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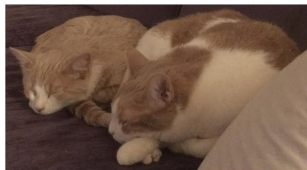
ADOPTIONS



Sherri opened up her heart and her home to these wonderful little kittens, Thelma and Louise. You can see they are doing well and absolutely love the new toy.



Congratulations to Reston and Rosie, now named Mittens and Yeti. They have found their loving forever homes. Congratulations to their new mom and dad! Thank you so much for opening up your hearts and your home to these precious little babies. May you have a lifetime of happiness, with plenty of hugs and kisses



Rocky with new buddy Karma living the good life.



Ricky and Rascal with new forever parents.



One of our wonderful adopters sent this picture of Collette with her new buddy Tavish. We thank her for giving Cozy Collette a new loving forever home. She says these two are peas in a pod. Another successful adoption. Thank you thank you thank you for saving this wonderful little girl.

Sisters Thelma
& Louise

Siblings Rosie
& Reston

Siblings Ricky
& Rascal

Cozy Collette

Rocky

Scarlett and
her five kittens
(photo on last page)



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HAIRBALL CONTROL IN CATS

Your cat grooms herself frequently, licking her fur right down to the tip of her tail. While this fastidious cleaning improves her appearance, it creates yet another problem...disposal of the wet, ingested hair, commonly referred to as a hairball.

Your cat's hair does not pass easily through her gastrointestinal tract, nor can her stomach and pancreatic enzymes digest it. Normally, most of the hair she swallows is expelled in her stool. Problems occur when her hair doesn't get excreted, and instead forms into a dense hairball, or mat, in her stomach. Your cat must now vomit the hairball, usually in a fit of disturbing coughing and choking. It is normal for your cat to have hairballs occasionally. However, if she must deal with them frequently, dangerous problems can develop. Hairballs can block her intestinal tract, making it impossible for her to either vomit or eliminate. In fact, twenty-five percent of all impaction cases (something "stuck" in the digestive tract) that veterinarians see are due to hairballs. Signs of a major hairball problem, and possible impaction:

- Vomiting of undigested food
- Dry retching
- Inability to defecate
- Diarrhea
- Swollen abdomen

If you suspect your cat is impacted, see your veterinarian immediately. Serious blockages may require surgical removal. It is far better that you use preventive practices, and provide assistance with existing hairballs, before such problems occur.

Preventive and management options

Grooming: Brush out snarls and tangles with a brush and bring out the shine in your cat's coat. Many owners do not realize that their cat will accept and appreciate brushing to remove loose hair. There are also gloves with nubs to help lift and remove pet hair.

Fiber: Add fiber and bulk to your cat's food making it easier for her to pass hairballs. Cat grass grows fast and is easy to care

as a chemical-free, controlled source of fiber.

Laxatives: Petroleum-based laxatives are flavored to make them palatable to your cat. SENTRY Hairball Relief lubricates the colon and outside of stool preventing water from being reabsorbed and softening the stool.

Water: Nothing is more important to your cat's health and digestion than fresh, clean water.

Hairballs may be a natural part of being a cat, but they do not have to be a source of misery. If you employ preventive measures, but see no improvement in your cat over time, be sure to consult with your veterinarian.

Courtesy of Doctors Foster and Smith

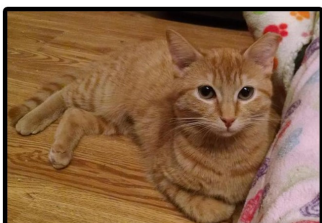
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We offer business card sized ad space in our quarterly Newsletter. The Newsletter is free to the public. We are at local area adoption shows, community events, schools and businesses throughout the County. The Newsletter is a frequently requested item.

For only \$25 a quarter, we will include your business information along with your logo and contact details.

This is a **GOOD VALUE** for your business!

Call 301-980-0444 for more information.



Tigerbell is a cutie. Talks freely and cuddles. He is adventurous and curious and will quickly become your friend. He is neutered and has all of his shots. **READY FOR YOU!** Call Connie at 301-980-0444 to talk about Tigerbell.



We Need Volunteers and Fosters. Call 301-980-0444 and talk to Connie.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Maryland Legislature, House Bill 980 Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Shelter Animal Refuge, introduced February 5, 2018, active June 1, 2018. This bill is to analyze, report back and recommend establishing centralized and regional shelter animal refuges in Maryland. The deadline for the Task Force report of findings and recommendations to the Governor is December 31, 2018. *Read the entire bill at <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2018RS/bills/hb/hb0980f.pdf>.*

Maryland Legislature, House Bill 732 Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research, Fourth year for this bill to be introduced. Federal law regulates the care and use of research animals while they are in the laboratory, but does not offer protection to the animal once the research project ends. The bill addresses this deficiency by affording dogs and cats an opportunity to live out their lives in loving homes once the research is complete. The bill would have no impact on the type or duration of the research itself. If the animals do not have to be euthanized at the end of the tests and are healthy enough, these dogs and cats may be adopted out through non-profit animal shelter and rescue organizations willing to take the animals. This will be the fourth year for this bill to be introduced as a result of the strong opposition from Maryland's research institutions, being led by Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland. *Read the entire bill at <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2018RS/bills/hb/hb0732F.pdf>.*

Maryland General Assembly, House Bill 1662 Cracking Down on Puppy Mill Imports. In the past two sessions, the Maryland General Assembly passed important protections for consumers and pets requiring that commercially-bred dogs sold at pet stores not come from facilities which are either unlicensed or have multiple and repeat violations of the minimal standards required under federal law. However, the pet stores in the state have failed to adopt the new requirements and protect consumers from unknowingly supporting a puppy mill breeder. This bill will prohibit the sale of dogs and cats at pet stores unless the stores work with shelter and rescue groups for adoption events.

The FY17 omnibus bill (P.L. 115-31) contained a number of hard-won victories for animals, including Pet declawing—Included committee report language urging HUD to notify all Public Housing Authorities that cat declawing is not required in public housing.

2018 Calendar is Available. Fundraiser!
See Website for details
causeforpawscares.org

DID YOU KNOW?

- .Just like humans have fingerprints, cats have nose prints. The nose pad of each cat is unique.
- .Purring is not always a sign of contentment; cats also purr when they experience pain and discomfort.
- .A six-month-old cat compares to a ten-year-old human. Sixteen years in cat age is equivalent to 80 years in human life.
- .Americans spend more on cat food than they do on baby food.
- .Cats cannot taste sweet foodstuffs and chocolate is poisonous to cats.
- .A neutered cat lives two-three years longer than unaltered cats.
- .White cats with blue eyes are almost invariably deaf.
- .Cats have personality and the way you bring up your kitten will determine its personality for the rest of its life.
- .Cats are capable of a hundred different sounds. The dog's vocal capacity is limited to only ten.
- .Cats are amazing jumpers; they can jump up to seven times their height.

Courtesy of Cattime.com

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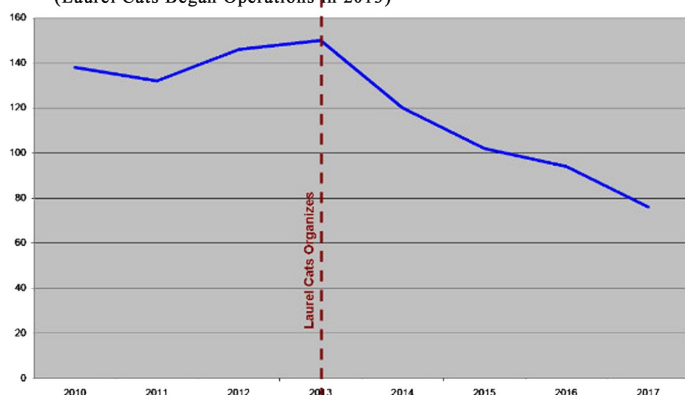
Results of data collection Laurel and PG Animal Control

from LAUREL CATS (feline rescue organization Laurel, MD)

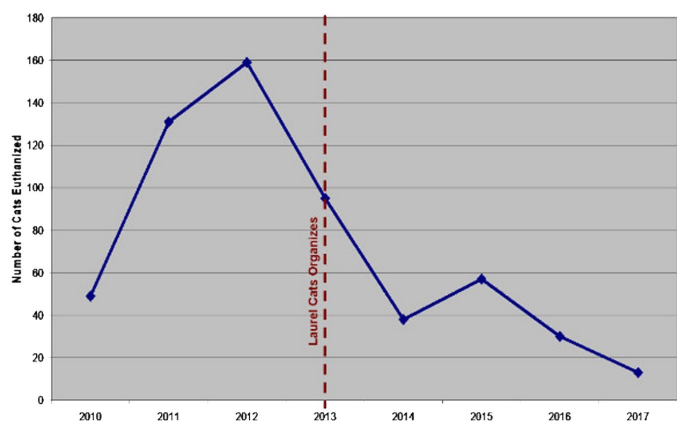
Laurel Free-roaming Cat Population
(75 Managed Colonies Surveyed since 2015)



Complaints About Cats to PG Animal Control
Cat Complaints from Laurel
(Laurel Cats Began Operations in 2013)



PG Laurel Cat Euthanasia



What Does the Data Tell Us?

The data shows that with a consistent approach, local management of free-roaming cats can be successful in controlling numbers of non-household felines!

The data shows that with an attentive, dedicated group, complaints about feral colonies can be reduced!

The data shows that an organization can have an impact in reducing cat euthanasia in a shelter saving taxpayer money!

Disease issues can take center stage when the topic of community cats is brought up. Headlines regularly strike fear in the hearts of citizens and can mire a community cat program in debate about health concerns for both people and cats. Public health veterinarian Dr. Sandra Norman addresses these concerns and shows how effective programs can help not just the cats themselves, but the community as a whole. (view video online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=crb5VV8c1oE>) Nuisance behaviors, such as urinating and defecating in someone's yard or garden, digging in someone's yard or garden, jumping on someone's car and upsetting an owned cat, are the greatest concerns that the general public has about outdoor cats. Shelters in a community with a large population of outdoor cats who aren't spayed or neutered may experience these problems:

- More cats entering shelters as a result of trapping feral adults and kittens young enough to be socialized (tamed).

- A rise in euthanasia rates for all cats because adult feral cats can't be adopted.

- Euthanasia of adoptable cats when cage space runs out.

- Costs associated with trapping and/or caring for and euthanizing feral cats.

In addition, shelters receive many nuisance complaints about outdoor cats, including:

- Frequent, loud noises that are part of the fighting and mating behavior of unneutered/unspayed cats.

- Strong, foul odors left by unneutered male cats spraying urine to mark their territory.

- Flea infestations.

- Visible suffering from injured and dying cats.

- The death of wild animals who are cats' prey.

There are an estimated 10 to 50 million feral and abandoned cats in the United States (Humane Society cat trends). By any measure, this is an important welfare issue. The mission of Cause for Paws Cares, Inc. is to help the community in addressing cat colonies. Through our programs of Trap-Neuter-Return and our Adoption and Shelter, we can be counted on to act reasonably and responsibly in addressing your cat issue by providing a wide range of support and education. Trap-Neuter-Return: Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is a strategy for improving the lives of feral cats and reducing their numbers. At a minimum, feral cats who are TNRed are spayed or neutered so they can no longer reproduce, vaccinated against rabies, and surgically ear-tipped on one ear (ear-tipping is the universally-recognized sign of a cat who has been TNRed). Colony Caretaker: Dedicated caretakers feed and provide shelter for TNRed cats, monitor the TNRed cats for sickness and remove new cats for TNR if feral or possible adoption if tame. Look at the chart to see how successful TNR can be.

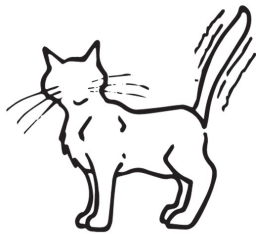
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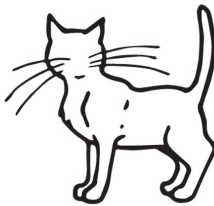
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A VISUAL GUIDE TO CAT BODY LANGUAGE

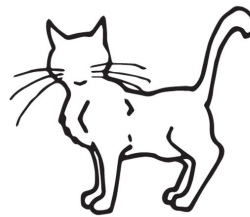
One of the primary ways cats communicate is through body language. For example, the position of a cat's tail can indicate whether she's interested or fearful of you. Learn what a cat is telling you by using our visual guide to cat body language.



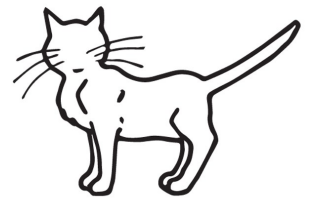
I'm excited to see you!



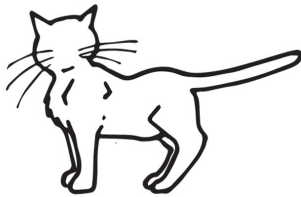
Feelin' fine!



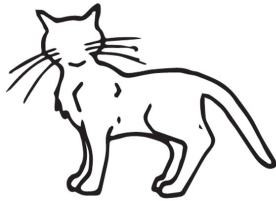
How's it going here?



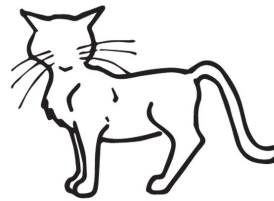
What's happening here? All good?



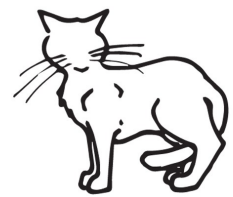
**Everything is good, right?
Seems to be okay.**



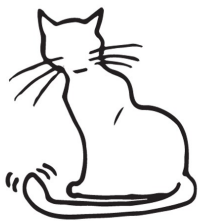
**Hmm, what's
going on here?**



**I'm not sure about all
this. What's going on?**



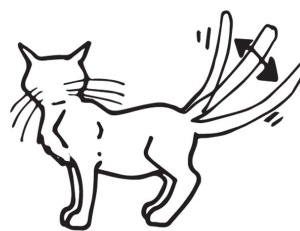
**This is stressing
me out!**



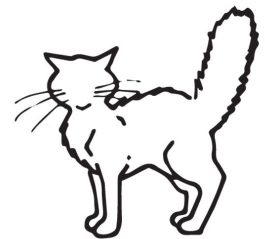
That's interesting!



That's annoying!



This is aggravating!



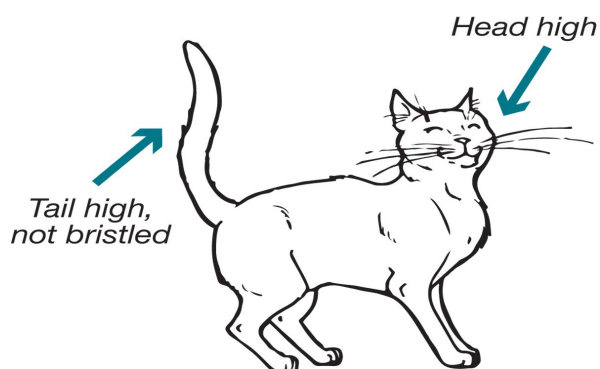
Back off! I'm scared.

Courtesy of Alley Cat Allies www.alleycat.org

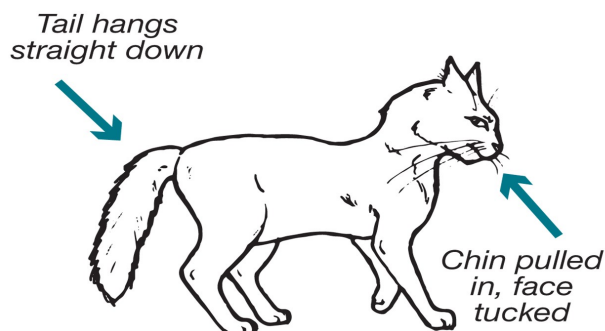
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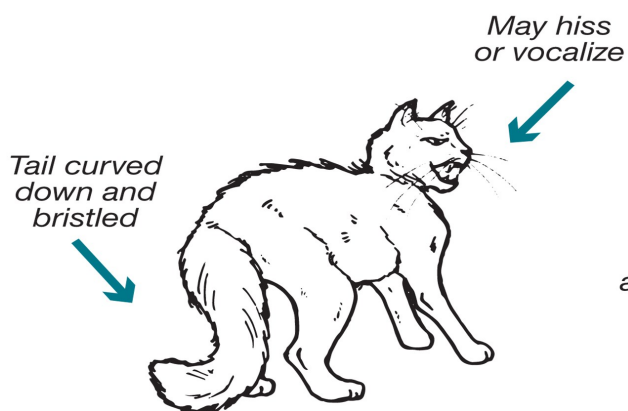
So glad to see you!



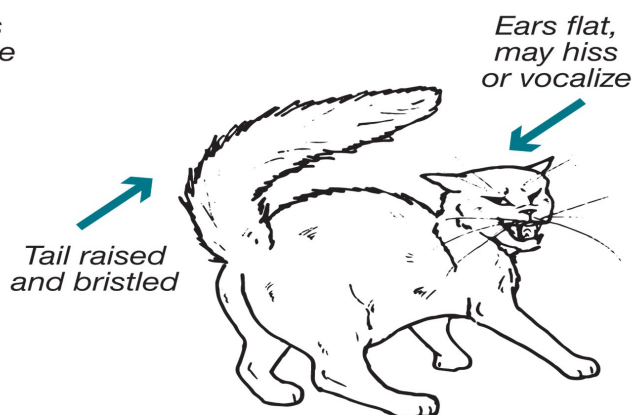
Don't even think about it.



Please leave me alone!



I'm really scared!



Your cat's tail can tell you about what's going on inside her head. Tails are good indicators of mood. Take a little time to observe your cat's behavior and you will start to get a feel of the tales the tail tells.

Position: high. When your cat holds her tail high in the air as she moves about her territory, she's expressing confidence and contentment. A tail that sticks straight up signals happiness and a willingness to be friendly. And watch the tip of an erect tail. A little twitch can mean a particularly happy moment.

Position: curved like a question mark. You might consider taking a break from your daily business to play with your cat if you notice a curve in her tail. This tail position often signals a playful mood and a cat that's ready to share some fun with you.

Position: low. Watch out. A tail positioned straight down can signal aggression. A lower tail is a very serious mood. However, be aware that certain breeds, such as Persians, tend to carry their tails low for no particular reason.

Position: tucked away. A tail curved beneath the body signals fear or submission. Something is making your cat nervous.

Position: puffed up. A tail resembling a pipe cleaner reflects a severely agitated and frightened cat trying to look bigger to ward off danger.

Position: whipping tail. A tail that slaps back and forth rapidly indicates both fear and aggression. Consider it a warning to stay away.

Position: swishing tail. A tail that sways slowly from side to side usually means your cat is focused on an object. You might see this tail position right before your cat pounces on a toy or a kibble, or cat food that's tumbled outside the food bowl.

Position: wrapped around another cat. A tail wrapped around another cat is like you putting your arm around another person. It conveys friendship.

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Annual COMFORTER PROJECT



THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers who cut and sewed the 114 comforters Cause for Paws donated to the Prince George's County Animal Shelter. This is an annual project for Paws; contact Connie to volunteer for the next project.

Pictured from left to right are Donald, V, Assistant Associate Director Terri Littlejohn, Associate Director Rodney C. Taylor and Marie from the Animal Management Division, Prince George's County, and, Barbara, Cause for Paws Board Officer.

While there, we donated 200 Nyla bones to the Shelter.



Mama Scarlett is doing very well. Foster mom has been doing an outstanding job being cat grandma. Four of the kittens have already been spoken for the 5th possibly won't know for another day or so. Looks like everybody is going to have loving forever homes. They will soon be going to the vet for the first visit and Mom will be getting spayed as soon as the kittens are weaned. Cause for Paws Cares is always looking for foster homes. We can set you up with everything you need to foster.

WE PROVIDE ASSISTANCE!! *Testimonial*

We got our 8.5 year old cat Penelope back in the house after 5 days of her outside excursion. Penelope is older than our boys and she has lasted from Indiana to California to Maryland. She's a good cat and we are glad that she is safe. We thank ... www.causeforpawscares.org and Connie for loaning us traps and coming over to crawl under our neighbor's deck. Thank you for sharing your home with us. Our boys loved seeing your animals, especially Biscuit.

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

LOOK FOR US at upcoming events

- TOY DRIVE for Cats and Dogs, April 28 TJElliott's Noon

- WALK & RUN for the Animals, May 6 Quiet Waters Park

- BOWIE FEST, June 2 Allen Pond 11am

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