



Holiday 2019

Dear Friend of the Pet Paw-See,



In this season of joyous giving, we thank all of our volunteers, foster families and donors for the much-needed gifts of time, compassion, and funds they give throughout the year for the care of the abandoned and abused felines in our community. Many thanks also to the generous people who open their hearts and their homes to give these pets the loving homes they deserve.

Lola survived last year's brutal winter.

Her beautiful eyes and sweet personality hide the trauma this precious kitty has been through. While the Pet Paw-see has been able to piece together portions of her difficult life, there are still large periods of time that are known only to her. She went to live with her first person as a kitten and enjoyed the good life until her adopter found himself a girlfriend. Then it was out the door for little Lola where she was sent to fend for herself. The outdoors can be a scary place for an adult cat, but for a kitten, it is a nightmare. A cat shelter was provided for Lola during the cold months and some kind neighborhood people allowed her to live in their garage, but nothing beats a nice warm house and loving family when it is snowing and the temperature is below zero.

Poor Lola was forced to live the life of a vagabond for many years until she found herself in a new location far from her original home. She was freezing and near death last winter when some guardian angels heard her crying for help under a car in the parking lot of the Great Falls Clinic. They placed a box underneath the car in the hopes they could catch her and get her help. Lola was shaking, crying, and in a lot of pain as she crawled into the box. Her kind "angels" contacted the Pet Paw-see and she was rushed to a vet clinic for needed medical care. Extremely thin and in very bad condition, most of her beautiful tail was so badly frostbitten it had to be removed. The tips of her ears sloughed off. Her back also had severe frostbite and needed lots of time and TLC to heal.

Lola is an older kitty with a gentle disposition who soaked up the love she got from her Pet Paw-see foster family and other volunteers. It took a while, but we finally found her a purrfect home where she will never have to worry about how to survive in the cold weather. She's safe and warm, with plenty of healthy food. Lola now lives where she can watch the snow fall outside the window while she nestles cozily next to her forever owner.



We've already had below-zero temps this fall and there are so many cats enduring another winter outside. Please help us help them.



Lola's tail was so badly frostbitten that it could not be saved and had to be amputated. The tips of her ears were lost to frostbite also. In the photo above, you can also see how emaciated she was. Thanks to a loving foster home, her body and spirit healed. And when the stars aligned, the right person stepped forward to give Lola the safe and loving indoor home for the rest of her days.



Thank you for helping me!



These are some of our fabulous, dedicated volunteers. Join us and learn how rewarding it can be to help save lives.

Volunteers: **The Heart and Soul** of the Pet Paw-see!

Our non-profit group has been lucky enough to have a core of dedicated, hard-working people who have a passion for our mission of helping unwanted, homeless, and injured cats and kittens.

We have no paid positions and are entirely volunteer-run.

Our volunteers do a variety of important tasks: fostering, cleaning habitats, working at adoption events, driving cats to their medical appointments, fundraising, and updating our website and Facebook pages.

Since our incorporation in 2008, the Pet Paw-see has helped hundreds of animals find their furrever homes. All of these success stories are due to our wonderful volunteers and you can be a part of this valuable community. **We are always on the lookout for more animal-loving friends who would enjoy diving into the world of feline rescue.** Sure, it can be a lot of work, but the rewards are immeasurable. There is nothing that makes our aches and pains disappear more quickly than watching what was a neglected, scared kitty now purring in the arms of his or her newly adopted person. It is hard to put into words how great that feels! It is what gives us the strength to continue to give our time and energy to help just one more.

Would you like to become a part of this great group of people, making a difference in our community for cats and kittens in need? We would love to meet you and could use your talents and gifts. Stop in at either Petco or Petsmart any Saturday afternoon during our adoption events and join us in our passion helping more of our feline friends. No chore is too small or unimportant if it helps another cat or kitten find a safe loving home.

The Pet Paw-see Board of Directors loves our volunteers and extends its heartfelt thanks to each volunteer for the hard work and loving dedication it takes to make our rescue group successful. The hundreds of animals we have helped over the last decade are grateful for your efforts.

A Foster Mom's Story 🐾

Pet Paw-see foster mom Vicki Blom tells the story of a little brown kitten she helped this year. "We first met Sawyer Brown on August 3, 2019. He had been brought to Big Sky Animal Medical Center after he was found in a farm field with a broken leg. He'd had one surgery on his leg and would subsequently need two more. Through all this, he was the most patient, best-mannered little guy.

Beautiful inside and out, he's been the best addition to our home. He's just the kind of cat to have in a foster home for kittens. He loves the new little ones and can't wait to get his paws on them. We can never say enough about what Pet Paw-see has done for this lucky boy and so many others."

The Pet Paw-see has covered nearly \$6,000 in medical costs for Sawyer. We thank Vicki for seeing him through his three surgeries and then deciding to give this sweet boy a loving, forever home.



Best Buddies ❤️ Duranti and Nocoda

Duranti and Nocoda, two beautiful senior kitties suddenly found themselves homeless when their owner passed away unexpectedly.



Getting two cats re-homed after a lifetime in a familiar place is very difficult. Luckily they were taken in by the Pet Paw-see and were placed in one of our boarding facilities where Sylvia, a clinic tech, showed the handsome duo to a feline fancier who fell in love at first purr. Kris Warburg adopted them and describes their life together.

“They groom each other every night and are very clearly each other’s family. They are incredibly spoiled and have found not one person that loves on them, but two.

My brother watches over them when I travel (I travel for work), and he loves them very much. In fact, they both sleep with him nightly.

We have what we call a “busy hand” rule in the house—the cats make sure to let us know that if we aren’t cooking/working and using both hands, those hands must be on them, giving them attention. Mister (what we call Duranti) will pat at my brother’s face to wake him up promptly at 4am for breakfast. Mister, has NO snooze button apparently. And little Miss (Nocoda) is not only bonded with Mister, but incredibly fond of my brother. The second he sits down, she is by his side, hugging his arm and purring away.

We are so incredibly lucky to have found these two kitties and feel like we won the lottery. They are both characters. They love to play with us and each other, they know they are safe, and they enrich our lives. I can’t imagine them not living together. They are very important to each other and we are blessed to see them snuggle and play. We consider them family and will always advocate for bonded pair pets.”

Duranti and Nocoda’s story shows how critical it is to plan for what happens to our pets when we are no longer able to care for them. Sadly, bonded pets can’t always be adopted together. Talk to friends and family about your wishes for your pets so they are not suddenly left homeless and brought to a shelter or, as it happens far too often, abandoned to fend for themselves.

The Pet Paw-see gets many calls from family or friends of people who have passed away or gone to live in assisted care. As much as we want to, we can’t always take the animals into our program. **Having a good plan for their welfare is the final gift of love you can give your beloved pets.**



It’s Raining Kittens!

Almost every day we get calls asking for us to take in another litter of kittens. Most are litters from feral cats or stray cats that been dumped outside, homeless and abandoned. According to the Humane Society of the United States, only about two percent of the 30 to 40 million community (feral and stray) cats have been spayed or neutered. So, 98% of these outdoor cats produce around 80% of the kittens born in the U.S. each year. Those numbers match up locally, since almost all kittens we get calls about have been found outside or in a barn.

Our foster homes are often overflowing with these precious babies. Sometimes a foster mom or dad is caring for two or three litters of kittens at the same time!

If you want to make a real impact, please consider fostering. With more available foster moms and dads, we could save more babies from a very difficult and typically short outdoor life. It’s not easy work, but it can also be fun and very gratifying.

Kitten Lives Are Saved Thanks to Fostering



Juliette was discovered with her leg pinned under a wood pallet behind a service station. We later discovered her siblings living nearby and humanely trapped them. Their feral mom was spayed. Four of these kittens are available for adoption.



Garfield was one of three babies that needed round-the-clock bottle feedings this year. They’re doing great thanks to a diligent foster mom!

SPECIAL NEEDS



Isabelle



Annabelle



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Isabelle and Annabelle are two one-year old cats who have feline herpes and are available to a loving home who understands their medical needs. You can find their stories and information on feline herpes on our website under special needs cats. These lovely girls are as sweet as can be!

From January through October 30, thanks to people like you, we took in 61 cats and 88 kittens and gave them needed medical care. We found adoptive homes for 77 cats and 70 kittens. 45 felines are awaiting their furever homes. Sadly, one cat and three kittens died and 14 cats were compassionately euthanized in the arms of a Pet Paw-see volunteer.

We are so grateful to our foster families for the love and care they provide these cats in need. Dedicated foster moms and dads make our work possible.

If you'd like to try fostering, please call us. When we don't have enough foster homes, we pay for kenneling at various clinics and boarding facilities. It is so much healthier for a cat or kitten to spend their foster time in a loving home. Every day, we get phone calls about cats and litters of kittens.

Every month, we must turn away 40-50 of these felines in need. It's heartbreaking.
Our boarding costs will top \$15,000 by year-end.

Could you help us save more cats? Our largest expense is veterinary care.

In addition to emergency services, disease testing, vaccinations, worming, ear mite treatments, and spay/neuter surgeries all add up! Every pet saved costs \$225 in basic care, on average. Some cost much, much more. We truly need your help!

By year-end, our vet bills will add up to more than \$74,000.

If you can't give financially, please consider volunteering!

During the holiday season we are filled with gratitude. Because of folks like you, many feral-born kittens aren't cold and hungry ... they're in warm, cozy homes with loving pet parents. **We are so thankful for your past support and wish you the blessings of the season.**

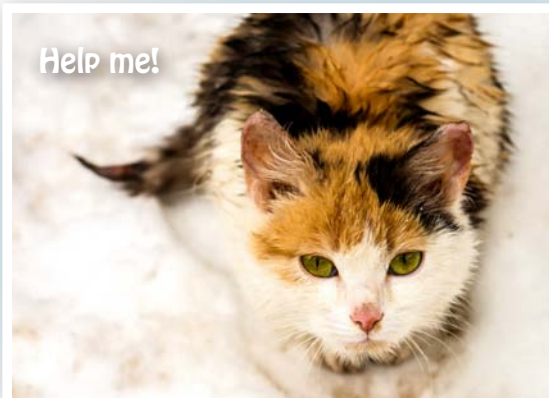
For the animals,

A stylized blue ink signature of Leslie Raynes.

Leslie Raynes,
Pet Paw-see Founder

For more information, please
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SPECIAL NEEDS



Chilly

Chilly has FIV. She isn't showing any symptoms and may not for years. Read her full story and how to care for an FIV cat on our website. Chilly is extremely loving and confident.

I'M AT PETSMART!



Daphne

Daphne was found very pregnant on a roadside in March 2019. She gave birth to her kittens, was a good mom, and now she's ready for love!

It's a cold, cold world.

Your thoughtful gift of \$15, \$25, \$50, or more could help us save abandoned and neglected cats trying to survive terrible winter conditions. You can be their hero.

With your generosity, we can help homeless and abandoned cats. They are depending on us!