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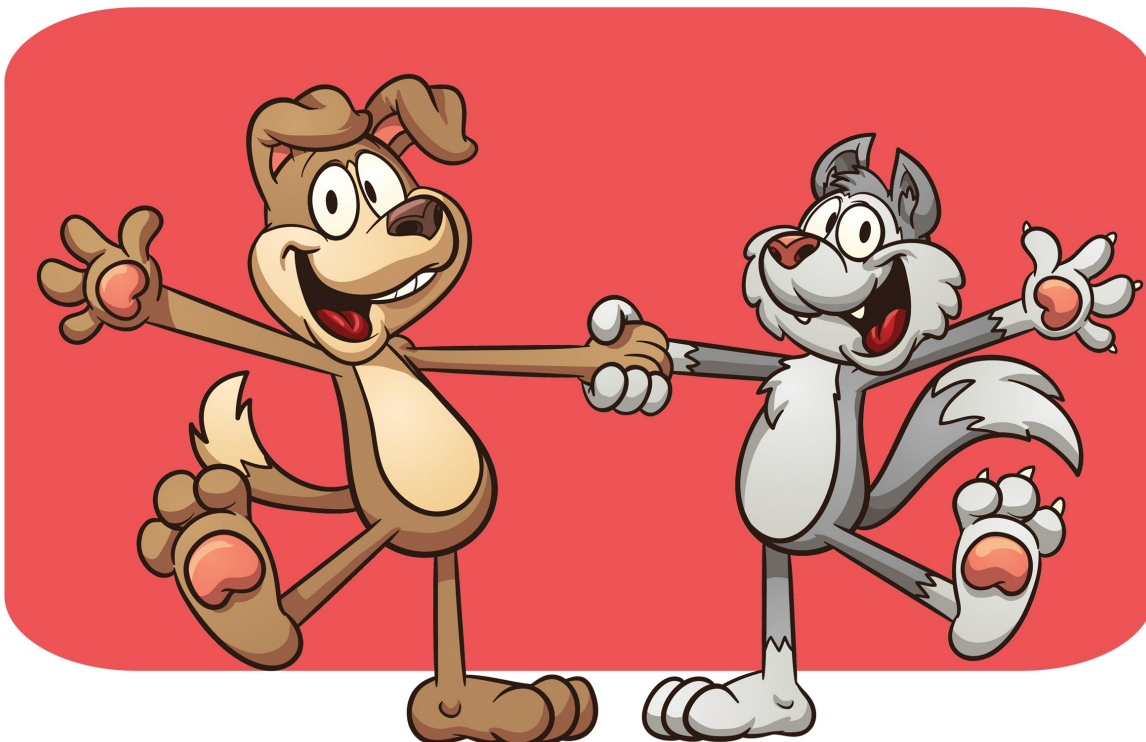
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Humane Education ~ Cruelty Prevention ~ Rescue

Trap - Neuter - Return

Adopt, Don't Shop!



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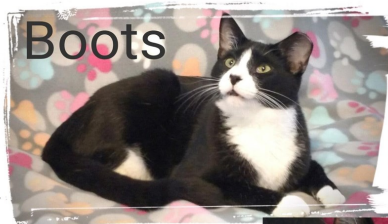
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ADOPTIONS

We actively prepare kitties to be adopted into forever homes. Some, like tiny infant bottle-fed babies, need initial round-the-clock care from our dedicated volunteers and fosters until they are ready for the next step in their journey - final veterinary exam, neutering and shots. When ready, they unite with their new human pals through our adoption process. We actively seek adopters, hold adoption clinics and run a Petfinder service to match cats and people. We operate a kitty nursery and a playroom to care for and socialize the animals.

SEE US FIRST FOR ADOPTING!!!

CauseforPawsCares.org/adopt



Nancy

Boots

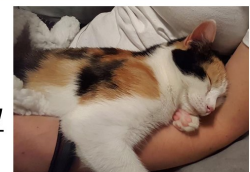
Raz and Remi

Rocky

Rusty

Smokey

Tommy and Tillie



Sleeping in new owner's arm. What a blessing for both!

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WE ARE EVERYWHERE

In November, Connie Carter, founder and president of Cause for Paws Cares, Inc., gave a presentation during the Prince George's County Philharmonic event on the critical need for animal funding and adoptions. The audience as well as the orchestra were attentive during the talk. Many people don't realize the benefits of addressing overpopulation of ferals. This was a good opportunity to present information and educate the public. **Adopt, don't shop** is a theme for Cause for Paws Cares, Inc. We have many cats available right now for adoption. Details, visit the website at causeforpawscares.org/adopt or petfinder.com/shelters/md443.html.

Cause for Paws Cares was at the Bowie Health Fair, the National's Night Out, the Walk for the Animals, the Back to School Night, as well as several other events. We get to speak to adults and children about animal care and adoptions. We also provide information on the TNR program (trap-neuter-return) and the work of the shelters.

2018 Calendar Judging was a difficult task because of the wonderful pet photos that were submitted. Visit the website to see the calendar committee in action. The 2018 Cause for Paws Cares calendars are available at the Cause for Paws Cares location, the Animal Medical Center of Watkins Park (60 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774) or online with a credit card at causeforpawscares.org/2018calendar. (Donation \$10; \$12 for online which includes \$2.00 for postage and handling.)



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OR DESIGNATED LOCATIONS IN THE AREA
<https://causeforpawscares.org/2018calendar>

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Youth Humane Education petfinder FOUNDATION

In August 2017, Cause for Paws Cares was awarded a Petfinder Foundation grant for Youth Humane Education in the amount of \$3000. We are so grateful to be recognized by Petfinder as an organization dedicated to serving the community and its youth.



In April 2017, Todd Turner, Prince George's County District 4 representative, notified Cause for Paws Cares that it had received a \$1000 grant from his office. Mr. Turner is a consistent supporter of Cause for Paws Cares and the animals in the community.

What a Purrfect Life! for Both of You!

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Cats and Kids - Best Friends Forever!



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Tortoiseshell Hilda and her identical sister Halo were rescued from a local feral cat colony.

Their foster mom has done a great job getting these two beauties socialized. They're still a bit shy but have so much love to give and would do best if adopted together. With a little time and patience they'll be loving companions. Call for more details.



LEGISLATION UPDATE

Anne Arundel County Council Community Cat Program Bill Introduced that aims to reduce the number of “community cats” that are euthanized. The bill (96-17) would create a provision in county law allowing groups to trap, neuter and return (TNR) community cats to the wild. Community cats would be defined as cats, feral and not, that are being cared for in the wild without a designated owner. The bill's purpose is to establish a community cat program which in addition to allowing for TNR would also add standards for the redemption of community cats picked up by animal control. It would also provide protections to community cats, exempting them from existing laws such as running at large. Currently, Bowie Animal Control follows existing Prince George's County Code, Subtitle 3, Section 3-101, which says that any cat found running at large with approximately 1/4 inch of the left ear surgically removed is recognized as having been neutered and vaccinated. A Bowie Animal Control Officer that has trapped or responds to a trapped ear-tipped cat in the field shall immediately release the cat at the location where it was trapped unless the cat shows signs of disease, injury or it endangers the life or health of other animals, persons or damages property.

California Law Limits Pet Store Adoptions to Rescues

A new California law introduced this past October will take rescue pets from shelters to stores. Taking effect in 2019, all dogs, cats and rabbits sold in California pet stores must be obtained from shelters, rescue groups or animal control agencies. This is great news for rescue groups and the animals they work so hard to save. Hopefully this is a trend that will work its way across the country. For every animal in violation of the new California law, pet store operators will be fined \$500.

Animals in Maryland NEW Laws

- The definition of animal cruelty includes not providing proper shelter, weather protection, proper air and proper space; and aggravated animal cruelty involves beating, mutilating, torturing and killing an animal.
- Retail pet stores will be required to post inspection reports on or near cages if the animals are from a breeder.
- People with at least six unspayed female animals used for breeding will be required to have a kennel license. Previously, the number was 15 or more, or if the person sells six or more litters a year.
- The maximum amount allowed in damages for someone who causes injury or death to a pet has increased from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

Pennsylvania Law Makes Leaving Cats Out in the Cold a Felony

Signed into law in June 2017, Pennsylvania House Bill 1238, better known as Libre's Law, provides protection for Pennsylvania's pets against cruelty and abuse. As part of that law, even first-time offenders could face felony charges for mistreating or neglecting pets – and that includes cruelly subjecting them to harsh winter weather. Under the law, if outside temperatures dip below freezing, 32-degrees Fahrenheit, pets cannot be left unattended outside for more than 30 minutes. Pet owners found guilty can now face felony animal cruelty charges and punishment including up to 7 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

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DID YOU KNOW?

DECLAWING: In 2003, West Hollywood, CA, passed the nation's first legislation banning the procedure. At the time, the proposed ordinance was described as being consistent with another measure passed in the city the previous year declaring that people with pets were "guardians," not owners, with commensurate moral obligations.

In 2009, seven California cities (Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Berkeley, Culver City and Burbank) enacted similar bans, according to the Paw Project.

Cause for Paws Cares operates a nursery and adoption center/shelter complete with areas for socializing, playing, treatment and care. The cats are available for adoption onsite. Telephone Connie Carter, 301-980-0444, for an appointment to meet your companion! All animals are spayed/neutered and their shots are up to date. They would love to meet you and be part of your loving family.

Visit this webpage to see cats waiting for homes. causeforpawscares.org/adopt

Wet vs. Dry Cat Food: What's better for my cat?

by Purina

It's one of the most often asked questions of cat owners: When it comes to feeding my cat, what's better? Wet or dry cat food?

Here's the good news. If your cat is in good health and you're feeding 100% complete and balanced cat foods appropriate for your cat's life stage, there is no wrong answer to this question. Whether you're feeding wet or dry cat food, your cat is getting the nutrition her body needs to support good health. It really comes down to your cat's individual preferences. We admire and respect our cats for their independent nature. So think of mealtime as another chance to discover and feed your cat's uniqueness. Does your cat prefer the crunchy texture of dry food? Or the variety of textures available in wet foods? Keep in mind that dry cat food offers dental, teeth-cleaning benefits. And the moisture in wet foods helps provide your cat with healthy hydration.

Looking to create an even more exciting mealtime for your cat? Whether you're feeding wet or dry cat food (or both), consider offering your cat's food in a puzzle feeder that encourages her to "play" with her food. And as with any changes to your cat's diet, be sure to monitor your cat's weight and adjust food amounts accordingly. Remember, cats can have broad food preferences and crave variety. If that describes your cat, consider offering your cat new tastes and textures. Monitoring your cat's preferences to wet vs. dry cat food and creating new meal experiences with this in mind is another very powerful way to strengthen the bond you share.

Did you know that 1 in every 3 cats will require unplanned veterinary care each year for conditions such as tooth infections, diabetes, kidney disease, thyroid disease, heart disease, etc.? It is for the unexpected situations—accident and illnesses—that cat health insurance can have the biggest benefit. Ideally, your cat's veterinary care should not be based on what financial resources you have available when your cat unexpectedly becomes ill. Health insurance for your cat can help ensure she receives the care she deserves without any delay.

When considering cat health insurance, it is important to understand that each plan is different. Like human health care insurance, pet health insurance will have a monthly premium. However, a small monthly premium can be much more affordable than a large veterinary bill.

When selecting a health insurance policy, consider the following questions:

-Do you need a policy only for unexpected or emergency expenses?

-Is preventive care and checkup coverage necessary?

-Does the policy cover accidents, illness, and/or preventive care?

-Are hereditary conditions covered?

Health insurance for your cat can help protect you from large, unexpected veterinary bills and ensure your cat gets the medical care they need, when they need it.

For pet health insurance providers, visit: petinsurancereview.com.

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SUPPORTING PG COUNTY

Cause for Paws Cares assists the PG County Animal Management by periodically supplying hand-made toys, comforters, and donations of food and supplies. Over the past few years our volunteers have supplied hundreds of hand-made comforters, crocheted and sewn toys, and tons of food and supplies. So many citizens kept asking if the comforters were for sale. Colorful, playful soft fabrics for the comfort of the animals. The Bowie Animal Control and PG County Animal Management staff are some of the kindest animal handlers around.

MEDICAL

Feline Stomatitis

courtesy of Vet Street

Feline stomatitis is a severe, painful inflammation of a cat's mouth and gums. In most cases, the condition causes ulcers to form in the mouth involving the lips, tongue, gums, and back of the throat. Cats of any age or breed can be affected. Many cats require long-term treatment to control the condition. In some cases, a cat suffering with this condition may be in too much pain to open his or her mouth to eat. In other cases, the cat may try to eat but scream and drop the food as soon as it touches the mouth.

There is no single cause of feline stomatitis, dental disease (particularly periodontal disease) is commonly implicated as a cause of stomatitis in cats. Periodontal disease results from the accumulation of plaque (bacteria) on and around the teeth, which causes inflammation involving the gums and tooth support structures. In many cases, the cause is assumed to be immune related, meaning that the cat's immune system attacks its own oral tissues as an abnormal response to bacteria in the mouth. Other medical conditions that can be associated with stomatitis include infection with viruses such as feline leukemia virus (FeLV), feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), calicivirus (a common respiratory disease) and bartonellosis (a bacterial infectious disease) so testing is recommended if symptoms are present.

Although stomatitis is difficult to completely cure and treatment tends to be long term, your veterinarian will likely recommend managing dental disease as part of the overall treatment plan. A thorough dental cleaning may be recommended, and many cats do well if the molar and premolar teeth are removed. Because tooth surfaces provide areas for bacteria to attach, removing the teeth can help control periodontal disease and minimize the bacteria that provoke the immune system in cats with stomatitis. Although extracting the majority (or, in some cases all) of the teeth in the mouth seems at first to be a very unsavory option, most cats with stomatitis show significant improvement in well-being after the procedure.



Recent full dental extraction. Cat is doing great, no more pain, eating well, gaining weight. (Courtesy of Cause for Paws Cares, Inc.)



The condition means a very painful, serious and chronic oral disease. Feline stomatitis is thought to be autoimmune in nature. The feline immune system seems to overreact to dental plaque around a cat's teeth, triggering inflammation in the tissues of the mouth. (Feline stomatitis adjacent to the teeth in a cat courtesy of Dr. Brett Beckman, Healthy Pets)



Extractions is the treatment of choice for Feline Stomatitis. Studies suggest that cats which undergo extractions respond favorably 80% of the time, requiring no further therapy. (Top-Feline patient prior to extractions. Bottom-Feline patient after extractions. Courtesy of Veterinary Dentistry Network.)

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BEHAVIOR

Cat Behaviors Explained *courtesy KarmaCat+ZenDog*

Do you know what some of their most quirky behaviors mean? Read on to discover the explanation behind 10 common cat behaviors.

1. Purring - This is probably the most common cat behavior on the list. Most of the time purring means your cat is content, comfortable and feeling safe. However, it can also be a signal to other cats that they want to play or a signal to you that they're scared, sick or stressed.

2. Kneading - Kneading, sometimes colloquially referred to as "making biscuits," is something cats begin doing before they can even open their eyes. Kneading is an action kitties associate with the comfort of nursing from their mothers, and when they knead later on in life it means that they're happy and comfortable.

3. Knocking Things Over - Who hasn't experienced this one? When your cat knocks objects off a high surface like a table, it's likely that they're curious about the object and wants to see what happens when they paw at it. In other cases, your cat might crave your attention and knock something off the table because they realize you will come running to them if they give that vase a little nudge.

4. Stealing Objects - We all know a cat that steals seemingly random household items like socks or stuffed animals. When your cat burglarizes your dresser drawer, it likely means they want your attention, want to play or "want what they can't have."

5. Curling Up in a Small Place - It's super cute when your cat hangs out in boxes that are almost too small for them. In addition to being adorable, this is also a behavior that makes kitty feel safe – when curled up, they are instinctively protecting the vital organs in their abdomen. Don't worry, this move doesn't necessarily mean they're feeling unsafe, it's probably just comfortable.

6. Laying Belly Up - If your cat is laying belly-up, it means they trust you and feel comfortable enough to sprawl out. For some cats, an exposed belly may even be a request for a belly rub. But be careful, it could also be a "trap" if your kitty isn't in the mood for a belly rub.

7. Rubbing Against You - Has your cat been rubbing against your legs all day? That's because cats have scent glands and love to mark their territory with them. Take this as a compliment – your cat wants to mark you as their own and let everyone know about it.

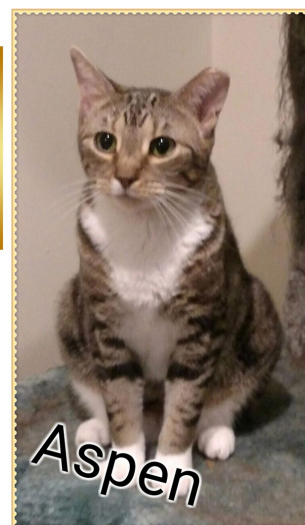
8. Sniffing Your Face - Cats are curious creatures who have a strong sense of smell. When your kitty takes a whiff of your face, they are likely confirming your identity and this act will strengthen their trust in you.

9. Short Meowing - A short, happy-sounding meow is likely your cat saying hello to you! Feel free to say hi back.

10. Long, Whiny Meowing - Chances are if your cat is letting out some loud, whiny meows, he or she's hungry. Make sure you feed him/her soon.

READY TO BE ADOPTED

Cause for Paws Cares has a variety of sweet kitties awaiting adoption. Each is up to date with shots and is spayed/neutered. You can view the cats at our website, causeforpawscares.org/adopt. We are affiliated with Petfinder one of our supporters. (Photos Cause for Paws Cares, Inc.)



Sisters-Adopt Together.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to help with the kitty nursery and playroom; transport pets and sometimes people to vets and events; pass out brochures; post notices; pick up items donated; work the phones; stuff bags; setup booths and displays; sew pillows and comforters; crochet balls and squiggles; socialize kittens and cats; help with the newsletter, website, and much more.

Children 16 or older can also volunteer if the parents give written permission.

SPONSORS / DONORS!

Sponsors - Advertise through us. We are constantly out in the community, highly visible, attract attention with our displays, and popular with kids and adults alike. Be Seen With Us!

Donors - Any dollar amount is greatly appreciated; also gift cards for pet supplies; paper towels; disposable and regular litter boxes; kitty toys; KMR milk powder; canned and dry kitten and adult food; clump litter and scoopers; disposable gloves; tall kitchen bags; 6" paper plates; and, soft blankets and towels.

Highly Praised!

We are well known and highly regarded in the community. We interact and work with the City of Bowie Animal Control, Prince George's Animal Management, veterinarians and animal hospitals, animal adoption organizations, shelter centers and local residents for animal wellness, protection, rescue and adoption.

The cost to taxpayers is staggering. By helping us, the taxpayer burden is reduced. Education on community animals is virtually non-existent. Our education and outreach programs impact lives, both animal and human. Seniors, families with reduced and little income, neighbors and friends, are surprisingly not aware of help close-by. Our assistance is deeply passionate and far reaching.

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