **Eric Spiller**, who worked at PAWS on the cat staff several years ago, died unexpectedly last week.

“It was obvious that Eric loved the cats and that they loved him back. He loved to snuggle with Buggy, who was quite the angry kitty. Buggy never turned down a hug from Eric. When Chunky was returned to PAWS for the second time, he was one pissed off guy! Most people tiptoed gingerly around him, as he was in a sheet covered crate in the Med Room. Not Eric! He would sit on the floor and talk to Chunky in the kindest way. Eric had to leave us to help out with the family business, but we always hoped that he would come back at some point. Eric came to PAWS to visit with Tori on many Sundays and always donned a scrub top and helped out with anything that needed to be done. He was a kind and caring soul, and a very good friend. We will miss him very much.”

Thank you Kathleen W.

Help Wanted!

Adoption Follow Up Emailer / Caller

We all love seeing the wonderful photos of our cats and kittens enjoying their new home! Many adopters are quick to send follow-ups and pictures right away, but, the majority of people are very busy and don't contact us without a little nudging. Like an email that says "Hi, how are things going?"

I've done my best at keeping up with this but a few adopters always fall through the cracks, especially if the email sent bounces back, probably because we couldn't read their writing. I don't have time to followup by phone to get an update on the kitty, and to ask for their correct email address.

With an increase in adoptions, comes an increase in followups needed, as well as responses needed to emails and phone calls from adopters with questions and concerns about their new family member. Usually it's newly adopted pets, but sometimes we get calls from people who have adopted months or even years ago.

With the huge number of calls and emails about *intakes*, I am buried in phone calls and emails with little time for the current cats.

I need your help!

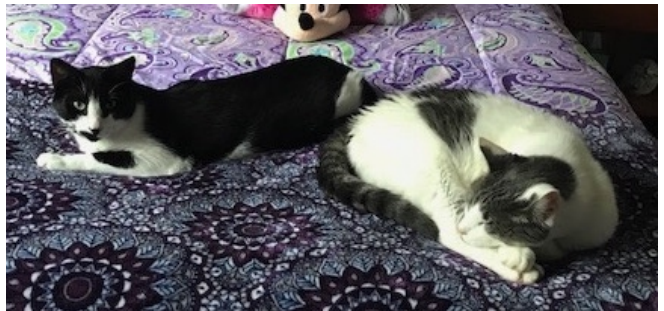
Emails and/or calls can be done from Paws or from home. I can export weekly adoptions into an Excel file, and you can work from that. Usually an email is enough but once in awhile there may be calls as well. Followups are a great way to catch small problems before they become big problems and the cat is returned. This job should be no more than 2-3 hours per week. **Thank You!**

Please email: Cats@pawsct.org if you are able to help :)

Adopted: Roxy!



Looks like a great match! Follow-up is needed. Who wants to email this nice lady and ask how Roxy is doing?!



“Although our Coby (**Theodore**) has heart problems that we are handling the best we can, we still are giving him the best possible life. He loves us just as we love him! He’s so playful and made a great friend for our older kitty Winks. Unfortunately Winks passed away suddenly and we would like to get a new friend for Coby if we find the right kitty.”

*Maggie went home with them Wednesday!
Let's hope Coby likes his new lady friend :-)*

Tomas (Thomas) is doing well

this fall season, staying nice and warm!
“He’s the love of our life.” Awww!



So is Patch!!!

He loves his kitty friend Izzy and follows her around. He loves to be brushed and petted.



“Zatz is adjusting really well! She seemed to want to explore relatively early after keeping her in the bathroom and then my room. She’s been such a good girl and using the litter box and sitting on any lap she can find. She loves her cat tv video! Thanks for checking in and for being so accommodating last Saturday, it was a great experience adopting!”



Thank You Volunteers!

On November 8th from 1-4 pm, Paws will be offering **free** 10 minute chair massages to our volunteers, thanks to the therapists from *Norwalk Sports and Spine*. Please contact Lisa D at LisaD@pawsct.org if you would like to come by for a very much deserved massage!

Naila is doing great!



“Just letting you know how much Naila loves her new home and how she is the absolute love of our life! The day we brought her home she did nothing but lick us! She’s still sassy, but she’s perfect. Thank you so much for bringing us together.”

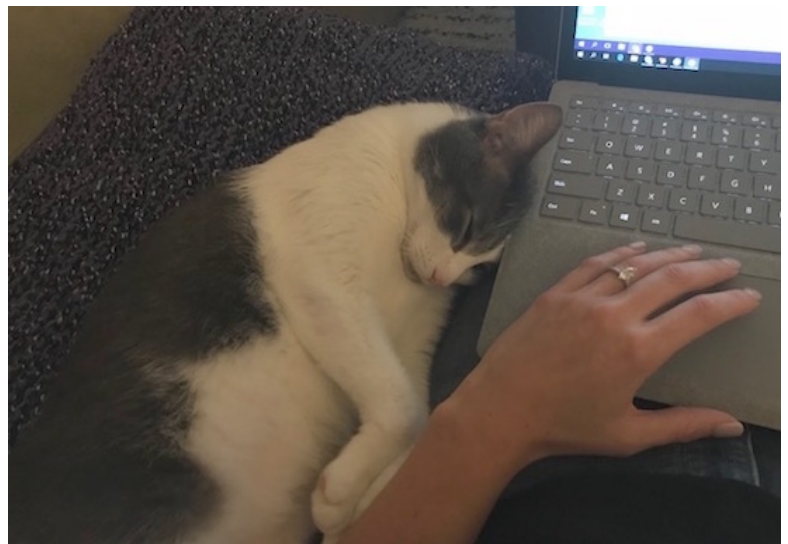
Look how cute Jacob is!

Photo from his foster home where he made friends with their dog.



Jacob is being adopted by the electrician who's helping us with the Lobby 2 window!

So is Bonet, now Beau!



“I wanted to reach out and let you know that Beau (formerly Bonet) is doing great so far! He is not destructive, is using the litter box and is super cuddly! He is helping me get through the 10 days while my fiancé is in Europe.

Thank you for all of your help, this has been such a great experience so far and you really helped ease my nerves when I was taking him home - here are some photos of Beau in his new home.”

Charlie is another kitty you might not have gotten to meet before his adoption :) He's doing great in his new home!



Remember the Taco Bell Kittens?
Churro & Naked Chalupa (now Dash)
are doing great!



Five Tips for Calming An Anxious Kitty, Naturally

Stress isn't good for humans or pets, but whatever the reason for your cat's anxiety, it can often be easily relieved. You can help your cat relax without medication, at home, and in natural ways.

Music - Research has shown that when cats listen to classical music during surgery they experience slower, calmer breathing and less pupil dilation.

Playtime - You can distract kitty's anxious mind by grabbing his favorite toy and giving him something else to focus on, even if only for a little while.

Hiding Spots - A cat's love of hiding spots is born from his most basic instincts, from a time when cats had more natural predators. Providing cozy places where he can come and go freely will make him feel safe and secure, whether there are actual predators around or not.

Massage - Feline massage has been shown to reduce stress and provide relief for an anxious cat - the same effect it often has on anxious humans! It also gives you time to interact with them, which your cat will enjoy.

Scent - Do you ever find your kitty happily curled up in your laundry basket? You, his person, the one who feeds and protects him, provide a sense of security for your cat. You can ease your cat's anxiety by laying out garments that smell like you so your kitty can feel like you're there even if you're not.

From iHeartCats.com

You're Invited!

We will be having a sweet remembrance ceremony on Saturday, November 3rd at 12 noon at our PAWS Memorial Garden. If our lot is full, please feel free to park at the Courtyard Marriot next door.

More Help Wanted!

Adoption Packet Putter-Together-er

We try to send home a nice adoption packet of info with every cat or kitten. The packet includes a Home Again microchip pamphlet, sheets about declawing, food choices, how to clip nails, introducing your new cat to other cats, dogs, and kids, a welcome letter and much more.

Making the packets is not difficult, it basically involves a lot of photo copying, collating, a little bit of stapling and folding. It can be a bit of a time drain though and I spend 30-60 minutes on this weekly. I would much rather be socializing with the cats during this time :-)

If anyone can help out with this I'm happy to provide training and there's always a packet already made up to use as a reference.

Thank You!

Please email: Cats@pawsct.org if you are able to help :)



The Lobby 2 Window is Coming!



Good News: We are getting a big window for a second cat show room in our lobby!

Bad News: We discovered an electrical line in the wall which required us to hire an electrician, putting us a bit over budget and a day behind.

Good News: The electrician came, did the work promptly, and adopted a kitten!

If you would like to donate towards our Habitat for Cats Fund, you can give online at www.pawsct.org/donate or drop cash or a check into the donation jar on the front desk. Purrs!



Thank you to everyone, for all you do to help our cats! Socializing, daily care, adoptions, making great spaces for the kitties - it's all appreciated and makes a big difference in the lives of our cats! Purrs!