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Cause for Paws Cares offers feline adoptions and runs a kitten nursery. We have all ages, sizes, colors ready to adopt. Contact Connie at 301-980-0444 to adopt or visit our adoption site through Petfinder, causeforpawscares.org/adopt.htm.



Adoptions

Wopi
Takoda
Waffles
Tiger Bell
Oscar
Cobb
Buddy
China
Chrissy
Willow
Thelma & Louise

Cinder
Chevelle
Coco
Sherry
Mitzy
Mallory
Cody
Acora



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HAPPY CAT FAMILIES
Adoptions from
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Cat Fights

If you share your home with multiple cats, you're probably all too familiar with the awful sounds of two of them fighting. Typically, they're just wrestling and play fighting, but as a responsible pet parent, you should be able to distinguish between a mock battle and a real brawl. When a real cat fight happens, you should intervene, to avoid one of your fighting felines getting seriously injured. However, take special precautions when breaking up a cat fight or you, too, could get injured.

First, try to recognize the body language and signs that happen between your cats before an all out war begins. If you hear growling, see ears pinned down, fur puffed up, and hissing...those are typical signs that a fight is about to happen. This is the very best time for you to step in. Distract them and separate them until they've had time to calm down.

But what if you find your cats already in the heat of battle? First of all, never get in between two fighting cats or try to grab them with your bare hands. You will most likely get scratched or bitten. You might trust your feline friend to never bite you, but if he's in the midst of a fight, he could lash out at whatever is in his way.

Here are some tricks you can use to safely break up two fighting cats, and avoid getting injured in the process:

Toss a blanket or towel on them. This will surprise them and turn their attention away from each other and on to getting out from under the towel.

Clap your hands loudly. Sometimes this is all it takes for some less hostile kitties to stop fighting.

Try spraying your cat with a squirt gun or water bottle (water only, of course!)

Use a broom. Obviously, do not hit or strike your cat with the broom, just use it to push and steer one cat away from the other, preferably into another room.

After you've safely broken up a catfight, separate your cats until they're both calm. Also, check over each cat carefully to look for serious injuries. Pay careful attention to puncture wounds over the next few days, as abscesses can form that will require veterinary care.

If your cats are fighting constantly, consider adding more vertical space in your home – like cat trees or cat shelves. Also, you might have luck with pheromone diffusers like Feliway. If the fighting is out of control, you may need to keep them separated and reintroduce them slowly.

You can always contact Connie at Cause for Paws Cares for more tips, 301-980-0444.

Complements of Catster

Dry food diets can also present other health challenges because they are typically high in fat, carbohydrates, and calories. In fact, a high-carb diet can lead to obesity and diabetes, Zoran said.

In addition, a dry food diet may also upset your cat's stomach, since cats are not "built" for carbohydrate digestion and absorption.

So what should you feed your cat? Zoran said it is best to choose a canned-food diet that says on the label "complete and balanced." If you want to feed a homemade diet or other type of whole-food diet, Zoran said that's OK, too. Just make sure to consult a nutritional expert to ensure the diet meets all of your cat's needs.

Additionally, it's OK if you want to give your cat a treat every now and then. Zoran recommended plain, cooked meats that are not seasoned and do not contain onions and garlic, which can be toxic.

Other foods that can be poisonous for pets include fruits such as grapes and raisins. In fact, Zoran said to avoid giving your cat fruits and vegetables unless your vet has given you permission.

There are also many plants that are toxic to cats, such as Easter lilies.

"They are extremely deadly to cats," Zoran said. "Chewing on a single leaf can cause kidney failure. It is best to know what plants you have before you put them in the house."

As a cat owner, it is your responsibility to keep your pet safe from potentially harmful foods and to take your cat's dietary needs seriously. As the old saying goes, you are what you eat!

Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

Verizon 11/Comcast 77 Schedule

7:30 AM Storytime 9:30 AM Cause 4 Paws

5:00 PM Storytime

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. **ADOPTION** is the goal.

Embracing Fall Food for Balance and Nutrition

Diet can have a big impact on health. Just like humans, cats have special dietary needs to help them stay healthy. However, feline diets are a lot different than human diets. Cats are obligate carnivores, meaning they require meat in their diet and need little carbohydrates. In the wild, cats usually prey on small animals, such as mice and birds. But as a pet, a cat might only be preying on a can of cat food. Because pet cats often don't get the opportunity to hunt for their own food, it's important for cat owners to mimic the high-protein, low-carbohydrate diet their cat would naturally eat in the wild.

Dr. Deb Zoran, a professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, said the best way to mimic a cat's natural diet is to feed them canned food that has a protein content of 40 percent or higher and a carbohydrate content of 10 percent or lower.

Eating canned food will also help your kitty meet their daily water needs. "Cats are used to getting a large percentage of their daily water needs from their diet," Zoran said, adding that if a cat is primarily eating dry food, it may have a harder time staying hydrated. "All dry foods are low moisture, so cats that eat only dry foods consume less water and are more prone to dehydration."

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LEO'S STORY

Barbara Lewis, Board Member
Cause for Paws Cares, Inc.

When Leo first came to us back in 2014 we knew it would take a very special family to adopt him. Despite his Feline Leukemia positive test result, we were determined to give him the best possible care, surrounded by love, hoping this sweet boy would one day find a family of his very own to love, but knowing the odds were stacked against him. Such a loving and sweet kitty, it was sad and heartbreaking, it seemed he was destined to live out his entire life with us.

We were in the middle of kitten season and working very hard to find homes for several litters we have in foster care. This seems to be our most

common adoption story, kittens are cute and cuddly so people naturally gravitate to them when looking to adopt a new fur baby.

It's a happy time when an adopter is matched with the perfect cat, no matter which kitty they pick. But there's something just a bit more special when one of our adult kitties eventually finds their new home, a family to call their own; it really is a beautiful thing!

We've been blessed over the years with adopters who want to adopt an adult cat, one that's been with us for 1 or 2 years. It's extraordinary when it happens. But when a lovely couple came to us wanting to rescue one of our special needs kitties, we were overwhelmed at the prospect. They came to visit our FeLeuk kitties and fell in love with Leo.

Leo truly is a testament to our no-kill philosophy and the belief that every animal deserves a chance at a full and happy life. Leo arrived at his new home (on Friday the 13th no less), and his new parents couldn't be happier. And we are over the moon that this sweet little guy has his dream home where he'll be given all the love and pampering he so deserves.

THIS is why we do what we do. It's why we push through the heartbreaks and find reasons to be hopeful. Thank you to all of our amazing adopters who have given "unadoptable" cats like Leo the lives and love they deserve.



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Feline Leukemia

Stages of Infection

Following exposure to the feline leukemia virus (FeLV), infections may progress in several different ways.

Abortive infections

In some instances, a cat can mount an effective immune response against the virus and completely eliminate it, but these abortive infections are rare.

Regressive infections

In approximately 10% of infections, a cat mounts an immune response that is sufficient to eliminate the virus from the bloodstream, but not robust enough to completely eliminate FeLV DNA from the body. Cats with these regressive infections carry FeLV DNA in their bone marrow, and although they are not infective for other cats during this stage of infection, the virus may be reactivated at some time in the future, at which point they may begin to show clinical signs and become a source of infection for other cats.

There is currently no definitive cure for FeLV. The only sure way to protect cats from FeLV is to prevent their exposure to FeLV-infected cats. Keeping cats indoors, away from potentially infected cats is recommended. If outdoor access is allowed, provide supervision or place cats in a secure enclosure to prevent wandering and fighting. All cats should be tested for FeLV prior to introducing

them into a home, and infection-free cats should be housed separately from infected cats. Food and water bowls and litter boxes should not be shared.

A relatively effective vaccine against FeLV is available, although it will not protect 100% of cats vaccinated, and it is not considered a core vaccine. Since not all vaccinated cats will be protected by vaccination, preventing exposure remains important even for vaccinated pets. FeLV vaccines will not cause false positive FeLV results on ELISA, IFA, or any other available FeLV blood tests.

Prognosis

Although a diagnosis of FeLV can be emotionally devastating, it is important to realize that cats with FeLV can live normal lives for prolonged periods of time.

LEO

Read Leo's story on page 4. Despite a diagnosis of feline leukemia, Leo has lived with us for four years. He is a sweet cat who was recently adopted by a loving family. Leo is a great example of a cat living a happy life despite carrying the virus.

CAUSE FOR PAWS CARES HAS LOTS OF ADOPTABLE CATS FOR YOU TO LOVE. VISIT OUR CUDDLY KITTIES. CALL CONNIE AT 301-980-0444 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

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**Paws for CELEBRATION
was a wonderful event
attended by the group shown
here. Food, games and visits
with cats!
PERFECT AFTERNOON!**

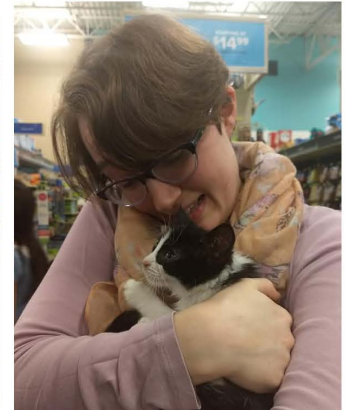


Colby was returned to us after the couple who adopted him broke up and went their separate ways, neither was in the position to take him so he was brought back to us. Cause for Paws cats have a home with us forever. If an adopted animal needs to be returned, we love having them with us again while waiting for a family. Colby was initially adopted when he was 4 months old and was cute as the dickens and has grown into a very handsome adult cat. But great news, this sweet and gentle kitty was again adopted by a new family in September and is once again a happy house cat with a loving family to call his own. We're so happy for Colby and his new family.

VIDEOS ARE AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE.

Connie Carter, President and Founder of Cause for Paws Cares, Inc. makes a ton of videos. Go to YouTube and search for Cause for Paws Cares to find informative and entertaining videos. See what kitties we have for adoption and learn about their personalities.

Box turtles are on the move in our area crossing the paths and roadways. Please let them pass uninterrupted if you can; if they are in danger, please move them to safety nearby, in the same direction as they were originally travelling. Please don't allow children to bring a box turtle home. These turtles are wild animals and it is illegal to keep them. If you know of anyone taking in a turtle, have them return the turtle back where it was found or if it's injured, take to a wildlife rehabilitation expert.



Kitties getting loved on at a recent adoption show.

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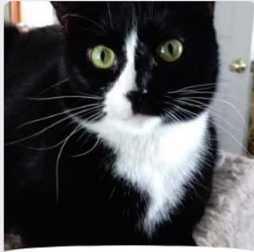
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Waiting for Homes

To see these and other kitties, go to causeforpawscare.org/adopt or <https://www.adoptapet.com/shelter105808-pets.html>



Missy



Biscuit



Koko



ANNIE BooBoo



Timmy

Kitten · Domestic Short Hair



Whisper

Kitten · Domestic Short Hair



Wesley

Kitten · Domestic Short Hair



Roxy

Young · Domestic Long Hair & ...

Call Connie



301-980-0444

MEET THEM

Annie BooBoo. Whomever adopts this little girl is going to be so happy. She is so craving for love and attention she just can't stand it; she's all over me all the time and needs her own human to give her the attention she loves. She's always ready to cuddle.

ALLSTATE FOUNDATION GRANT



helping hands
in the community

Connie Carter, President and Founder of Cause for Paws Cares, Inc., announced recently that the Allstate Foundation recognized the work of Cause for Paws Cares and issued it a generous \$7,000 grant. The money will be used exclusively for the kitty nursery and shelter and for vaccinations, feeding and care of the animals. Cause for Paws Cares is very grateful to the Allstate Foundation for its contribution to the welfare of our kitties. Read about Catori (HOPE) below.

ABOUT HOPE. Born with no eyes, she was rescued weighing only 5 ounces. Patiently nursed back to health, she is a wonderful little girl now weighing over 3 pounds. She is really awesome. Despite having no eyes, she gets around without any problem. She is in her new loving forever home with her new mommy and the two are inseparable. They found each other and are going to have many wonderful years together.



My New Mommy

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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.

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.

WEBSITE: causeforpawscares.org

FACEBOOK: [causeforpawscares](https://www.facebook.com/causeforpawscares)

YOUTUBE: Cause for Paws or search Connie Carter

ADOPT: 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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