

Holiday 2022

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.



It's true, good things take time.

Just ask Apricat. This handsome yellow tabby was found living on the streets. He didn't have a home. No food, no shelter.

Nobody to look out for him. We took him in, knowing that this charming and affectionate kitty would soon catch the eyes of the right person and he would find his furever home. And so, after getting neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped, Apricat was shown at our weekend adoptathons. He waited patiently for his special someone to take notice of him. And he waited. And, yes, he waited some more. *Apricat was available for adoption for a year and five months.* But the thing is, when life finally works out, the wait is worth it. Apricat captured the heart of Demi, a young woman who soon became his new pet parent. Apricat had found his person, the person who would look out for him when nobody else had. We are so happy for them both!

Reflecting on this past year, it is remarkable just how many cats we have been able to help thanks to all of our volunteers, our foster families, to those who have adopted from us, and to everyone who has generously donated to the Pet Paw-see. And yet, there are so many more cats that need our help. It can feel sometimes that we're not making any progress, that the homeless feline population is simply too high to keep up with. But, of course, we are making progress.

Apricat waited so patiently, so long for his new home, and he taught us that even when a situation seems bleak, we must never lose hope. Good things take time.



**Thank you for
adopting me, Demi!**

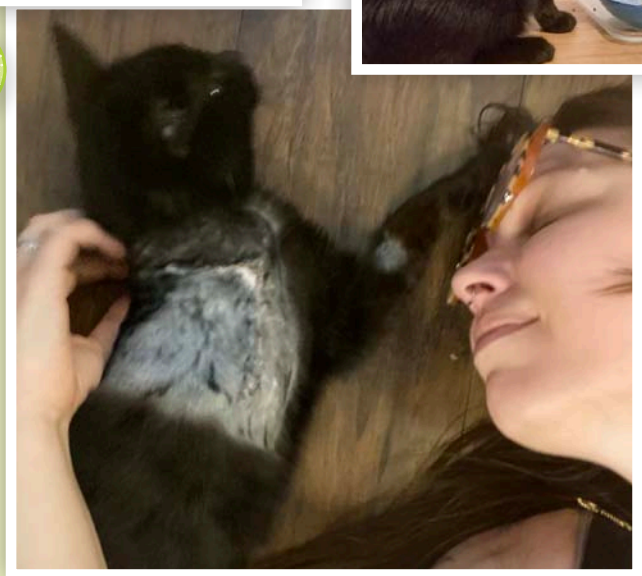


We can't look away.

Sometimes, the animals who come into our care have had to endure the unimaginable. Radar was thrown out of a moving vehicle. It's hard to say what would have happened if nobody had intervened. Thankfully, someone saw this act of cruelty and stopped to scoop up this little guy and then called us to help. We were able to get him some much-needed medical care. Sadly, one of his legs required amputation. It did take some time, but eventually he recovered from his surgery and healed from his injuries. And you know, despite losing his leg, Radar is healthy and happy and just a total love bug with his new adoptive mom and dad. This adorable boy gets plenty of snuggles and lives safely indoors.

We do everything we can as a feline rescue organization, but it truly takes a whole community to make a difference. **Without the person who stopped to call us, we would not have been able to help Radar.** And that is often the case with most situations—an individual is concerned and, instead of turning away, they call the Pet Paw-see for assistance. We can only make a difference when we are all in this together. And we are grateful to be part of a community whose concern for the wellbeing of all animals makes rescue groups like ours possible.

Let's continue to keep an eye out for cats like Radar. We can do so much more when we work together.



Mothers in dire need

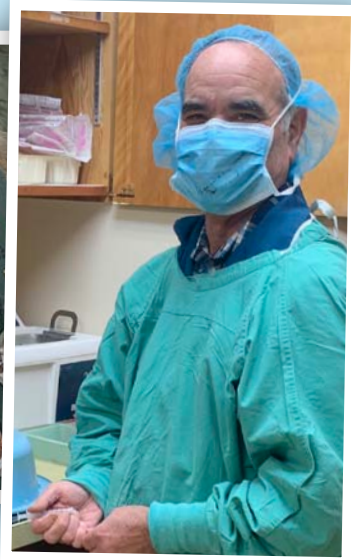
Moira was living outdoors near a rural property. She was pregnant and struggling with the birthing process. Moira had given birth to one kitten but was in trouble when we received a call for help. We took in this sweet two-year-old kitty with beautiful golden eyes and got her the medical care she needed. Moira was having difficulty delivering the other two kittens she was carrying and so, a Cesarean section (C-section) was required. It is a rare procedure for cats, but this proved to be one of those times when it was medically necessary.

Moira made it safely through the procedure but out of her three kittens, only one survived. Feline rescue can, at times, be heartbreaking, and this was one of those situations that truly broke our hearts. This year ended up being a difficult one because, in addition to Moira, we received two other calls about cats who were also struggling with the birthing process and needed immediate medical care. All three of these momma cats had to undergo C-sections. Between Moira, Rascal, and Lulu, there were thirteen kittens. Sadly, it was only Moira's one kitten, Godiva, who survived.



Thankfully, Moira and Godiva are now living safe and happy lives indoors and it warms our hearts to know how much they are loved by their adoptive family. From such a difficult beginning, this young outdoor momma cat has blossomed into an affectionate feline companion.

While things did turn out okay for Moira, her unfortunate medical crisis could have been avoided. Moira's story is a reminder of the importance of spaying and neutering. All three of these cats were suffering from birthing complications, almost all of the kittens did not survive, and the medical bills stacked up. This is the result of unaltered cats. *Read the next article to learn how you can help!*



We can **FIX** this!

No matter how many cats we rescue every year, we cannot even begin to fulfil our mission if the homeless cat population is multiplying faster than our rescue operation can handle. By spaying and neutering, our community will have fewer unwanted cats, and the cats themselves will live longer, healthier, and happier lives. This is a truly vital component of feline rescue.

And that's why we are proud to announce that we recently began monthly spay/neuter clinics for low-income pet parents in partnership with Dr. Tim Gilligan at Animal Medical Clinic. The procedure is offered at a significantly reduced rate of \$40. We've had a strong response to these clinics and they are now booked months ahead. Dr. Gilligan will be fixing twenty cats at each of these clinics, making a significant contribution towards our goal of decreasing the number of homeless and unwanted felines in our city.

It is only through your support that we can continue offering these clinics and make a positive impact in our community.

Please support our clinics with your year-end donation!

Your business can receive marketing benefits with sponsorship of a monthly clinic:

- * Your business logo and name will be prominently displayed in a pinned Facebook post during the month you are sponsoring.
- * An 11x17 poster displaying your business logo/name will be displayed at our adoption events at Petsmart and Petco, held most Saturdays from 12-3pm.
- * Radio spots about the clinics will include your business name. We will thank you for supporting our community by helping low-income families and curbing the number of homeless cats and kittens.

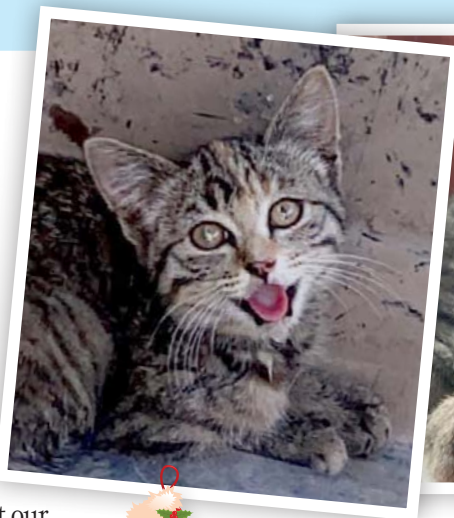


With your support, we can save lives, improve neighborhoods, and help families.



Hitching a ride

Nobody knew that this cute little kitten had crawled up underneath a car. That's how she earned the name Stowaway. She suddenly found herself going for a ride. Thankfully, she was not hurt. And when she was discovered, we were called to take her in. While we do partner with some wonderful boarding facilities and have some of our cats at PetSmart and Petco, we simply could not help all of these animals without our foster families. Pam Guschausky welcomed three-month-old Stowaway into her home and this timid little kitten has now blossomed into an affectionate and playful girl. She's happiest when she gets to snuggle with her foster mom and take a nap in her lap. And with her feline foster brothers and sisters, Stowaway simply rules the roost, chasing and roughhousing with them every single chance she gets. Stowaway is still waiting for that right person to come along and welcome her into her furever home.



But until then, we are grateful to have our volunteer foster parents who open their hearts and their homes to so many of the cats in our care, providing a safe, stable, and loving environment, especially for kittens and sick or injured adult cats while they wait for their perfect match. Sure, it is work and it is a commitment that requires dedication, but it is always worth it. ***If you are interested in becoming a foster parent for kitties like Stowaway, please don't hesitate to get involved. It can make all the difference in the world.***



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Oh, what a year it's been! We've been overwhelmed by the calls about litters of kittens, owner returns, and stray cats. As of November 7, we had taken in 163 cats and kittens.

In addition to the routine spay/neuters, shots, and microchips, many of our cats needed additional medical care such as amputations, critical care after accidents, and this year's three C-sections, resulting in **vet costs of \$113,591!** Due to the increased influx of cats and the limited number of foster homes, we have to put many in boarding. Even though we are blessed to partner with great boarding facilities, it still gets pricey, with **our year's boarding costs totaling \$44,697.** We are now housing cats at Petco again and are grateful for the dedicated volunteers who clean there daily, making this possible.

In spite of these challenges, we continued to persevere. **We found adoptive homes for 59 cats and 67 kittens!** We were also able to resume adopt-a-thons at PetSmart and Petco, which have undoubtedly helped us to get our wonderful cats out in the public eye and adopted.

No matter what we face in the upcoming year, we are determined to continue making a difference, one cat at a time. It is through the support of our generous community that we are able to continue our life-saving efforts. We truly appreciate every donation, big and small, because every penny helps cats and kittens live better lives.

Whatever way you choose to support us—whether by adopting, fostering, volunteering, donating, or selecting us as your Amazon Smile charity, we thank you and wish you the blessings of the season this holiday.

For the animals,

Leslie Raynes,
Pet Paw-see Founder



We are so grateful for the financial support we have received since our inception. Without that support we couldn't continue helping the many cats and kittens that come our way. There are so many ways that you can help. Let us count the ways:

A direct gift; cash, check, or online. This is a tax-deductible gift and could include sponsorship of a particular cat or kitten, sponsorship of our monthly spay/neuter program, or simply a general donation.

A gift of cat food or supplies. If these items are purchased new they are tax deductible as out of pocket expenses but keep your receipt.

If you are age 70½ or older, a direct gift from your IRA is a great option for many people. This is especially helpful now that many people do not itemize due to the higher standard deduction available.

Donating to a donor advised fund is another option that is quite popular as it gives the donor control as to where the charitable dollars go annually, but no other complexities to deal with as with some other types of gifts.

Montana offers a tax credit for certain planned gifts. This is a great option as credits are more valuable than a deduction. There are added complexities with these gifts. Please discuss with your tax advisor if this is something to explore.

Estate planning is always a great way to maintain current control of your assets during your lifetime, while directing where they will ultimately go. This can be as simple as a bequest of a certain amount or designating us as a beneficiary on an account.

Last but not least, volunteers are always needed. Whether volunteers foster, give love and attention to kitties in boarding, or clean kennels, all are appreciated so much!

Please help us continue our mission. The kitties are all so grateful and so are we!

Two kittens with cerebellar hypoplasia are in need of special homes!



Pixel

Read more about Mara and Pixel:
petpaw-see.com

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