

Cause for Paws Cares

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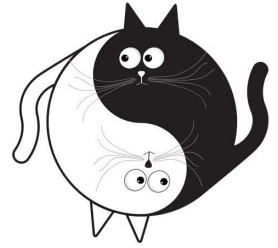
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 Feline Rescue
 Feline Adoptions and Shelter
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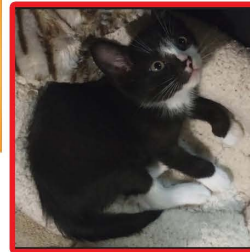
SEE US FIRST FOR ADOPTING!!!
CauseforPawsCares.org/adopt



Cody
Frenchie and Flynn
Makuro and Shadow
Coco and Sheri
Chic and Cosmos
Cinders and Chevelle
Betsy and Bailey
Jackie



Jackie (back left) photobombing Jessica with her two new kitties,



It Happens. Sometimes Pets are Returned to Us. We have an OPEN RETURN Policy on adopted felines.

Oscar is a wonderful little boy. He was adopted when he was 2 months old into a very loving home. Unfortunately his human companion became very ill and had to be hospitalized. While in the hospital, she noticed that she was not having the same symptoms she was having while at home. They tested her and discovered she was highly allergic to cats. Broken hearted, she called us and asked if she could return him. Of course, we accepted him back into our nursery. That is part of our adoption policy, open return if it doesn't work out for whatever reason. Oscar is now 2 years old and he is still a very affectionate cat. In fact, I believe he is even better. As a kitten, he was wild and crazy as all kittens are. He is now a laid back guy who absolutely loves people. We are so proud of the care he was given at his last home. We are now looking for a new loving home for him.



Colby was returned to us after the couple who adopted him broke up and went their separate ways, Neither was in the position to take him so he is now with us and waiting for a new loving home. Colby was adopted when he was 4 months old and was "cute as the dickens." He is a sweet little boy, very playful and loving. He has grown into a very handsome adult cat who is now out of his kitten craziness and ready to cuddle and love. If he doesn't see you, he will start meowing for you so you can give him some attention. A sweet, gently kitty who needs a loving home that has no drama. He is ready to settle down with a human that is ready to give him a forever home.



CAUSE FOR PAWS CARES CABLE SHOWS

Verizon Channel 11 and Comcast Channel 77. "Story Time" show is an educational program for children that many adults watch, too! It airs Monday through Friday at 7:30am and 5pm "Cause for Paws Adoption" show airs Monday through Friday 9:30am.

There is much information provided so WATCH TV!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Governor Hogan signed a bill phasing out sales of puppies in Maryland retail pet stores. The governor approved legislation pushing research institutions to place dogs and cats with shelters and rescue groups for adoption after their roles in laboratories had ended. Another measure the governor signed would allow judges to bar people convicted of animal cruelty offenses such as dogfighting or cockfighting from owning or living with animals for as long as the judge thought was necessary. Lisa G. Radov, president of Maryland Votes for Animals, said Hogan's signing of the puppy mill bill makes Maryland the second state in the country — after California — to adopt such a ban. The legislation should encourage Marylanders to adopt puppies rather than purchase them at retail, she said.

There are only seven stores in Maryland that still sell pups. The law gives them until Jan. 1, 2020, to get out of the business.



Photo: Mike Dresser

DID YOU KNOW?



We've all heard the saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away!" But have you ever considered interacting with your pet as another way to prevent doctor visits? Many people are experiencing the social and health advantages of interacting with their four-legged friends. The proof is not only evident in happy pet owners' faces, but also in recent studies.

Professionals and researchers have found specific benefits in cat ownership. For many people, cats offer social companionship without the fear of judgement. Having a cat around can prevent loneliness and depression and even improve your mood in general. Companionship through a cat is especially beneficial to those who live alone or are widowed. Dr. Jonathon Lidbury, assistant professor in the feline internal medicine department at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explains the key advantages of owning a cat.

"Cats offer companionship, which is especially beneficial to people who are socially isolated due to various reasons," he said. "Cats also offer stress relief and light exercise if you play with them."

Besides social interaction and a reduced risk of suffering from social diseases like depression, cats also offer many health benefits. In fact, the positive emotions you experience from playing or cuddling with your feline can help boost your immune system. Cats can also sense when their owners are sick and often offer them company. This can help you feel better even sooner.

Although it is common to find someone who is allergic to cats, studies show that young children or infants who are exposed to cats often develop fewer allergies. Early and frequent exposure to cats may also prevent future upper respiratory problems in children as well.

For many people, interacting with their cat provides a sense of comfort and relief from everyday stress. Caring for another creature and being sensitive to their needs can help distract cat owners from their daily struggles, worries, and negative emotions. By lowering stress levels, cat owners may experience lower blood pressure as well as less anxiety.

Cats are smart and independent animals that are also naturally clean, making them a great choice for a pet. Combined with their many health benefits, the low maintenance aspect of cat ownership creates a great opportunity for companionship.

"Cats offer a great balance between being easy to take care of but at the same time being very good companions," Lidbury said. "They are playful, intelligent



and engaging pets that are very fun to take care of."

Courtesy of Moderncat Magazine



WE ARE EVERYWHERE!

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F-U-N!
The Memorial Day Parade was fun. We were cheered on by our many supporters along the route. We passed out goodies and are looking to next year!



Teri, Connie, Gail and Barbara at the Memorial Day Parade



Todd M. Turner, Prince George's County Council District 4, presents us with a check at the 2018 Bowiefest! The kitties and Cause for Paws greatly appreciate the check and will put it to very good use. Thank you, Todd!

NO RAIN!
At least while we were there:) It was GREAT seeing everyone.

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Visit Cause for Paws Cares Booth

2018 Bowiefest
Saturday June 2, 2018

3330 Northview Drive, Bowie, MD 20716

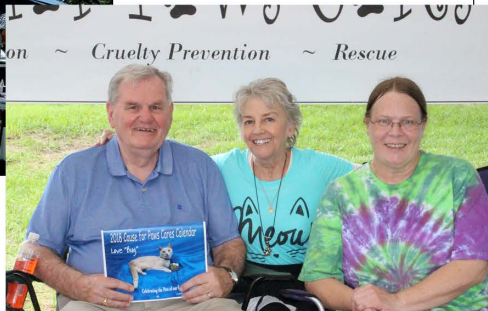
11 - 6 Allen Pond Park



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Connie Carter
President and Founder



Our 2018 Bowiefest Tent. We loved talking to everyone who stopped by.



Mayor G. Frederick Robinson visits our Bowiefest booth. Also shown are Founder/President Connie Carter and Board Member Barbara Lewis.

SHELTER BUILDING WORKSHOP

Sat. July 14, 2-6PM

Bowie Municipal Gymnasium
4100 Northview Drive
301-809-2388

\$50 PETSMART DOOR PRIZE!

We invite everyone to learn to construct simple, warm shelters for community cats. All instructors, tools and materials will be provided and the workshop is FREE! The shelter is yours to take home.

This is a FUN community project which also gives outdoor cats shelter from harsh weather.

Space is limited. Please call Connie 301-980-0044 to reserve your supplies TODAY!

Connie Carter
Cause for Paws Cares
301-980-0444



Coordinated by
Cinda Bennett
Allstate Insurance Agent
301-292-7788

This House



is Blessed by Paws.

Learn Now and build in advance of harsh weather.
FREE!!
Everything is FREE!
Call to reserve!
Space is limited.

**COMING UP
JULY 2018 EVENT**



My Experience on Fostering

Cause for Paws Cares, Inc. is always looking for foster families to socialize and care for kittens. This is Pam Fleming's story in her response to the Fostering Questionnaire.

Pam Fleming, Feline Foster Mom 2018

1. Why did you decide to become a foster? I was feeding a female who already had a young kitten. In January, she showed up very pregnant again. With the help of Cause for Paws Cares, we set about making a plan to house the pregnant cat. The kitten now was a few months old so she was trapped, spayed and brought into the house.
2. What were your initial concerns when you considered becoming a foster? Space; where to put mama so she could have her kittens safely and could nurse without fear of predators and be out of the bitter cold.
3. How did your concerns pan out during the foster experience? With the help of Cause for Paws Cares, a crate was set up in the garage with heater and blankets to make mama comfortable and warm during delivery and nursing.
4. Were CFPC's foster policy and expectations clearly conveyed to you beforehand? If not, what could we improve upon? Yes.
5. Do you feel your efforts were adequately supported by CFPC's? Yes.
6. Where did you set up your foster family and how difficult was it? See #3. When the kittens were 6 weeks, pens were set up in the family and living rooms where they could play, eat, and sleep safely.
7. Were there any physical limitations you experienced? No.
8. What experience with caring for animals did you have prior to becoming a foster? Cats and dogs have been in my family most of my life. I have rescued and raised kittens for many years.
9. How did being a foster impact your schedule, routine or other responsibilities? Being retired and not having any travel plans, I was able to spend the time to care for mama and her kittens.
10. What were some of the emotional impacts of being a foster that you experienced? Some anxiety. Worry about health of mama since she was in the crate for more than 9 weeks as well as the health and future of the kittens. Luckily, 4 of the 5 kittens were adopted very quickly and I adopted mama and one kitten. This was an emotional time as I became quite attached to the kittens. Knowing they were going to a loving home alleviated those concerns.
11. Would you consider being a foster again to an animal in need? Why or why not? Not on this scale and only in an emergency. My age is one factor. Even though it was a delightful experience and one that I will always have great memories of caring and fostering these beautiful creatures, it is a lot of work.
12. What were some of the most rewarding aspects of being a foster? Having adopted mama, her 1st kitten and one of the 5, they have brought joy and laughter to my life. And, knowing that I rescued mama and her kittens from the very cold winter and gave her a place to deliver and nurse her babies.
13. What advice would you give to perspective fosters? I would not have been able to foster successfully without the support of Connie Carter and CFPC. Connie's kindness, support, patience, encouragement and love for what she does, serves as an inspiration to other aspects of my life. So my advice is: listen to the expert.
14. Do you have any other thoughts or suggestions on CFPC's foster program that you wish to share? The attention to detail and the fact that Connie is available to assist in any way at any time, makes this program one that is very good for the community of Bowie and surrounding area. The education that is provided about trapping, neutering and adopting is tremendously beneficial for everyone and especially for the animals that need help and a home.





EVERY CAT NEEDS SOME ENTERTAINMENT KEEP THEM BUSY AND OUT OF TROUBLE

Cats are curious creatures that love to run, climb, hunt and play. Providing entertainment and activities for your cat keeps them healthier and helps reduce unwanted behavior.

Dr. Sarah Griffin, a lecturer at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explained the importance of providing your pet with plenty of exercise and mental stimulation.

“Indoor cats live longer, healthier lives but can develop undesirable habits if not given enough exercise and mental stimulation,” Griffin said. “Some undesirable behaviors and medical conditions that can develop from lack of stimulation include scratching inappropriate places, chewing, peeing outside the litter box, aggression, and obesity.”

Several cat toys and supplies on the market make providing your furry friend with entertainment easy. For example, a cat tower placed by the window could provide opportunities for your pet to exercise, play, relax, and enjoy the scenery outside.

Additionally, Griffin said cat toys — especially ones with bells, feathers, fur or pom-poms — can provide hours of entertainment and some exercise for your kitty.

Toys to encourage your cat’s natural instinct to hunt are also available. These toys can be filled with a treat or cat food and can be hidden in the house. When the cat finds the toy, they have to play with it to get the food out. Griffin said hunting toys provide mental stimulation and also a little exercise. You also can train your cat to chase laser pointers; however, be sure to play safe to avoid any injury to your cat.

Many of our feline friends live indoors, but they still may be curious about the outdoors. Training your cat to walk on a harness or leash will provide both exercise and entertainment for your cat.

“Leash walking and having an open window or a screened-in porch can fulfill a cat’s desire to explore the outdoors,” Griffin said.

Whether your kitty spends most of its time sleeping or begging you to play, providing entertainment for your cat is important for its mental and physical health.

*by Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine
& Biomedical Sciences*



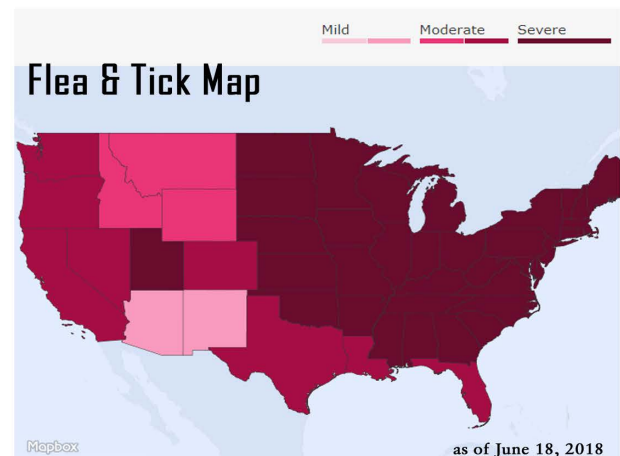
The Troy, Michigan police department swore in its first cat police officer named Pawfficer Donut. Donut will join the department's Feline Unit and will help with community outreach and raising awareness about adopting animals. By Troy Police Dept.

Watch out, criminals - there's a new hero on the force looking to take a bite out of crime. And her name is Pawfficer Donut. She promotes the adoption of shelter pets.

The kitten was officially sworn into the Troy Police Department's "Feline Unit" as a police cat on Friday. In a solemn ceremony, judges Kirsten Nielsen Hartig and Maureen McGinnis asked Donut to raise her right paw and take an oath to be the best police feline she could be, and to always strive to be "brave, honest, strong, inquisitive, diligent ... and tolerant of the K9 unit." Among her duties will be "cuddling when called upon," raising awareness about adopting animals and performing community outreach for the police department, according to the judges.

The story began when the department issued a challenge on Twitter in March: if they got to 10,000 followers, they would choose an official police cat. They exceeded their goal. The department has already seen a lot of interest in their new recruit. They've received mail (including a full police cat uniform) and say "Where is the police cat?" is one of their top 3 most-asked questions.

"We are very excited about a police cat coming to Troy PD!," Sgt. Meghan Lehman told the Detroit Free Press. "The Twitter campaign has shown us that there is immense support for cats in law enforcement. Seriously, we think this will continue to help us connect with the public and also help promote the adoption of shelter pets."





VERIZON 11/COMCAST 77 SCHEDULE

7:30 AM Storytime 11 / 77
9:30 AM Cause 4 Paws 11 / 77
5:00 PM Storytime 11 / 77

Connie Carter, Founder and President of Cause for Paws Cares, Inc., produces two television shows for the Bowie Community Media Corporation. The show schedules are above.

Storytime is an opportunity for children to learn about animals and their adventures. The messages of love for animals, caring for a pet, animal behavior, and uniqueness among family pets is portrayed through book reading, discussion, and seeing a live kitten on the set. These images and messages help young children to understand about the importance of animals in our lives, help children appreciate the uniqueness of our furry friends, and help instill a sense of responsibility for animals and their welfare.

Cause 4 Paws is a show featuring felines of all ages ready for adoption. The animals behaviors and characteristics are described, the live animals on set are petted and touched and roam through the studio, and their living preferences for successful integration into a family are among the issues presented. Viewers are taken on a journey of discovery about each animal's individuality and personality to determine if that animal is right for adoption into the viewer's life. Viewers are encouraged to learn more by personally visiting the cat and looking at other cats ready for adoption.

Website for programming schedule:
<http://www.mybowietv.org/watch/current-shows/>

Summer is a great time to explore adding to your family with an adopted cat. When visiting Cause for Paws Cares or adoption events keep these things in mind:

The staff and volunteers at Cause for Paws Cares make the cats' health and safety a priority. This includes making sure the cats do not become overly stressed. Respect the cats' space and listen to any instructions given to you by Connie or the volunteers. They will know the temperament of each animal and will make sure a "grumpy cat" does not give you a warning swipe.

Keep young children with you and monitor their behaviour around the cats. Visiting cats can be a very fun event for kids, but sometimes the overexcitement can lead to children who move too quickly or startle an unsuspecting cat. The cat may react defensively in these situations so take care to explain to children how to approach a cat.

Cause for Paws Cares has lots of kitties for you and your family to adopt. Call Connie at 301-980-0444 to make arrangements. View available cats online at causeforpawscares.com/adopt.htm.

DID YOU KNOW?

Pet Food Recalls. Check the website at causeforpawscares.org to see the latest recalls on cat and dog food. Updated in real time.

Adopt a cat. Check the website at causeforpawscares.org/adopt.htm to find a cat for your family. Adults and younger cats are both available. Spayed or neutered, shots current. Call 301-980-0044 to discuss.

FREE for LIFE. Pet Microchip Registry. Use any brand of microchip and register through this site. FREE for the life of your pet.

<https://www.freepetchipregistry.com/>

Certificate of Appreciation Pam Fleming



Bowie Cause for Paws Cares issued a Certificate to Pam Fleming, our wonderful Foster Mom. Pam did a great job with the kitties and we are so appreciative. All were adopted and the Mom! Thanks PAM! You are AWESOME!

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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.

WELL KNOWN

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.

ADOPT TOGETHER. SPECIAL BOND. These precious little ten-week-old girls are looking for a special home together. Please contact Cause for Paws cares if you are interested.



FLEA AND TICK SEASON IS HERE

The soft, warm fur of dogs and cats provides the perfect environment for fleas and ticks. These insects feed on your pet's blood and can cause health problems ranging from allergic reactions to serious tick-borne illnesses. Both fleas and ticks are more common during the warmer months, but you can take steps to ward them off any time of year.

The easiest way to find fleas on a cat is to use a flea comb (a special fine-toothed comb). Especially check the neck and around the base of the tail. You also can check the belly. You may see the fleas -- small dark spots that move -- or their droppings, which look like specks of dirt. Lots of scratching and hair loss are also signs that fleas may be feasting on your feline. Fleas like human blood too, and they can jump from your pet's fur or bedding onto your skin. Some people have a bad reaction to flea bites. If you scratch the intense itches, that can lead to skin infections. To avoid flea bites, keep your animals and your home flea-free. For every flea you see on your pet, vets estimate there are 100 more in your house.

Shampoos, spray for soft surfaces and pets, flea collars, tablets from the vet, skin treatments, flea combs, foggers for severe house infestation, are some of the suggestions vets make for flea and tick season. ALWAYS check with your pet's vet before using chemicals on or around animals. Its better to be safe than sorry and with such a large variety of fixes available, your vet will recommend what is right for your pet and you.

WEBSITE: causeforpawscares.org

FACEBOOK: causeforpawscares

YOUTUBE: Cause for Paws or search Connie Carter

PETFINDER: causeforpawscares.org/adopt

DONATE: causeforpawscares.org/donate

BOWIE COMMUNITY TV: Verizon Ch11 Comcast Ch77
Storytime with Connie Carter, and, Cause for Paws - Adopt
LOOK FOR US at upcoming events



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