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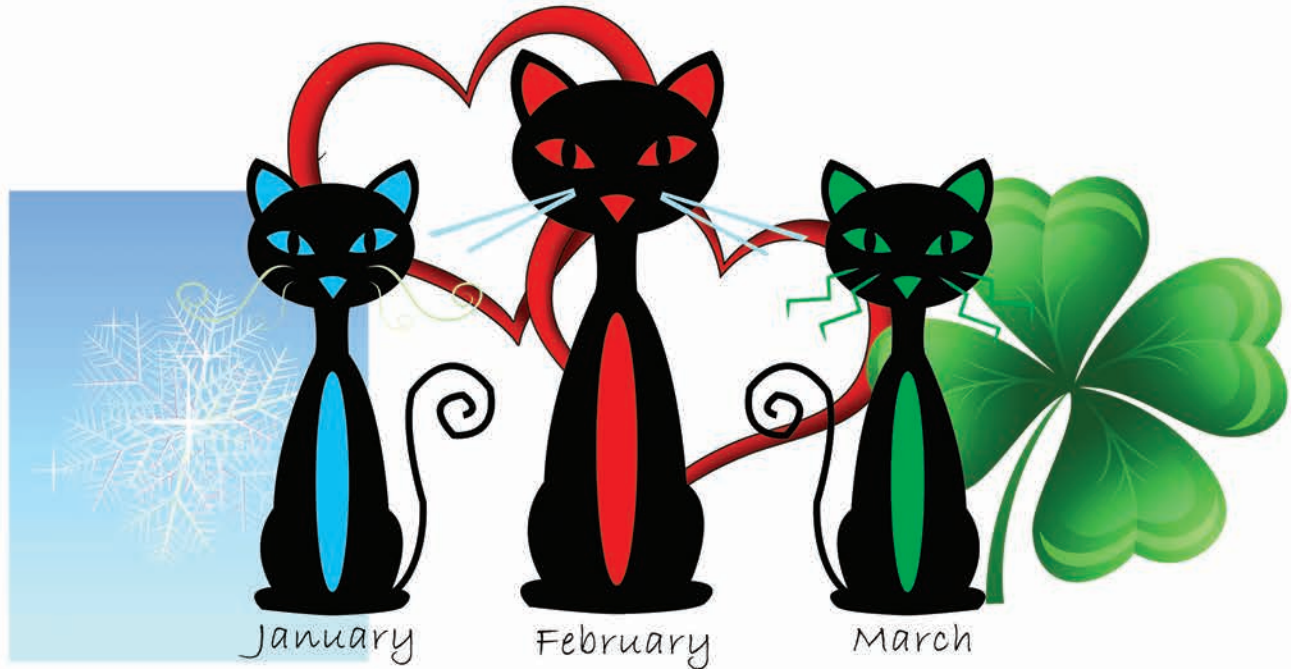
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President and Founder, Connie Carter

Humane Education ~ Cruelty Prevention ~ Rescue

Trap - Neuter - Return

Adopt, Don't Shop!



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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 service to match cats and people. We operate a kitty nursery and a playroom to care for and socialize the animals.

CauseforPawsCares.org/adopt



Congratulations **Annie Bobo**. You have found an excellent sweet loving forever home. You will have toys and beds and cat trees in every room of the house just for you. Your new mommy and daddy love you very much and are so happy to have you living with them now. Congratulations to all of you. I know you will all be very happy together and share many hugs and kisses and snuggles at night. Thank you so much for opening up your heart and your home to this precious little girl.



We have felines of all ages waiting for their forever homes. Call us to see these furballs and choose one for your life. Cats are adaptable and you will certainly fall in love with one. We have a forever return policy so if something doesn't fit, call us. 301-980-0444.

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Adopt-a-Pet.com is the easiest way for you to search for a feline pet in Bowie, MD.




























<https://www.adoptapet.com/shelter105808-pets.html>

Why Should You Adopt? Cat adoption saves lives. Adopt a cat and you'll have a friend for life.

What is the difference between adopting a cat or adopting a kitten versus getting cats or kittens for sale from a cat breeder?

When someone is breeding kittens, they are creating new cats who need homes. Some people are interested in a very specific breed of cat or kitten and they think the only way to find that specific breed is to buy a cat from a kitten breeder. Yet the PG County animal shelter and the Cause for Paws Cares cat nursery are filled with cats who must find homes. So rather than buying a cat or kitten from a cat breeder, please adopt a cat or kitten from the Cause for Paws feline rescue group.

Cats at Cause for Paws Cares, Inc.

 <p>Chiki Female , Kitten Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Baby Female , Adult Domestic Mediu...</p>	 <p>Twig Male , Kitten, Bonded Pair Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Tweed Male , Kitten, Bonded Pair Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Lil' Girl Female , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Kenny Male , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Sylvia Female , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Wrigley Male , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>
 <p>Aspen Female , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>LeeLoo Male , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Gidget Female , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Bella Female , Adult, Special Needs Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Wrangler Male , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Mason Male , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Angel Female , Adult, Special Needs Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Kris Female , Adult, Special Needs Domestic Shorthair</p>
 <p>Connor Male , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Missy Female , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Cheyenne Female , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Somerset Female , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Timmy Male , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Lulu Female , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Biscuit Male , Adult, Special Needs Domestic Shorthair</p>	
 <p>Halo Female , Adult, Bonded Pair Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Hilda Female , Adult, Bonded Pair Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Helen Female , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>	 <p>Hortense Female , Adult Domestic Shorthair</p>				

Cats marked "Special Needs" may mean it needs to be in a 1-pet household, or is not good around kids, or not good with other cats or dogs, or could even be Feline Leukemia Positive. Cause for Paws Cares discloses everything about the animal so the match with its new family has a positive outcome. Adopt from us for peace of mind.

Contact Connie at 301-980-0444 to see any of the animals when you are ready to adopt.



**Ready for Adoption
Call Connie
301-980-0444**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT
CONNIE CARTER
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At the Cause for Paws both during the annual Bowie International Festival. Gail, Peggy and Connie

Cause for Paws Cares is so happy to report that there were several adoptions from our listings in the Adopt A Pet site. Adopt A Pet provides us successful coverage for the animals in our shelter waiting for forever homes. Please visit adoptapet.com/shelter105808-pets.html to see our cats. One is just purrrrrfect for you!

You can help us by donating food and litter. If you order with the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-1824249>, we also receive a small donation from Amazon. Or if purchased locally, telephone and we will pick up! 301-980-0444
KMR liquid and any brand of Kitten canned food
Arm and Hammer Super Scoop Litter Dustless
Temptations Tasty Chicken Treats
Purina One Tender Slices Chicken Dry Food
Friskies Canned cat food



HOPE getting ready to go to the eye doctor. She always loves to check to see what Mom Vicky is doing. Even though she can't see, she knows something is going on. She is a very smart little girl.

Read about Hope in the October 2018

Cause for Paws Newsletter, causeforpawscare.org/newsletters

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 donated items; work the phones; stuff bags; setup booths and displays; sew pillows and comforters; and much more. Call 301-980-0444.

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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. Donate through PayPal at causeforpawscare.org/Donate

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6 WAYS YOUR CAT "TALKS" TO YOU

1. Slow Blinking: When a cat appears to be lazily closing (and then slooowwwly re-opening) their eyes at you... they might not just be sleepy. This is actually the ultimate compliment! You see, when cats flutter their lids at you like this, they're actually saying "I trust you so much, I don't even need to keep my eyes fully open in your presence." So if you see your kitty doing this — you're in! But don't just stroke and cuddle them in response (just because a cat tells you they enjoy your company, it doesn't necessarily mean they're asking for affection right then and there). Instead, return the gesture by opening and closing YOUR eyes right back. Your feline will be impressed by your ability to speak their language — and love you even more for it!

2. Meowing: Did you know cats don't meow to communicate with other cats? It's true... this is a vocal trick they only use to talk to HUMANS. So, if your cat is loudly meowing at you, don't assume they're just being chatty. They definitely want something. This could be food, water, or a litter box change — so make sure he or she has all their daily necessities first. If so, your kitty might just be craving some attention... which is your cue to start petting and scratching! But if the meowing persists longer than usual, you'll want to watch your fur ball closely for signs of pain or illness — and take them to the veterinarian if something seems off. (Sometimes, cats will meow to tell you they're sick.)

3. Wagging their tail: Dogs do this when they're happy and excited — but cats are the exact opposite. In "feline speak," a rapidly moving tail means your cat is very agitated and displeased. You'll often see cats do this when they encounter an animal they dislike... When they're forced to do something they don't want to do — like take medication or be examined by a doctor... Or, when you (literally) rub them the wrong way. Either way, you'll usually know

what's causing this behavior pretty quickly — so you can remedy the situation right away. (Note: if you can't figure it out, you might want to look outside. Oftentimes, cats will spot another animal through the window and get riled up by their presence!)

4. Spiking of the fur: While a wagging tail usually communicates annoyance... when your cat's fur stands on end, it means they're absolutely FURIOUS. Usually, this "spiking" occurs along their spine — and is often accompanied by a suddenly bushy-looking tail. If you see this, watch out! Your kitty is feeling very angry, threatened or both... so it's best not to touch them, as they will likely claw and bite almost immediately. Instead, figure out what got your cat so preturtubed (much like a wagging tail, the culprit will usually be pretty obvious), and address the problem itself.

5. The "flagpole" tail: When your kitty comes running towards you with their tail sticking straight up in the air... it means they're very happy and excited to see you. (Yay!) This may be followed by rubbing up against your legs — another sign of adoration — and maybe even some ecstatic purring. However, if your cat suddenly beelines for their food dish with their tail fully erect... it simply means they're ready for a refill!

6. Kneading: You've probably seen your cat move their paws back and forth in a kneading motion, right? Well, guess what? Not only is it adorable — it usually communicates very positive emotions too. Generally, cats knead when they're feeling happy, content, relaxed, and all-around blissful. Bonus points if your cat starts kneading while sitting on your lap — it means they're petting you as a 'thank you' for petting THEM!

Dr. Marty Goldstein, DVM, Integrative Veterinarian

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You may have heard of obsessive-compulsive disorder, but did you know cats can have forms of this disorder too? Obsessive-compulsive behaviors in cats may mean your cat has obsessive-compulsive disorder. However, the behaviors may actually be secondary to other health or behavioral issues.

WHAT IS OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISORDER?

Commonly abbreviated as OCD, obsessive-compulsive disorder is a behavioral disorder that causes a cat to engage in certain "rituals" for seemingly no good reason. These are generally abnormal, repetitive, and exaggerated behaviors that do not seem to serve a practical purpose.

There is no specific known cause of feline OCD, but it does seem more prevalent in certain cat breeds. Feline OCD may be genetic, but this is uncertain.

SIGNS OF OCD IN CATS

Cats with OCD will exhibit one or more obsessive-compulsive behaviors. Some cats will have several abnormal behaviors, while others will only show one primary obsessive-compulsive behavior.

Overgrooming is one common sign of OCD. Cats with OCD might lick or chew their fur to such an extent that hair loss becomes apparent.

Some cats will obsessively suck, lick, or chew on fabric. This is often called wool-sucking.

Tail-chasing and/or self-mutilation may occur as obsessive-compulsive behaviors.

Frequent, repetitive pacing and/or vocalizing are some other potential signs of OCD in cats. However, these behaviors can mean a number of things.

Feline Hyperesthesia Syndrome may be seen in cats with OCD. Also called rippling skin syndrome, twitchy skin syndrome, and rolling skin syndrome, this condition is not well understood. It often involves "twitching" skin on the back, sensitivity to touch, and vocalization.



All of these behaviors can start out as normal occasional activities for your cat. Or, the behaviors may be triggered by environmental or physical situations. Over time, the behaviors may become fixed, no longer needing external triggers to begin. Obsessive-compulsive behaviors may be reinforced by pain-relieving and pleasure-inducing chemicals in the brain. The behaviors may even become a coping mechanism for a cat in a stressful situation or a cat with anxiety.

HOW TO DIAGNOSE OCD IN CATS

OCD cannot be diagnosed with a specific test. Usually, the pattern of behavior is enough to suspect OCD. However, it is important to rule out other causes of the behavior before making a diagnosis. If your cat is exhibiting obsessive-compulsive behaviors, see your veterinarian first.

To diagnose OCD in cats, the veterinarian will first need to rule out medical causes of your cat's behaviors. For example, overgrooming may be related to a skin problem. Your vet will ask several questions about your cat's history and behavior. It may be helpful to show the vet a video of your cat engaging in abnormal behaviors. A physical examination will be performed to look for abnormalities. The vet may also recommend lab testing to rule out problems that can't be detected with an examination only.

If all testing comes back normal, your vet may still decide that your cat does indeed have OCD. The vet will discuss treatment options with you.

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Treatment for Feline Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

There is no known cure for OCD, but there are some treatments that can reduce or even eliminate the signs.

First of all, do your best not to soothe, comfort, or reward your cat when she exhibits obsessive-compulsive behaviors. Doing so may reinforce the behaviors, making your cat do them even more. Instead, focus on keeping a predictable schedule for your cat. Following a solid daily routine can give your cat reassurance and reduce stress.

Nutritional supplements or natural remedies may be recommended by your vet to help reduce your cat's stress level. These may be used with or without prescription medications, depending on the severity of your cat's OCD. Calming supplements may include tryptophan, L-Theanine, vitamins, and herbs. Some vets have even begun to recommend hemp-based CBD (cannabidiol) in pets with anxiety. Note that this is NOT marijuana-based, as that can be toxic to cats.

Prescription medications are commonly needed for cats with moderate to severe OCD. These drugs alter brain chemistry to reduce stress and change the pattern of disordered behaviors.

The Spruce Pets Newsletter December 2018



What's better than one cute, cuddly kitty? **TWO CUTE CUDDLY KITTIES!** Aside from doubling your cuteness, there are several solid arguments for adopting two felines, rather than one.

Whether you already have a cat or are considering adding a feline friend to the family, read on to learn why you may want to consider adopting a pair of kitties.

They'll Mentally Stimulate (And Entertain!) Each Other. Adopting two kittens at the same time will ensure your kitties always have company—and a reliable source of entertainment. Want to ensure your kittens will not only entertain each other, but will also get along? Look for kittens from the same litter or a pair that bonded during their time in the animal shelter.

It Makes Training Way Easier. You know the saying "kitten see, kitten do." Kittens learn good behaviors—like using the litter box, grooming, and not nipping or scratching—by watching other cats. Playtime between two kittens will keep them exercised, active, and mentally stimulated, so you can sit back, relax, and enjoy the kitty antics.

Call Us for One or TWO! 301-980-0444

Call Us

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EVERYWHERE, EVERY MONTH, IN BOWIE AND SURROUNDING AREAS

We are well known and highly regarded in the community. We are everywhere. Did you see us each month in 2018 somewhere? We are active, 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.

Annual COMFORTER PROJECT

IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!!!

Kennel Comforter 2019 is here! We have a very exciting project and hope you will want to join us in making this a wonderful gift for the animals at the Prince George's County Animal Shelter. The babies there need something soft and cuddly to snuggle up to which will make there HOPEFULLY temporary stay there a little nicer while they wait for the loving, forever home they so deserve.

This is your opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these animals! We have something new this year. We received a very generous donation of pillowcases from the local Comfort Inn. A very talented volunteer tie dyed them and they look absolutely marvelous. So colorful and bright, sure to bring happiness to the animals which receive them.

CAN YOU SEW? CAN YOU SEW A STRAIGHT LINE? If your answer is yes then

WE NEED YOU! Directions will be given to you and you can even have a sample to work from but once you see how simple it is to sew, you will be on fire. You can do the sewing in your home at your own pace. We plan on doing a formal presentation the beginning of February so there is plenty of time. All supplies will be given to you. **We can even deliver to you and pick up when you are done.**

Thank you so much, Cause for Paws Cares Team
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2018 Comforters Donated to the PG County Animal Shelter

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Storytime with Connie Carter, and, Cause for Paws - Adopt

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